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**Alexander (Alec) Bright**  
Born: 1897    Died: 1981



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Alexander (Alec) Bright was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1897. A Harvard graduate, he excelled on the school's baseball and hockey teams as an undergraduate and became one of the top Alpine skiers in the Eastern United States. He was a charter member of the Ski Club Hochgebirge and Woodstock Ski Runners Club. Bright had a brilliant racing record in downhill-slalom.

Bright was the United States Eastern Amateur Ski Association downhill champion in 1935

and was a member of the 1936 United States Olympic Team, skiing in the downhill race in Garmisch, Germany. After the 1936 Olympics, Bright became involved with the "politics" of the U.S.E.A.S.A. and the National Ski Association. In 1937, he was awarded the "Silver Ski" trophy by the Old Carriage Road Runners for advancing skiing along sane and sensible lines. He also became deeply committed to the National Ski Patrol System and served on the Olympic Selection Committee in 1939, before leaving for Europe to spend a thirty-three month tour of duty with the U.S. Army Air Corps. He served with the 91<sup>st</sup> Bomber Group.

Upon his return from the Army, Bright once again served the Olympic Selection Committee in 1948 and 1951. He was elected vice-president of N.S.A. and served on the finance committee for a number of years. Bright was responsible for many changes in the rules and regulations of skiing, particularly in the area of safety and amateurism. His skiing interest as a competitor and layman dates back to 1930, and his competitive record is recognized through entries in the record books on a local, divisional, national, and international level. Bright is truly an outstanding sportsman and a genuine amateur.

Alexander Bright, for his more than fifty years of devotion to the sport, was elected to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in Ishpeming, Michigan, in 1959.