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**Marilyn Cochran Brown**  
**Born: 1951**

*Marilyn Cochran was trained to ski by her dad Mickey along with the rest of her siblings on their backyard rope tow in Richmond, Vermont.*

Marilyn Cochran, born in 1951, is the oldest member of what has become a famous racing family from Richmond, Vermont. Two sisters, Barbara and Lindy, along with a brother Bobby all made the U.S. Ski Team and raced in international competition.

A member of the Madonna Mt. Ski Club of Vermont, Marilyn studied liberal arts at the University of Vermont. During the 1970-71 season, she was 1<sup>st</sup> in the World Cup slalom held at Mont. Ste Anne in Quebec.

She placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the slalom, 1<sup>st</sup> in the giant slalom, and 1<sup>st</sup> in the combined during the 58<sup>th</sup> French Alpine Championships held in La Plagne, France, to become the first foreign competitor ever to take the French Championships away from France. This caused Marilyn, along with her sisters and brother, to be honored by President Nixon with an invitation to the White House. Another high placing during that year was a 2<sup>nd</sup> in World Cup Giant Slalom held in Are, Sweden.

In February of 1970 at the F.I.S. games in Val Gardena, Italy, Marilyn's overall performance placed her third among the top women skiers of the world in the combined.

A note of further interest regarding this ski racing family, Marilyn's sister Barbara, while placing second in the slalom in the same games, placed immediately behind Marilyn as fourth in the combined.

Some of Marilyn's accomplishments follow:



- U.S. Ski Team – member 1965-74, “A” Team 1968-74
- March 1966 VT Co-athlete of the Month (with my sister, Barbara)
- 1968-69 VT Athlete of the Year presented by VT Sportscasters and Sportswriter’s Association
- 1968 and 1974 U.S. National Giant Slalom Champion (women’s)
- 1969 World Cup Giant Slalom Champion
- Feb. 1969 VT Athlete of the Month
- April 13, 1970 Governor’s Award for Achievement-VT Ski Championships Day
- 1970 3<sup>rd</sup> place combined F.I.S. World Championships
- 1970 and 1974 F.I.S. World Championship Team
- 1971 French National Alpine Ski Champion (women’s)
- 1971 Beck International Trophy presented by U.S. Ski Association
- 1971 The Bill Kidd Cup-for outstanding competitive contribution to the sport of Alpine Skiing-New England Committee for the U.S. Ski Team
- 1972 U.S. Olympic Team (alpine skiing)
- 1972 U.S. National Slalom Champion (women’s) and Sally Dever Award
- 1974 Wallace “Bud” Werner Award-presented by USSA for sportsmanship

Marilyn Cochran was elected to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1978.