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Arthur Devlin

Born: 1922 Died: 2004

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Arthur Devlin was born in Lake Placid, New York, on September 7, 1922. Art is a long-time member of the Sno Bird Ski Club of Lake Placid. He attended Syracuse University after graduating from the Lake Placid School System.

Devlin's interest in skiing began in 1927 or 1928, when at age four he first put on a pair of skis. Lake Placid, with the Olympic Hill at Intervale, was a perfect breeding ground for Art's interest in ski jumping, since the best competed at Lake Placid annually. The Lake Placid area had Whiteface Mountain and the slopes for excellent alpine meets, so it is no mystery where Art's alpine interest was whetted as well.



Art Devlin's Trophy Case, Lake Placid, NY, June 1984

was one of the group of organizers, including Ron MacKenzie of Lake Placid, influential in getting the Olympics of 1980 to Lake Placid. He served the Organizing Committee during the actual construction process, as well as the running of the games.

Art has also done some acting. He is internationally known as a television sportscaster and television color man, particularly on televised ski jumping events. Art and his family lived in the Lake Placid area, where he was a businessman. He died there on April 22, 2004.

Art Devlin was elected to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame at Ishpeming, Michigan, in 1963, the twenty-second person so honored.



Arthur Devlin first place North American jump Senior Class 1951.

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Art won the Paul Bietila Memorial Trophy, the award signifying the highest-placing American in the National Ski Association's National Ski Jumping Meet, on four occasions, 1942, 1944, 1949, and 1950. He was also named to the mythical "All American Ski Team" in 1944 as a four-way competitor.

Devlin was named to the United States Olympic Teams in 1952 and 1956. In 1952, at Oslo, Norway, Art placed fifteenth overall. In Cortina, Italy, in 1956, Art placed twenty-first overall with a total of 194.5 points.

