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Linda Meyers Tikalsky

Born: 1937

Information submitted by Paul Sawyer, Past President – Northern Division USSA, in a nomination letter to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame

Seldom has any one person won more first place medals in National and International events than Linda Meyers, earning the right to represent the United States as a member of the 1958 and 1962 F.I.S. team and the 1960 and 1964 Olympic team.

Linda Meyers was born July 1, 1937, in Los Angeles, California. She attended both grammar and high school at Bishop, California, attended the University of Utah, Western States College, and Colorado State College. It was at Western State, Gunnison, Colorado that she met Professor Frank Tikalsky. They were married in the fall of 1965. The Tikalsky's have four children and presently live in Bayfield, Colorado. Frank is retired from Los Alamos National Laboratory, and Linda is retired from Ski Area Risk Management consulting.

Linda started skiing in the Bishop, California, when she was 14 years old. One of the main influences in Linda's life and one of the main reasons she became a competitive skier, was Jill Kinmont a Bishop, California, native and Linda's close friend. Another person to influence Linda's racing career was Dave McCoy the owner and manager of Mammoth Mountain.

Linda was 19 when she was selected as a member of the US International Ski Team (F.I.S.). Her racing record of championship medals from 1957 to 1965 is follows:

RACE RECORD

National Downhill Championship	1957	National Slalom Champion	1961
National Slalom Champion	1959	National Combined Champion	1961
National Combined Champion	1959	Roch Cup Slalom Champion	1961
North American Slalom Champion	1959	Roch Cup Combined Champion	1961
North American Downhill Champion	1959	National Slalom Champion	1962
Roch Cup Slalom Champion	1959	Grindewald Giant Slalom Champion	1962
Roch Cup Combined Champion	1959	F.I.S. Slalom-7 th Place	1962
Harriman Cup Slalom Champion	1959	North American Slalom Champion	1964
Kitzbuhel Hannenkalm Slalom Champion	1960	Olympic Slalom-12 th Place	1964
St. Moritz Coppa Grishca Champion	1960	American International Downhill Champion	1965

At the end of her racing career, Linda continues to be active in coaching and administrative work for Olympic skiing, always with the betterment of skiing in mind. A recap of her activities along this line are as follows:

COACHING RECORD: F.W.S.A. Girl's Jr. National Team Coach – 1959, 1960; R.M.D. Girl's Jr. National Team Coach – 1968, 1969, 1970; Purgatory Junior Racers Coach – 1966-1970; Mammoth Mountain Race Department – 1974-1976

ORGANIZED SKIING: Vice-President of Competition R.M.D. – 1970-1971, Ladies Downhill/Slalom Committee F.I.S. – 1968-1971, Rocky Mountain Division Board of Directors – 1967-1970, Rocky Mountain Division Junior Alpine Chairman – 1968-1970; U.S.S.A. Junior Alpine Committee Member – 1968-1970 Mammoth Mountain Ski Area-Implementation of Ski Area Public Liability Plan – 1976-1977, Consultant to Pettit Morry Insurance Company/Acoedia Insurance Company for Ski Area Public Liability Plan – 1978-2003

CERTIFICATIONS: Rocky Mountain Ski Instructors Association/P.S.I.A. full certification, Consultant to Western Montana College Resort Management Program – 1979

Linda Meyers Tikalsky was elected to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1982.