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## Michael Gallagher

Born: 1941

Information submitted in a nomination letter to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame – proposed by Gay E. Whieldon, Director of Athletics, Castleton State College, Castleton, VT.

*Mike Gallagher's skiing career includes three Olympics, 13 years skiing for the U.S. team, and six years as head coach before retiring in 1986.*

Michael D. Gallagher was born October 3, 1941, in Yonkers, New York.

His father was a member of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division in World War II.

Following the war, in 1946, the family moved to Vermont. A graduate of Rutland High School, Mike attended Vermont Academy and the University of Colorado before graduating from Castleton State College in Castleton, Vermont.

An outstanding skier, Mike earned the Junior National Cross-Country Ski Championship and the Relay Gold Medal in 1959. Nine times Senior National Champion and seven Relay Gold Medals were among his accomplishments. He was a member of the U.S. National Cross-Country Skiing Team from 1961 through 1974. Mike was on the U.S. Olympic Ski Teams in 1964, 1968, and 1972, the World Championship Ski Teams in 1966, 1970, and 1974. He also was a member of the 1978 and 1979 Biathlon Teams.

Mike's coaching experience includes head coach of the U.S. Cross-Country Ski Team from 1980 to 1986 and U.S. Olympic Cross-Country ski coach in 1984. He was the U.S. World Championship Coach of cross-country skiing in 1985.

An avid outdoorsman, Mike and his family live in a log home in Vermont. They enjoy cross-country skiing from their front door and downhill skiing on nearby Killington Mountain. He enjoys many activities with his family including hiking, running, fishing, and biking (he was National 25-Mile Time Trial Champion in 1972). Mike is also an avid hunter and keeps the freezer full of game; he keeps a few colonies of honey bees and helps the family garden. When he can't be outside he ties flies for fishing and re-loads his hunting ammunition.

Michael D. Gallagher was elected to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1988.

