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J. Vernon Lamb

Born: 1925

Information submitted in a nomination letter to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame by Gloria C. Chadwick

An asset to the world of skiing, J. Vernon Lamb Jr. was a competitor, judge, and official. He was the prime mover that obtained all of the necessary environmental permits for Lake Placid to hold the 1980 Winter Olympic Games.

J. Vernon Lamb was born in Lake Placid, New York, in 1925, and was both a cross-country and alpine skier for Lake Placid High School. In college, he skied for M.I.T., Dartmouth, and Syracuse University.

He became a national certified alpine official, and was very active until 1956. In 1950, Vernon was a cross-country trail section chief and ski jump hill worker for the F.I.S. Championships. Vernon was also a 1950 nordic official, a 1960 nordic official, and in 1970 was certified as a F.I.S. Jumping Judge.

As an international ski jumping judge, Vernon judged the following events:

- 1970 F.I.S.U. Games, Rovaniemi, Finland
- 1972 F.I.S.U. Games, Lake Placid, New York
- 1974 F.I.S.U. Championships, Falun, Sweden
- 1975 Olympic Pre-Games, Innsbruck, Austria
- 1979 Pre-Games, Lake Placid, New York
- 1981 FIS Junior Championships, Schonach, West Germany

Vernon's jumping duties also included:

- All jumping events in the East
- Ironwood, Michigan
- Steamboat Springs, Colorado
- Thunder Bay, Ottawa
- Quebec City, Quebec

Lamb was named a certified F.I.S. Technical Delegate to Canada and Japan, and has judged a number of international jumping competitions in the United States, Canada, and Europe.

Vernon has served as president of the Lake Placid Ski Club, and as the club's Nordic Chairman for 20 years. He served as a delegate to more than 20 E.S.A. Conventions, and as a delegate to 13 USSA conventions. He has represented the United States at three F.I.S. Congresses.

Vernon Lamb was the chairman of the committee that received permits for the 1980 Winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid, and is very active in community affairs in the Lake Placid area.

J. Vernon Lamb was elected to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1992.

