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Alan Engen

Born:

Alan Engen was introduced to skiing by his father, Alf Engen, a renowned ski jumper.

Alan K. Engen is a native of Salt Lake City, Utah. The son of the famous Alf Engen, he was skiing at the age of two.

The year 2002 marked the founding of the Joe Quinney Winter Sports Center with its Alf Engen Ski Museum at Utah's Olympic Park, a 29,000 square-foot, ten-million dollar museum, just outside Park City, created after Alan's fifteen-year quest. He directed the expertise, resources and enthusiasm of those sharing his vision of a memorial to his father Alf, world ski jumping record holder and ski school director in Alta and as home of memorabilia for the 2002 Winter Olympics, the Alf Engen artifact collection, and the halls of fame for the Professional Ski Instructors of America and the Intermountain division.

W i n n i n g n u m e r o u s championships, Alan has competed in all alpine and nordic skiing disciplines.

A list of some of Alan's accomplishments follows:

- 1958-1962 University of Utah Ski Team
- 1961 Named NCAA All-American
- 1959 Champion in the Western Region downhill, Intermountain senior downhill, Intermountain senior combined downhill/slalom, and Intermountain senior jumping competitions
- 1960 2nd in national alpine championship; 3rd in NCAA championship
- 1961 Won the Ski Meister four-way title at the University of Nevada Winter Carnival
- 1963 First recorded U.S. Alpine gelände tournament held at Alta
- 1964-1966 Member of the U.S. Ski Team, F.I.S.
- 1994 Won the Founders of American Skiing legends competition in Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 1994-1995 Listed in *Who's Who Worldwide*

Alan served as Director of Skiing in Alta and instructor for more than 40 years after becoming one of the last American four-event competitors; and 1960 intercollegiate alpine champion.

He has authored *For the Love of Skiing: A Visual History*, an overview of U.S. skisport through 2002, centered on the experiences of his father. Alan also authored *First Tracks: A Century of Skiing Utah*, tracing the sport from its beginnings through the 1980s, an excellent record of Utah's skiing legacy.

Alan Engen was elected to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 2004.