

#40 Grace Carter Lindley

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Grace Carter Lindley's ski career began while she was living in Seattle, Washington, and was one of the top women skiers in the Nation between 1936 and 1940.

Grace Carter Lindley was an exceptional ski racer in 1936, 1937, and 1938. Beginning her career while living in Seattle, Washington, Grace skied for the Sun Valley Ski Club. For most of her career, later moving to Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1938, and finally settling in Wayzata, Minnesota.

Grace Carter Lindley's competitive skiing career was short by some standards, spanning only a four or five year period, but in this short span of time, she won more than her share of important titles.

She burst on the competitive scene when Alice Kiaer chose her as a member of the 1936 Women's F.I.S. Team to represent the United States at Innsbruck, Austria. Grace was also a member of the 1936 United States Women's Olympic Team at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. Grace was also invited to join the 1937 F.I.S. Team, but she declined for personal reasons and took the 1937 ski season off.

Grace still remained an active competitor despite the fact that she was unable to give the entire season to European competition in 1938 when she returned to the competitive scene. Grace had several strong points going for her as a competitor. She was very strong despite her petite size having a nearly perfect balance on skis and a sixth sense allowing her to almost unconsciously anticipate just when to turn in the course. Grace won the National Ski Association's first national ski title at Stowe, Vermont, in 1938. She placed third in the United States Eastern Ski Association downhill championships at Pinkham Notch, New Hampshire, in 1935, finishing behind her two ski team friends, and "super skiers," Marian McKean and Betty Woolsey.

Grace won the Pacific Northwest Ski Association downhill title at Sun Valley in 1938, finishing well in front on a tough course on a less than ideal day.

It was fitting that Grace would capture the Women's National Slalom Title for her hard work on the slopes, and

her incredible "tools" nearly assured it. She was, by this time, married to former U.S. Ski Team member Al Lindley, and was living in the Midwest, and her win was the first National Alpine Title ever won from the Central United States Ski Association ranks.

Grace continued to ski, but her marriage dictated that she spend more time at home instead of devoting her time to the ski circuit. She did place well enough in the 1940 Olympic tryouts to be named to the team, but the outbreak of World War II in Europe canceled the event.

Grace Carter Lindley was elected to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1966.

