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Roland Palmedo

Born: 1893 Died: 1977

Roland Palmedo, from New York, New York, was a contributor to affairs of the NSA and USSA at all levels, an organizer of ski teacher certification, international competition official, and founder of the Amateur Ski Club of New York for more than half a century.

Roland Palmedo was a skisport builder and contributor to the National Ski Association and the U.S. Ski Association for more than 50 years. A graduate of Williams College (Williamstown, Massachusetts) where in 1915 he started the Williams Outing Club.

Palmedo was among the organizers of the NSA's first alpine ski team in 1934 and a year later with Alice Damrosch Kiaer helped to organize the first women's international competitive ski team. At the time, he was president of the Amateur Ski Club of New York and prime organizer and backer of the 1936 Women's Olympic Team at Garmisch, Germany. Beginning in 1937, he headed the NSA International Competitive Committee and subsequently the NSA International Competitive Committee and subsequently became a member of the Congress of the Ski Union of the Americas.

Among his other numerous accomplishments, Palmedo organized the Ski Teacher Certification program in the United States and became a respected alpine competition official in the United States and abroad. He was also one of the organizers of the National Ski Patrol.

Palmedo was a founder of the Amateur Ski Club of New York and held honorary memberships in the Ski Club of Great Britain, Kandahar Ski Club, Ski Club Chile, Club Andino Boliviano, and the Mount Mansfield Ski Club. He was also the editor of *Skiing, the International Sport* (1939) and other books and magazine articles.

After his death in 1977, his family donated his extensive skisport library to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame. Added to the hall's original collection, it has become the nucleus of the Roland Palmedo Memorial Library.

Roland Palmedo was elected to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1968.



Roland Palmedo was also a kayaking expert. He is shown here in the Annual Brandywine White Water Slatom in 1957.