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**Nancy Greene Raine**  
Born: 1943



*Winner of five gold medal national championship awards of the United States Ski Association, this outstanding Canadian skier reached the Canadian National Team and the 1960 Winter Olympic Games in Squaw Valley.*

Nancy Greene Raine was born in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, and is without a doubt, one of the finest female skiers Canada has ever produced.

Nancy burst on the ski scene in the early 1960's when as a member of the Canadian Ski Team, she began to make her presence felt. Never timid on the slopes, Nancy was nicknamed "Tiger" for her attitude and the way she attacked a course. Nancy's potential was recognized by her coaches early in her career, not that getting to the top was easy. The abundance of talent, solid coaching, and a little luck allowed her to claw her way to the top of the international ski circuits in the 1960s.

Nancy came to the Canadian National Team through the junior ranks, and in 1960 was a member of the Canadian Team which competed at the Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley. Nancy was an Olympian again in 1964 at Innsbruck, placing seventh in the Downhill, the best showing in the event by a North American, establishing her as a true world class athlete.

In 1967, Nancy found herself in a rather unique situation. She realized that a first place in the world cup races, the final races of the cup for 1967, could vault her to the top, and win the cup for Canada. Two obstacles stood in her way, namely Marielle Goitschel and Annie Famose of the powerful French team. Goitschel had 169 World Cup points, and Famose had 158 points. Solidly in third place, Nancy had 151 points. She had to sweep all three events at the Jackson Hole, Wyoming, races. Nancy won the slalom with few problems, and the Downhill, always the toughest, was in front of her. Her attitude, "If I don't win it, it isn't the end of the world," helped her ski it well, and win it, with her usual relaxed style. She was the World Cup Champion of 1967.

Nancy's career really took off after the 1967 feat. She repeated as World Cup winner again in 1968, and equally important, representing Canada in the 1968 Winter Olympics in Grenoble, France, she won a Gold Medal in the Giant Slalom, and a Silver Medal in the slalom. She also won five United States Ski Association National titles, the Dominion Championships, as well as the Roche Cup and dozens of the other titles in Canada and the United States, making her the greatest woman ski competitor in North American ski history.

Always a lady, Nancy worried little while on skis facing a race course. Her fame made her the heroine of every young female skier in North America, and the mailbags full of mail bore testimony to that. Nancy felt she would cheat someone by not answering, personally, the letters received from youngsters. Because it was a truly impossible task, she wrote a book, *Nancy Green, An Autobiography*, and dedicated it to those hundreds of children whose letters she just hadn't had time to answer.

This petite bundle of dynamite was a World Class personality as well as a World Class athlete. Nancy married Al Raine, the head ski coach of the Canadian Amateur Ski Association shortly after her Olympic triumphs, and retired to a home in Rossland, British Columbia, after the Olympics of 1968.

Nancy was voted into the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame on a age-wavier for preeminence and skill, in 1969, for her remarkable feats on the slopes during the 1967 and 1968 ski seasons.



*3-11-67 Franconia, NH: Nancy Greene (C), of Canada, tips the hats of Christine Beranger (L), who won the women's giant slalom event at the North American Alpine Championships, and Florence Steurer, who placed second. Miss Greene placed third in the event. Both Miss Beranger and Miss Steurer were from France.*