

## Jon Farnham

Jon grew up in Hanover, NH. His father's boss was Roger Burt, who was a FIS judge. Roger encouraged Jon's dad to sign Jon up for ski jumping when he was in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Jon went on to represent Ford Sayre as a junior jumper under the training of Bernie Dion of the Lebanon Outing Club. Jon qualified for Junior Nationals 4 times: 1973-1976. His best finishes were 5<sup>th</sup> in 1974 and 6<sup>th</sup> in 1976. His greatest victories as a junior were in 1974 and 1976 when he was the Eastern Junior Champion!

Jon served in the US Army from 1976-1979 with the 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne). They are our Winter SF unit. On his first ski training exercise he was made team ski instructor.

Jon returned to Ski Jumping, when his 2 sons began Ski Jumping at the Lebanon Outing Club where Jon was asked to join the coaching staff.

Jon's coaching and master jumping career last 36 years. His best finish was National Masters Champion in 2007 on the K70 at Norge, and Eastern Masters Champion in 2009 at Salisbury, CT. He is already in the Masters Ski Jumping Hall of Fame.

Many of the athletes Jon coached qualified for Junior Nationals making the Lebanon Outing Club well represented at the Junior Nationals. He was the coach for Olympians: Brian Welch, Nick Alexander, and Tara Geraghty-Moats who became the first World Cup Champion in Women's Nordic Combined.

Jon has been the Chief of Competition, Chief of Hill, and on the Organizing Committee for several Eastern Events including Lake Placid, NY. Lastly, Jon has also been the PA Announcer in Lake Placid, NY and Brattleboro, VT several times.