

Mark Levasseur – Athlete, Judge, Sport Builder

Impressions - Athlete

I recall Mark competing at several Brattleboro Outing Club, Salisbury Winter Sports Association, and Lake Placid Ski Jumping events during the mid-1970s. Those events were on the larger hills (K65 and K90 meter) in the Eastern Division. Mark skied those hills very well at a young age aside considerably older competitors. He earned respect and friendship from those competitors for doing so. Mark clearly had a passion for participating and competing in the sport of Ski Jumping. Despite his difference in age with his competitors during the mid-1970s, it was clear that Mark enjoyed the comradery and mutual respect shared on and off the hills among competitors including himself.

Highlights – Judge

When I began pursuing my training to become a USSA certified Ski Jumping Judge Mark was Co-Chair of Eastern Officials Committee. I consider myself extremely fortunate to have been able to attend the workshops and clinics that Mark organized and conducted annually for Eastern Ski Jumping Officials. Those workshops were packed with information about assessing and judging Ski Jumpers' performances which was presented extremely well. Mark was very generous with his time as well as his extensive and always up-to-date knowledge of FIS/USSA Ski Jumping Rules and judging protocols. As Chair of the Eastern Officials Committee Mark was also a member of the Eastern Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Committee. At meetings of that Committee Mark continually supported and sought to advance programs that provided training and competition opportunities to athletes all around the Eastern Division regardless of what clubs the athletes might have been members. Mark also supported programs that made opportunities more accessible to more high school and collegiate athletes clearly with his intentions being to retain those athletes as participants in the sport and to grow the population of participants as much as possible.

Highlights – Sport Builder

Mark is one of the original founders of New England Ski Jumping Nordic Combined ("NESJNC"). NESJNC was founded in 2016 to design, implement, manage, and sustain programs that will assist Ski Jumpers and Nordic Combined athletes in New England to move from smaller hills (\leq K38 meters) to larger hills (\geq K48 meters) with the prospect that those athletes might become motivated to pursue regional and national level competitive careers in Ski Jumping and/or Nordic Combined. As a founding member Mark has been an integral contributor to the group's definition of NESJNC's mission, determining its activities, planning and managing how NESJNC's activities are to be implemented and completed, as well as recruiting new members and resources. Mark's experiences as a Ski Jumper (a competitor from an early age to more senior years at local to national levels), an international official, an Eastern Division and USSA Officials Committees leader, and businessperson/entrepreneur have been extremely valuable to generating and sustaining NESJNC's success in a very short period of time.

Testimonial respectfully submitted by Walter Malmquist
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“Mark Levasseur of Worcester MA was a ski jumping child prodigy, flying off big hill takeoffs at the age of ten. As a teenager, Mark committed all of his efforts to professional hockey. After retirement from hockey, he returned to ski jumping. You will not see a more graceful jumper on the hill! Mark has become a National judge as well as a FIS judge.” – www.skijumpeast.com

Highlights - Athlete

- 2018 is Mark’s 51st year of involvement with Ski Jumping in the USA!
- He was on two Junior National Teams and had a 3rd place finish in Team Jumping at Jackson Hole, WY in 1978.
- He was overall winner at the following events
 - Storrs Hill Championship 1995 – Lebanon, NH
 - Rumford Invitational 1988 – Rumford, ME
 - The Ike Trophy 1977 – Bear Mountain, NY
- National Masters
 - Large Hill National Masters Champion 1989 – Lake Placid, NY
 - 3rd Small Hill Masters National Championships 1989 – Bear Mountain, NY
 - 3rd Masters National Championships 1991 – Rumford, ME
 - 2nd Masters National Championships 1995 – Lebanon, NH
- World Masters Championships 1996 – Steamboat Springs, CO
 - 4th Place
 - Final competition of his career as an athlete

Highlights – Judge

- International Ski Federation
 - World Championships 2017 – Lahti, FIN
 - World Cup
 - 2018 – Sapporo, JPN
 - 2017 – Willingen, GER
 - 2016 – Innsbruck, AUT
 - 2016 – Bischofshofen, AUT
 - 2014 – Wisla, POL
 - 2012 – Hinterzarten, GER
 - Continental Cup
 - 2017 – Villach, AUT
 - 2015 – Iron Mountain, MI
 - 2014 – Notodden, NOR
 - 2014, 2011 – Park City, UT
 - 2011 – Calgary, CAN

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- FIS Cup
 - 2015 – Brattleboro, VT
 - 2014 – Brattleboro, VT
- United States Ski Association
 - Olympic Tryouts 2018 – Park City, UT
 - North American Championships 2009 – Calgary, CAN
 - National Championships 2001 – Steamboat Springs, CO
- Co-Chairman, Eastern Officials – 2008 to 2011
- Chairman, Eastern Officials – 2012 to 2015
- Co-Chairman, USSA Officials Subcommittee – 2015

Highlights – Sport Builder

- New England Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Ski Team
 - Co-founded the NESJNC in 2016 with Tom Oddy and Walter Malmquist
 - The NESJNC has been instrumental in growing the sport in New England
- Sig Evensen Award
 - Introduced and began funding this award in 1998
 - The award is given each year to the Eastern Junior Ski Jumping Champion
- Earle Murphy/Don West Award
 - Introduced and began funding this award in 2008
 - The award is given each year to the Eastern Masters Champion

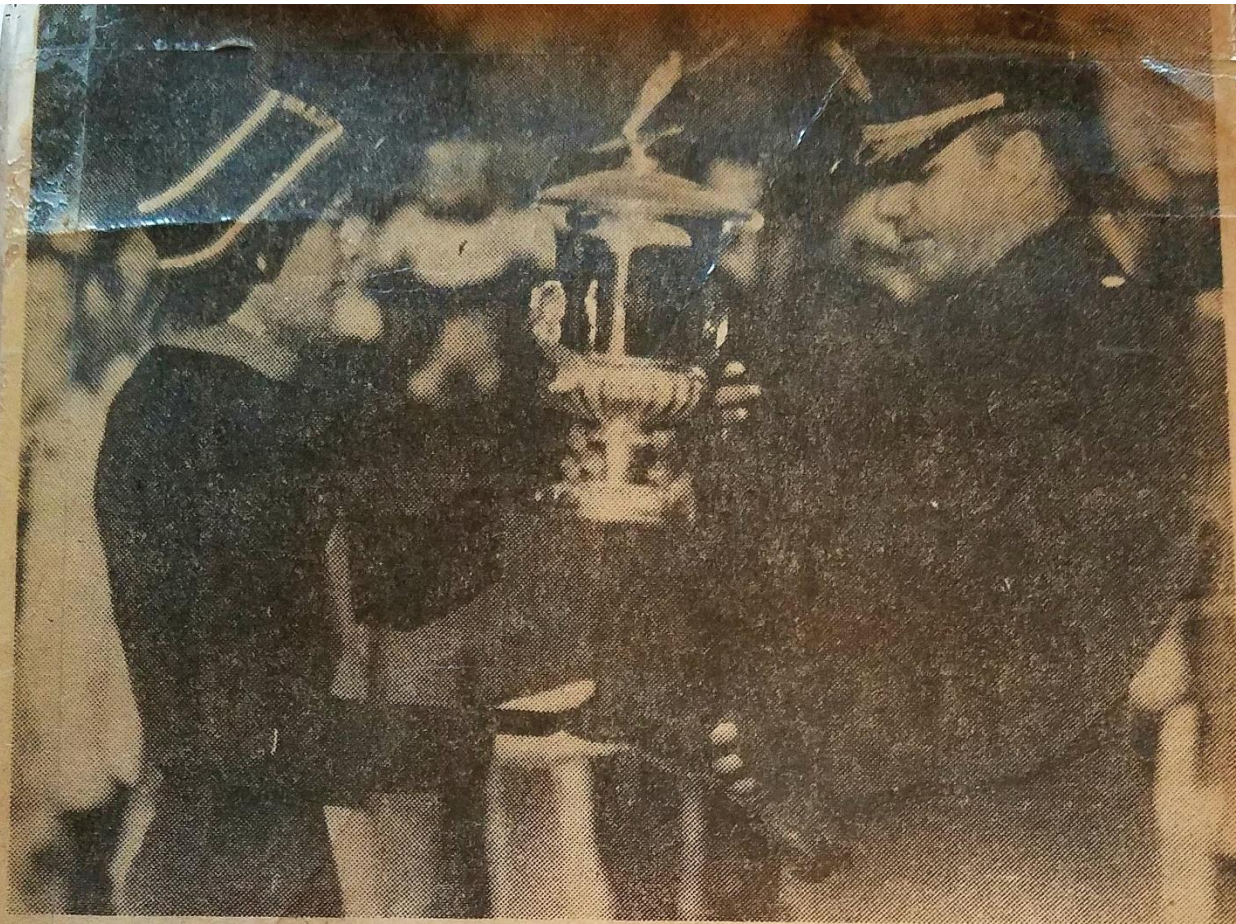


Photo by Bo Gill

MARK LAVASSEUR (RIGHT) HOLDS TROPHY
... presented by Mrs. Joseph K. McManus (left) Sunday

Mark Lavasseur Wins McManus Jumping Tourney

1977 Bear Mountain, NY



THE IKE TROPHY — Lt. Col. David Dollner of West Point is shown presenting the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Trophy to Mark Levasseur of

Shrewsbury, Mass. after he finished first in ski jumping competition at Bear Mountain Sunday.

McManus Memorial Today

Mark Levasseur Captures Beacon Ski Jumping Title

1977 Bear Mountain, NY

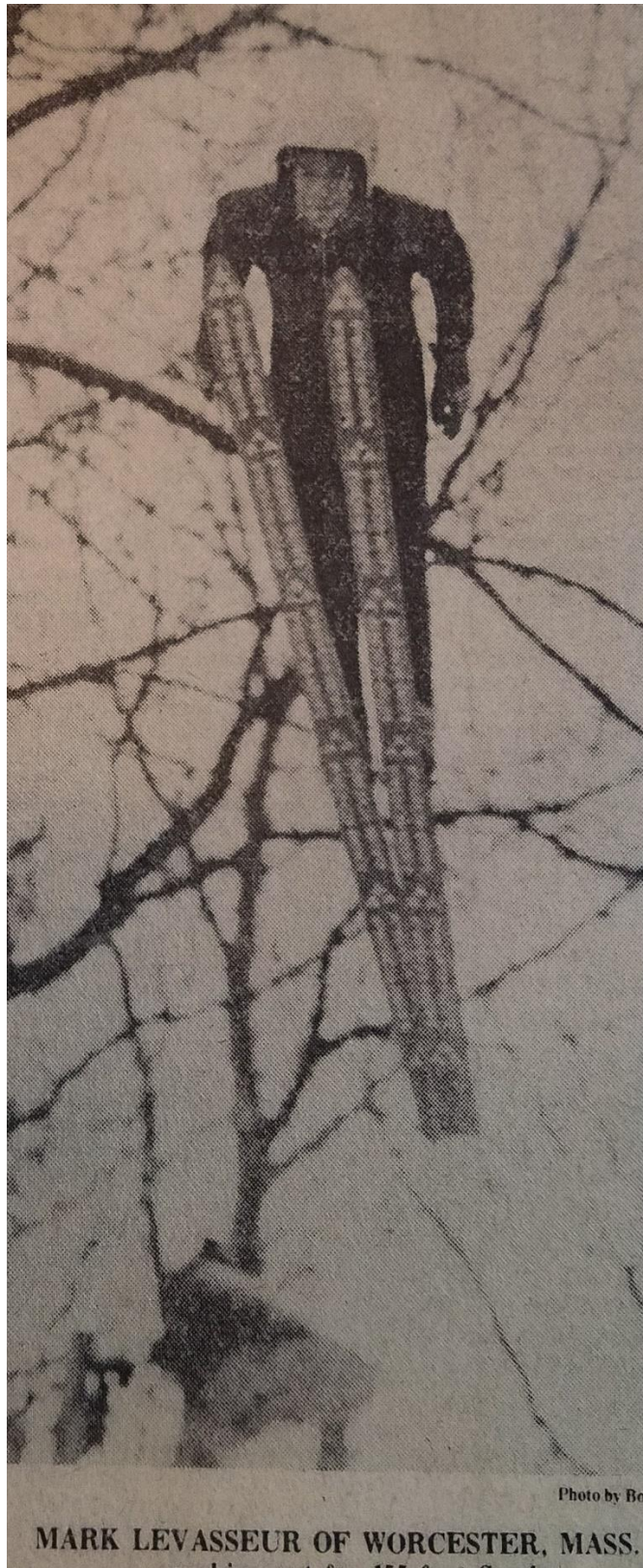


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MARK LEVASSEUR OF WORCESTER, MASS.

1980 Gunstock, NH

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F I S NORDIC WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS LAHTI 2017
presented by  **storaenso**

Ski Jumping Men Normal Hill Individual

FIS JUDGES

A	Yutaka MINEMURA	JPN 
B	Kazimierz BAFIA	POL 
C	Bojan JOST	SLO 
D	Mark LEVASSEUR	USA 
E	Pirjo KARJALAINEN	FIN 
S	Christian KATHOL	AUT 

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