

UNITED STATES BIATHLON ASSOCIATION

Hall of Fame

CHARLES KELLOGG

Although handicapped by growing up in meteorologically disadvantaged locations like Corpus Christie, TX, Charlie discovered skiing as a student at Holderness School. Later at Williams College, Charlie competed in four events (slalom, downhill, jumping and cross country) frequently finishing on the podium in the Eastern Winter Carnival cross country events.

Following graduation from Williams, Charlie enlisted in the Army, completed basic training and was assigned to the Modern Winter Biathlon Training Center at Fort Richardson, Alaska. He earned a spot on the traveling team and competed in several biathlon events during the



winter of 1964, achieving the top performance for an American at the CISM (World Military) Championships in Östersund, Sweden. After fulfilling his military obligation, Charlie left Alaska for Andover, MA, but continued to compete in biathlon, winning the first held National Biathlon Championship held at Rosendale, NY in January 1965 just three weeks after leaving Alaska. Being a civilian, there was no funding for him to participate in that year's World Biathlon Championships.

He continued racing in Nordic skiing events as much as his full-time work at IBM permitted, earning a spot on the Eastern Cross-Country team in 1967. His results on the Eastern Team led to National Team selection in 1968 and ultimately to a position on the U.S. Olympic Team to Grenoble, where he competed in the 30 and 50 kilometers cross-country races.

Following the 1968 Olympic Games, Charlie continued to race nationally as a member of the U.S. Ski Team, winning regularly through 1972. Despite the demands of a growing family and the disruption of several relocations for his work with IBM, he remained active, racing often in regional, national and even international competitions. He participated in three World Masters Cross-Country Ski Championships, winning his age group in the 15 kilometers freestyle event at the 1998 Championships in Lake Placid.

In addition to inspiring generations of Nordic racers through decades of top-level participation, he also contributed his time to organizations which support skiing and biathlon. He served as the Vice President of the U.S. Eastern Ski Association and the U.S. Biathlon Association for 15 years as a member of the Board of Directors, for many years as the Association's Vice Chairman. For his national and international competitive accomplishments as a biathlete in the 1960's, but also for his decades of high-level participation, both in competition and behind the scenes, Charlie Kellogg is welcomed into the U.S. Biathlon Hall of Fame.