

Collection Name:

American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation records, 1973-2011

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Extent:

19 cubic feet (16 record center cartons, 5 archives boxes, and 1 flat box)

History/Biography:

The American Birkebeiner was started in 1973 by Tony Wise, a founding member of the Worldloppet federation of cross-country ski marathons. The race is held in February in Hayward, WI. Wise drew on his Norwegian heritage in starting a race named after a famous event in Norway. The American Birkebeiner, also called Birke, is named after the Norwegian Birkebeinerrennet. This race commemorates an important historical event when, in 1206, a group of Birkebeiner party soldiers, who fought for Sverre Sigurdsson and his descendants in the Norwegian civil war, smuggled the illegitimate son of Norway's King Håkon Sverresson from Lillehammer to safety in Trondheim.

Scope and Content:

The American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation records include various photographs, 35mm slides, film, board meeting minutes, Worldloppet records, clippings, and more.

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Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Birch Scroll, 1978
1	2	Clippings, 1979 Includes an aerial photograph.

1	3	Birch Scroll, 1980 Includes clippings and schedule of events.
1	4	Clippings, 1981 Includes press release "Top Americans Battle for Birkebeiner Honors," directory, and photograph.
1	5	Clippings, 1982
1	6	Birch Scroll, 1983 Includes clippings, final results, and program.
1	7	Birch Scroll, 1984 Includes clippings, program, and Telemark Owners News.
1	8	Clippings, 1985
1	9	Clippings, 1985
1	10	Ownership controversy clippings, 1984-1985
1	11	Clippings, 1988
1	12	Clippings, 1989
1	13	Clippings and Birch Scroll, 1990
1	14	Clippings and Birch Scroll, 1993
1	15	Clippings and Birch Scroll, 1996
1	16	Clippings, 1999
1	17	Tony Wise Includes 35mm slides.
1	18	Photographs, undated
1	19	Bill Koch Includes negatives and photographs.
1	20	Photographs of starts, undated
1	21	Birke winners, circa 1973-1997 Includes photographs.
1	22	Negatives of "Old Tele," undated
1	23	Volunteer photographs, undated
1	24	Photographs, undated
1	25	Photographs, 1977-1978 Includes negatives.
1	26	Photographs, undated
1	27	Maps of Duluth Trails, undated
		35mm slides
1	28-32	Includes negative prints, undated
2	1	1985
2	2	Undated
2	3	1992
2	4	1991
2	5	1990
2	6	1996
2	7	1993

2	8	1986
2	9	1989
2	10	1987
2	11	1980
2	12	circa March 1977-January 1984
2	13	circa August 1972-March 1989
2	14	circa July 1978-December 1980
2	15	circa December 1976-May 1985
2	16	circa March 1976-August 1981
3	1	circa August 1978-May 1983
3	2	circa March 1980-January 1984
3	3	circa March 1977-January 1984
3	4	circa March 1978-January 1984
3	5	circa August 1978-May 1983
3	6	1981
3	7	1981
3	8	1984
3	14	1979
3	15	1977
3	16	1982-1984
3	9	Worldloppet, 2009-2010
3	10	Worldloppet, 2011
3	11	Minutes, 2004
3	12	Board of Directors Minutes, 2005
3	13	Board of Directors Minutes, 2006
4		VHS recordings of Birke events, circa 1990-circa 2006
5		Various media, circa 1977-circa 2000
		Includes slides, cassettes, floppy disks, reel-to-reel, and VHS.
6	1	Clippings, circa 1980-circa 1983
6	2	Preliminary legal notes, circa April 1981-August 1981
6	3	Notes on Paul Bremicher, circa May 1984-June 1984
6	4	Court notes, circa July 1984
		Includes drafts of correspondence.
6	5	Media inquiries, undated
6	6	Telemark-Birkebeiner, 1976
6	7	Telemark, 1976-1977
6	8	Bankruptcy in-house briefs, circa 1985
6	9	News media report forms
6	10	Telemark tryouts, 1976
		Includes maps, news releases, and photographs.
6	11	News Release, 1982 April 21
6	12	Chapter 11 Media Call Reports, circa 1981 April-1981 September
6	13	Chapter 11 Correspondence, circa 1981 May-1981 June

6	14	News release, 1981 April 30
6	15	Clippings, undated
6	16	Minneapolis Tribune, 1977 April 3
6	17	Copy negatives, undated Black and white 4x5 and 8x10 conversion negatives.
6	18	Birkebeiner 1976-1977
6	19	Clippings, 1976-1985 Birch Scrolls, Wisconsin Silent Sports Magazine, and Press Kit.
7	1	Birkebeiner race information, 2006
7	2	Media Summary, 2007
7	3	Media Summary, 2008
7	4	Clippings, 2008
7	5	Worldloppet, 2002
7	6	Media Summary, 2009
7	7-8	Media Summary, 2009
7	9	Trail Reports, 2000
7	10-12	Board meeting notes, 2007-2010
7	13	Birch Scroll, 2014
7	14	Garage sale, 2014
7	15-12	Media summary, 2006
7	17	Board of directors meeting notes, 1993-1994
7	18	News clips, 2006
7	19	Race committee, 1992 December-1993 June
7	20	Articles, undated
7	21	Birke awards and ceremonies photographs, undated
7	22	Photographs and clippings, 1975
7	23	Photographs and clippings, 1974
7	24	Photographs and clippings, 1973
7	25	Photographs and clippings, 1976
8	1-3	Clippings, 2001
8	4	Board minutes, 1986 By-laws, ski race committee minutes, sponsor payment schedule, and proposed budget.
8	5	Board minutes, 1986-1987 Board agenda.
8	6	<i>Worldloppet</i> , 2001 Board minutes, board agenda, ski race committee minutes, ski race chief minutes.
9	1	Board of Directors notes, 1993 April 1-1994 March 31
9	2-3	Board of Directors Notes 1990-91
9	4	Foundation notes, 2000, 2003 2000 Media Print Recap and 2003 Membership Notes.
10	1	Financial statements, 1993-1994

		General ledger, 1996 staff list.
10	2	Financial statements, 1992-1993 Budget sheets, income statement, and accounts list.
10	3	Financial statements, 1992-1993 Budget sheets, balance sheets.
10	4	Financial statements, 1989-1991 Projected salary expense, general journal transaction register.
10	5	Financial statements, 1991-1992 General ledgers, balance sheets.
10	6	Financial statements, 1985-1990 Ski race committee minutes, sponsor payment schedule, and proposed budget.
10	7	Financial statements, 1989-1991
10	8	Financial statements, 1989-1991
10	9	Financial statements, 1989-1990
10	10	Financial statements, 1987-1988 Statements of changes in financial position, changes in components of working capital.
10	11	Financial statements, 1987-1988
10	12	Financial statements, 1988
10	13	Financial statements, 1988
10	14	Financial statements, 1988-1990
10	15	Financial statements, 1988-1989 Correspondence with sponsors.
10	16	Financial statements, 1988 Preliminary financial statements, chart of accounts, and general ledgers.
10	17	Financial statements, 1988 Annual meeting agenda, typed official correspondence (funding), income statements, board minutes, balance sheets, USSA notebook articles.
10	18	Financial statements, 1987-1988 Board minutes, correspondence with sponsors, balance sheets, and budget summary.
10	19	Financial statements, 1986 Board minutes, by-laws, ski race committee minutes, and committees list.
10	20	Financial statements, 1987 Financial policies, board minutes, balance sheets.
11	1	<i>Worldloppet</i> , 2001 Annual meeting agenda, Worldloppet yearbook, Worldloppet policies.
11	2	<i>Worldloppet</i> press releases, 2001

		Marketing plan, ski race policies.
11	3	Print Media recap, 2000
11	4	Print Media recap, 1999
11	5	Print Media recap, 1998
12	1	Budget report, 1997 July-1988 June
12	2	Budget report and finance committee meeting, 1997 July-1988 June
12	3	Budget report and finance committee meeting, 1998 October-1999 April
12	4-5	Board of directors meeting, 1998-1999
12	6	Board of directors meeting, 2001-2002
12	7	Board of directors meeting, 2000
12	8	Board of directors meeting, 2001-2002
12	9	Board of directors meeting, 2000
12	10	Board of directors meeting, 1999
12	11-12	Financial statements, 1991
12	13	Board of directors meeting, 1990
12	14	Board of directors meeting, 2003
13	1	<i>Worldloppet</i> , 2003
13	2-3	35mm slides, 1994-1995
13	4-7	VHS records, undated
13	8	Various pins
14	1	"Wild Shot" by Andy Liebner "Struggles and Successes in Biathlon and Cross Country Skiing" print copy of the book.
14	2-3	Telemark 35mm slides, undated
14	4	Staff and Volunteering Photo Slides, undated
14	5	Black and white photographs of champions, 2013
14	6	Registration and committee information, undated Notes on Registration Income and Committee Meeting Times
14	7	Trail and maintenance notes, undated Notes on required maintenance of the Birkie Ski Trail and Costs
14	8	Trail illustrations and correspondence
14	9	Trail 35mm slides, 2001
14	10	35mm slides, 2002
14	11	35mm slides, 2003
14	12	35mm slides, 2004
14	13-14	35mm slides, 2001 February 24
14	15	Copy of negatives, 1988
14	16	Hattenberger original negatives, undated
14	17	Correspondence, traffic report, logistics, and preparation notes, 2011
14	18	5k/10k, announcers Race Chiefs Critique
14	19	Awards, Baggage, Banners Notes on the awards schedule

14	20	Barnebirkie Notes on logistics and race chiefs' critiques
14	21	Barricades, Bibs, Busing Notes on barricades and inventory of race bibs
14	22	Ceremonies, Chiefs Inventory of race chiefs
14	23	Finish - Brikie, Korte
14	24	Food Stations Diagrams and station notes
14	25	Junior Birkie, Lost & Found, Medals
14	26	Medical, Parking/Security, Photography Diagrams of parking areas
14	27	Portable Toilets, Registration, Sound, Start, Telemark
14	28	Tents, Timing, Volunteer Groups
14	29	Operations Manual Sections
14	30	Announcers, Awards Age Class, Matriarch & Patriarch, Overall Winners, FIS Marathon Cup, Distribution of Awards, 10K Family Fun Event, Barnebirkie, Citizen Sprints, Elite Sprints, Junior Birkie
14	31	Baggage, Banners, Birchlegging Skiers, Busing
14	32	Cash Banks, Ceremonies, Communications, Cutoff Times Opening, Welcome, Awards, Radios, Radio Operators
14	33	Dumpsters, Elite Skiers, Fencing, Finish Line Relocation, Finish Lines, Flags, Food Stations, Founders
14	34	Housing, Information Sources, Insurance
14	35	Law Enforcement & Security, Lost & Found, Medical, Membership
14	36	Office Equipment, Parking, Passes, Permissions, Portable Toilets, Promo Bags, PR
14	37	Race Registration, Ski Events, Road Closures
14	38	Signage, Skier Recognitions, Ski Fair, Stickers, Snow, Sound, Sponsorship, Start
14	39	Tech. Delegate, Telemark Facility, Telephone Lines, Tents, Timing, Trail
14	40	Vehicles, Veteran's Community Center, VIP Dinner, Volunteers, Worldloppet, WL Breakfast
14	41	January - Race Week + Following Events planning records
14	42	March - December planning records
14	43-46	35mm slides, 1993
14	47	35mm slides, 2003-2004
15	1-2	35mm slides, 2002
15	2	35mm slides, 2002
15	3-5	Video cassette tapes, 1997
15	6	35mm slides, 1997

Birkie Male & Female Winners, Finnish, Food Station, Elite Women, Kortelopet Finnish & Winners, 10K, Opening Ceremonies, Friday-Misc., Dog Sled Demo, Sleigh & Cutter Parade, Telemark, Ski Demos, On the Trail-Food Stations

15	7-9	35mm slides, 1997
15	10	Photographic negatives, undated
15	11	35mm slides, 1977-1989
15	12	35mm slides, 1977-1989
15	13	Photograph negatives and CDs, 1988
15	14	35mm Telemark photographs for promotion, undated
16	1	35mm sides, circa 1997
16	2	35mm sllides, 2002
16	3	35mm slides, 2000
16	4	Various race and trails 35mm slides, undated
16	5	35mm slides, 1993-1995
16	6	35mm slides, 1996-1999
16	7	Various meetings, training, & trail runs on floppy discs, cassettes, & CDs All material on floppy discs, cassettes, & CDs
16	8	American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation B-Roll video tapes, undated
16	9	American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation B-Roll, Gabriele Anderson, videotapes, undated
16	10	Videotapes, 1978, 1979
16	11	Videotapes, 1976, 1977
17	1	Videotapes, 1977, 1979
17	2	Footage on CD, 2004-2012 Official Video Coverage of the 2012 American Birkebeiner, as well as various CD footage; 2006, 2008, 35th Anniversary, 2012, 2011, 2004
17	3	Footage on CD, 2005-2009 Contains years 2005, 2008, 2012, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2009, and photos on CD.
17	4	Footage on CD, 2009, 2011 Contains years 2009, 2011, and photos on CD.
17	5	Footage on CD, 2010
17	6	Photographic negatives, 5-39
17	7	Photographic negatives, 40-60
17	8	Photographic negatives, 60-130
17	9	Photographic negatives, 130-150
17	10	Photographic negatives, 10-40
17	11	Photographic negatives, 50-90
17	12	Photographic negatives, 90-120
17	13	Photographic negatives, 130-170
17	14	Photographic negatives, 170-190, Misc.

17	15	Photographic negatives of Team Birkie Summer, 1990
17	16	Photographs, undated
18	1	Telemark photographic negatives, undated
18	2	Photographic negatives, 1895-1986
18	3	Photographs and negatives of Roller Classic, 1991, 1989, 1987
18	4-5	Original photographs and negatives, undated
18	6	Photographic negatives, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980-1982 Photos of action shots and award ceremonies.
18	7	Photographs, 1975-1992
18	8	Black and white photographs, 1991 Print and Negative photographs of action shots and standing shots
18	9	Photographs, undated
18	10	Photographs, 1975 Foam print board and paper prints
18	11	35mm slides, circa 2004 Contains photo slides, the majority from the 2004 Birke
18	12	35mm slides, undated Contains photo slides from various race years
18	13	35mm slides, 1979, 2002, 2004, 1994-2000
18	14	35mm slides, 1977-1989
18	15-16	35mm slides, undated
19	1	Print photographs, undated Print photographs
19	2	Photo album of prints and negatives, Gitchie Gamie Games 1981
19	3	Photographs, undated Prints of family organizers, notes, and correspondence
19	4	Photographs of Winner Orjan Bloomquist, 1989 Photos of the 1989 American Birkebeiner winner
19	5	Staff and Board Directors photographs, undated
19	6	Photographs, action shots of race participants
19	7	Photographs, aerial shots of race
19	8	Photographs, undated
19	9	35mm slides, undated Various race years
19	10	35mm slides taken by photographer Kelly Randolph, undated
19	11	35mm slides, undated Various race years
19	12	Print photographs, undated
19	13	Print photographs, undated Elite race, sponsors and exhibitions, volleyball, bib pickup and registration, etc.
19	14	Print photographs, undated

		Volleyball, Snowshoe shoe and picnic, winners, elite race, Barnebirkie
19	15	Print photographs, undated Elite race, stats, various photos
20	1	35mm slides, circa 2000 Start, Trail shots, winners, leaders @ "00", Opening ceremonies, sprints, elite sprints, Barnebirkie, awards ceremonies, finish area, pre-race Birkie
21	1	8mm film, 1980
21	2	8mm film, 1977
21	3	8mm film, 1978
21	4	8mm film, Telemark Lodge Public Relations Department
21	5	8mm film, 1975, 1976
21	6	8mm film, 1979
22	1	Oversized photographs, undated
22	2	Race packets and bib, undated
22	3	Back and white photographic prints, 1992
22	4	Photographic negatives, undated
22	5	35mm slides for 35th anniversary CD
22	6	24 CDs with photographs and slideshows, circa 2009-circa 2015