

**Collection Name:**

National Ski Association of America, 1892-2002

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1.2 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 half archives box)

Biography/History:

The National Ski Association was organized in 1904 at Ishpeming by Carl Tollefsen, Askel Holter, Erick Hoyseth, Ole G. Aas, Albert Aas, and George A. Newest. Carl Tellefson, considered the "Father of Ski Sport in America," was the group's first president, and Aksel Holter was the first secretary. Holter also served as editor of one of the first periodicals for skiers, the National Ski Association's member journal *The Skisport*. The charter members of the National Ski Association included the Aurora Ski Club (Red Wing), St. Paul Ski Club (Minnesota), Stoughton Ski Club (Wisconsin), Grand Rapids Ski Club (Michigan), and Ishpeming Ski Club (Michigan).

By 1925, the interest in the organization had become so great that it needed to be split into six divisions. These divisions included the Eastern Ski Association, Central Ski Association, Western Ski Association, Arrowhead Ski Association, California Ski Association, and the Pacific Northwestern Ski Association. All six of these divisions were governed by the National Ski Association. Outside of this organization, the national organization had affiliations with the International Federation De Ski, and various other ski, Olympic, and recreation organizations.

Scope and Content:

Miscellaneous materials about the Association (founded in 1904) and about Norwegian-American participation in the introduction and promotion of the "ski sport" in America generally.

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Bibliographic Citation:

[Indicate the cited item here]. National Ski Association of America Papers. Norwegian American Historical Association, Northfield, Minnesota.

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Norge Ski Club, Chicago, 1951-1996 Includes 2 copies of "A History of Fox River Grove, Illinois" published by the Community Methodist Church, Fox River Grove (1951); pamphlet for the 91st annual Norge Ski Club Winter Ski Jumping Tournament, in Fox River Grove, Illinois (1996); brief history "The Norge Ski Club, 1905 - 1994" by LeRoy O. Ruud; article "Norge Ski Club, Chicago" by LeRoy Ruud (1977).
1	2	Carl Howelsen, 1951-1996 Includes article "Skisporten i Amerika" (1930); copy of article "Skisporten" (1907); correspondence regarding the preservation of artifacts from the club (1925); article "Little Skiers Make Big Splash in Annual Barnebirkie Race" by Steven Hyman, published in the Chicago Tribune (1991).
1	3	Sports Athletics, 1923-1984 Includes pamphlet "Norge Ski Club 25th Anniversary Review" (1931); article "Son of Norway, Father of U.S. Skiing" published in the Chicago Sun-Times (1984); copy of "The Ski Sport: 21st Annual Publication of the National Ski Association of America" (1924-25); article "Norge Ski Club Pioneer" by Eugene Petersen, published in the Historical Bulletin of the National Ski Hall of Fame (1968); list of presidents of the club; the "Golden Jubilee Program" for the Norge Ski Club (1955); article "The ski club that put Chicago on the winter sports map" by Jim Bowman (undated); list of noteworthy members of the club; 2 copies of article "Ole and Charlie Remember" by LeRoy Ruud, published in the Cary Grove Clarion (1983); copy of "Northland Skis" published by the Northland Ski Manufacturing Company (1923); program for the "Norge Fall Ski Fest Ski Jumping Tournament" in Fox River Grove, Illinois (1984); article "Norwegian Influence on American Skiing" by Frank Elkins, published in the American-Scandinavian Review (1947); article "Skiklubben 'Norge'" (1930); article "The Ski Sport" (1932).
1	4	Local Ski Clubs, 1922-1975 Includes program for the Fourth Annual Ski Tournament in Ogden Dunes, Indiana (1931); program for the Sioux Valley Skisport Interstate Tournament in Canton, South Dakota (1924); program for the Northwest Ski Tournament in Minneapolis (1934); program for the Northwest Ski Tournament at the New Bush Lake Ski Hill (1935); program for the 33rd Annual Ski Tournament of the Norge Ski Club in Fox River Grove, Illinois (1939); article "Norge Ski Club Pioneers" by Eugene Petersen, published by the Historical Bulletin of the National Ski Hall of Fame (1968); "A Brief History of Duluth

Ski Club, Inc." by Ben Rasmussen (undated); article "St. Paul Municipal Ski Club" (1922); "The Duluth Ski Club Through 50 Golden Years" by Harold A. Ginden (1955); membership certificates of the Norge Ski Club (1948); photos of members of the Norge Ski Club; program for the 31st Annual Ski Classic in Fox River Grove (1937); pamphlet "The Saga of Auburn Ski Club" (1969); "1905 Norge Ski Club of Chicago Now Norge Ski Club in Fox River Grove" (1975).

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Histories and articles, 1892-1998

Includes article "Ski Hall of Fame" by Dr. A.H. Altern (1977); "The Flying Legacy" by Geri Anderson, published in Viking (1996); information about Torger Tokle; "Skiing in the Municipal Recreation Program of Minneapolis" by B.G. Leighton (1892); copied photos of Mt. Horeb (1914); article "Who's Who In the Skisport in America" by Aksel H. Holter (undated); article "Skisporten i Amerika" by Carl G. O. Hansen (1920); program for the Official International Downhill and Slalom Tournament in Alta, Utah (1940); article "The Norwegian Gold Medalist in Utah", published in The Norseman (1998); article "The Scandinavian of the Month: Stein Eriksen" published in the Scandinavian-American Bulletin (1998); article "Birkebeiner-rennet i Midtvesten" published in Vinland (1977); pamphlet "History of the National Ski Association and the Ski Sport" compiled by Harold A. Grinden (1931); article "The Way It Was: Carl Messelt: Skier, Barnstormer, Maverick, Promoter Nonpareil" by Mort Lund, published in Ski (1979); typed and handwritten notes about the association (undated); copy of The North Star (January and February 1921).

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Clippings, 1933-2002

Includes article "The Legacy of Norwegian-Americans" published in the Western Viking (2002); article "Marks Clipped in All Classes" by R.G. Lynch (undated); article "Halvor Bjørngaard" published in Minneapolis Tribune (1931); article "Mere om Skirendet i Canton" (1932); article "Nordvest-Skirend" (1933); article "Lidt fra Skisportens historie i Amerika" (1933); article "Oimon ogsaa Nordvest-Skimester" (1934); article "Det Nationale Skiforbunds aarsmøte i Chicago" (1934); article "Breu fra holter" in the Minneapolis Tidende (1934); article "Oimon atter national Skimester" (1934); article "No World Ski Champs" (1934); article "Roy Mikkelsen national skimester" (1935); article "Den nye skibakke" (1935); article "Det aarlige Nordvest-skirend" (1935); article "St. Paul Ski Club Oldest In Nation, Sleuth Reveals" by Perry Dotson (1935); article "What's the Big Idea?" by H. Sundby-Hansen (1936); article "En Oslo-Mand i St. Paul som er

berettiget til Titlen: Landets Skikonge" (1936); article "Hovedlandsrendet paa Ski henlagt til Saltsjøstaden, Utah" (1936); article "Drammenserne spiller betydelig Rolle i Salt Lake City, Utah" (1936); article "Skiløbet i St. Paul" (1937); article "Bush Lake Rendet" (1937); article "Gotham Discovers the Ski" (1937); article "Fredheim er atter Mester" (1937); article "Ski Jumpers Lure the Crowds" by Frank Elkins (1937); article "Skiing Assumes Its Place as King of Winter Sports" by Frederick Gruin, published in the New York Times Magazine (1937); article "Aksel Holter takker" (1937); article "Once held distance title of 285 feet" (1937); article "Rendet ved Bush Lake" (1937); article "Two University Graduates Married in Saturday Rites" (1937); article "Manden Som Hoppet 340 Fod Paa Ski!" (1937); article "Sig. Ulland Blev Den Nye Skimesteren" (1938); article "Asbjørn Ruud vant Verdens-mesterskapet" (1938); article "Birger Ruud erklært for Profesjonist" (1938); article "Julius B. Blegen" (1938); article "Omkring Ski-Løbets Saga I Hjemlandet" (1938); article "En norsk Ski-Instruktør underviser over Radio-Stasjonen WNEW" (1939); article "Ski sportens Gutter Var I Ilden Søndag" (1939); article "Det nationale Skirend" (1939); article "Peter Hostmark Gjenvælt 6. Gang Som Skipresident" (1939); article "Norges Mand Blev 'Redd' I Michigan!" (1939); article "The Norwegian Started Canada Skiing" by Francis Stevens, published in the Winnipeg Free Press (1939); article "Lo Skifonger" (1941); article "Torger Tokle - The Mightiest Ski Jumper of Them All!" by Frank Elkins, published in the Nordisk Tidende (undated); article "Tokle slo 'Ola' i Brattleboro og vant ogs i Lake Placid" (1942); article "Giant Pine Mountain Slide to Be Ski-Jumping Nerve-Center of Nation Tomorrow Afternoon" (1942); article "Tokle Thrills 20,000 Ski Fans With Spectacular Record Jump Of 289 Feet At Pine Mountain" (1942); article "Tokle satte ny Amerika-rekord" (1942); article "Torger Tokle Now With Mountain Forces" by Frank Elkins (1942); article "T. Sgt. Torger D. Tokle, Amerikas beste ski-hopper, 26 r, meldes drept i Nord Italia den 3. mars" (1945); article "Kaptein Einar Skinnarland tok Snowshoe Thomson mesterskaps-pokalen i langrenn i Nevada" by Peter Myrvold (1946); cartoon about skiing published in the Minneapolis Sunday Tribune (1950); article "Kris Mohn is Major Star in Pair of Ski Tourneys" (1950); article "Hans Bjørnstad No. 1" (1950); article "Aksel Holter Er Død?" (1950); article "Aksel Holter, Ashland, Død" (1950); article "Ulfel holter død" (1950); article "Trønderen Thorbjørn Fulkanger vant hopprennet i Holmenkollen" (1950); article "Utah's Salesmen of Skiing" by Norryle English (1951); article "Central Oregon in World's

Sportlight as the 1965 Junior National Ski Championships are held here" published in the Central Oregon Vacationer (1965); article "Julius Blegen Voted Into Ski Hall of Fame" (1968); article "Idretten hjalp utvandrere gjennom vanskelige r" (1975); article "Norwegian King Honored With USSA Membership" published in the Far West News (1975); article "Veterans Named to Hall of Fame" by Russ Tiffany, published in the Far West Ski News (1976); article "Telemark Ski Club Resume Monthly Meetings" (1979); two pamphlets for the Vail and Beaver Creek Ski School (1995-6); photos from the Snowflake Ski Club in Wisconsin (undated); photos from the Norge Ski Club of various ski hills (undated); article "7000 at Norge" (1996); pamphlet from the Tread of Pioneers Museum (1996); "Pictorial" page from The Sun (1996); article "Utvandret Follidøl Ble Kjent Skiløper I Canada" by Esten Brandsnes and Oddbjørn Engvold (1998); article in Land-i-Amerika (1999); postcard with photo of Arne Haugen; Northland Skis catalog; article "Telemark Skiing at Glenwood, Minnesota" by Gene Estensen (2003).

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| 1 | 7 | Periodicals, 1941
Copies of periodical "The Ski Bulletin", February 7th, 1941 - December 19th, 1941. |
| 1 | 8 | Michigan Historical Review, 1990-2002
Includes copy of the 'Michigan Historical Review', vol. 16 no. 1, Spring 1990; article "Ski Jumping Veterans Enjoy Recalling Glory Days" originally published in 'Warren Sheaf' (2002). |
| 1 | 9 | Periodicals, 1942
Copies of periodical "The Ski Bulletin" January 2nd, 1942 - March 27th, 1942. |
| 1 | 10 | Clippings, 1910-2002
Includes copy of "Vinland", vol. 7 no 2, January 21st, 1982; "Vinland" vol. 7 no. 1, January 7th, 1982; article "Erling Strøm" (1968); article "Telemark-sving pop" by Svein Bryn, published in the Nordisk Tidende (1982); article "Red Wing's 1928 Winter Celebration" published in the Goodhue County Historical News (2002); article "Gala Opening of the Alf Engen Ski Museum" by Alfred Christiansen, published in the Western Viking (2002); article "Swede wins Birkebeiner cross-country ski race" by Bill Hibbard, published in the Minneapolis Tribune (1982); "Skisporten" (1914); article "Det nationale Skiløberforbunds 10 Aars Jubilæum" (1914); article "Skirend" (1912); article "Landsrendet" (1911); article "Landsrendet" (1912); article "Sigurd Hanson: Skisportens Seierherre i Amerika" (1912); article "Det nationale Skiløberforbund" (1914); article "Landsrendet" (1913); article |

"Sommersfirend" (1914); article "Skiløberforbundet" (1914); article "Skisporten" (1913); article "Skiløberforbundet for Umatører" (1913); article "Skirend" (1913); article "Kagnar Omtvedt feirer" (1912); article "Skiløberforbundet: Duluth Skiklub indtræder igjen i det Nationale Skiløberforbund" (1912); article "Skirend i St. Paul og Arcadia, Wis. Skiløber blæft ned fra Stilladfet i Virginia, Minnesota" (1912); article "Skiklubben Sleipner" (1912); article "Suære hop" (1912); article "Norge Skiklubs Rend" (1912); article "Skiforbundets Embedsmænd" (1912); article "Skirendet i hudfon" (1912); article "hop paa 151 fod" (1911); article "Skirend" (1912); article "Stiftevetnet i Duluth" (1912); article "Skisport" (1912); article "Skirend i Sfhpeming og Eau Claire" (1912); article "Skistævne ved Augustana College" (1912); article "Skiklub" (1912); article "Nationalrendet" (1910); article "Skirendet" (1910); article "Skiløberstæunet" (1914); article "Skirend" (1917); article "Skirend i Menomonie" (1917); article "Rekord for Skihop" (1916); article "Et 192-Fods Hop" (1916); article "Minneapolis Skiklub" (1910); article "Omtvedt Makes World Record Ski Jump of 192 Feet and 9 Inches" (1916); article "Metropolitan-Skimester-skapet i Norsemen Hill Søndag" published in the Nordisk Tidende Torsdag (1931); article "Tokle Soars With Perfect Form in Record Jump" (1942); article about John Narboe published in the Decorah-Posten (1965); article "Ragnar Omtvedt Elected Member of Hall of Fame" by John Ohs, published in Vinland (1967); article "Fra Morgedal til Oregon" published in the Western Viking (1988); program for the Historical Marker Dedication of Canton Ski Hill (1992); article "Jump, Girls - Jump!" published in the Norseman (2000); article "Jumping for Joy" by Heidi Pearson, publishing in Viking (2002); article "Another Ski Hero from Salt Lake City" published in the Norseman (2002); article "New Hampshire People Open Fight for 'Bing' Anderson in Canada" (1930); article "Holmenkollrendene fra 1883 til vore dager" (1929); article "Nordmanden som lærte amerikanerne at gaa paa ski" (1920); article "Former National Ski Officials in Reunion" (undated); article "Stars of National Ski Meet, No. 3: Oscar Gunderson" (1923); article "Skisporten i Staterne" (1921).

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| 1 | 11 | Periodicals, 1931-1939
Includes copy of "Ski News" published by the National Ski Association of America (March 1931); copies of "The Central Ski Sport", December 14th, 1937 - December 19th, 1939. |
| 1 | 12 | Periodicals, 1940-1941
Copies of periodical "The Ski Bulletin" March 22nd, 1940 - January 31st, 1941. |

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| 1 | 13 | <p>National Ski Association of America`minutes and programs, 1930-1934
Includes the National Ski Association of America, Inc. Year Book, 1930 - 1931; copy of "The Skisport: The Eighth Annual Publication of the National Ski Association of America" (1911-1912); minutes, membership lists, bulletins, and reports of the National Ski Association of America (1930-1934).</p> |
| 1 | 14 | <p>National Ski Hall of Fame, 1956-1997
Includes membership roster of the National Ski Hall of Fame, 1956 - 1969; invitation to the Ski Hall of Fame Banquet to honor the 1997 inductees to the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame; pamphlet from the National Ski Hall of Fame in Ishpeming, Michigan (undated); biographical info compiled about Jacob Vaage by Bill Berry (undated); card of Burton H. Boyum, the National Ski Hall of Fame President.</p> |
| 1 | 15 | <p>Winter Sports, 1991-1996
Includes pamphlet "Midwest Skier", published by the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (1996); copies of Ski Racing, the International Journal of Ski and Snowboard Competition, January 26th, 1996 - February 16th, 1996; article "History shows the great changes in Skiing" by James Gray, published in the Otter Trail Record (1991); pamphlet for Spidahl Ski Gard (undated); article "Spidahls continue family tradition" by Richard Hensley, published in the Fergus Falls Daily Journal (1996); article "Silent Slide" published in the Fergus Falls Daily Journal (1996); article "Snowshoe Thompson" by Will Hart (undated); "1996 Junior Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined" published by the United States Ski Association; "USSA Central Division Junior Ski Jumping, 1993-4" published by the United States Ski Association; article "Telemark Ski Club Turns Sixty" published in the Norway Times (1996); article "Skiing and the Creation of a Norwegian Identity" by Odd Mølster, published in News of Norway (1996); list of USSA Central Division Ski Jumping/Nordic Combined Ski Clubs (1995 - 1996); article "Veteran Ski Jumper Still Gets His Thrills On a Hill" published in the St. Paul Pioneer Press (1996); U.S. Ski Association Ski Club List.</p> |
| 1 | 16 | <p>Press Kit for the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame and Museum, undated</p> |
| 1 | 17 | <p>Auberry Ski Club, 1930-1985
Includes a fact sheet about the Western Skisport Museum (1995); article "Snow-Shoeing...to Skisport: 80 Winters in the Silvery Snows of the Golden State, 1850 - 1930" by Bill Berry (1930); packet of articles regarding "Snow-Shoe Thompson"; "The Man From Silver Mountain" and "A Silver Link", both excerpts from the</p> |

- book 'Lost Sierra, Gold, Ghosts & Skis' by William Berry, published by the Western Skisport Museum (1992).
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| 1 | 18 | <p>Twin Cities Ski Clubs, 1985-1996</p> <p>Includes "On Wings of Wood: A Summary of the First 100 Years of the St. Paul Ski Club" by Tom Harrington and Wally Wakefield, published by the St. Paul Ski Club (1985); copy of 'Nordic Notes', the newsletter for the Minneapolis Ski Club (February-March 1996); pamphlet advertising the Nordic Minneapolis Ski Club (undated); flyer for the Junior Awards Banquet, Jumping and Nordic Combined, sponsored by the Minneapolis Ski Club (1996); article "Ski Jumping in Minnesota" published by the Minneapolis Ski Club (undated); record of the St. Paul Ski Club Junior Central Ski Jumping Tournament (1996); list of Minnesota Olympians, Ski Jumping/Nordic Combined (undated).</p> |
| 1 | 19 | <p>Eau Claire Ski Club, 1980-1995</p> <p>Includes program for the Ski Jumping Tournament in Eau Claire (1980, 1987, 1992); buttons from the Eau Claire Ski Club; program "27 Years of Ski Jumping at Silver Mine Hill" (1996); program "The Silvermine Invitational: 26 Years of Ski Jumping at Silver Mine Hill" (1995); program for the USSA Central Division Junior Ski Jumping Competition (1993-94); 2 copies of article "Spotlight on Eau Claire" (undated).</p> |
| 1 | 20 | <p>Snowflake Ski Club, Westby, Wisconsin, 1986-1987</p> <p>Includes "The Design of Ski Jumping Hills" published by the USSA Ski Jump Engineering Committee (1996); article "Ski Jumping Injuries" by Phillips T. Bland, published in 'The Physician and Sportsmedicine' (1975); pamphlet "Snowflake" (1986, 1987); information about the Snowflake Ski Jumping Club in Westby, Wisconsin.</p> |
| 1 | 21 | <p>Olav Pedersen, 1983-1996</p> <p>Includes article "A Groomed Trail Runs Through It" published in the Sunday Summit Daily News (1993); article "Olav Pedersen takes 1st in Nationals" published in the Quandary Times (1988); "A Matter of Trust and Fate" by Olav Pedersen; article "Man bak Ski for Light inspirert av Riddarrennet" published in the Western Viking (1983); article "Knute Rockne bør f eigen park p Voss!" (undated); questionnaire filled out by Olav Pedersen regarding his Norwegian heritage (undated); resume of Olav Pedersen (1983); article "Ski for Light more than just skiing" published in the Summit County Journal (1985); copy of Breckenridge Magazine (vol. 5 no. 2, Winter 1996).</p> |
| 1 | 22 | <p>Sondre Norheim, 1925-1981</p> |

		Includes article "Glimt fra Morgedal - skisportens vugge" by Per I. Eriksbakken (1966); article "Skimester hædret" (1925); article "Hvor Norge og Sondre Norheim hedres" by Ragnhild Hagen, published in Nordmanns-Forbundet (1981); photograph of Sondre Norheim, the "father of modern skiing" as well as a photograph of the memorial plaque on his grave; article "Sondre Norheim, Skisportens Far" by Sigvald Stoylen (1966); article "Ski-sportens store pioner var tele-markingen Sondre Norheim, en fattig husmann som utvandret til N. Dakota" by Jakob Vaage, published in Nordisk Tidende Torsdag (1966); copied photos of Morgedal, the "home of the ski-sport", and photo of the memorial of Sondre Norheim; article "Sondre Norheim" (1952).
1	23	Program for Ski For Light 1983 at the Telemark Lodge in Wisconsin, 1983
2	1	Miscellaneous, 1913-2001 Includes article "Cross-Country Inns Are In", published in Time (1982); article "The Land of the Vikings -- A Peaceful Place" published in Nordisk Tidende (1983); article "Norge Ski Klubs årsfest ble holdt på lørdag" (1951); excerpt from chapter "The Engineers Organize" in 'Saga of Steel and Concrete' by Kenneth O. Bjork, published by NAHA (1947); article "Olav Hans Ulland 1910 - 2003"; article "There's Nothing That's New: Suttons Bay Men Recall 'Before Sugar Loaf'" published in the Leelanau County Times (1947); copied photo of the Ski Tournament at Islen (1912); article "Ski Tourney at Coleraine March" published in the Norwegian American (1913); article "Duluth is Chosen for the Next National Annual Ski Tournament" published in the Norwegian American (1914); article "Omtvedt Shatters World's Ski Record" published in the Norwegian American (1916); article "New Record by Haugen, Skier" (1916); article "Four of World's Records Broken" (1917); article "The Hemmestvedt Skiing Tradition Continues Today" by Frederick L. Johnson (undated); pamphlet "'Lake Placid Club, Winter 1930 - 1931" ; novel "The Tale of a Comet and Other Stories" by Helen M. White, published by the Minnesota Historical Society Press, St. Paul (1984); Utah Historical Quarterly, vol. 69 no. 4 (Fall 2001); 2 copies (one signed by the author) of 'The Flying Norseman: Carl Howelsen, 1877 - 1955' by Leif Hovelsen, published by the National Ski Hall of Fame Press (1983).