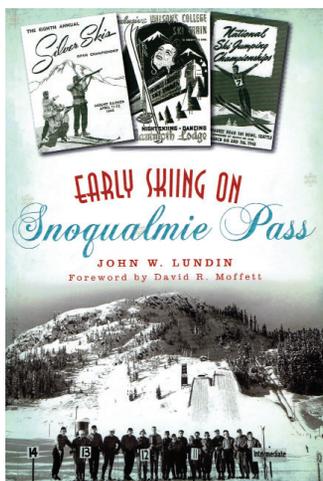


For the Skier's Bookshelf

ISHA Award-winning books explore early skiing at Snoqualmie Pass and the adventurous, enterprising life of Roland Palmedo.



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in 1936, and the Army troops that later coalesced into the 10th Mountain Division during World War II began their training here.

Immediately east of Seattle, Snoqualmie Pass in the Cascade Mountains was one of the epicenters. With ski trains followed by convenient road access, “The Pass” and its environs helped to launch the boom in Northwest skiing.

John Lundin’s book, *Early Skiing on Snoqualmie Pass*, chronicles the earliest ski jumping at Mt. Rainier, Cle Elum and Leavenworth as well as at the Pass; the beginnings of slalom racing in the region; the role of ski clubs; national competitions and Olympic trials; and the growth of lift-served skiing. His research is solid and his use of archival photos impressive, resulting in a well-illustrated history. The book is accessible to the non-historian, while being a genuine contribution to the scholarship of the sport. —*Dave Galvin (Sahalie Ski Club, Washington)*

Early Skiing on Snoqualmie Pass by John Lundin. Published by The History Press (2017). Hard- and softcover editions, 240 pages with many black-and-white illustrations. Available online from Amazon.com for \$28.97 (hardcover) /\$12.77 (paperback). All proceeds benefit the Washington State Ski and Snowboard Museum (wsssm.org).

EARLY SKIING ON SNOQUALMIE PASS

In the first half of the 20th century, the Pacific Northwest was a hotspot for skiing in North America. Credit the early Scandinavian immigrants—fishermen, miners, lumberjacks and dock workers—who settled in Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and many smaller burgs throughout the region and who brought a love of winter recreation with them. World-class ski jumping was a local specialty, as well as wild downhill races on Mt. Rainier. *SKI Magazine* was first published in Seattle

ROLAND PALMEDO: A LIFE OF ADVENTURE AND ENTERPRISE

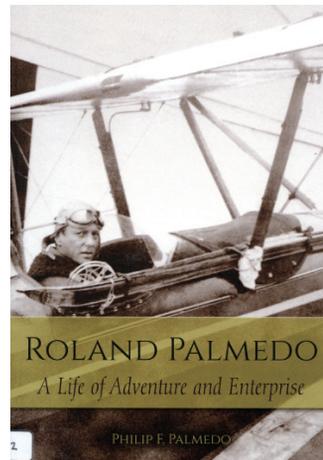
Adventure and enterprise are indeed the themes of Philip Palmedo’s book about his father Roland, born in Brooklyn in 1895: active and activist, promoter and overseer of adventurous projects, roughness tinged with aristocratic privilege. Skiing was at the center of his life—whether in the Americas, Europe, Morocco or Russia—yet his main interests were Stowe and Mad River Glen in Vermont.

Roland was a founder, promoter and chief fundraiser for the Mount Mansfield Lift Company, which installed the first chairlift at Stowe in 1940. Palmedo recounts his father’s role in this grand venture, and also explores the acrimony that developed with Sepp Ruschp, the Austrian head of the ski school. As Stowe became glitzy in the early 1940s, Roland founded a new area focused on a purer form of skiing: Mad River’s single chair was a delight, “serene, serious and stoic,” and so it remains to this day.

During these endeavors, Roland edited the most important ski book of the 1930s, *Skiing: The International Sport*. He had a hand in the founding of the National Ski Patrol, in the promotion of giant slalom, the sending of U.S. women’s teams to Europe in 1935 and to the Winter Olympics in 1936, and in the creation of various ski organizations both at home and in South America.

From a personal and historical perch, Philip Palmedo has analyzed his father’s contributions, along with his many sporting and philosophical interests that have made skiing such a splendid sport. This is a most valuable historical contribution. —*E. John B. Allen* 🐿

Roland Palmedo: A Life of Adventure and Enterprise by Philip F. Palmedo. Published by Peter E. Randall (2018). Available from Enfield Publishing (www.enfelddistribution.com); \$21 plus shipping



In a book both personal and historical, Roland Palmedo’s son analyzes his father’s contributions to the sport.