



Anne Heggveit (- Hamilton), C.M.

Inducted CSHF: 1982

Hometown: Ottawa, ON / Vermont, USA

Date of Birth: January 11, 1939

Affiliated Discipline(s): Alpine, Slalom, Giant Slalom, Downhill

Active Career Date(s): 1948-1962

FIS Code: -10988

Club: Ottawa Ski Club

Anne Heggveit first stepped into a pair of skis at the age of 2 and won her first race at the age of 7 when she won the Ladies Senior Slalom and Combined events at Wakefield, Quebec on 6 January 1947. In the same year and in 1948 and '49, she acted as a forerunner for the Ladies' International Downhill and Slalom events at Lake Placid, New York State. Short one of ten people required for the Canadian National team, she was invited to join the team at the age of 9, an extraordinary experience for one so young.

In 1960, she also became the first Canadian to win a Gold Medal in Slalom at the 8th Olympic Winter Games held at Squaw Valley, California, USA. At the same time, she also won the Federation Internationale de Ski (FIS) Gold Medal for Slalom as well an FIS Gold Medal for the Alpine Combined events (a 12th place in Downhill and 12th place in Giant Slalom). This was another milestone for women's skiing in Canada as she was the first non-European to win an FIS Gold Medal for World Alpine Combined and the Arlberg Kandahar. In winning the Olympic Slalom event, she had the largest winning margin ever recorded in women's Olympic or World Slalom competition, 3.3 seconds over the Silver Medal winner (Betsy Snite, USA) and a full 7 seconds over the Bronze Medallist (Barbi Henneberger, the top European).

Competitive career highlights

March 1948	2nd place finish in Ladies' Slalom at the Central Canadian Championships.
February 1949	1st place finish in the Junior Ladies' Slalom and Combined Championship at Huntsville, Ontario.
February 1951	1st place finish in the Ladies' Junior "C" Class in the Taschereau (Quebec) Downhill event.
February 1951	At the age of 12, she placed 6th in Downhill, 5th in Slalom and 6th in Combined at the United States National Championships.
January 1952	1st place finish in the Ladies' Junior Class "B" at the Taschereau (Quebec) Downhill event.
February 1952	1st place finish Ontario Ladies' Junior Downhill, Slalom and Combined events, Sudbury, Ontario.
February 1952	1st place finish Ottawa Ski Club Senior Ladies Downhill, Slalom and Combined events, Ottawa, Ontario at age 13.
February 1953	1st place finish Ladies Junior "B" Combined event, Lac Beauport, Quebec.
March 1953	1st place finish Canadian Junior Downhill, Slalom and Combined titles, Fort William, Ontario.
March 1953	As a Junior competitor, tied the winner of the Ladies' Senior Class "A" in a combined Slalom and Giant Slalom, St. Sauveur, Quebec.
1954	At 15 years of age after competing in a number of preliminary international races in Europe, Anne Heggveit astounded the ski world by winning the Giant Slalom race at the Holmenkollen meet in Norway. She went on to place 9th in Downhill, 7th in Slalom in the World Championships, Aare, Sweden, and at Garmisch Partenkirchen, Germany, she placed 17th in Downhill and 5th in Slalom.

- 1956 Competed with the Canadian National Women's Team at the Winter Olympic Games held at Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy placing 15th in the Combined and was still suffering from the effects of a broken leg suffered at Mont Tremblant, Quebec the previous January. A short while later, she was the top North American finisher at the Arlberg-Kandahar races, Sestrieres, Italy, when she placed 9th.
- 1958 3rd place finish Saalfelden (Austria) InternatioNal Giant Slalom.
8th place finish, Slalom event, FIS World Championships, Bad Gastein, Austria.
7th place finish, Downhill event, FIS World Championships, Bad Gastein, Austria.
15th place finish, Giant Slalom event, FIS World Championhips, Bad Gastein, Austria.
6th place finish. Alpine Combined events, FIS World Championships, Bad Gastein, Austria.
6th place finish, Arlberg-Kandahar Alpine Combined events, St. Anton, Austria.
4th place finish Downhill events, 3rd place Slalom, and 3rd place Alpine Combined, Holmenkollen, Norway.
- 1959 1st place finish in Slalom, 4th in Downhill, 1st in Alpine Combined, St. Moritz, Switzerland.
3rd place finish, Downhill, 2nd Clalom, 1st Alpine Combined, Arlberg-Kandahar, Garmisch Partenkirchen, Germany.
1st place finishes in Downhill and Slalom, Quebec-Kandahar, Mont Tremblant Quebec.
1st place finishes in Downhill and Slalom, Canadian National Championships, Mont Orford, Quebec.
- 1960 1st place finishes in Slalom and Giant Slalom events, United States National Championships, Alta, Utah.
1st place finishes in Slalom, Giant Slalom and Alpine Combined events, Roch Cup, Aspen, Colorado.
Lou Marsh Trophy as Canada's Outstanding Athlete.
- 1976 Named Member, Order of Canada (C.M.)