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The first giant slalom race in the United States was in Tuckerman's Ravine on April 4, 1937. Dick Durrance changed the course at

Rich History

N.H. the birthplace of American skiing - an unbroken lineage of Olympians

"Snow helps strip away the things that don't matter. It leaves us thinking of little else but the greatness of nature, the place of our souls within it, and

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Olympics in South Korea will
take place Friday evening—
and the drama begins! The
Winter Olympics are far more
exciting, because of the speed
and danger of winter sports
and also because the Winter
Games are staged on the cliffs
and palisades of the most
beautiful mountainsides on
earth.

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the birthplace and cradle of
American sking and boasts a
long connection to the Winter
Olympics. Every aspect of
American sking and soasts a
long and and the Granite State—in Berlin,
Sugar Hill and Hanover, home
of Dartmouth College—where
my father grew up immersed
in sking at a time when it was
just coming of age.

Dartmouth can boast a long,
unbroken lineage of Olympi-





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ans since John Carleton, '22, competed in cross-country in the first Winter Games in Chamonix, France, in 1924 – as "downhill" sking had not yet been invented.

I grew up with magical stories about the invention of the sport through my dad who ate, slept and breathed sking as he lived next door to, worshipped and skied with the two American-born Dartmouth Olympians who competed in the 1936 Winter Olympics in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany – Warren Chivers, Germany – Warren Chivers, '38 and Richard "Dick" Dur-rance, '39.

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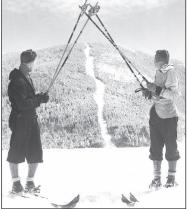


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The Richard Taft Racing Trail at Cannon Mountain – the first downhill skill trail in the country cut specifically for skiing. The first ski trails were treacherously narrow. The Taft became a favorite because of its width and pitch.

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