



## Jim Hunter

Inducted CSHF: 1987

Hometown: Shaunavon, Saskatchewan / Calgary, AB

Date of Birth: May 30, 1953

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

Active Career Date(s): 1970 - 1977

FIS Code: -10442

Club: Skimeisters of Calgary Ski Club

Jim Hunter, nicknamed by his teammates "Jungle Jim", was a member of the Canadian Men's Alpine Ski Team for 7-years, from April 1970 until April 1977. He earned a second nickname as the original "Crazy Canuck". His daring on the race course in Europe and North America set the style for the younger National Team downhill competitors who followed, the "Crazy Canucks", who became world celebrities between 1974 and 1984.

Although he never won a World Cup race, he placed among the top ten finishers on 17-occasions between 1972 and 1977, with 7-top ten finishes in Downhill and, to emphasize his versatility, 5-times in the Combined event. His best finish was a 3rd place finish in a Downhill event at Wengen, Switzerland, in 1976. In 1972, he became the first Canadian male skier to win a World Championship Bronze medal when he won a Federation Internationale de Ski (FIS) Medal in Combined events (Downhill, Giant Slalom and Slalom) at Sapporo, Japan.

He represented Canada at two Winter Olympic Games, in Sapporo, Japan in 1972 and Innsbruck, Austria, in 1976.

### Competition highlights

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| 1971 | 1st place finish, Giant Slalom event, Canadian National Championships, Whistler Mountain, British Columbia |
|      | 3rd place finish, Giant Slalom event, Roch Cup, United States National Competition                         |
|      | 9th place finish, Downhill event, World Cup competition, St Moritz, Switzerland                            |
| 1972 | 3rd place finish, Bronze Medal winner, Combined events, Winter Olympic Games, Sapporo, Japan               |
|      | 4th place finish, Giant Slalom event, World Cup competition, Val d'Isere, France.                          |
| 1973 | 4th place finish, Giant Slalom event, World Cup competition, Val d'Isere, France                           |
|      | 8th place finish, Downhill event, World Cup competition, Zell am See, Austria                              |
| 1974 | 9th place finish, Giant Slalom event, World Cup competition, Madonna di Campiglio, Italy                   |
|      | 4th place finish, Downhill event, World Cup competition, Schladming, Austria                               |

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*Please Note: The ski information gathered here is compiled from a number of sources; it may not be inclusive of all accomplishments.*

- 1975      7th place finish, Combine events, World Cup competition, Kitzbuhel, Austria  
 5th place finish, Combined events, World Cup competition, Megeve, France  
 9th place finish, Downhill event, World Cup competition, Val d'Isere, France
- 1976      8th place finish, Combined events, Winter Olympic Games, Innsbruck, Austria  
 3rd place finish, Downhill event, World Cup competition, Wengen, Switzerland  
 6th place finish, Downhill event, World Cup competition, Wengen Switzerland  
 5th place finish, Combined events, World Cup competition, Wengen, Switzerland  
 2nd place finish, Combined events, World Cup competition, Kitzbuhel, Austria  
 7th place finish, Down hill event, World Cup Competition, Kitzbuhel, Austria  
 9th place finish, Giant Slalom event, World Cup competition, Mont Ste-Anne, Quebec  
 3rd place finish, Dual Slalom event, Mont Ste-Anne, Quebec  
 1st place, Giant Slalom event, Shell Cup Canadian National Championships, Bromont  
 Quebec  
 1st place, Slalom event, Shell Cup Canadian National Championships, Bromont, Quebec  
 1st place, Combined events, Shell Cup Canadian National Championships, Bromont,  
 Quebec
- 1977      1st place finish, Giant Slalom event, Shell Cup Canadian National Championships, Mont  
 Ste-Anne, Quebec  
 2nd place finish, Slalom event, Shell Cup Canadian National Championships, Mont Ste-  
 Anne, Quebec  
 1st place finish, Combined events, Shell Cup Canadian National Championships, Mont  
 Ste-Marie, Quebec
- On June 18, 1977 he received the John Semmelink Memorial Award, presented by the  
 Canadian Ski Association, for a level of sportsmanship, conduct and ability that best  
 represents Canada in international competition.