

## Harry Wareham

Harry Wareham is a 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division veteran who taught his comrades to ski in Colorado, fought bravely in Italy, and came home to serve the skiing public.

Born in Syracuse, New York, Harry was on toe-strap skis at age eight. At 16 he was winning downhill and cross country races in high school. He may have been less proficient in the classroom; he says “It took me three years to pass two years of German from a very pretty Frau Kelly.”



Harry’s education at Syracuse University was service interrupted. He joined the 10<sup>th</sup> at Camp Hale where he became a ski and rock-climbing instructor. A broken ankle sidelined him for a while, but he didn’t miss the boat to Italy.

In March of 1945 his patrol ran into a machine gun nest. Harry was shot in the right knee; his leg was broken, but he kept firing and with his “great knowledge of German from Frau Kelly” he talked two young enemy soldiers into surrendering. They carried him back to his own lines.

Harry knew hospitals, from the first operation in a MASH tent to a general hospital in Naples and three hospitals back in the United States.

He returned to college, where he helped George Earl, another 10<sup>th</sup> veteran, teach skiing in a school that at the time was larger than the one at Stowe.

After graduation Harry held management positions in industrial marketing, but was very active in the ski industry. He was a patrol leader and instructor at Chadd’s Peak, near his West Chester home. For 20 years he was a part-time salesman in Wilburger’s Bryn Mawr ski shop and later worked at Buckman’s for several years.

Harry Wareham no longer skis. With one knee already replaced and the other a candidate for the same procedure, Harry is content to ski vicariously and remember all the happy moments on the slopes.