



WESLEY K. NEUSTEL

When WWII broke out, Wes Neustel was 20 years old and already a notable young ski jumper in the Duluth, MN Ski Club. He had competed in most of the Midwest ski meets and always a contender that placed close to the top in his class. The war brought a halt to the big ski meets for a few years.

He spent many hours on the ski jumps at Chester Bowl and Fond de Lac carrying snow up the slide and later grooming the slope to perfection. He helped many a young skier out on these hills.

1947 Qualified to compete in the National meet at Ishpeming, MI and then on to Iron Mountain, MN

1949 Married and had a chance to buy into a ski shop in Duluth, MN where he helped fit many youth with proper skis for jumping, slalom and cross country. He offered help to the “Rabbit Ears” program plus gave discounts, gave out trophies and medals and bought helmets for many to keep the sport growing.

As he aged, he moved on to downhill skiing at Spirit Mountain in Duluth, MN and vacations to Montana and Colorado. He was severely injured on the hill by another skier but has recovered and is back on his skis at 90.