



BEN A RASMUSSEN

- 1895 Born November 19th in Brandon, MN
- 1901 Moved to Duluth, MN and lived near Chester Bowl Park
- 1914 According to the Duluth Minnesota Evening Herald newspaper, Ben was considered an amateur jumper.
- 1916 Following graduation from Duluth Central High School, he enlisted in the US Navy
- 1922 Ben was elected as the first President of the newly formed Duluth Ski Club. He placed sixth in Class "B" of the National Ski Jumping tournament.
- 1923 He won the Duluth City Ski Jumping Championships and placed fifth in Class "A" in the Central Division Ski Jumping Championships held in Colerain, MN. Rasmussen was asked to attend the US Olympic tryouts for the 1924 Olympics. He declined the invitation because he was the sole support of his parents.
- 1924 Elected to serve as Vice President of the Central US Ski Association
- 1925 Rasmussen along with Thor Segium designed the first "steel" ski jumping hill.
- 1926 Big Chester Ski Jumping Hill was dedicated on January 17th. As president of the Duluth Ski Club, Rasmussen was chosen to be the first person to go off the slide. On his third ride from the slide he fell and broke his nose. Ben was elected to be President of the National Ski Association.
- 1936 On five different occasions Rasmussen was elected to be President of the Duluth Ski Club and remained in this role through 1936. Years to follow he continued to hold other offices while being a booster of the club.
- 1978 Ben passed away on March 16th. He was a hard working ski club supporter and was a judge at many tournaments during his lifetime.