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 help 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.