



## **DONALD “DON” WEST**

**Don West has a love for ski jumping that is on-going even though his active skiing has come to an end. He has been contributing to ski jumping in so many ways, other than just going down the tracks.**

**He jumped for about 65 years, 44 years in the east. His first jump was at age 8 in Madison, WI.**

**Don cycled through Blackhawk in Madison, WI from very young to age 27, then BOC for about 7 years, then Lake Placid, NY.**

**In his seventies, he was still jumping in the Master’s class. In 1971, his first year as a Master’s jumper, he took seven straight wins at Bear Mt. NY and in the National Championships in Durango, CO.**

**His last jump was at age 73 in 2011.**

**It’s amazing watching Don over the years jump on big hills and doing it with such ease and confidence. At times and unable to do much training before big events, he is at the top with the bib on ready to do his best. He has a nickname of Ichiban, which means Number One in Japanese. He will always be Number One to many people.**

**As a resident of Plattsburgh, NY, Don is a retired college professor.**

**He created, and has faithfully maintained, the Eastern Division website, [www.skijumpeast.com](http://www.skijumpeast.com), which has comprehensive info about the Masters classes, here in the US and worldwide.**

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