



## **RON BUCKLI**

**Ron Buckli is a life-long resident of Eau Claire, WI. He attended and graduated from Eau Claire High School followed by graduation from Eau Claire State College.**

**Ron's major contribution to the ski jumping sport comes in the form of his professional life as a sports writer for the Eau Claire Leader Telegram newspaper.**

**Buckli, though semi-retired for the past several years, continues to cover ski jumping for the paper. He has devoted much of his 60-plus years of journalism expertise to the support of the sport of ski jumping.**

**During his tenure as a journalist, he has attended countless tournaments in and around Eau Claire. He has covered major tournaments of such venues as Ishpeming, Iron Mountain and Ironwood, MI; Duluth, MN; Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada; Lake Placid, NY; and Westby and Madison, WI.**

**His talents and expertise in the sport of ski jumping were recognized when he was selected and served as Assistant Chief of Press at the 1980 Olympic Winter Games held in Lake Placid, NY. He was again called upon when he was selected to serve in a similar role during the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, UT. He found it necessary to withdraw his name from consideration.**

**Ron wrote a book titled "The Flying Eagles and the School Yard Jump". The book chronicles the history of the famed Eau Claire Flying Eagles Ski Club from 1886 to present. He is currently involved in a similar project to depict the history of the Eau Claire Ski Club.**

**He has served on two occasions as President of the Wisconsin Associated Press Editors Association.**

**He is a member of the Wisconsin Hall of Fame in Amateur Softball, Baseball Coaches Association, Indianhead Track Club, and the Eau Claire Ski Club Hall of Fame. All around athlete... you betcha!**