



## **CLARENCE HEDLOFF**

**Commonly called “Soapy”, he was a life-long member of the Ely Ski Club. He started jumping at an early age but his biggest impact was in his later years as a Central Division Judge, and even more so as the Central Division Junior Jumping Chairman.**

**In the early 1960’s, Soapy was an integral part of the move and construction of the jumps (15, 30 and 45 meter) at Hidden Valley. He also was a part of the team that brought the new 60-meter slide to town in 1983. It was sold for \$1.00 sometime in 2003 and has a new home with the Norge Ski Club in Fox River Grove, near Chicago, IL.**

**Through his efforts and coordination, the Junior Team from the Central Division was always a force to contend with. At least three Junior National Champions were named during his direction, support and guidance: Bob Banovetz in 1961, Robert (Butch) Hedloff in 1963, Mike Williams in the late 1970’s; and Olympian Jim Grahek in 1980.**

**He passed away December 25, 1995.**