



WILLIAM “BILL” MAHRE

Began ski jumping in 1950 and joined the St Paul Ski Club in 1957. Wally Wakefield, a good friend was quoted after Bill’s death, “He was never more than a mediocre ski jumper, but he became much more than most St Paul Ski Club members have ever become.” He served as a member of the Board of Directors until his death in 2015. Bill was President of the St Paul Ski Club for three terms: 1974, 1975, and 1976 and co-chaired the Club’s bingo operations for 15 years resulting in the ski club becoming financially independent and to have the ability to provide outstanding Nordic facilities at their current ski jumping site in Maplewood, MN. He along with John Lyons were the first inductees into the St Paul Ski Club Hall of Fame. He was a distinguished representation of the St Paul Ski Club to the sport of ski jumping on a local, national and international level throughout the tenure of his membership.

Bill served 11 years as Secretary/Treasurer and 3 years as Chairman for the USSA Central Division Ski Jumping Committee. He also served as a Central Division Representation on the National Ski Jumping Committee with three years as Chairman.

From 1973 through 1988, Bill was a Ski Jumping Delegate on the USSA Olympic Committee. For the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid, NY, he was Chief of Start for the ski jumping events. He spent much time attending numerous National USSA Annual Meetings from Lake Placid, NY to Sun Valley, ID to Snowmass, CO to New Orleans, LA.

To help bring a world class ski jumping venue to Minneapolis, MN, he was very active in the development of the Minnesota Holmenkollen Project and actively served as a member of the American Ski Jumping Hall of Fame Selection Committee.