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Fred Bruun
Born: 1894 Died: ?

Fred Bruun became a member of the Norge Ski Club in 1912. He competed as a Class "A" jumper from 1913 to 1928.

Fred Bruun was a charter member of the CUSSA Ski Officials Association and served as its president for the first ten years of its existence. He represented the Norge Ski Club as a CUSSA convention delegate twenty-five times and had a long record of attendance at NSA conventions. Bruun was an outstanding ski jumping competitor, who, upon retirement continued his interest and work on the club, divisional, and national level. Fred continued in service as a ski official for over forty years.

Bruun was co-founder and most enthusiastic advocate of a ski judges' association, on the order of the Norwegian Ski Judges' Association, with which he was familiar.

Fred Bruun was chosen as the FIRST president of the FIRST ski judges' association in the United States. This association not only opened the door to the best of skiing and improved performances by the skiers, but for the first time in its history it enabled the National Ski Association of America to have its judges approved and accepted for

service in big international meets in Europe, including the Holmenkollen.

Fred moved into his officiating role following a lengthy competitive career. He joined the Norge Ski Club in 1913 and competed for 16 years, first as a professional and later as a Class "A" amateur. In 1915, he starred at Howelsen Hill in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, placing second behind Ragnar Omtvedt with Howlsen third.

His biggest success besides two first prizes on the famous Norge Hill at Chicago was at Minneapolis, Minnesota, where in 1922, with all the best skiers participating, he captured second prize after Omtvedt with Lemoyne Batson third. Bruun climaxed his jumping career six years later by winning first place at Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, and then retiring to judge the national tournament which followed in Red Wing, Minnesota. Fred, by this time, already had served one term as president of the Norge Club, this in 1925, and was elected six more times, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1937, 1938 and 1939-the record to date.

However, Fred Bruun's high degree of ski business efficiency probably left its greatest mark on the Central United States Ski Judges' Association, which he served as president for ten years. From annual get-together sessions came constructive programs outlined by President Bruun. These included a system of trial judging for testing the qualifications of applicants for membership. As a result, the association soon could boast a staff of accredited judges qualified for national and international tournaments. Similar judges' associations followed in other divisions in later years. Thus, Fred Bruun became numbered among the NSA's top competitors and top ski judges.

Fred Bruun was elected to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1970.

