

BERT SCHWARTZ



More than 5 decades of dedication to Pennsylvania skiing and skiers has seen Bert Schwartz wear many hats. From his total commitment in leadership of the Pennsylvania Ski Federation and the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council to an untiring involvement as coach and mentor to Special Olympics Snow Sports programs, Bert was a commanding figure.

As Vice President of the Pennsylvania Ski Federation he guided the dedication of Jane's Lane at Jack Frost Ski Area and in the mid-seventies he rose to the presidency of the Federation. Simultaneously, Bert had a vision for the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council which would strengthen the role of ski clubbing and coordinate its travel, racing and social programming. He served on the Council Board of Directors and became President from 1985 to 1987. Bert knew the clubs well, having belonged to three over the years, starting with The Jersey Skitters, moving to Wissahickon and finally to Bucks County.



Bert also played a pivotal role with the Special Olympics organization as a ski instructor for the Montgomery County program and as part of the evaluation team for the State games held at Villanova in the fall and the summer program at State College. He proudly served as state director of Alpine Skiing for Pennsylvania Special Olympics. Bert continued as the Montgomery County Alpine Ski Director until retiring at the end of the 2010 season. His leadership in this vital program brought repeated praise for his work and his enthusiasm.

But in Bert's mind, there was more to be done. Preservation of skiing history and heritage sparked his interest in the establishment of our Pennsylvania SnowSports Museum where he served on the founding Board of Directors.

Bert, sadly passed away in June of last year. The memory of his contributions will be preserved with his induction into the Pennsylvania Snow Sports Museum Hall of Fame - Class of 2017.



Jane's Lane Jack Frost



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