

Mike Partin

Mike could fit in all three of the categories, Pioneer, Skier, Judge/Driver. He began skiing at an early age .

He as a pioneer along with his friend Bruce Jones and brothers Al and Bob started the Pembroke Water Ski Club. He served as Co-President and Vice President with Bruce over the lifetime of the active club. They also did water ski shows before they turned their interest into three event competition.

His first tournament was in Toana, Virginia which was hosted by The Colonial Water Ski Club. With wonderful people like Jerry Stansberry, Rick Stansberry, Curly Anderson and Charlie Brown. He became really involved in 3 event water ski tournaments after that first one and continued going to Picture Lake in Petersburg entering all events. Learning everything about 3 events skiing and the rules set by AWSA.

As a skier, he placed In Men I Jumps 3rd place, From that point the fire was lite for them to learn all they could. Mike and the Pembroke Club assisted in the 1973 Nationals at Picture Lake, in Petersburg Virginia.

He became a regular 3 event Boat Driver in 1975 and also an assistant 3 event Judge. Mike was one of the original 3 event boat drivers in North Carolina.

He was also a 3 event skier. His best performance was 3rd Overall in the NC State Championships. He was First in Men I Slalom, 2nd in Jumps @ 34mph and 4th in Tricks. His best performance was in Jumps 131 Feet @ 34 MPH on a 5 1/2 foot ramp. He held the State Record in Men I Jumps in 1976 with a recorded Jump of 121. His best slalom was 5 and 1/2 buoys at 22 off, with a trick score of 2500 points. These were great scores for the 70's and 80's.

Mike was North Carolina's Southern Regional Representative. By representing N.C. he was instrumental in helping Angier Ski Mites get the bid for the 1977 Southern Regional Championship.

As a driver and judge Mike was invited to drive and judge at most all N.C. Tournament in the 70's and 80's very early 90's.

He attended and competed in the Regionals in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and also in Miami, Florida . He helped with the Southern regionals in 1977 and the N.C. Championships even though he was in a leg cast due to a knee injury that entire summer. Get him in the boat and he would drive all day.

Mike got married in 1982 to Denise from Herford, N.C. They have one son Michael and he is married and lives in Greenville, N.C. Mike has worked for Hampton Farms (Peanuts) for almost 40 years. I feel he is a great candidate for the N.C. Water Ski Hall of Fame.