



# Hall of Fame

## Jerry Slater

Inducted: Nov 1, 2014

Jerry Slater was never a ski jumper, but has been involved with the St. Paul Ski Club for 20-plus years. A talented athlete, Jerry was a corner back for the University of Minnesota football team in 1971-72. He is also an avid cross country skier. It is through his interests in cross country skiing that he became involved in the St. Paul Ski Club.

On a trip to Thunder Bay, Ontario for a ski outing, the Slater family heard of a ski jumping tournament and decided to take it in.

Jerry explained, "While watching a ski jumping tournament in Thunder Bay we found ourselves surrounded by a group of people from the St. Paul Ski Club. Zach (son of the Slaters) expressed an interest in the sport. The next winter we came to the Christmas training camp."

From that beginning, he has remained with the St. Paul Ski Club. His influence and expertise in many aspects of the operation are highly valued.

With the 2008 retirement of long-time financial secretary Bill Ryan of the St. Paul Educational Foundation, Slater stepped in to serve in the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

Jerry is a football coach of area high school teams and is currently serving as cross country ski coach at Mounds Park Academy High School. When he began at the position of cross country ski coach, he explained, "I told the athletic director two things. When someone better comes along, I will go away and part with us still being friends. I also said, before I leave I will work toward building a better program and I am still building that." His longevity with the St. Paul Ski Club echos the same philosophy he has adapted to his coaching of youth.

As a result of his leadership and expertise, the St. Paul Ski Club, and the sport of ski jumping as a whole, are much better off. Jerry Slater is a deserving recipient of induction into the St. Paul Ski Club Hall of Fame.