

## Dr W L (Bill) Ball

Inducted CSHF: 1982  
Hometown: Ottawa, ON  
Date of Birth: 1908  
Date of Death: March 14, 1979  
Affiliated Discipline(s): Alpine, Builder  
Active Career Date(s): 1932 - 1979  
FIS Code: n/a  
Club: McGill Ski Team, Red Birds Ski Club

Martin Cleary writing in the Ottawa Citizen, Thursday, March 22, 1979 commented that Dr Bill Ball was "...the total skier - alpine, cross-country, jumping, author (on skiing), innovator and executive - and was often referred to as the Herman Jackrabbit Smith-Johannsen of alpine skiing".

- 1932      Alternate member on the Canadian Olympic Team at the Winter Games held at Lake Placid, N.Y., U.S.A.
- 1936      Member of the Canadian Olympic Team at the Winter Games held at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.
- 1936      Honorary Coach, McGill University ski teams.
- 1937      Chairman, Canadian Amateur Ski Association's Ski Instruction Committee.
- 1937      Chairman, Canadian Ski School Committee.
- 1939      Contributor to the Canadian Ski Manual, the first ski instructors' manual published in Canada.

In the 1930s, he was arguably Canada's most proficient all-round skier, participating actively in both alpine and nordic events. In the ratings of the Laurentian Ski Zone, he was the only skier to be rated Class 1 in all four events - cross-country, jumping, downhill and slalom. Among his best showings were a 2nd place finish in the Canadian Nordic Combined, 2nd place in the Quebec Kandahar, 1st place in the Quebec Slalom Championship.

Bill Ball was the author of **I Skied The Thirties**, (Deneau Publishers & Company Ltd.)