

## Jimmy Wood

by Doug Kent

Secure at the age of 13 that he was going to train horses; he took his business degree from Ohio State University, moved to Cincinnati Ohio after serving in the Army in Korea and for 37 years lived out his dream. As Manager/Trainer at the a stable in southwest Ohio, he trained hunter/jumper horses, supervised a training staff of 6 riding instructors, purchased and sold many horses for customers and the stable, managed the day to day business operation of this 137 acre stable which cared for over 75 horses, and prepared and supervised 100's of Hunter/Jumper competitions for his students, including Madison Square Garden. He won many competitions, including the Open Jumper Stakes at the Ohio State Fair in 1966 on a horse named Applejack. A true animal lover he also managed a crow, a goat, many cats, many mice, Dalmatians, and a Great Dane called Dutch.

Along with his busy schedule he managed to prepare and run many Marathons, including Paris, London, New York, Washington D.C., and Chicago along with many local events. Before retiring he took up the sport of Windsurfing. A tennis player his whole life, he admits that his one true sports passion is skiing. He began in 1950, and has skied Vail Colorado every year since it opened in 1962, missing only two years, one to ski in Europe and one to have two heart valves replaced.

In 1993 he retired and moved to Fort Lauderdale with his partner of 18 years. He continues to play tennis, rides, attends a yoga class, works out at the gym, lounges at Haulover Beach every chance he gets, and skis every year. A volunteer at a local hospital for the past 15 years, he manages to keep quite busy with his life and his many friends in Prime Timers. He smiles as he admits that each year it gets a bit harder to stay so active. Who is this 5 foot 9 inch, 125 pound, busy, amazing, Prime Timer?

