



Hall of Fame

Paul Johnson

Inducted: October 18, 2015

Paul Johnson has enjoyed success with several Central Division ski clubs throughout his ski jumping career.

He first became involved with ski jumping as an eight year old skier with the Duluth Ski Club and was involved with programs headed up by the legendary Walter Mattson who worked with the Duluth Recreational Programs at Chester Bowl Park.

As a senior in high school Johnson moved to Ely, MN and became a member of the Ely Ski Club where he remained for one year before moving to Ispeming, MI.

He joined the Ispeming Ski Club and competed for them for one year, before moving back to Ely, MN, where he remained for 12 years.

As a member of the Ely Ski Club, Johnson was actively involved and was elected as secretary and remained for seven years before migrating once more — in 1988 — to the Twin Cities area of Minnesota.

Through the years he has enjoyed ski jumping success as a junior ski jumper and as a “B” Class ski jumping competitor.

As a junior competitor in the 1970’s with the Ely Ski Club, Johnson was selected and competed in the Junior National competitions.

Following his junior competitive years, Johnson moved into Central Division senior ski jumping competitions.

As a “B” Class competitor Johnson won competitions held from the Pine Mountain Ski Slide in Iron Mountain, Michigan.

Following his move to the Twin Cities area of Minnesota in 1988 to become a Green Superintendent at the prestigious Mendakota Country Club Golf Course, located in Mendota Heights, MN.

Johnson soon became an active member of the St. Paul Ski Club. During his tenure with our club his children Ryan and Ali became active competitors with the St. Paul Junior Ski Club and its subsequent programs. With the involvement of his children in these programs, Johnson became more and more dedicated to the St. Paul Club and its functions.

In the last 25 years, Johnson has become much more than a participating member of the St. Paul Ski Club.

He has been a Hill Captain for some 10 years and is a member of the St. Paul Educational Foundation.

As a hill captain Johnson has overseen the installment of a sprinkler system on the 46 meter Harrington Hill. He seldom has been absent from numerous work parties.

Johnson has maintained his dedication and commitment to the St. Paul Ski Club and because of his sincere efforts he has more than qualified to be named as a 2015 inductee into the St. Paul Ski Club Hall of Fame.