



Hall of Fame

John T Lyons

Inducted: 25 Sept 2010

John T Lyons has been a stalwart St. Paul Ski Club member since he was first introduced to the St. Paul Ski Club by his late father John R. Lyons.

It was inherent that Lyons become a ski jumper. Born the son of a famous ski jumper, he was “inducted” early into the St. Paul Ski Club. At near five years of age he had little to say contrary to falling in love with the sport of ski jumping.

John T. became a better than average ski jumper having captured a couple of J-2 and J-3 tournament titles. “I skied well and competed pretty much around the circuit. I was really competitive until a guy by the name of Kip Sundgaard came onto the scene.”

Lyons further explained, “It has been 20 years or so since my dad ‘dragged’ me out to the ski hill at Carver’s Lake. I haven’t been away since.”

Lyons continued to ski but soon dropped out of the competitive aspect of club activities. At that point he began to develop an interest in the inner workings of the St. Paul Ski Club. His interest became more and more focused on the junior club and its activities.

At a time when it appeared the club was in jeopardy of falling by the wayside, John Lyons — along with his brothers Pat and Scott — stepped into the leadership and kept the activities alive and prosperous. The St. Paul Junior Ski Club became what it is today under the guidance of the Lyons clan.

Along the way, John kept the family tradition alive, introducing daughter Taylor to ski jumping as a little girl, and she became one of the top female jumpers in the country before hanging up her skis to pursue her education several years ago.”

John continues to be an integral aspect of the success of the St. Paul Ski Club as it moves toward greater success in the years to come. The foundation which has been built under the leadership, foresight and guidance of John T. Lyons make him a worthy recipient for the honor of enshrinement into the St. Paul Ski Club Hall of Fame.