Hall of Fame

Tim Schwartz

Inducted: November 9, 2018

Although familiar with the St. Paul Ski Club since 1980, he did not get formally involved in the Ski Club until 2008. When downhill skiing, his son Blake would go straight down the hill, turning slowed him down. Tim thought ski jumping might be a good fit and got Blake, and himself, involved in the St. Paul Ski Club junior program.

Tim quickly became involved not only with working with the junior ski jumpers but also with the volunteer work so important to the success of the Ski Club. He spent countless hours snowmaking, grooming the hills, working at Friday night tournaments, removing buckthorn and helping wherever needed.

Tim has a good rapport with the kids and soon became more involved in coaching skiers and encouraging their progress. He knew all the kids in the program by name and demonstrated a personal interest in all of them and giving them positive feedback on their progress. Tim insured that skiers had the proper size skis, boots and correctly adjusted bindings.

He was President of the Ski Club for 5 years.   Tim was also appointed as a member of the St. Paul Educational Foundation Board of Directors where he provides valuable insight into the operation and needs of the Ski Club.

Highlights of some of Tim's noteworthy accomplishments include:

- Working on extending the 10- and 30-meter jumps to improve their ski ability.
- Helped with installing steel track on the 20-meter jump to enable summer training.
- Worked on the hills and coached on practice nights.
- Regularly judged the clubs Friday night tournaments. On occasion, he was pressed into service to announce a Friday night tournament.
- Developed a program to recruit new ski jumpers at the Washington County Fair and Woodbury Days. He spent many hours at those events and brought new skiers into the club.
- Tim spearheaded the construction of the **"Dave Edlund Memorial Shed"**. He worked on that project from September 15th to December 4th of 2012. Since Tim works for Cemstone Concrete, he saved thousands of dollars obtaining free concrete for the 22 footings required.
- He updated the water system in the basement of the chalet which is critical to snowmaking and providing sand free water for the chalet.

- Designed and built the **"Bill Mahre Memorial Rope Tow"** for the **"Wally Wakefield"** 10-meter ski jump. This is the hill on which the Ski Club develops new jumpers. With the rope tow, it will make it easier for the young skiers to take more practice jumps during a training session.
- He helped install our security system. It helped Tim apprehend 2 juveniles and he spent many hours managing their community service at the hill. One of the kids was looking up at a security camera as he broke the light at the front of the chalet. Tim spotted them later and got them together with their parents who willing agreed to the boys working around the club grounds rather than being reported to the police.