



Hall of Fame

Pat Lyons

Inducted: 25 Sept 2010

Pat Lyons was born into the St. Paul Ski Club with a rich heritage. Following in his dad's footsteps, it was inevitable that Pat would become a ski jumper. He was on jumping skis at the age of five.

That Lyons was unable to emulate the ski jumping exploits of his dad, did not deter him from taking to the sport and utilizing his talents in other areas of need.

Pat not only began to enrich the lives of his kids by purchasing a home that once was the property of the St. Paul Ski Club, he embraced the Club by surreptitiously adopting the entire properties of the Ski Club and the St. Paul Educational Foundation.

Lyons has become the "unofficial" caretaker of the entire area. He is the grass cutter. He patrols the grounds and the chalet.

As part of his self appointed duties, Pat Lyons maintains the facilities and repairs what needs to be repaired or replaces what needs to be replaced.

His diligence has carried over to his entire family. The needs of the snack counter, as well as the performance of the mundane duties necessary to supply the needs of the skiers and their families, are a part of his wife Patty and other members of the Lyons clan.

Kids and their families who have enjoyed the Carver's Lake facilities will attest to the efficient and friendly persons who have seen to their needs.

Pat wanted his name to read "Pat", not "Patrick" because then, "People won't know if it is me, or my wife Pat. She should be the one being inducted. She deserves it as much as anyone," he stated.

The "lost" ski jumping skills of Pat are being lived extrinsically through his son Johnny as he soars to new zeniths in the U.S., as well as gaining fame Internationally. The entire Lyons family is quick to take pride in Johnny's accomplishments.

Pat does many things, but perhaps his greatest asset is his ability to work with and assist kids. His friendly smile and his ability to "connect" with each and every person — whether they be three, four, or five years old, or fifty, sixty, or seventy years of age — has gained Lyons respect and admiration among his peers.

There is not a "kid" — not one — who doesn't know Pat by sight and name. He in turn, remembers them. More importantly, there is not a person — not one — who has not come to respect him as an individual and for the talents he displays supplying the needs of those people who enjoy the nordic training area of the St. Paul Ski Club.

As those who have preceded Pat Lyons into the St. Paul Ski Club Hall of Fame, the dedication they have displayed to the sport of ski jumping has become a way of life with Pat.

His induction is one that will be celebrated by many. His legacy of devotion to the sport will carry on for many years to come. Pat Lyons is truly one who deserves to become enshrined into the St. Paul Ski Club Hall of Fame.