

# PRESS RELEASE

# 36<sup>th</sup> TOAST TO WINTER! LAURENTIAN SKI MUSEUM HALL OF FAME

Mrs Lucile Wheeler, our Patron of Honour and the first inductee to the Laurentian Ski Museum Hall of Fame, cordially invites you to attend the Annual Hall of Fame Dinner of the Laurentian Ski Museum, presented by

Desjardins
Caisse de la Vallée des Pays-d'en-Haut
for the benefit of the Museum

ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 2019

At \*Sommet Saint-Sauveur

350, avenue Saint-Denis, Saint-Sauveur (Québec), J0R 1R3

COCKTAILS 5pm DINNER 6pm

PLEASE JOIN US TO WELCOME OUR 2019 INDUCTEES INTO THE LAURENTIAN SKI HALL OF FAME, WITH A *TOAST TO WINTER*:

# **Erik Guay**

Competitor, downhill skiing. This athlete from the Mont Tremblant region has been one of the greatest skiers in Canadian history. Super-G World Champion in 2017, his record in the World Cup includes 25 podiums and 5 victories. One of the great Canadian athletes from the Laurentians.

## **Serge Couture**

Builder, downhill skiing. Serge has had a long and important career in ski resort management. In the 1970's, he was one of the artisans behind the revival of Mont St-Sauveur (now Les Sommets) with the Hebert and Dufour families, just to name a few. A visionary, he bought in 1988 the Mont St-Bruno located in Montérégie and began a metamorphosis that would transform this small resort on the South Shore of Montreal specialised in the learning of skiing into one of the largest in Canada.

## **Beryl Puddifer**

Builder, alpine skiing. Originally from Great Britain, Beryl made an important contribution to the notoriety of the Laurentians and of the Mont Tremblant by creating Ski the Gap, a ski school for young British people who desired to become ski instructors during their pivotal year between high school and university. Created in 1994, Ski the Gap is still, to this day, home to dozens of young Britons who will eventually become great ambassadors around the world for the ski in the Laurentians and at Mont Tremblant.

# **Eddy Butler**

Builder, downhill skiing. This ski enthusiast has touched innumerable areas of skiing. He started as a patrolman at Mont Tremblant, he was one of the first Canadians to spend his summers in Chile to work in the biggest ski resort at the time. He eventually created "Les Importations Edger", a ski equipment distributor that helped many athletes in need of material support. For more than 10 years, he was president of the "Club de Ski Mont Tremblant", which became the most important competition club in the Laurentians.

#### **Marc Perreault**

Athlete, downhill skiing. A native of St-Jérôme, Marc Perreault had ski on his mind for all his life, first as a competitor and member of the Canadian Team in the early 70's and then as a freelance competitor in countless professional competitions and finally as an amateur at the Circuit des Maîtres until the age of sixty.

#### James Jackson

Builder, Nordic skiing. This resident of Morin Heights, an engineer by training, has dedicated most of his life to cross-country skiing, as a designer and manufacturer of skis for over 10 years at the Norski and Karhu companies. He also gave his time as a volunteer to supervise, design and develop the Morin Heights network of ski and snowshoe trails. This *Coureur de Bois*, in the Gold category of the Canadian Ski Marathon, will have dedicated countless hours to promote cross-country skiing in general and particularly in the Laurentians and the Morin-Heights regions.

## Association des Stations de ski du Québec

The Laurentian Ski Hall of Fame annual dinner will also honor the Association des Stations de ski du Québec (ASSQ), which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. The ski resorts of Quebec and especially the Laurentians are at the very heart of the history of skiing in the Laurentians, the cradle of skiing in Canada.

The Laurentian Ski Museum is a non-profit organization which offers a unique historical venue highlighting the central role the Laurentians played in the establishment of skiing in all of North America. The Museum will be open for visitors the day of the banquet between 11a.m. and 4p.m. at 30 rue Filion in Saint Sauveur, just behind the Church to the left.

Tickets are \$125 each and include a dinner, taxes and services, the Awards Ceremony, a tax deductible (60.00\$) contribution to the Museum and a Silent Auction. *Please find additional information on the attached reservation form.* 

# For information, please call Monday to Friday between 11am to 5pm:

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