



# LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION

*A Sno-Bee lifetime member is one who has been a continuous member for over 20 years and has distinguished themselves in furthering the cause of "the club".*

Nominee: Ronald Plante

Nomination submitted by: Greg Rouleau

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I feel Ron Plante meets the requirements of a Lifetime Sno-Bee's Member therefore I would like Ron to be awarded with a Sno-Bee Lifetime Membership. Ron was first active with The Club in the 1970's with his Dad and Brothers as a loyal snowmobile family to the Sno-Bees of Barre. Over the years Ron served in many capacities but his passion was always building better snowmobile trails for everyone to enjoy.

In the 1990's Ron took a leadership role by taking over the reigns as Trail Master. Ron soon began bringing on and developing future trail masters and trail work volunteers to our Club. Ron took tremendous pride in the quality of the trails and over time built a trail building team and soon the position of Trails Coordinator was created of which Ron was the perfect fit. Ron was very instrumental in the creation of "The Sno-Bee's Grooming Program" we know today. Ron was able to Take Back our Groomer and Grooming Operations from a private contractor and developed a systematic Grooming Program of our own. Ron also was instrumental with securing an awesome facility at which our NEW PROGRAM could operate from. That facility of course is The Bee-Hive where we all sit tonight and the grooming Program that Ron versioned and developed is alive and well today with many of the same people that Ron brought up through the years with his Strong Leadership. During this time Ron also took on the responsibilities of and held the position of Washington County Trails Coordinator. Ron was always looking out for the interests of all clubs in Washington County. Ron knew the strength and stability of our neighboring clubs was the key to the overall experience our membership would enjoy and would also help grow the sport of snowmobiling. Ron's approach to all trail projects, meetings and friendly gatherings was to create a fun and enjoyable atmosphere while

taking the trail building business very seriously and of course striving to have the very best trails possible for The Sno-Bees of Barre.

During Ron's years as the leader of The Sno-Bee's Trails Operations Ron's accomplishments were:

- Trails Master 1990-2005
- Always coordinated things closely with Sno-bee's officers
- Worked very closely with all VAST personnel
- Worked Closely with all Vermont State personnel and foresters
- Master landowner negotiator
- Oversaw delivery of the Tucker Cat Queen Bee 3 from the previous Grooming Contractor to our own facility
- Instrumental in the leasing of the New Sno-Bee facility "The Bee Hive"
- Oversaw delivery of Queen Bee 4 our Piston Bully PB200
- Developed and coordinated a grooming schedule with two groomers and qualified operators
- Developed and held the Sno-Bee Trails coordinator Position
- Oversaw the implementation of The Spruce Mountain Snowmobile Club Trails into Sno-Bee Trails
- Co-founded the ever-popular team building "Beer Can Olympics" ☺
- Developed the VAST Approve granite truck trailer bridge concept
- Conducted SEVERAL trails projects, relocations, and intense landowner negotiations such as:
  - Revamped the Mountain Trail to Groton
  - Washington Electric reroute trail with two bridges
  - Major bridge project at Champi's
  - Construction of the Dugout Bailey bridge
  - Conducted two Ice Storm cleanup projects in one year
  - Construction of the new Orange trail
  - Constructed a reroute trail two years in a row on the same property owners land at Gunner Brook
  - Constructed a third reroute at Gunner Brook avoiding a problematic landowner
  - Construction of the Plainfield Bypass trail
  - Many many other projects of different agendas and purposes
- Washington County Trails Coordinator
- Helped coordinate trails projects of other Clubs around the County
- Helped with the process of replacement of the Coburn Bridge in Plainfield
- Motivated and mentored other Clubs Trails Coordinators around the County

- And again, much more

In Closing Ronald Plante was a Passionate Trail Builder who left a lasting impression on our Sno-Bee Trails as well as everyone he came in contact with and worked with. I believe Ron is definitely worthy and deserving of a Sno-Bees of Barre Lifetime Membership.

Respectfully submitted,  
Greg A Rouleau