

National Life Member: Stu Jarvis – 2005 – LM 51
Ontario Division Life Member – 2006 – #2
Kawartha Zone Life Member – 1997 – #6

The Life Membership Award is the highest award available in the CSPS. It recognizes the important contributions made by a special member over a period of at least ten years. Life members are seen to be the "leaders" and "builders" of our organization.

A wise man and a very good friend of mine once enlightened me on the ways and wherefores of esprit de corps. He explained the importance of it in team building and turning around zones in need. One of his many ideas was to dress to the hilt so that people felt proud of themselves. So tonight you may notice that the Kawartha Zone patrollers are all dressed in Black Tuxedos in honour of a tradition started by this man.

Stu has been a member of the executive at the zone, division or national level for 20 of his 26 years that he has been a member of the CSPS. At each of these levels, he has been instrumental in promoting growth and he has left a legacy through the various projects he has spear headed. Stu's leadership in Kawartha Zone in the late 1980s and early 1990s, as an instructor, V.P. Operations, V.P. Finance and ultimately Zone President, brought a fragmented group of patrols into a cohesive organization that earned the National award for Outstanding Zone.

At the same time that he was zone president, he was also on the national committee that was responsible for the Ski Patrol's 50th anniversary celebrations in Ottawa in 1991. As a gift from Kawartha Zone, he had a CSPS flag specially designed and given to every Patrol in the country. Many of these flags are still flying outside Patrol rooms across Canada to this day.

As Kawartha Zone President, it was Stu that led the charge for the larger zones in the system to assist national with their summer cash flow problems by loaning national funds every spring. He has also been a driving force in the organization and management of the Kawartha Zone Ski Swap; one of the largest swaps held in the province of Ontario. The security manual he wrote for the swap is still in use. During the four years that he was V.P. of Operations for the Division, Ontario received the National Outstanding Division Award.

Later, as Division President for two years, his leadership qualities were very useful at a time that proved to be very challenging with many of the Ontario resorts, but he was able to hold the Division together and keep the resorts on side.

Nationally, this individual served as an elected member of the National Board of Directors in 1998 for one year. He also did an amazing job as part of the National Annual Conference Organizing Committee in Kingston in 1999. They managed to put the event together in only three months and then wrote a manual on how to run the conference that is still being used.

Remarkably, after working his way from the zone level up to national level, this very special person has come full circle and jumped right back into the zone management. He took on the job of Zone Ombudsman in 2000 and then assumed the position of V.P. of Operations from 2002 until 2004. Currently, he is the Zone Awards Chairman.

Ladies and gentleman, Stu Jarvis is an extraordinary person whose dedication to the aims and objectives of the system are rare. He has sustained such a high level of commitment and Contributed positive leadership for such a long time, that he has earned the special honour of joining the elite group of Life Members of the CSPS.

Kawartha Zone Life Member #6

The highest award that Kawartha Zone can give a member is a Kawartha Zone Life Membership Award. This award is very seldom given, in the 23-year history of the zone the award has only been given to five individuals.

This award is to recognize those individuals who have made a significant contribution to Kawartha Zone over a 15-year period and are still continuing to make a contribution to the zone. As if that is not enough the individual must also be making a significant contribution of their time and talents to the Canadian Ski Patrol System outside of Kawartha Zone for at least the last five years and must still be active at that level.

Stu Jarvis has fulfilled these criteria admirably and Kawartha Zone is both indebted and proud of his accomplishments both within the zone and outside of our zone.

Within the zone he is an instructor/examiner. He was very instrumental in setting up their Haliburton training center and was one of the instructors who went to Haliburton each year until that center had matured to the point where it had its own instructors. He was a member of the Kawartha Zone executive for over 10 years.

He has been a committee head many times at our Annual Ski Swap in Pickering and written a very comprehensive manual for handling one of the most critical areas of the swap.

In 1991, at the Systems 50th Birthday Celebrations, he was one of the National Committee members. He was also on the National Committee responsible for the 1992 Annual Conference in Mississauga. While he was zone president, he led the zone to new heights that were so outstanding that the National System presented him with the Outstanding Zone Award at the annual conference in 1993.

In 1993, after completing three years as our Kawartha Zone President he joined Ontario Division as Vice President of Operations where he was instrumental in moving the Division from being a group that quietly supported the zone in Ontario to being a leading force in the province. Much of the quiet diplomacy that was required to gain the agreement across Ontario to have the same course taught on the same nights for the same amount of time was the work of Kawartha Zones newest Life Member.

Today as well as remaining an Instructor/examiner and a Ski Swap committee head in Kawartha Zone he is also a member of the national executive and the Ontario Division President.