



# Hall of Fame

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## 2025 Lake Placid Hall of Fame Event

**LAKE PLACID, N.Y.** – The Lake Placid Hall of Fame Committee invites you to celebrate the new inductees to the Lake Placid Hall of Fame. The 42nd Annual Induction event will be held on Nov. 5, 2025, at the Olympic Center Roamer's Café.

The inductees for the 2025 class include Don McMullen, John Morgan, and Larry Stone.

The event scheduled for Nov. 5, 2025, will begin at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour in Roamer's Café and entry into the Lake Placid Olympic Museum. The induction ceremony will be in Roamer's Café at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and are available at the Olympic Center box office by calling (518-523-3330) through Tuesday, Nov. 4, or available online at <https://lakeplacidolympiccenter.com/event/lake-placid-hall-of-fame-induction/>

Since its founding in 1983, the Hall of Fame has honored over 130 distinguished individuals, including the 1948 U.S. four-man bobsled team and the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team. Each inductee is celebrated during a formal induction ceremony and awarded a commemorative plaque. Their achievements are permanently showcased through a digital kiosk proudly featured in the Hall of Fame, located in the Conference Center at the Olympic Center in Lake Placid.

**Don McMullen:** Don McMullen dedicated his life to teaching and inspiring young people through education and the outdoors. After earning his Teaching Certificate from the University at Albany, he taught in Long Lake and Merrick before beginning a 27-year career at Lake Placid Central School.

In 1973, Don married Gay Grote at Adirondack Community Church, and in 1978 they built their home on Adirondack Loj Road, where Don still lives today with his golden retriever, Baxter. Their son, Ian, was born in 1991 and soon became a dedicated member of the Lake Placid Outing Club (LPOC), an organization Don helped found.

The LPOC began in 1993 when Don organized a parent-led hiking program for sixth graders. The effort quickly expanded, welcoming siblings and friends, and by the late 1990s more than 100 students were participating annually—a tradition that continues today.

In the early 2000s, Don launched the club's "Super Trips," offering students free ski trips to the Alps and sailing and camping adventures in the Caribbean. Supported by state and federal

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grants, more than 80 students who pledged to remain drug- and alcohol-free took part in these once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

From the mid-1990s onward, Don personally led over 40 days of backcountry trips each year. Though now an “Armchair Guide,” he still contributes by helping with routes and sharing his expertise. Grateful for decades of adventures with local students, Don often reflects, “The mountains don’t owe me anything.”

**John Morgan:** John Morgan was born and raised in Saranac Lake, where his early exposure to bobsledding and the Winter Olympic Games through his parents sparked a lifelong passion. While in college, a class project led him to research the return of the Olympic Games to Lake Placid, deepening his appreciation for the community’s Olympic legacy.

After graduating, Morgan became a Tourism Assistant in Saranac Lake, where he helped create sports tourism events that highlighted the region’s natural assets. He co-founded the Can-Am Rugby Tournament in 1973, now celebrating over 50 years, and brought major competitions to the region, including the 1976 U.S. Olympic Road Cycling Trials and the 1978 USA National Hydroplane Championships.

When he did not make the 1980 U.S. Olympic bobsled team, Morgan quickly found a new path in the sport. Hired first as a researcher and then as a commentator for ABC Sports, he began a broadcast career that has spanned every Winter Olympic Games since 1984. Morgan has worked the last 11 Winter Olympic Games as the bobsled analyst for the American networks.

In addition to broadcasting, Morgan worked for the Olympic Regional Development Authority before founding JFM Sports Inc. in 1985. His company produced groundbreaking sports programming during the rise of cable television and, beginning in 1994, managed worldwide television production for International Bobsled and later International Luge.

Morgan was named an honorary member of the International Bobsled Federation in 2002 and was inducted into the USA Bobsled Hall of Fame in 2014.

**Larry Stone:** Born in Connecticut, Larry Stone grew up in the Litchfield Hills town of Salisbury, a hub for ski jumping thanks to its strong Norwegian community. Inspired by local Olympic ski jumper Roy Sherwood, Larry was introduced to Lake Placid at a young age, where he trained under Art Tokle and legendary coach Johnny Viscome. During this time, he began competing alongside Jay Rand Jr., a partnership that continues today as the two, along with Colin Delaney, coach the Lake Placid junior ski jumping program.

Larry attended Hotchkiss School and went on to ski competitively for Williams College. After graduation, he moved to Lake Placid, where he taught at Northwood School and coached ski jumping and cross-country skiing. In 1988, he became head of the NYSEF Ski Jumping/Nordic Combined program, later serving as a U.S. Ski Team coach through the 1990s. Olympic Champion Bill Demong emerged from this era, as did trailblazing ski jumper Lindsey Van. Larry played a pivotal role in advancing women’s ski jumping, leading the first U.S. Women’s Team at the 2009 World Championships in Liberec, where Van claimed gold, and coaching the first American women to participate in Ski Flying at Vikersund, Norway, in 2004.

Larry's contributions have been recognized with multiple national awards, including Ski Jumping/Nordic Combined Development Coach of the Year (2005, 2025) and International Jumping Coach of the Year (1991).

Now living in Jay, N.Y., Larry remains deeply involved in the sport. His passion for skiing continues through his daughters, Molly, a jumper, and Belle, an alpine racer.

To be considered for induction into the Lake Placid Hall of Fame, individuals should be past or current residents of the Olympic region or have some significant connection to the area.

Carefully selected by Hall of Fame Committee members, all nominees must have made significant sports, cultural, or civic contributions to the region, or their endeavors must have enhanced the area's historical heritage.

The 2025 Lake Placid Hall of Fame Committee includes Tom Broderick, Luke Hudak, Mike Butler, Denise Erenstone, Bill Hurley, Jay Rand, Doug Hoffman, Emily Kilburn-Politi, and Peter Roland.

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