

Jim McClure



Early in his snow sports career, Jim McClure was a motivating force in transforming Seven Springs Mountain from a “mom and pop” enterprise to the largest ski resort in Pennsylvania. As the Dupre would say, "to a world-famous resort". Jim had the distinction of being the first president outside of its founding Dupre family. He became the guiding force in the resort's trend setting creation of its major structures to compliment the mountain setting.

It was 1960 when Jim McClure Started his career at Seven Springs Mountain Resort as a part-time Laborer. He was still working on a degree in economics at St.Vincent College in nearby Latrobe.

Eight years later Jim emerged as the growing resort's Vice-President and General Manager.

By the 1970's, the Seven Springs skiing population was surging. Jim answered the exploding demand by boosting parking facilities by 20% and stretching the lodge from its 6,000 square feet to a spacious 43,000 square feet. The opening of the 18-hole golf course, the construction of Lake Tahoe for an expanded snowmaking system and construction of a 3,000-foot airport runway put Seven Springs on the path to its present day All-Season resort.

Growth continued. By 1973, under Jim's guidance the arc-shaped 10 story, fieldstone-faced hotel and convention hall opened with 418 guest rooms.

There was more to come. By 1979, lift capacity increased by 30%. A year later, Jim McClure oversaw the development of condominium and townhouse communities in the "Swiss-Mountain" and the "Villages" sections of the ever expanding property. Growth on the mountain for skiing and snowmaking kept pace. Three triple chairlifts and a quad added to the uphill capacity. Slope development included Giant Steps, Gunnar slope and Turtleneck trail, a learn-To-Ski area and the installation of the NASTAR race course which increased the skiable terrain to 500 acres.

In 1992, Jim McClure took the resort helm as President and later preserved Seven Springs from a sale to Western skiing interests.

Jim drew the curtain on an illustrious career in 2000 with a well earned retirement from Seven Springs Mountain Resort as Chairman & President.

