

# Lyndon Outing Club Snowmaking **update** 8/22/2022

The town of Lyndon owns Shonyo Park, and is operated by Lyndon Outing Club, which was established by volunteers in 1937. The opportunity now exists to transform the park through snowmaking, providing a projected and predictable 110 days of skiing a year. Our snowmaking plan can take us from being fully weather dependent, and struggling, into a dependable thriving winter community asset. We will be resource efficient with all snow gun covered areas skiable. Most ski areas have large non-skiing areas they must also cover with snow. Not so at Shonyo Park. From the time skiers unload at the top, until they arrive at the bottom to reload the lift, all snow gun covered areas are skiable. More energy savings will be realized due to reducing the need for regular travel to more distant ski areas as many users live near or attend schools within a 1 - 2 mile area. Riverside School, Lyndon Town School, Lyndon Institute and Northern Vermont University Lyndon are all within 2 miles, providing quick and efficient access to the public. Once the system is installed, it should be a 100% financially self-sustaining inclusive facility offering skiing and riding at affordable lift prices for everyone. The valuable lifts, lodge, buildings, trails and a group of volunteers are already in-place. The dependable snow we need can become our reality with your help!

## **Snowmaking as proposed would be a huge economical & educational driver for the area as it should:**

- Provide about 110 days of predicable skiing a year.
- Would help attract and retain valuable Lyndon Institute & St. Johnsbury Academy dormitory students. Dormitory students highly value skiing. In 2022, seven boarding students were LI ski team members.
- Would make affordable skiing/riding possible during the Christmas and other winter holidays from about 12/15 on each year.
- Would make scheduling regular events possible thru the winter season that require reliable snow.
- Bring people into the area to purchase other goods and services during winter months.
- Provide one more reason for students to attend the Lyndon campus of Northern University.
- Be an affordable place for families to do things together.
- Provide an after-school activity for children.
- Provide a venue for children to practice work ethics and learn self-esteem for self and others that is transferable to all parts of a successful and useful life!

The LOC Directors and the Snowmaking Committee are making great strides toward making snowmaking and a fully operational winter time Shonyo Park/ LOC a reality!

The full cost of the \$1.1 million dollar system due to volunteer contributions and creative equipment sourcing as proposed is \$870,000. To achieve this funding goal, some LOC Board Members and Snowmaking Committee Members are asking:

- 1) **The town to contribute 1/3 of this amount (\$290,000) from the 1.3 – 1.8 million of ARPA covid relief monies.**
- 2) **Volunteers to contribute 1/3 of the amount (\$290,000 in value) to build the pump house and some other components of the system.** Below are some of the very significant pledges of this type.
  - Pete Hopkins/Hopkins & Sons Concrete Products. 18 concrete formed snowgun tower base mounts.
  - Gary Burrington/Winterset Inc. has pledged to provide 462 LF of 6 inch diameter steel piping.
  - Jeff Cleveland and Caleb Temple have pledged to donate some needed "earth moving" to include in the future pond.
  - Elvin Switzer 20 x 30 foot pump house building slab foundation/footer. Josh McNally Masonry.

- Jeff Powers has pledged to donate painting services for the exterior and interior of pump house.
  - Alex Henderson/Sutton Electric has pledged to donate the electrical labor for the pump house.
  - New England Foam Insulation located in St. Johnsbury is considering donating some level of insulation for the pump house building, but cannot make a decision until the 20 x30' building design is finalized.
  - Dick Tomasco has agreed to donate his labor and expertise in the Mechanical/Building Interface.
  - Tim Ruggles, civil engineer, is already donating time and expertise to help settle the town water issue.
  - Many individuals have also pledged to provide labor where needed.
  - Pump house roof Eric McHugh/Burke Standing Seam & Justin & Baylow Ouilette/North Ridge Roofing
  - Radiantec heating system for pump house.
- 3) **Private individuals, companies, and organizations to contribute 1/3 or \$290,000.** The fund drive began on of 6/5/2022. **\$62,150 has been pledged so far.**

• David Williams \$1,000	• Chris Kathy Devereaux/Suton Fir \$1,000
• Mark Kwiecienski \$1,000	• Doug Graham \$1,000
• White Market/Brian & Cheryl Bona \$10,000	• . House of Pizza \$1,000
• John Holland \$2,500	• Janet Kwiecienski \$200
• Anonymous \$2,500	• Nicks Gas & Go/ Ronnie Leach \$500
• Mike & Cici Flynn \$2,500	• Village Sport \$1,000
• Mark Wheeler \$1,000	• Kim and Barret Adams \$100
• Sweet Lyndon Maple/David & Judy Allard \$250	• Lyndon Furniture/Brian Ball \$250
• Nick Guyer \$500	• Peter and Julie Murphy \$10,000
• Stephanie Wales \$100	• Lyndon Furniture \$1,000
• Sean and Danika Rolfe \$1,000	• Ron Guy & Family \$2,600
• Charles and Annie Santry & HKD family \$18,000 (to be made as credit on snowguns)	• A. Robert & Joanne Bertrand/Metric Wrench \$500
• Brad & Ashley Kelly \$50	• Art Charland \$100
• Valerie Wood and Timothy Meyer \$1,000	• Rocky's NY Style Hotdogs/ Ricky &Michelle Piluso \$500
• Adrinan & Candace Guyer \$250	• XIP Training \$250
• Patrick & Marybeth Anderson \$500	•

Currently, LOC is a 501-c4, but is in the process of trying to acquire 501-c3 status. LOC has also initiated VT act 250 approval for components of the snow system. Please join all of us who have enjoyed this unique place and consider making a pledge to this project. (504-c4 are non-profits – donations are not deductible. Donations to 501-c3 organizations are generally deductible for many).

#### Pledge Form

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Pledge Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Is 501-3c status for LOC a condition of your pledge?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pledges are due only if and when all 3 funding sources are first fully 100% committed and all approvals gained.** To learn more or if you have questions, please contact: David Williams 1-802-745-7115 or

Wendy Beattie: 1-802-626-9781 or email [board@skilyndon.com](mailto:board@skilyndon.com) Please submit this form to: David Williams, [lynviewfarm@gmail.com](mailto:lynviewfarm@gmail.com) PO Box 759, Lyndonville, VT 05851 More information on the snow system proposed is at: [ShonyoParkSnow.org](http://ShonyoParkSnow.org)