

## VON TRAPP FAMILY

**Johannes von Trapp (1939 to )**

**Sam von Trapp, son (1972 to )**

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winter, the time when we really shine at the resort, when we have that vibrant outdoorsy clientele. And I love being outdoors, whether it's shoveling snow onto trails, trimming branches, making snow—everything that helps make good skiing. It's fun having been a skier for so long and now I'm working on operations, creating trails where other people can compete and train and just enjoy themselves.

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**So is your skiing connection with alpine, Nordic, or both?**

Both. I've always loved downhill as a kid growing up here, and my interest spread to Nordic skiing because of family. I taught downhill skiing here for five years before I went out West and (Stowe Ski School Director) Dave Merriam was pivotal in helping to get me a job in Chile. I love the idea of teaching at the mountain again with my sister Kristina. It's exciting that we might be working together.

**There's a general consensus in Stowe that some day you'll be managing your family's resort. Is there a timetable in place?**

It seems like a natural step, somewhere down the line, to move into a management role. We haven't set a date. I have a lot to learn about a lot of things, including patience! My job now, in a lot of ways, is making sure people are having fun here. In August my father resumed his role as general manager of the resort, which is really neat. A lot of people thought he would step back, but instead he's getting more involved. It's been great to see the energy he puts into it.

**What does the enormous development at Stowe Mountain Resort mean for Trapps?**

It's an exciting time to be in Stowe. When I was a kid we always talked about Stowe as the Ski Capital of East and now, with new lifts, more snowmaking, and the Spruce Peak development, Stowe is poised to retake that title. We're working together with Stowe Mountain Resort to have the best possible set of interconnected cross-country trails in New England.