

OVERVIEW OF THE OPERATIONS' HISTORY

SUTTON: a dream well before 1960

On December 17, 1960, a completely new ski centre opened in Quebec: Mont Sutton. It was a dream that had been nurtured for a long time by its founders: Harold Boulanger (father), Réal Boulanger (visionary son) and François Lévesque, lawyer, adviser and friend to the family.

To backtrack a little...

Wilderness skiing had existed at Sutton since the 1930s, on the north side of Lac Mohawk (the neighbouring mountain). In 1946 the Boulangers began doing this type of skiing and it wasn't until 1955-59 that they skied at centres equipped with a ski-tow, in northern Vermont.

Around this time, Réal put an idea to his father he had been cooking up with his brothers and friends: to open a ski centre at Sutton mountain. After some reflection, Harold agreed to the idea and took charge of the financing while his children looked after the rest. The team began surveying, studying, marking out and clearing the trails, and preserving the glades that would become the hallmark of the resort.

From dream to reality...with much effort

Work began on the mountain in June 1960 and on the chalet in September of the same year. The centre finally opened on December 17, 1960. Four inches of snow had fallen the day before, to the great joy of everyone involved, so the opening took place under a blanket of white!

SUTTON, My mountain resort! for 45 years

SUTTON, My mountain resort! is the wonderful story of a family who, for four generations, greatly contributed to the economic and tourist development of an entire region of Quebec, as they continue to do today. Ski Sutton Inc. is still majority-owned by the Boulanger family. In the winter season, the mountain employs more than 300 people working in various operational areas of the mountain.

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