

Hodag Sno-News

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The monthly Newsletter of Hodag Sno-Trails Snowmobile Club; P.O. Box 621; Rhinelander, WI 54501

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Trail News:

Trails opened at noon on December 30th with the hope of forecasted snow to provide the much needed base to the trails. The trails are currently in fair condition. The tractor became stuck in two different swamps the first five days of the season. The first time was on trail 13 south just west of the trail crossing Hwy G. The second location was the swampy area on the Club trail from Judy’s to Starks (near Camp Deerhorn Rd.). An excavator from Musson’s was able to free the tractor both times.

The starter went out on the Bombardier last week. The starter proved to be very difficult to remove. After three days of working on the groomer, the mechanic from Musson’s was able to provide the expertise and specialized tools to remove it. The starter was replaced and the groomer returned to service on Jan. 8th.

Club members are urged to continue to inspect and brush the trails where applicable. Trail 15/17 from South Shore Drive to the Ice Rink could use a little brushing. If Club members notice any sign issues, please contact Scott. Please report trail inspection / brushing time to Scott.

The Club is looking at doing some trail work on trail 15/17 just south of Shepard Lake Rd. This section of trail has a 100 yard section that has been notorious for being wet/soft in the early part of the season. The current situation hampers early season grooming.

Thanks to the Club members that completed the trail inspections prior to the trail opening.

Club Business:

Christmas Party!

Fifty-four people attended the 2011 HST Christmas Party at 7PM on December 20th at Judy’s Twin Pines.

Everyone brought a gift and a dish to pass while Judy prepared the entrée. There were 45 gifts for the gift raffle which raised \$ 271.

Mark Steinhardt won \$86 on the 50/50 raffle. Free Trail maps were available to Club members in attendance. In addition, food donations were collected for the Rhinelander Food Pantry.



Gene Dallman and Rick Sweo (not pictured) handed out the gifts as Jim Forsyth called the numbers.



Everyone was too busy to look at the camera

Fundraisers:

- HST Discount Card

Sales kicked off at the December meeting. 250 of the \$20 HST Discount Cards have been deployed to the pit stops. Please contact Bob Goodin 715-369-9280 if you need some cards to buy/sell. It would be great if every Club member could buy/sell at least two of the cards.

If you only use 10% of the coupons you will get your \$20 back and the Club will make \$10. The Club would like to sell 500 of the cards. There will be announcements about this fundraiser on WCYE 93.7FM Coyote Radio.

- Take Pride and Ride

Tickets for this WJRO snowmobile raffle are now available. The grand prize is a 2012 Ski Doo MXZ600 ACE 4 stroke. The drawing is February 25th and you need not be present to win. Gene Dallman 715-487-6040 is facilitating this project. He can be contacted for buying/distributing the \$2.00 tickets. The raffle expenses were donated, so all proceeds from the tickets go directly to the Club.

- Pelican Lake Vintage Race:

The Hodag Sno-Trails NVSRS sponsored race is Saturday, February 4th on Pelican Lake. Sign-up sheets for track workers and concession stand helpers were distributed at the December meeting however we still need more help to support this annual fundraiser.

We are still in need of volunteers to help in the concession booth. Those who signed up at the Christmas Party will be contacted shortly with the schedule.

- Approximately 5 – 6 members are needed to donate Chili.

- We also need the use of 4 roasters, 2 of the large coffee pots and 4 generators.

Please contact Mary Sweo at 715.369.2621 or via email: sweo@frontiernet.net.

If you are willing to be a corner flag person or track helper please contact Scott Hetland (715)401-1600. *Even if you can only help for a little while, we can use you.*

December Meeting:

Scott Chaired the December Club meeting, held at 6PM prior to the Christmas party.

- Supplemental Funding will be at 62%.
- The McNaughton Trail is now open, thanks to Larry's negotiating skills.
- There were three bridges repaired this fall. Due to the similar age of all of the bridges, we can expect more repairs next year.
- \$40 was donated to the Stella Lake Fire Department for furnishing the turkey entrée for our Christmas Party.
- Groomer drivers are set for the season (we just need snow).-
- In order to map the trails via GPS, Oneida County has a preferred GPS unit available for use. Clubs can check the unit out and return it for data download. Rick Coven volunteered to do this for HST.

Membership:

Our membership numbers are significantly lower so far this season. We currently are down 30% in membership renewals. Please renew your memberships by January 31st. We need your membership to support the Club and related activities. Use the form www.hodagsnotrails.com/apply.html. We are always looking for new members so ask your snowmobiling friends.

County & State News:

A new CAP/STEP Bill has been introduced in the State Legislature in yet another attempt to increase the monies in the DNR Snowmobile fund. Our LRB 3295 is now a senate bill SB 365. PLEASE contact legislative people to support this bill. You heard how Holperin says we may run out of time again. The AWSC thinks we have time, but it imperative that we contact our legislative people to make sure it gets done. We can not keep living on 60% prorates. This is our way to avoid that in the future.

Snow Classified:

Classified ads are free to Members and Sponsors. Please contact the Editor to post an ad.

Coming Events:

January 13-15 Classic Vintage Weekend, Eagle River Derby Track www.derbytrack.com

January 16 - 22 Amsoil World Championship Snowmobile Derby www.derbytrack.com for details

Tues. January 17 - HST Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM Hope's Landing (Pelican Lake)

January 27-29 26th Annual Women on Snow Eagle River

February 1-2, 2012 Groomer show will be in St. Germain

February 4, Devil's Creek Stump Jumpers 4th Annual Vintage Show & Ride Merrill

NVSRS Vintage Races: (www.nvsrs.org for details)

January 28, 2012 Sugar Camp Ovals Host: Sugar Camp Snowmobile Club

February 4, 2012 Pelican Lake Ovals sponsored by Hodag Sno-Trails

February 11, 2012 Stella Enduro *Non-Points Race* Host: Stella Fire Department

February 18, 2012 Spirit Lake Ovals Host: Three Lakes Trails & Bonnie's Lakeside

March 3, 2012 Boom Lake Ovals Host: Rhinelander Fire Department