

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 are holding up well considering the little snow we have had in the last six weeks. The cloudy days have helped; but trails can be icy in areas due to the lack of snow, so be really careful. A big thank you to all groomer drivers for keeping the trails well groomed!

Trail Inspection:

We had the annual inspection of our funded trails by the county. There are a number of areas for improvement, which so happened to be areas that do not have a trail boss. All deficiencies were corrected and took a week to get through. Please help maintain the signage when you are out riding; and if anyone sees a problem area, do not hesitate to call Dick Emerick or Terry Miller for any issues, contact info above. Anyone who may be interested in helping the club with these orphan trails can give these two a call. The club *wants your* help!

Equipment:

The Fendt was down for a couple of days for an alternate idler pulley. Otherwise no major problems evolved.

Club Ride 2/8/15:

- We had another club ride Sunday the 8th. We started out with 16 sleds, 17 attendees. 2 sleds unfortunately had to drop out at May's for sled problems. 1 was lost when the picture was taken. Destination Ed's in Argonne was accomplished. Thanks to Frank for the pictures and all who participated!



Fundraisers:

Regrettably, our Jan 31 race was cancelled because the NVSRS lost their economical insurance. Their entire series was cancelled for this year, including the race on Boom Lake. Without this anchor event, our February 28 Radar Fun Run was a no go. Hope to have better luck in these events next year. More important, if you have a fundraiser idea, please contact us.

\$\$\$\$ Let's make sure we turn in all our trail work maintenance time sheets so the club can reimburse these in for extra cash for our club. \$\$\$\$

Have you bought your Hodag Sno Gear yet?

NEW ART. Sweatshirts: \$25 Long Sleeve \$15 T-Shirt \$12

Talk with Nicole Bartz (715)360-9221. Support and expose the club with pride!

Available at Birchwood and Pine Harbor Bars. Various Colors available.



January Meeting:

- There were 29 in attendance. 50/50 raffle went to new member David Sharon.

Touched a little on record number of sleds in the area and keeping the groomers running. Fixing a few problem areas and trying to keep signage up in areas where riders seem to be going off the trail, making landowners fidgety. Getting closer to the landowners party in April all ready. Where does the season go?

Membership:

- There are 135 members currently. Have fun, join a club and become one with this non-profit organization to help keep trails maintained in the area. For anyone you know who would want to join HST, on-line and mail in applications are available at www.hodagsnotrails.com/apply.html

Yes. Snowmobilers can do some good. Check out this article about two men saving a moose in Alaska after an avalanche.

<http://www.adn.com/article/20150101/snowmachiner-says-he-and-buddies-dug-moose-out-avalanche-hatcher-pass>

County & State News:

County:

- All clubs need to have insurance term modified to end of April. Looking for consistency across all clubs in the county.

State:

- Snowmobile fatalities 2014-2015 Season, (Update since Feb 10th):

State: 8

Oneida County: 1

Vilas County: 1

-Majority of these fatalities did involve a higher rate of speed which caused the victim to miss a turn or hit a shoreline. Safety first, know your limits, be aware of your surroundings.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday March 28th ICE GOLF TOURNEY at FISHER'S! 9th Annual.

11:30 A.M tee off – 18 holes – 4 person scramble - \$40 per team. Best golf score has first option on picking the envelope with the most winnings. Playing good OR bad golf, anyone can win! Just participate!

There is also going to be a meat raffle, Plinko Game and other raffles. Shirts, Sweatshirts available, buy some chocolate, play some games for you and the kids! A family event!

Call Russ or Billi from Fisher's Resort at 715-362-3691 for more info.

We do need volunteers to help with all the games. Anyone willing to donate items for raffles? Give Kim

Goodin 715-369-9280 or Kathy Baker at 715-369-0437 a call if you would love to volunteer or donate for raffles.

All proceeds go to Hodag Sno Trails.

Next Club Ride – Overnight:

- Club overnight ride is February 21 -22nd. We will leave from the Taj Bar & Grill at 9:00 am with lunch in Boulder Junction and supper in Park Falls. There are a block of rooms reserved at Northway Motor Lodge in Park Falls (1-800-844-7144). Rates for the night are \$62 / 1 queen bed and \$67 / 2 queen beds. When you make your reservation, let them know it's for Hodag Sno-trails.

If you have any questions, please contact Rick (715-490-6836 or Mary (715-490-0958).

Tues. February 17 – HST Club Meeting 7:00 P.M. Forsyth's

Saturday-Sunday February 21-22 Club Ride – Overnight - Contact Rick or Mary Sweo

Sunday March 8 – Club Ride, destination TBA

Tues. March 17 – Club Meeting – 7:00 P.M. Beachcomber's

Fri. Sat. Sun. March 20-22 AWSC Convention Fontana 4 rooms holding, contact Rick or Mary Sweo if interested in going.