

# Hodag Sno-News

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## Trails:

Thunder Lake was marked today from behind Cabaret Cove to Jailhouse, through the golf course and Boom Lake to Manor Road. Lake George, Moens and 3rd lake on Moens are currently marked - PLEASE STAY BY THE BARRELS.

The river and the lakes will be marked when the club feels that they are safe. If they are not marked - the club considers them unsafe- ride at your own risk. It's been a strange season; the popular Hiller's Radar Run in St. Germain has been cancelled.

Trails are getting better each day. There is plenty of base on the trails. We had to modify the groomer schedule due to one of the groomers down - as a result of getting stuck in the swamp. Most of the lakes are marked. There still is some brushing that can be completed. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this so far. This will help the trails be safer. Please turn in time sheets to Dick E. for work on funded trails. There are still open water areas and low branches on trails. Other than behind Pine Lake School; these areas are passable. Ride with caution. Take a lopper or bow saw along and track your time if you are brushing or fixing signs.

The swamps are freezing up on Trail #12 and trails were groomed for the first time this year the week of January 5th. Trail H-4 between River Road and Trails End Road is temporarily closed. This is where the groomer went through and we are looking at a temporarily re-route.

## Groomers:

Our 2012 Piston Bully broke through the swamp behind the Pine Lake school. Mussons pulled it out with their excavator and brought it to groomer barn. Internal engine damage was done, and we are currently looking at our options. The 2017 machine is working double shifts to keep up. A claim has been initiated for removal process, and repair.

## Argo:

The purchase of the Argo has been a HUGE success. It has been used on many trail projects so far. It can go through most anything. Lots of wet swamps to deal with this year. We will need to look at these areas for improvement in the future. It is hard to groom trails when having to avoid so many wet areas.



## Elections:

**Elections for officers will happen in April. Please step forward if you are interested in taking a position!**

## **Ice Golf/Meat Raffle:**



**15th Annual Hodag Sno-Trails  
Ice Golf And Meat Raffle**

**18 MEAT BUNDLES  
FROM BESSEY'S MEAT MARKET**  
(EACH MEAT BUNDLE INCLUDES STEAKS, CHOPS,  
SHRIMP, CHICKEN, BACON, AND MANY OTHER CUTS!).

**50" SMART TV, & 1 DAY PONTOON  
RENTAL SPONSORED BY  
SHOEDER'S SPORT CENTER**

Tickets are \$20 each  
---your ticket will go back into each raffle---  
Many other raffles throughout the day!



Drawing to be held  
**March 14, 2020**  
at FISHER'S BAR & GRILL  
ON LAKE GEORGE  
FOLLOWING ICE GOLF  
Need not be present to win

**Ice Golf - 4 Person Scramble**

\$40 per team  
11:30 Tee Off  
Call Russ or Billi Fisher  
at Fisher's Resort  
715-362-3691



Proceeds Benefit The Hodag Sno-Trails  
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### **ICE GOLF!**

Save the date! Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Tee off 11:30.  
\$40 per team at Fisher's Resort 4225 W Lake George Rd,  
Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501

**Bigger and Better each year! Have some fun with us!**

### **Meat Raffle!**

Tickets are \$20. Call Kathy 715-369-0437 or Kim 715-369-9280  
(email kgoodin@charter.net) for tickets to purchase or if you would  
like to help sell them and/or hang posters. Raffle tickets are also  
available at these places: Fisher's Resort, Beachcomber's, Twin  
Pines, Birchwood, Pine Harbor, and Kozy Korner.

We need basket donations! Let us know ahead of time please so we  
can organize that day.

We also need Hole Sponsors \$25 for name displayed by a hole, can  
be a business or just an individual.

We will be having a chili dump again this year along with desserts,  
we will need volunteers to bring us both on the day of the event.

## February Meeting:

Our February meeting will be held on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM at the groomer  
barn/clubhouse, 4501 County Road C. Members will ride their sleds to the meeting. After the meeting  
there will multiple group rides where everyone will end up at Cabaret Cove (formerly Taj Mahal) by 5:30  
PM.

**The deadline for sign up will be February 1<sup>st</sup>. Anyone planning on attending can call or text Kathy  
Jungers @ 262-707-2878. We need a head count for Cabaret Cove at that time.**

To the groomer barn on sled: Tin 243 head North on Trail 15/17 (approximately 2 miles). Take a right hand turn  
where the groomer trail is to the barn. Coming from the other way: Tin 235 south on 15/17 approximately a  
mile - then take a left to the groomer barn trail. Follow the trail, you will then see that the trail will turn into a  
driveway. PLEASE DRIVE SLOW on the driveway. Cross Hwy C to the groomer barn.

## Candy Bars soon available:

We will be selling again and should have at our next meeting, please help distribute the area, a good fundraiser!

## **Club Welcomes Donation:**

We did receive \$1000 this year for the room tax application, much appreciation!

## **County trail inspections:**

What do they look for and how can we help to make errors easier on the club?

Situations like straightening signs, clearing brush away from signs and noting missing or damaged signs are things they look for. If we are with them, we can take care of 90% of this at that time. If they go without us, everything gets reported and we have to go out and fix everything and then they reinspect. Things can be overlooked and next year we will make sure to invite club members to help. If we are able to fix these mishaps right away, it saves time for everyone involved.

## **Groomer Barn:**

We are looking for table and chair donations, preferably 10' - 12' collapsible tables and easy stackable chairs. Painting still needs to be done in the bathrooms and meeting room areas.

## **Memberships:**

We currently have 220 members. All memberships expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>. This is new for this year and we are still in the transition. Also, you should be aware that your AWSC number remains the same for life if your membership is continuous. A break in membership may result in a different number. This should be simpler now that they all expire on the same date. It is super easy to get your trail pass and member number on AWSC site.

Here is the link: <https://www.awsc.org/About-Us/Member-Lookup>

## **Unfortunate Fatalities:**

01/03/2020 Vilas/Lac du Flambeau Public Trail 12 / M / WI Collision with a Fixed Object  
01/05/2020 Oneida/Lake Nokomis Frozen Waterbody 27 / M / WI Drove into Open Water  
01/05/2020 Oneida/Lake Nokomis Frozen Waterbody 31 / M / WI Drove into Open Water  
01/11/2020 Langlade / Price Public Trail 56 / M / WI Ejected  
Be safe everyone!

## **Schedule:**

1/23 - 1/26 MS Snowmobile Ride (Contact Rick Sweo 715-490-6836, for details) Still time to donate or ride.

2/15 Club Meeting at groomer barn 10:30 am. 4501 County HWY C. Rhinelander, WI. Club ride to follow. Will end up at Cabaret Cove for dinner at 5:30 pm. Save the date!

3/20 - 3/22 Shoeders Open House - Volunteer to cook or serve brats and welcome guests.

3/17 Club Meeting 6:30 pm Beachcomber