

Hodag Sno-News

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Trail News:

Trails:

-Thanks to the groomer operators for all their work. Also, thanks for the snow. We had many compliments on the condition of the trails. It was the best in years.

Club Business:

Landowners Dinner:

This was held Friday, April 5th at Holiday Acres. Ninety-six landowners and thirty-nine members attended. After the party, many landowners let us know how much they enjoyed and appreciated the party.

Thanks to Keith Bohlman for chairing the Landowners Party Committee, and all of the volunteers that helped. A special thanks to Rick and Mary Sweo for all the work they did, such as the plants for the tables.

Thanks to Tim Knowles for the music and vocals. Thank you to all that donated the Raffle and Door prizes. Thanks to Holiday Acres for hosting the party



Thank you to Holiday Acres for hosting the Dinner.



The Happy Greeters, Sue Wimberger and Kim Goodin register the attendees.



Dick Wahouske, Laura Hetland and Jack Dunkel sell raffle and 50.50 tickets.



Jim Wimberger announces the winners as Scott Hetland, Robin Farris, Tammy Bohlman, and Sue Wimberger handout the door and raffle prizes. Musician Tim Knowles watches from behind.

Col. Rene Brass and assistant Vanna Bohlman auction off the hambones.



Elections of At-Large Directors:

The (3) At-Large Directors will be up for election during the April Annual Meeting. Nominations can be made up to the time of the vote. Nominees must be Club members in good standing. Nominees must accept/ reject the nomination. Directors are expected to work on at least one Committee.

Friend of Hodag Sno-Trails:

The 2013 Award goes to **AmeriGas**. **AmeriGas** has been a consistent supporter of Hodag Sno-Trails' annual Pelican Lake Snowmobile Race fundraiser by supplying heaters, and LP gas for the heaters and grills.



Frank Bennett presents the 2013 Friend of Hodag Sno-Trails Award to Tina Jones, District Manager of **AmeriGas**.

The Season is Over, but the Work is Not.

During the off season we will need help for special projects such as: updating the landowners' agreements to coincide with the county list, the GPS trail location project, reroute of trails, the spring Adopt-A-Highway road cleanup, and the HST summer picnic / sign work day.

Fundraisers:

- Ice Golf:

The Hodag Sno-Trails 7th Annual Ice Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, March 16 at Fisher's Resort on Lake George. There were 17 foursomes and 30 hole sponsors. There were 18 holes on the Lake with special events at Fisher's, Forsyth's Sunlite Resort, and Northwood's Hideaway.



The foursomes get ready for the scramble start.



Introducing the new Carhart line of golf clothing.



These starlets rode all the way from Hollywood to golf on the lake.

March Meeting:

Jim chaired the March Club meeting, held at 7PM at The Boondocks. There were 25 people in attendance.

- Groomers will run as long as there's snow or until the gates close on March 31st.
- The brush hog does not go high enough; a sickle bar could be added for about \$17k.
- HST has finished GPSing all of the funded trails thanks to Dan Skinner.
- There was discussion on the 2013 Friend of HST Award.
- We need to redo the chains on the tractor.
- The new grease gun works great on the Pisten Bully.
- The rubber tracks on the PB are much better than steel tracks.
- A number of cleats need to be repaired on the Husky.
- The Husky will be stored at Dan Skinner's.
- There was discussion and planning for the Landowners' Dinner.
- Please pick up the map boxes. Also ask for donations for the Landowners' Dinner.
- Scott has a box of Oneida County snowmobile maps for use at HST events.
- The second call was made for nominations for the At-Large Directors.
- We may have someone to take over the river marking next year.
- We agreed to pay for electrical costs for the groomers. There was some discussion on timers for the heaters.
- Jim asked for ideas to improve the Hwy W crossover. He will look at the golf course.
- *A Trail Boss is still needed for Pelican Lake to manage trail brushing, signs, and landowner agreements. The Trail Boss need not do all the work, but can schedule work activities. Gene Dallman will train his replacement.*
- Sue Wimberger won \$30 on the 50/50 raffle.

Membership:

There are 97 members. For anyone that wants to join HST, an application is available at

www.hodagsnotrails.com/apply.html

County & State News:**County:**

- Hodags were the last club to GPS trails.
- There was discussion on how to implement county wide intersection signage. Eric will schedule a meeting with each club to discuss details.

The monthly meeting of the Oneida County Snowmobile Council is held on the 1st Wednesday at the Oneida County Courthouse at 6:30PM. Anyone may attend. Enter thru the doors on the North side.

State:

Snowmobile fatalities thru 4/8/13:

State: 20

Oneida County: 1

CAP/STEP vs Governor's Council Trail Pass Proposal.

The CAP/STEP has momentum with the legislature. The un-sponsored Governor's Council proposal will be like starting over. Therefore it appears the CAP/STEP will be endorsed by AWSC and the snowmobile organizations. The goal of all of this is to get more, much needed, funding for snowmobiling.

Coming Events:

Tues. April 16 - HST Annual Meeting: 7:00 PM at The Haven with Pizza provided by HST.

TBD- HST Adopt-A-Highway Spring Clean-up.

TBD- HST Summer Picnic / Sign Party

Tues. September 17 - HST Monthly Meeting: 7:00 PM at TBD.