

Hodag Sno-News

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CORRECTED DATES FOR APRIL – SEE BELOW

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Trail News: Oneida County trails officially closed on March 17th. Please turn in any remaining work reports for the funded trails ASAP.

April Events: This issue of Hodag Sno-News is early in order to correct the numerous mistakes we had in the last issue's **Coming Events** Section. We regret any inconvenience caused by these mistakes and thank those members who contacted us to point out the errors. Your editor assures you that every effort will be made to prevent such blunders in future issues. The correct dates for April are:

Friday, April 3rd – HST Landowners' Appreciation Party at Holiday Acres Resort. Cocktails at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM

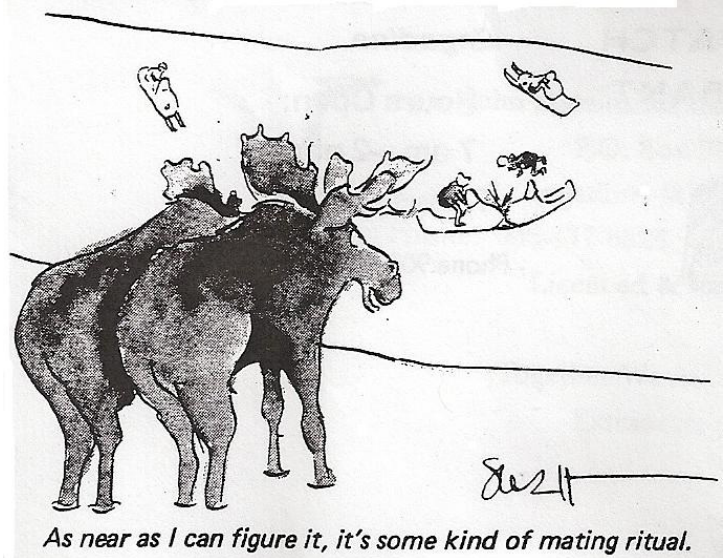
Monday, April **13th** – DNR Spring Hearings- see Government Section below. Mark this date on your calendar and please vote!

Tuesday, April **21st** – HST monthly meeting at Hodag Lanes, 7:00 PM. Election of Board Members

Also, the Spring Pickup date for the Club's Adopt-a-Highway section is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. Please meet your fellow pickers at 10:00 AM by the intersection of Pelican Ranch Rd. & Hwy 8 Bypass. Lunch will follow. Call Ken Dumar at 362-1556 for more information or last minute weather changes.

Club Business: There will be three vacancies to fill on your Club's Board of Directors. These At-Large positions will be filled by election at the April meeting. The March meeting produced four nominations and they are: Sue Ohman, Donna Forsyth, Larry Dorich, and Mary Sweo. The nomination period is still open, and interested members may contact Scott directly to have their names in the April election.

Additional help is always welcome at the Land Owners' Appreciation Dinner, and interested volunteers should contact Lenny at the number shown at the top of the page. Setup of the room will be at 9:00 on Friday morning, greetings at 4:45PM, and cleanup will be completed at 10:00 AM on Saturday April 4th.



As near as I can figure it, it's some kind of mating ritual.

(Used by permission – Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum)

Government: Our last two issues have discussed the need to make our voices heard at the DNR Spring Hearings on April 13th. We will not repeat all of it here except to say that enacting the extended muzzle-loader seasons referenced in questions 60 and 61 would have an extremely negative impact on our sport. If you don't want to stay for the entire evening, you may register and get a ballot at the hearing. You may then complete your ballot and leave without staying for the entire hearing. This has been mentioned in three issues of *Sno-News* now because it is that important. Please go to one of the centers (James Williams Junior High School in Rhinelander) or to one of the other locations listed at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/nrboard/congress/spring_hearings/2009/CC-Hearing-Notice-09.pdf at the same time and date and express your opinion.

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Finance: The snow downstate again this year has resulted in less supplemental trail maintenance dollars for clubs in the North, as was the case last year. This is only fair; we had been getting used to operating on money intended for downstate clubs and made available to us because of poor snowfalls in southern Wisconsin.

We had about 1,000 grooming hours in the '08/'09 season as compared to 1,400 hours the previous year. As most members are aware, we only ran three groomers instead of four. Pat Wahouske, the Club's Treasurer, has prepared an excellent 20 page Summary Report which will be available for viewing by the membership at the April meeting.

An approximate comparison of the last two years is:

<u>Item</u>	<u>2008 / 2009 Season</u>	<u>2007 / 2008 Season</u>
Groomer Fuel	\$ 7,800	\$ 14,000
Groomer Driver Pay	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,000
Groomer parts	\$ 3,400	\$ 17,500 (tracks \$14,000)
Excavation (bulldozing)	\$ 3,000 (all funded trails)	\$ 6,000
Tractor Lease	None	\$ 7,800
New Equipment	None	\$ 6,300

Additional expenses this year were: Loan payment \$27,000; Trail signs and posts \$4,000; and Insurance \$2,700.

Our income was on the same order, and major sources were: Trail Funding \$62,922; Tractor Rental \$1,300; Membership \$3,200; Map Ads & Boxes \$15,600; Take Pride & Ride Raffle \$1,980; Donations - \$4,500; and HST Cash Raffle \$5,000.

Approximately \$70,000 dollars passed through your Club's checkbook this year. Most members realize this is no small time operation even though it is run by volunteers. It is our duty to inform other snowmobilers who have not joined a club that our 115 members have made it possible for fifty times that number to enjoy the trails in the North.

Fisher's Resort Third Annual Ice Golf Results: Preliminary figures indicate this fundraiser brought in nearly \$900. There were 7 teams of 4 persons each. The winning team again this year was Northwoods Coin with a score of 8 under. It was made up of golfers Dave Lukarich, Tom Froelich, Don Knutson and Frank Specht. Second place with 7 under was taken by Dean Scheid, JJ, John Bartels and Jeff Towne. Many thanks to Fishers Resort for organizing the Scramble, and to the following area businesses for sponsoring holes:

Fisher's & Al Gen	Walker Painting	Northwoods Coin
Hempfer Insurance	Liberty Tax Service	Oneida Sales and Service
Farmers Feed Store	Baileys Town and Country	Point Brewery
Bucketheads	Tater K Racing	Beachcomber Lounge
T & T's	Dahlquist Plumbing & Heating	Baker Racing
Northwoods Hideaway	Forsyth's Sunlite Resort	Miller Beer of the Northwoods
Capital Brewery	Rusty Nail	Merry Dale Resort
Jonny & Billy's Birchwood Lodge	Lurv's Kozy Korner	Northern Lakes Amusement

Winners of the specialty games were as follows:

Fisher's Washer Game	Russ Fish
Forsyth's 300 Yard Shake	Dean Scheid
Northwoods Hideaway Golf Ball Toss	Russ Fisher
Longest drive contest (men)	Jim Forsyth
Longest drive contest (women)	Jenny Siedschlag

Have a safe & enjoyable summer and come join us on the snow next season!
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