

Hodag Sno-News

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Trail News: Oneida County trails officially closed at noon on March 17th. It’s no secret that the riding had not been very good for the three weeks preceding that; but as if on cue a weather front with warm air, lightning, & rain arrived one hour later at 1:00 PM to write “*Finis*” to the season. Who knew that a heavy snowfall would come a week later? Due to the systematic trail opening policy, by the time trails could be reopened, we would have only had 2 days left in the season. Trail bosses and those who will be removing signs from funded trails are requested to get time logs to Scott as soon as possible.

Club Business:

Landowners Appreciation Dinner: Another successful affair, thanks to Lenny Gescheidle and the other Club members whose efforts resulted in an enjoyable evening. Over 100 landowners and guests attended, as well as 48 Club members. Special thanks go to Kim Zambon and Holiday Acres for again providing the venue. This year’s entertainment was Paul Lynell Erdrich, a DJ who volunteered his services to the Club. There were numerous door prizes and raffle items and almost everybody went home with something. We are indebted to all the sponsors and other businesses who donated these prizes. In addition, the Club purchased \$500 worth of larger prizes for the raffles. The dinner featured ham, chicken, and fish, and once again the hambones were auctioned off to help defray costs. As in years past, Col. Renee Brass, a landowner, offered her services. She and Gene Dallman and the hambone are pictured at right. The most expensive hambone went to Robert Briggs of Briggs Excavating for \$32.50. Thank you Bob for your continued support of Hodag Sno-Trails! The 50/50 raffle earned \$296 for the Club and the same amount for Gene Dallman.



Elections: There are three vacancies on your Club’s Board of Directors. These At-Large positions will be filled by election at the April meeting. So far we have four nominations and they are: Donna Forsyth, Larry Dorich, Jim Wimberger, and Frank Bennett. The nomination period is still open, and interested members may contact Scott directly to have their names in the April election, or be nominated at the April meeting.

Award: The 2011 ‘Friend of Hodag Sno-Trails’ award was presented to Deputies Jim Adams and Brad Fogerty, the Oneida County Recreational Officers, in recognition of their work to enhance and preserve Snowmobiling in the North.

Finance: On March 30th, the Board of Directors made the following recommendations to be voted on at April meeting: 1.) Map ads pricing to stay the same; 2.) Membership dues to remain the same; 3.) Make a payment of \$20,000 on our loan balance of approximately \$48,000. Please come to the meeting and cast your vote.

Our end of year figures reveal that: Club turned in 726 hours of grooming this season, and we also had 45 hours with the tractor/brusher attachment. In addition, we provided 480 hours of volunteer labor on brushing, marking, and inspection activities. Direct expenses were approximately: \$1,400 for purchase of trail signs, posts, & hardware; \$9,000 for the Pelican Lake headlight barrier fence; \$6,600 in groomer driver wages; \$7,200 in groomer fuel; and \$6,900 in groomer and drag repairs. Exact figures will be available at the April meeting.

Sad News: We were sorry to learn that long time Club member Don Kennedy passed away last Saturday, the 9th. Don had participated in HST activities in a variety of roles for decades, and we’re fairly certain that Heaven has snow.

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AWSC Notes: The AWSC Legislation Day in Madison was cancelled this year because of the current turmoil in Madison. If you are a paid up HST member and you have not been receiving your *Wisconsin Snowmobile News* magazine, please contact Mary Sweo. AWSC reports that those magazines which go out to incorrect addresses are returned at AWSC expense. On a sad note the AWSC lost its first member in nearly two years in a snowmobile accident, a 39 year old snowmobiler. Statewide, this year's total is 17 fatalities, which is down from 21 last year.

Fisher's Resort Fifth Annual Ice Golf Results: This event continues to delight the participants! There were fourteen four- person teams this year and the winners from the previous three years were dethroned-finally! Our new first place team winners were Jess Spiegloff, Gary Cirilli, Charle Laham and Dan Laboda. Second place was claimed by Dave Lukarich, Don Knutson, Tom Froehlich, and Frank Specht. Lunch was served after the scramble with many teams bringing a dish to pass. Entertainment was by Dave Drivas and a great time was had by all. In total, \$773 was raised for Hodag Sno-Trails from the games, the Lake George pitstops, and the hole sponsors. Pictured below: Kathy & Jerry Baker are on the snowmobile, and Jean & Russ Fish are riding the ATV. (Note golf clubs.)



Many thanks to Fishers Resort for organizing the Scramble, and to the following area businesses for sponsoring holes:

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| Fisher's Resort | Northwoods Hideaway | Billy & Mickey's Birchwood Resort |
| Farmer's Feed Store | Monico Log Cabin | Rock & Di Karaoke |
| Rocky's Roadhouse | Rusty Nail | Tater K Racing |
| Baker's Racing/ RFS | Shoeders Marine | LBS Insurance |
| Judy's Twin Pines | Holiday Acres | Wayne's Place |
| Badger Liquor | Northern Lakes Amusement | Beachcomber |
| The Sharkeys | Miller Beer of the Northwoods | Al Gen Dinner Club |
| Bucketheads | Forsyths | Nellies Game -A -Raoke |
| General Beverage | Hetland Racing | Deans Distributing |

Coming Events:

- Tues. April 19th - **HST April Meeting at Beachcombers.** Come out and vote!
- July 15th-17th - World Championship Snowmobile Watercross. Grantsburg, WI (715) 463-4269
www.grantsburgwatercross.com.
- Sat. Aug. 20th - NVSRS Grass Drags at Sugar Camp Midway. www.nvsrs.org
- Sept. 10th & 11th - Hay Days Grass Drags & Swap Meet, "Grand Daddy of them All!" www.snobarons.com
- Tues. Sept 20th - **HST September Meeting** at a location to be announced.
- Oct. 1st & 2nd - Wausau Grass Drags & Swap Meet; 12602 Stettin Drive, Marathon, WI (715) 571-9768

***Have a safe & enjoyable summer and come join us on the snow next season!
Frank Bennett, Editor; Hodag Sno-News***