

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:

- Feedback is that trails are great. Thanks to all who are keeping them in good shape.
- Groomers are out on their regular routes. Some adjustments have been made to cover high use routes more often. Due to heavy snow on branches it has been slow going in some areas.
- More brushing is needed in some areas. Next seasons projects???
- County trail inspections were made. Main issue was a signage "punch list". Most have been completed.
- Members are encouraged to help maintain the trails.

When you are out riding, keep a look out for stones, branches bent signs, etc. Please straighten signs and clean up objects. Record your time when you are doing maintenance on funded trails, machine and man hours. Give maintenance info to Scot Hetland, so he can turn in the time to the county. This is the basis for our funding. Form: http://www.hodagsnotrails.com/hst_newsletters/_files/trail%20work%20form%20Final.pdf

Club Business:

December Meeting:

- Jim chaired the December Club meeting, held at Judy's Twin Pines. There were 36 people in attendance.
- HST was one of the few Oneida County clubs to have ALL of their Landowner Use Agreements completed. Thanks to all that helped with this huge project. As a result we will be in great shape next year.
 - We lost six map sponsors and gained one. The new maps are available.
 - The trail to Three Lakes is a issue with the tractor due to a hill.
 - There are log books and other info in all of the groomers for the drivers.
 - Posters are available for the Race.
 - The proposed Bylaw changes passed.
 - The Landowners' Appreciation Dinner will be April 4th at Holiday Acres.
 - The Intersection signs are up. FYI: they are not intended to be in sequential order.

Christmas Party:

Forty-three people attended the Christmas Party at Judy's Twin Pines on Tuesday, December 17th. Everyone brought a gift and a dish to pass while Judy prepared the entrée. The "Mystery Gift" raffle raised \$222. Mark Steinhardt won \$80 as his share of the 50/50 Raffle. Free Trail maps were available to Club members in attendance. In addition, 135 pounds of food donations were collected for the Rhinelander Food Pantry. This is up from the 89 pounds last year. Thanks to all.



Jim and Keith were mesmerized by headlights in the parking lot.



Lenny Gescheidle tries to con Char out of her drink tickets.



Kim Goodin scored the last meatball just ahead of husband Bob.



Working the Mystery Gift raffle are: Mark Steinhardt, Tammy Bohlman, Terry Miller, and Sue Wimberger.

Fund Raisers:

- HST Vintage Race:

The race is February 1st. We need help to continue to make this fundraiser successful. Volunteers are needed for both the concession stand and the race staff.

For the Concession stand, please contact Mary Sweo at 715-490-0958 or sweo@frontiernet.net.

For the Race staff, we need volunteers to help flagging in the corners, start/finish line, and staging the grid.

The time is 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Even if you can only help for a few hours, it would help tremendously. Please contact Scott Hetland 715-401-1600 or shetland@printpack.com.

- Take Pride and Ride:

WRJO 94.5 is again running this year's "Take Pride and Ride Raffle" for a 2014 Ski-Doo grand prize.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. *All our ticket money goes directly to HST.*

Tickets need to be returned by February 19th. (The HST meeting is February 18th) The drawing is February 22nd.

Tickets are available from Rick Sweo at 715-490-6836 or sweo@frontiernet.net and at the Club meetings.

- Ice Golf:

The Hodag Sno-Trails 8th Annual Ice Golf Tournament will be held on March 22 on Lake George.

Contact/register at Fisher Resort. Billi at 715-362-3691. More info next month.

Membership:

There are 103 members.

Join the Club. It is the only way trails can remain open in this area. No club, no trails.
Talk to your friends and fellow snowmobilers. Remind them to join a club.



Start them young:

- Join a Club
- Stay on the Trails
- Patronize our Sponsors

County & State News:

County:

- It is imperative with the new intersection numbering system that clubs notify the county if there are any future trail reroutes that impact the intersection locations. Also, clubs must be diligent when taking signs down this spring, that the intersection signs are put back in the same spot next season. The emergency response organizations are using the intersection points (GPS coordinates) when responding to calls.

- Second half maintenance and 2nd half supplemental payments will be distributed next month. Hodags will receive approximately 64% of expenses submitted. The county received 78.99% on total available miles.(HST did receive the maximum *per mile* reimbursement.)

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:

- CAP/STEP: Assembly Bill 407 & Senate Bill 343.

On 1/13/14 AB 407 ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 3 was offered by CZAJA.

- Snowmobile fatalities 2013-2014 Season (thru 1/7/14):

State: 5

Oneida County: 0

Coming Events:

Tues. January 21 - HST Monthly Meeting: 7:00 PM at Gerrits' Lakeview

January 24 – 26 - Women on Snow Weekend: Eagle River; Mary Sweo 715.490.0958

January 27 – 29 - Women on Snow Tour: Eagle River; Mary Sweo 715.490.0958

Sat. February 1 - HST/NVSRS Race: Gerrits' Lakeview on Pelican Lake

Tues. February 18 - HST Monthly Meeting: 7:00 PM at Forsyth's Sunlite Resort.

Fri. April 4 - Landowners' Appreciation Dinner 5:30 PM at Holiday Acres.