

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:

- Trails are in excellent shape.
- Groomers are out in full force on regular schedules. *Thanks to all of the drivers!*
- The cold weather and snows are keeping the trails from wearing down.
- It doesn't get much better than this!!! Get out and ride.

When you are out riding, please straighten signs and clean up branches and stones. 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:

January Meeting:

Jim chaired the January Club meeting, held at Gerrits' Lakeview. There were 22 people in attendance.

- Trails are good.
- The Pisten Bully was down for a hydraulic leak at a broken sensor.
- Some of the drag blades need to be replaced and adjusted.
- Groomer schedules have been adjusted to work around equipment and driver.
- WJFW interviewed Jim for a winter sports piece.
- Bob Goodin worked with a resident and added signs to the RR crossing on Lakeshore Dr.
- Race prep: We need help on Friday at 11AM to set up concessions and picnic tables. It required V- plows to make the track last week, due to all of the snow.
- Take Pride and Ride: Joel and Lenny have been selling a lot of tickets. We will need to get another 500.
- AWSC is having their Club raffle. HST will buy \$100 in tickets.
- A snowmobile was donated to the Club. Terry will get it sold.
- The Elcho club has sickle bar brushing equipment. Keith will see if they will rent it or do contract brushing.
- 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.

Fund Raisers:

- HST Vintage Race:

The HST sponsored NVSRS Vintage Race was successfully held on February 1st at Gerrits' Lakeview on Pelican Lake.

Mary Sweo managed the concessions and Scott Hetland was the race chairman.

We had 12 volunteers for the concession stand and 9 for the race staff.

Due to the snow, we needed to plow the track 3 times in the weeks before the race.

- HST Vintage Race cont.:

Additional support as follows:

Special thanks to the First Responders from the Town of Pelican Fire Department: Nick Strupp, and Jamie Brabaseric.

The track plows were supplied by Dan Matson, Greg Golden and Lenny Gescheidle.

Keith Bohlman picked up the AWSC trailer and Tim Knowles announced the events.

Amerigas donated the propane for the heaters and grill.

There were 116 race entries, down from 160 last year. (This was similar to the Sugar Camp race on Jan. 25th.)

Racer Jason Baker donated his winnings; Lenny donated his fuel for plowing.

Thank you to all that helped make this fundraiser a success.

A full recap of Vintage race will be given at the meeting.



Set-up on Friday, L-R: Jim Wimberger, Rick Sweo, Dick Wahouske, Mary Sweo. Not pictured: LennyGescheidle, Dick Emerick.



What a difference a day makes.



There's even a Race Class for "Mini Stock 3-6 YR Old"



The track must be cleared of "ice shavings" after every five races.

- 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 meeting.

Fund Raisers cont.:

- 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.

- Maps:

If any member notices an empty map box, be sure and ask if they have any maps to refill the box. Many times extras are left with the manager. Contact Keith, 715-362-0799, Lenny 715-369-9165, or Mary 715-490-0958, if any are truly empty.

Membership:

There are 108 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.

Women on Snow:

This was again a success. Eighty-six women participated on January 24-26. They rode 175 miles over the weekend.

AWSC Convention March 28-30:

This will be in Green Bay. The club has (2) rooms reserved. The early registration deadline is March 17th. Anyone interested in attending contact Mary Sweo at 715-490-0958 for more information.

County & State News:

County:

Now that the season is in full swing, there were no major items at this month's meeting.

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.

Both bills were referred to the Joint Committee on Finance for review.

- Snowmobile fatalities 2013-2014 Season (thru 2/1/14):

State: 15

Oneida County: 0

Coming Events:

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

Sat. February 22 – NVSRS Race: Moen Lake Rhinelander

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Sat. March 22 - 8th Annual HST Ice Golf Tournament: Fisher's Resort on Lake George

March 28-30 – AWSC Convention: Green Bay;

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