



# SNO-EAGLES, INC. SNOWMOBILE CLUB

## Eagle River, WI



### NEWSLETTER - January 2024

Website: [www.snoeagles.org](http://www.snoeagles.org)

Facebook: Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club

*Eagle River – The Snowmobile Capital of the World®*

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the “Snowmobile Capital of the World”

As of today, our trails remain closed, but that doesn't mean we're sitting around waiting for mother nature to make a change in the weather. Our volunteers have been very busy. We have crews out on the trails weekly inspecting swamps, and making sure we are doing everything possible to help them freeze up quickly. Trail 10, washout repair is now complete with culvert and guard rails. Trail rebuilding along 70w where some construction took place has also been completed. Signs have been updated and all fencing is complete. Special thanks to the many volunteers who were able to help complete these projects. In addition, our fundraising committee is working hard on a number of events coming up, including the WCDC races, Pond Hockey and the Vintage Races. These are great fundraisers for the club and we are still looking for volunteers to help with all of these events. Please see our website Events page and pick a time/day that you can help. You can sign up directly from the website calendar. These are fun, easy, and you meet a lot of great people. You will also get free food and beverage. We greatly appreciate any help we can get. I cannot thank our volunteers enough for all the work they do to keep our club and trails in top shape. THANK YOU!

Back to the trails...today we are under a winter storm warning with 6"-8" of snow in the forecast with strong winds, followed by some frigid weather. We will have a large group of people working the trails this weekend, packing snow and inspecting for storm damage. As things stand today, swamps are not solid enough for grooming equipment, however they are holding up very well with snowmobiles. With the cold coming, we should be in real good shape early next week. Conditions need to improve across all of Vilas County for trails to open. If safe, the 11 clubs will meet and vote on a day to open. Again, all updates will be posted on our website so keep an eye on that.

If you are not a club member, please make sure to join, and remember, everyone needs a 2024 trail pass displayed on their sled. Club members pay \$10 per pass, non-members pay \$30 per pass. (1 pass per machine). I hope to see you at a membership meeting, Saturday Night Out, or helping at one of our fundraising events. Be safe, Ride Right, and Think Snow and cold!

Keith Nettesheim

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President, Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club, Eagle River, WI

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

*Check the calendar on our website for additional activities*

- **January 18, 2024** - Membership Meeting Buckshot's Downtown 7 pm
- **January 18-21, 2024** - 61st World Championship Snowmobile Derby
- **January 25-28, 2024** - Women on Snow

- **January 26-28, 2024** - Weekend Away – Mercer, W
- **January 27, 2024** - SNO @ Eagle Lanes & Lounge 5 pm
- **February 6, 2024** - BOD meeting - World Snowmobile HQ 6 pm
- **February 8-11, 2024** - 23rd Vintage Championship Races
- **February 9-11, 2024** - Pond Hockey

**NOTES:**

**DEPENDING ON CONDITIONS**

>**Wednesday rides** will be held weekly throughout the season. Meet at the Old Train Station at 10 AM. The group will pick a destination and lunch stop location for the ride. All are welcome at this event. Ironman **Ron Engels** leads this group.

**The Thursday Scenic Route ride** also will meet at the Train Station at 10 AM. **Scott Fruhwirth** will lead the group. **NOTE: If the Wednesday or Thursday ride is cancelled for any reason, a notice will be posted on the club website Events page.**

>**Board of Directors Meetings** are held at the World Snowmobile HQ at 6 PM.

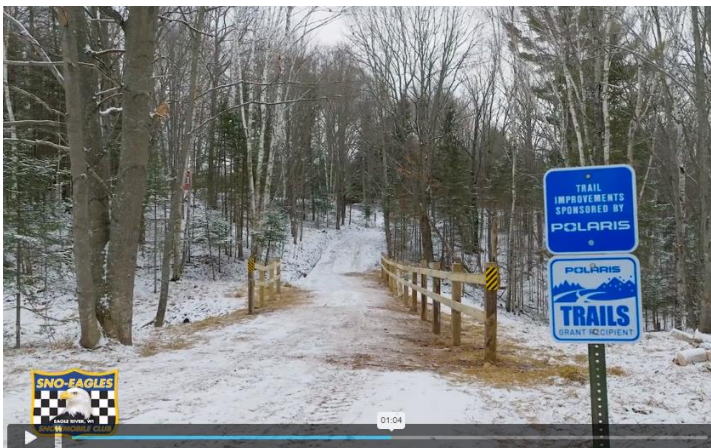
>**Monthly Membership Meetings** start at 7 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

**TRAIL UPDATES**

The Trail 10 washout has been repaired with a new culvert installed. Great job of reconstruction!

Crews are working to build the snow bridge through downtown Eagle River

**NOW WHAT WE REALLY NEED IS COLD AND SNOW TO GET THE TRAILS OPEN !!!!**



**CURRENT TRAIL CONDITIONS**

To get up to date information on our trails, go to the Trail Report page on our website: [www.sno-eagles.org](http://www.sno-eagles.org) or to our Facebook page. Sno-Eagles also maintains a Trail Report telephone hotline during the riding season. Get the latest conditions at **(715) 479-5185**.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Do not ride on lakes that have not been marked with barrels or other snowmobile markers. Always ride close to those markers or barrels. Conditions may not be safe for riding elsewhere**

## SNO ( SATURDAY NIGHT OUT) REPORT

The December SNO was held on a Thursday because the last Saturday of the month was New Year's Eve. Forty members and guests showed up at the Chanticleer for a great evening of food and friendship. It was nice being back at the Chanticleer for the second year in a row. Our son Peter and daughter in law Juliana attended from the Chicago area.



The January SNO will be back on Saturday at Eagle Lanes and Lounge on January 27. Eagle Lanes is well known for their pizza and sandwiches. A complete writeup about Eagle Lanes is in the Weekly News email you get by email on Sunday. This event is on the same weekend as the Weekend Away to Mercer. If you're not going to that event, join us at SNO.

**RSVP to Cheryl by 10 am on January 26 at (715) 479-5599 or [snoeagles@gmail.com](mailto:snoeagles@gmail.com)**

## TWO BIG EVENTS IN ONE WEEKEND – ARE WE UP TO IT?

(with the help of our great volunteers – we will be)



### 23rd Vintage Championship Races @ World Championship Derby Complex

February 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th

Updated sign-up sheets have been posted on the website Events calendar.  
If you signed up previously you will need to resign up.



**CONCESSION  
HELP NEEDED**

The Sno-Eagles will be manning the concession stand at the Derby track. We need volunteers to staff the concession. Volunteers will be taking orders, wrapping sandwiches, heating pizzas and pretzels, and serving orders. There is NO COOKING involved – just serving.

You will receive free admission, a parking pass, and complimentary food tickets. The shifts vary in length from 3 to 4 hours.

It's not hard and is lots of fun.

Click the link below to sign up  
[Concession help at the Vintage Derby](#)

We will also be selling Groom to Ride tickets at the Derby track and will need volunteers to sell the raffle tickets.

Click the link below to sign up  
[GTR Ticket Sales at the Vintage Derby](#)

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Pond Hockey is ON!

That means Dollar Lake must freeze to safe thickness.

February 9th, 10th, 11th



**CONCESSION  
HELP NEEDED**

We will be working the concessions and beer sales.

Sign up to volunteer at Pond Hockey by clicking the link below

[Volunteer at Pond Hockey](#)

**[CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS COMING UP IN MARCH](#)**

### **2024 Sno-Eagle Board Nominations**

Nominations are open for the positions of president, secretary, and for two (2) director positions. These positions are currently held by Keith Nettesheim (president), Cindy Fruhwirth (secretary) and Dave Mroczynski and Brian Hunter (directors). These are two-year terms which begin after the election is held at the annual meeting on March 21st.

Candidates must be current members of the Sno-Eagles, maintain a primary residence in the Eagle River area, and not be an officer or board member of another snowmobile club.

To submit a nomination, or if you have any questions including details about the position responsibilities contact Judy Pacanowski at [woserjudy@aol.com](mailto:woserjudy@aol.com) or 715-479-2686. You can self-nominate. Nominations will remain open through February 19, 2024.

### GROOM TO RIDE



**Groom to Ride  
RAFFLE**

*ski-doo* **Win This Sled!**

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**TRACKSIDE**

1st PRIZE: 2024 Ski-Doo MXZ Sport 600 snowmobile  
2nd PRIZE: Chef Luke Private Filet Mignon Dinner for 4  
3rd PRIZE: 2025 World Championship Snowmobile Derby tickets for 4 reserved indoor Hot Seats including admission & parking  
4th PRIZE: 2 night stay at Pike's Pine Isle Lodge; 1 day snowmobile rental from Stone Harbor Marina; dinner for 2 at SpiritView Lakeside; dinner for 2 at 32 South Bar and Grill  
5th PRIZE: 2 night stay at Bauer's Dam Resort for 4 plus \$100 for use at resort

Tickets \$10 each or 3/\$20  
Winner need not be present

Drawing 5PM Saturday April 6, 2024  
World Championship Derby Complex

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**Get in to Win!!!**

First prize is a 2024 Ski-Doo MXZ Sport 600 snowmobile donated by Trackside. Second prize is a Chef Luke private filet mignon dinner for four. Third prize is 2025 World Championship Snowmobile Derby tickets for 4 reserved indoor Hot Seats including admission and parking donated by the World Championship Derby Complex. Fourth prize is a 2-night stay at Pike's Pine Isle Lodge; 1 day snowmobile rental from Stone Harbor Marina; dinner for 2 at SpiritView Lakeside; and dinner for 2 at 32 South Bar and Grill. Fifth prize is a 2-night stay at Bauer's Dam Resort for 4 plus \$100 for use at the resort.

### **Get your tickets at the following locations**

LUMPY'S LUCY'S LUNCHBOX BUCKSHOTS NORTH RED WHITE AND BREWS AGAVE AZUL  
3 C'S CAFÉ EAGLE RIVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ERIN'S PUB & GRUB

AMERICAN FAMILY INS TRACKSIDE D&S SERVICE SWEETWATER HOUSE OF DOGS  
BOAT SPORT NUTTY SQUIRREL MJ'S WAYSIDE WORLD SNOWMOBILE HEADQUARTERS  
MIKE AND BRANDI'S SMUGGLERS INN UNCLE KENTS SAGE PEACEFUL PINES  
SPORTSMAN'S CHALET VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER EDDIE B'S LAST CAST  
BUCKSHOTS DOWNTOWN HEID OUT TOAD IN A HOLE CHANTICLEER INN BRAYWOOD

## Please support this fundraiser!

### MEMBERSHIP PAGE

Because we've had so many new members this year and interest in our club, we're going to fill you in on some important information regarding membership in Sno-Eagles.

To become a member of Sno-Eagles and the AWSC, log on to our website: [www.snoeagles.org](http://www.snoeagles.org) and fill out our application on line and pay with a credit card. The membership fee is \$50 to cover your member dues in both organizations.

There are lots of good reasons to join including becoming a part of a friendly club with caring members who share your interest in snowmobiling. You will receive communications from Sno-Eagles about the club & trails, the monthly Wisconsin Snowmobile News Magazine, and the opportunity to buy discounted trail passes. (See below) Sno-Eagles publishes a monthly newsletter from September to April that is posted on our club website. Our goal is to keep our membership informed of important club news through this publication. In addition, emails are sent to the membership weekly throughout the snow season and less frequently during the rest of the year. The emails are sent on Sunday evening through Constant Contact. Look for them in your email inbox.

Using Constant Contact, we will be sending members an automatic reminder about June 15 before your membership expires. Carole Linn will start processing new and renewal memberships in mid to late July.

### TRAIL PASS 101 or TRAIL PASSES FOR DUMMIES

The trails are open and your sled is ready to ride, but you forgot to buy a trail pass!! It's not too late. Here is what to do:

1. **If you are a CURRENT member** of the AWSC and a local snowmobile club (like Sno-Eagles), you can buy discounted price trail passes from the AWSC. NOTE You don't need to be a Wisconsin resident. You need your AWSC member number from the label of your Wisconsin Snowmobile News Magazine or go to [www.awsc.org](http://www.awsc.org) and click on membership inquiry under the quick links on the home page.
2. You also need the **CURRENT** Wisconsin registration sticker numbers for the sleds registered in your name. Now, log onto [www.awsc.org](http://www.awsc.org) and go to the section about ordering trail passes. Follow the directions, submit payment, and print a receipt. You can ride on that receipt until your stickers arrive in the mail from the DNR. These discounted trail pass stickers are \$10 per sled. NOTE: Do not try to buy stickers for anyone else using your AWSC number. The DNR will cross reference the sled registration numbers with your name. If they don't match, you can't buy trail stickers for those sleds.

3. **If you aren't a CURRENT member** of AWSC or a club, you need to join or renew your membership before you can order discounted trail passes. To do so, go to [www.snoeagles.org](http://www.snoeagles.org) and click on "Become a Member". Complete the on-line form or print a member app to mail in with your \$50 dues. After your app is processed, you can purchase your trail pass stickers.
4. **If all of this is too hard** for you or you are not a member of AWSC or a club member, you can purchase regular \$30 Wisconsin trail stickers. Also, anyone (member or non-member) with sleds registered out of state must purchase \$50 Out of State trail stickers. These stickers are for sale locally at the Holiday South station in Eagle River or at the DNR office near St. Germain on Highway J. Once again, you will get a receipt to ride on until your stickers are mailed by the DNR. Michigan trail stickers are available at the Krist Oil station in Eagle River. Michigan stickers cost \$52 for everyone.
5. **NEXT YEAR:** Buy your trail passes in the fall when they go on sale – usually about September. Put them on your sleds when they arrive and you'll be all set for the riding season. That will avoid the stress of trying to get your stickers before your first big trip to Eagle River for the season and they stick better in warm weather.

**BOTTOM LINE: Don't ride without the correct trail pass sticker on your sleds.  
Tickets for no sticker are REALLY EXPENSIVE!. Don't chance it.**

**MORE NEW MEMBERS**

Randy Ferringer	Cochranton, PA
Doug & Kate Fullick	Orland Park, IL
Doug Graff & Debra Ahrens	Minocqua, WI
Arthur Granat	Eagle River
Alan & Stacey Halverson	Belvidere, IL
Mark Hella	Eagle River
Ken & Tammy Momsen	Eagle River
Ryan Petersen	Wautoma, WI
Kendall & Karen Smith	Mukwonago, WI
Barrett Debra Stueck	Manitowoc, WI
Tony & Laura Weiler	Eagle River
Scott Whiting	Cambridge, WI

We are welcoming these new members this month. Welcome to our Sno-Eagles family!

**If you have any questions regarding the newsletter,  
contact me at (715) 479-5599 or [snoeagles@gmail.com](mailto:snoeagles@gmail.com)**

*Ken Storms*, Newsletter Editor

**NOTE:** There are no Membership Meeting Minutes in this newsletter, because there was no Membership Meeting in December. Don't forget to attend the next meeting on January 18 at Buckshots - Downtown