



SNO-EAGLES, INC. SNOWMOBILE CLUB Eagle River, WI



NEWSLETTER - March 2019

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During this past Christmas, I remember thinking when will we ever get snow so we can go snowmobiling? Well that is NOT a problem now. If you have been living down south, you might not be aware that in February we broke the record for monthly snowfall in February. We had 60.3 inches of snow just in February. The Trails are great and there is only about 4 weeks of snowmobiling left this year. Sad, I know! All snowmobile trails must close March 31 of each year as directed by the State. We must all take time and thank our Trail Boss Brian Scheid and his team of groomer operators along with Jim, Dan and Marv our maintenance volunteers for doing an outstanding job this year. Our equipment is all running well, and the trails are simply awesome. I often say that I "live in Paradise". This year that is certainly true. Snowmobiling in Vilas, Oneida, Forest Counties has been great. I must take time to remind all members that our Annual Meeting of the Sno-Eagles club is March 21 at Eagle Waters Resort. This is our annual election of officers and directors, please plan to attend. Our club is growing, and we want to get more members and new members involved. Please contact the club to get involved. As we approach the end of the season, I am fully aware of the fact that Tourism is the third largest industry in the state. Tourism brings in \$20.6 billion dollars to Wisconsin. Snowmobiling in the Northwoods is a large part of those tourism dollars. The club should be proud of helping make the industry stronger along with making snowmobiling fun for our members and guests.

Again, as the season draws to a close, I would like to thank your Officers, Directors, Trail Boss and many volunteers for making this club so great.

Let's Thank some Volunteers:

On behalf of the Sno-Eagles club, I would like to extend our thanks to the many volunteers that make our club great. I am sure I am missing a few names but the club thanks all of you that volunteer for the club. I have attended many of our events and have enjoyed talking to our volunteers. Please contact the club to volunteer this year. The Sno-Eagles want to thank:

Equipment Maintenance: Jim Joritz, Marv Radloff

Trail Map Sales Volunteers: Steve Linn, Bugs Mathieu, Jim Ayers, John Norman, Chuck Bodie, Fred Rockafellow, Dennis Kirby, Cliff Erickson, Elmer Jensen, Mac McCoy.

Food Concession: our many volunteers from the club

Trail Brushing after Ice Damage: Brian Scheid, Ron Engels, Dan Towne, Glen Dalton, Marv Radloff, Louie Wye, Steve Klein, Jerry Lathrop, Sandy Lathrop, Jerry Fancher, Bugs Mathieu, Jim Klug, Jim Ayers, Carole Linn

Weekday Guided Rides: Ron Engels and Rusty Wolf

Facebook, Constant Contact and Website Management: Carole Linn, Brian Scheid

Newsletter: Ken Storms

Thank you all', Howard

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- 5 – Board of Directors Meeting
- 21 - Annual Member Meeting at Eagle Waters Resort
- 30 – Saturday Night Out at Pike’s Pine Isle Lodge – Three Lakes

April

- 2 - Board of Directors Meeting
- 18 – Member Meeting at Buckshots
- 27 – Saturday Night Out at Cross Country Bar & Grill - Sugar Camp

NOTES:

>**Wednesday Rides** continue through March (conditions permitting). Meet at the Old Train Station at 9 AM. The group will determine our destination and lunch stop. All are welcome to this event. **Thursday Scenic Route rides** also meet at the Train Station at 9 AM. Call Rusty Wolf with questions about our group rides. 1-262-442-4876.

>**Board of Directors Meetings** are held at the World Snowmobile Headquarters at 6 PM. All members are welcome to attend.

>**Monthly Membership Meetings** start about 6:15 PM for refreshments with the business meeting starting promptly at 7 PM.

>**Saturday Night Out (SNO)** is an informal club get together for dinner at restaurants that support our club with map ads or business support. Cocktails at 5:30 PM and Dinner at 6 PM. Please call Cheryl Storms at 715-479-5599 to RSVP by Friday 10:00 am the day before the event.

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

Ice Storm, SNOW, SNOW, and more SNOW. 60.3” to be exact. This was February record for Eagle River. Needless to say we have a great snow base that will take us through the end of March.

Heavy snowfalls are a blessing for us snowmobilers at the same time a disaster for the Trail Boss and groomer operators. More snow = more bumps that leads to more complaints about the trails being rough. We did our very best to keep up with the conditions. The snow was dry with very little moisture content. Because of that it was hard to pack into the trail along with heavy traffic. The first storm took almost 4 days to pack all the air out of the snow and make a great trail base... Then the second storm came with 16”, and the BLIZZARD. We had to pull the groomers off the trail that night as it was too dangerous.

I am very thankful the club purchased the Pisten Bully. Without that unit we would have struggled to make it through the month. I choose to take the drag off that unit and just clear driveways and highway crossings as the snow was to deep. Some places the drifts were 4-7ft. tall.

February was a very interesting month and I’m looking for a quiet March. After we close the trails in March we will be looking for Volunteers. April we will be coordinating brushing days to be on the trails to cut branches. Please watch for those opportunities to help. Thank You! The best time to ride is now!

See you on the trail,

Brian Scheid, Trail Boss

SNO-EAGLES ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with the bylaws, the March membership meeting is designated as our annual meeting. Officers are elected and other business is transacted. This year, the following positions will be elected: Vice-President, Treasurer, and three Board Members. **The following members are candidates: Vice President – Chuck Bodie, Treasurer – Fred Rockafellow, Board Members – Ron Engels, Sandy Lathrop, & Carole Linn.** The meeting will be held at **Eagle Waters at 7 PM on March 21.** Refreshments will be served prior to the meeting.

Highlights from our Weekday Getaway

Our 2019 "Valentine Ride" went to the Doll House Lakeside B&B in Florence. 15 attended. 12 traveled by sled, with Iron Man Ron Engels leading the way.

Lunch was at the Whitetail Inn in Tipler, dinner Tuesday was a pizza party at Dina Mia's in Florence, breakfasts were included in the B&B package, Wednesday an elegant dinner at Maxsell's in Florence, and a few food and beverage stops at various bars and restaurants along the trail.

The trails were spectacular as the group blazed the trail through the falling snow of February 12th's big snowstorm.

As usual, awards were given:

Big flusher – Tom Tomlanovich for getting stuck in a ditch.

Toilet seat – Tom Schroeder for losing his MI trail pass in the parking lot at the B&B and finding it when he returned.

King and Queen - Clyde and Joyce Owens for their comradery and friendliness.





Standing left to right: Tom Schroeder, Mary Schroeder, Jerry Fancher, Sioux Regez, Clyde Owens, Joyce Owens, Ron Engels, Ken Storms, Tom Tomlanovich, Holly Tomlanovich, Dennis Jantz, Carol Radloff, Marv Radloff **Seated left to right:** Pam Jantz, Cheryl Storms

WEEKEND AWAY NEXT YEAR????

Sno-Eagles needs to know if members would enjoy a weekend of snowmobiling to a 60-80 mile destination? We would need 30-50 people to commit to a weekend in early February 2020. You could go by sled or car. All details would be arranged. Would you like to chair this event – or – would you like two “mature” ladies do the planning so you can leave your cares at home and just have fun? Motel reservations have to be made soon for this to happen.

Contact Audrey Stearns 715-479-8890 or stearns.audrey@yahoo.com

RIDE WITH PRIDE- A BIG SUCCESS

The winners of this year’s Ride with Pride raffle were chosen on February 23 at **Trackside**. Sno-Eagles, Conover, & Three Lakes sold a combined total of over \$18,000 worth of tickets. Sno-Eagles received \$8777 from the total sales for our grooming fund. We want to thank Trackside, Eagle Waters, Wild Eagle Lodge and Three Bear Lodge in West Yellowstone for sponsoring this year’s raffle. We also want to thank **John Norman** and our raffle committee, **Rusty Wolf, Fred Rockafellow, Chuck Bodie, Steve Linn, Jerry Fancher, Jim Ehlers, Glenn Dalton, & Louis Wyke** who sold tickets at various locations and **Bugs Mathieu** who sold tickets both weekends of the Derby again this year.

The winners of this year’s prizes are:

Sled or ATV
 Yellowstone Getaway at Three Bear Lodge
 Weekend Getaway & Dinner at Wild Eagle Lodge
 Eagle Waters Resort Dinner

Conrad Guth	Pelican Lake
Mark Obukowicz	Three Lakes
Bette Jo Held	Conover
Al Betry	Hatley, WI

HERE IS YOUR NEXT CHANCE TO BE A WINNER

SHOTSKIS
Gun Raffle and Fundraiser
MAY 4TH 7 P.M.
Remington 30-06
Pointer Over/Under 12 GA
Guns Provided By:
UP NORTH GUN SHOP LLC
TICKETS 1 FOR \$5, 3 FOR \$10, OR 10 FOR \$20
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO:
SNO EAGLES
Snowmobile Club
PHELPS SNOWMOBILE CLUB
THANK YOU FOR A GREAT SEASON!!

SATURDAY NIGHT OUT (SNO)

Our February Saturday Night Out at Twelve Pines was a great success and fitting end to our day that started with the Ride with Pride raffle drawing at Trackside. 21 members attended the SNO.

This month's event will be **March 30** at Pine Isle in Three Lakes. This is a fun place with great food and service. The trails close at the end of March so consider riding to this event. As usual – cocktails at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6 pm. Everyone has a great time at our SNO events

RSVP to Cheryl Storms at 715-479-5599 or snoeagles@gmail.com.

SNO-EAGLES BYLAWS NOW ON THE WEBSITE

The newly revised Sno-Eagles Bylaws can now be viewed on the club's website: www.snoeagles.org. You will find the link on the home page in the Purpose section.

While you on the website, take some time to check out all of the features including:

- Trail info - trail report, our trail map, trail passes
- Club info -board of directors, contact info, Miss Sno-Eagle, volunteer form
- Events - monthly calendars of club activities
- Partners – list of community partners, trail map advertisers
- News – news articles about Sno-Eagles, present and past newsletters
- Membership – our membership form
- Store – buy Sno-Eagles goodies on line
- AND much more

A lot of work has gone into making our website something special. Most of the hard work has been done by Carole Linn. Thanks Carol

IN MEMORIAM

Sno-Eagles has lost two friends this month – Betty Sheffler and Al Mondus.

Betty and her husband Chuck moved to the area in October 2013 from North Dakota and got involved with the club. Many people know Chuck as “The Rev.” He has been the chaplain at the Derby track for their racing events each year. He is a semi-retired Lutheran minister. Chuck is an avid snowmobiler.



Al Mondus and his wife Sherrie were very active in Sno-Eagles for many years in the '90s and early 2000's. They really enjoyed participating in our Weekend Away trips. Al was a commercial pilot for 35+ years and maintained a float plane at their home on Eagle Lake. They have been spending their summers in Longboat Key, Fla.



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

NEW MEMBERS

Only a few new members this month as we approach the end of our riding season. Please help welcome these folks to our Sno-Eagles family:

Zachary & Lisa Ahnen	Oswego, IL
Bob Corby	Glenview, IL
Robert & Jennifer Erickson	Eagle River
Jack & Darla Greene	Camby, IN
Stewart & Pam Jackson	Eagle River
Mark Winter	Eagle River

Some changes are coming this spring regarding membership and dues.

Change #1: The AWSC portion of your dues is being raised from \$10 to \$12. Also, Sno-Eagles is charged a service charge for members who pay dues on line. 90% of our new member applications and renewal applications are now submitted on line rather than via paper applications. As a result, the Sno-Eagles board has voted to increase our dues from \$30 to \$35 for the 2019-20 membership year.

Change #2: The AWSC will vote on a proposal at their annual meeting in March to change the membership year for AWSC and local clubs to July 1 to June 30. If the proposal passes, we will no longer have a system where everyone may have a different membership renewal date. All Sno-Eagles membership applications and dues payments would then be due on July 1

More information will follow as soon as we have more details.

Ken Storms Membership Chairman & Newsletter Editor - (715) 479-5599

Minutes of the February 21, 2019 General Membership Meeting held at Eddie B White Spruce

1. Meeting was opened at 7:00 by Rusty Wolf. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the opening. Big Thank you to Eddie B and staff tonight.
2. Welcome New Members/Opening Comments –
 - a. Rusty introduced Max and Jean Rockafellow, past President and Secretary, and Cheyenne – Miss Sno-Eagle
 - b. Rusty reminded everyone that the Suggestion Box is available.
3. Secretary Report: January minutes distributed in the newsletter and constant contact. Bugs made a motion to approve, Ken Anderson second and the motion was accepted.
4. Treasurer's Report: Fred Rockafellow and gave the January 2019 financial report. Steve Linn made a motion to accept the Treas. Report, Kathy Rockafellow second the motion, motion passed.
5. Fundraising Committee Reports: The Chair of all Fundraising Committees is our VP Chuck Bodie.
 - a. Sno-Eagles clothing is for sale on the website. Sales on the website have been steady, new beanie/stocking cap is being designed.

- b. Ride with Pride Raffle - tickets are available for sale at various locations around the area by volunteers. Drawing is Feb. 23, 2019 at Trackside at noon
 - c. Trail Maps sales have been a bit slow, due to the late start to the season but we have collected \$700.00
6. Activities Committee Report: Club Director Carole Linn is the Chair to oversee the various Activity Committees.
- a. SNO (Saturday Night Out) Cheryl Storms organizes these dinners. Next one is February 23 at Twelve Pines and March 30 at Pine Isle. Please contact Cheryl to RSVP.
 - b. Weekday Away Trip —Dates were Feb. 12-14th in Florence, at Dolls B& B, went well and everyone had a good time. The weather was great and conditions good. Suggestion was made to have 2 trips next year, one weekday away and one weekend away so we can include people who work

7. Old Business:

- a. Thank You to all the Volunteers who make this club possible, especially the large group who assisted with brushing trees and opening trails from the ice storm we had a couple weeks ago
- b. Safety Update - Per the Vilas County rec officer report from the Alliance meeting 2/20/19 there have been 29 accidents and 0 fatalities in Vilas County so far this year. Last year was 39 accidents and 3 fatalities. There have been 15 fatalities in the state this year. There have been 24 complaints compared to 30 last year. The rec officer and partner have patrolled 432 hours so far and have given 50 tickets and numerous warnings. The 11 clubs in Vilas county have decided they will not do daytime grooming for safety reasons.

8. Trail Boss Report:

Thank you to all the Pond Hockey Volunteers, we will receive a \$1000 donation for the garbage clean up.

Trails – The clean-up from the major snow storm has been challenging due to the amount of snow. Each time the county plows snow gets pushed into our trails that are along right of ways and this causes extra grooming efforts and work to clear out the driveways and trails. This storm's snow was very light so it did not pack down easily causing the trails to easily become rough again. We are hopeful the upcoming snow will be heavier to pack down more easily

Daytime grooming – rationale for not daytime grooming is that it is a safety hazard.

Snowmobiles cannot see the groomer coming and don't have much time or room to stop for either the groomer or sleds, increasing the risk of accidents. Grooming during the day is also a waste of fuel/groomer time because the grooming isn't effective with heavy traffic, there is no time for the trail to set up before more traffic crosses it. Daytime grooming is a liability to the club if there were to be an accident.

9. Upcoming Events:

Ride with Pride Drawing – February 23 noon at Trackside

St. Peters Parish ride February 24- 1:30 pm at the Depot

SNO 12 Pines February 23, Pine Isle March 30

11. New Business:

- a) Women on Snow- Sharon, presented 2 donations to the Sno Eagles for \$250.00 and \$170 in appreciation for the support the club provided for the Women on Snow event this year.
- b) Election – Steve Linn asked for any nominations from the floor for the positions of VP, Treasurer and Directors with no nominations made from the floor. The slate was closed. On the ballot for March will be VP-Chuck Bodie, Treasurer - Fred Rockafellow, Director- Sandy Lathrop, Director - Carole Linn, Director - Ron Engels. Judy Packinowski is heading the Teller's Committee for the election at the March meeting.
- c) March Races at World Championship Derby Complex- March 8 and 9 - we will be running the food concessions. If you are available to volunteer either day contact Rusty. We are in need of afternoon volunteers both days.
- d) AWSC convention will be held in Green Bay March 22-24. They will be voting on increasing dues by \$2.00 to \$12.00 per year. They will also be voting on moving to a single anniversary date for all AWSC memberships. July 1 each year. They will also be awarding Snowmobile Friendly Community designation of which we have submitted an application for to include Eagle River, Cloverland, Lincoln and Washington.

Raffle of 2 FLY jackets, 2 gift baskets from the Anderson Family and a one- night stay at Dolls B&B were raffled off.

50/50 Drawing and raffle prize drawings were completed. Curt Schmidgall won the 50/50 drawing and donated the money back to the club.

Adjourn: There being no further business Deana Jansa made a motion to adjourn Jim Klug seconded and motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted by *Deana Jansa*, **Secretary**