



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



NEWSLETTER - January 2022

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year and Welcome 2022. The Sno-Eagles snowmobile trail system opened on Dec. 27, 2021 at 8:00. The trails were in early season riding condition. We as a club and we as snowmobilers must thank our Trail Boss Brian, VP Keith and the many volunteers listed below, who spent many hours clearing our trail system after the Dec. 15 wind storm with 70 mph winds. Our clear trails were full of trees and limbs. This group of volunteers worked tirelessly and had our trails ready to go for the opening day. Thank You. The 2021-2022 snowmobile season is officially open and as avid snowmobilers, we are very happy. As an older adult there are two things that bring a smile to my face. One is Christmas and seeing my married kids and grandkids, the second is opening day of snowmobile season. The first sixty years of my life that I spent snowmobiling, I had no concept of all the work that goes into getting snowmobile trails in the Northwoods ready for the season. We all must give thanks to our volunteers who have worked hundreds of hours in preparation of the trail system. The club needs well over \$100,000 each year from donations and fundraising. To my delight, I can say the volunteers and donors have done just that each year for the last six years. Again, Thank You.

I would like to wish all the Sno-Eagles a very Happy New Year and please be safe and drive carefully this snowmobile season.

Thanking our Volunteers:

Let us all thank our volunteers who helped the club.

Brushing Team Leaders:

Ron Engels, Jerry Lathrop, Jerry Fancher, Mike Knier, Charlie Check, Gary Voss, Mark Heeren, Keith Nettesheim. As well as the thirty-three members that have helped on the trails with fences, signs, and brush clearing.

Trail Signs/Maintenance:

Ron Engels, Jerry Lathrop and Bernie Pacanowski for all their work placing trail signs on the entire trail system.

Groomer Shed Cleaning and Maintenance:

James Runte has done a wonderful job replacing broken overhead doors and fixing large holes in the cold storage shed.

Constant Contact – Weekly Email – Website - Membership:

Carole Linn

Newsletter:

Ken Storms

Volunteer Coordinator

Sandy Lathrop

Emergency Brushing Crew on Dec. 15

PB 17 Brian Scheid
Mike Knier
Jerry Fancher
Hank Hultstrand
John Cook

PB13 Keith Nettesheim
Gary Voss
Mike Gildemeister
Chris Westfall
Dennis (friend of Westfall)
Ryan Shelton
Mike Bolf

PB 11 Dan Towne
Jerry Lathrop
Marv Radloff
Paul Ryczek
Jaime Ryczek

Howard Wolf - President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check the calendar on our website for additional activities

- **January 6-9, 2022** - Vintage Derby
- **January 13-16, 2022** - World Championship Derby
- **January 20, 2022** - membership meeting - Buckshot's downtown 7PM
- **January 21-23, 2022** - Weekend Away to North Star Casino in Bowler
- **January 27-30, 2022** - Women on Snow
 January 29, 2022 – SNO Saturday Night Out – Log Cabin – Conover 5 PM
- **February 5-6, 2022** - World Series of Snowmobile Racing
- **February 11-13, 2022** - Pond Hockey
- **February 14-18, 2022** - Weekday Getaway to Washburn, WI
 February 17, 2022 – membership meeting - Eddie B's White Spruce
- **February 25-26, 2022** - Arctic Derby Dash
 February 26, 2022 – SNO Saturday Night Out – 12 Pines – 5 PM

NOTES:

>**Wednesday rides** continue throughout the season. Meet at the Old Train Station at 9 AM. The group will pick a ride leader and destination and lunch stop location for the ride. All are welcome at this event. Ironman **Ron Engels** leads this group. The Thursday Scenic Route rides also meet at the Train Station at 9 AM. **Rusty Wolf** will lead the group. (262) 442-4876.

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

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

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

Happy New Year from myself and our grooming staff! Every start to the season is always interesting and twisted in some way. This year, we had everything snow packed and ready to open, then we got 55 degrees, heavy fog and a crazy windstorm! The fog and wind were more damaging than a sunny and 75-degree day in the spring. The fog just ate up the snow that was not packed to the base.

Thankfully the club recently purchased a new Sno Boss roller to compact snowfall. This grooming process saved our base through the warm weather, however we were damaged by trees down all over our area and the county. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped clear trees that following Saturday. We cut and pushed trees with the Pisten Bully's just to make the trails passable.

Currently not many counties in Wisconsin are open so we are seeing a very busy Christmas and New Year's week. The trails are getting absolutely pounded with a minimal trail base and not much for our groomer operators to work with. It's easy to groom with a 12-20" base but that's not reality when we have less than 6" throughout. Often times people who follow us on social media and even club members forget the situation or scenario we are in. We are doing everything possible to keep up with demand, and we are grooming with two machines and not three at this time. We hope to have the third machine back on the trail soon.

I am always open to comments and criticism about our trails. However, all that I ask is that you know and understand the circumstances before lashing out. The Trail Boss position is not easy at times and like everyone else I am a volunteer.

See you on the trails.

Brian Scheid- Trail Boss
Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club
715-891-2332

CURRENT TRAIL CONDITIONS

To get up to date information on our trails, go to the Trail Report on our website: 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

WEEKLY RIDE LEADERS NEEDED

Ron Engels and Rusty Wolf have been leading the Sno-Eagles Weekly Rides on Wednesday and Thursday for many years. They're unavailable to do that currently. Plus, they could really use a break after all the work they did to help get the trails ready to open. We need some new people to lead the rides. The group that is riding decides on the destination for the day and the leader gets them there and back. Kind of like herding cats. It's helpful to have someone familiar with the trails.

If you can lend a hand, please contact Rusty Wolf at 262-442-4876

[SNO-EAGLES NEEDS YOUR HELP](#)

There are lots of opportunities for you to help out your club in the next few weeks. You joined the club because you are a snowmobiler and you like to be involved. Well, here's your chance:

The Sno-Eagles will be manning the concession stand at the Derby Track during the Vintage Derby and Championship Derby in January.

Vintage weekend January 8-10
Championship weekend January 15-17

We need **LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS!**

**Masks will be provided.
A plexiglass barrier will be in place.**

Volunteers will be taking orders, wrapping sandwiches, heating pizzas and pretzels, serving orders, and manning the cash register.

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 1 hour to 5 hours.

It's not hard, and is lots of fun. And you'll be at the Derby!!!

Sign-up electronically by clicking the
buttons below

[Vintage Weekend Sign Up](#)

[Championship Derby Weekend Sign Up](#)

For questions contact Volunteer Coordinator [Sandy Lathrop](#) (319) 360-3988

Groom to Ride, a major fundraiser for the Sno-Eagles is underway. We will be busy selling tickets again at the Derby. We still have some unfilled shifts during Vintage and Championship weekends.

SELLING TICKETS AT THE DERBY TRACK IS ESSENTIAL

With thousands of snowmobilers here, this venue has historically produced a major portion of the ticket sales. You'll be selling tickets indoors and seated at a table. As an added bonus, you'll be at the Derby!

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BADGER STATE GAMES COME TO EAGLE RIVER

The 33rd annual Badger State Winter Games will kick off on January 13 with a two-day Torchlight Ride from the Wausau area to Eagle River and the WDC Derby Track. On Thursday they will leave Wausau and end up at the World Snowmobile Museum in Eagle River on Friday afternoon. SnoEagles will carry the torch from the museum to the Derby Track about 6:00 to light the Winter State Games Caldron during Friday Night Thunder.

JANUARY SATURDAY NIGHT OUT (SNO)

Cheryl Storms has scheduled the January Saturday Night Out for January 29 at the Greenhill's Log Cabin in Conover. The Log Cabin is well known for their great pizza and sandwiches. We haven't had a SNO event there for quite a while and are looking forward to a return visit. SNO is our club's way of thanking some of the businesses that support Sno-Eagles with map ads. No business meeting – just a good time with fellow members and great food. Please let Cheryl know if you are coming by Friday, January 28 at noon. Call her at 715-479-5599 or email her at snoeagles@gmail.com.

Future SNO events will be February 26 at 12 Pines and March 26 at Buckshots North



Log Cabin in 1933

WEEKEND AWAY PLANS ANNOUNCED

The Weekend Away to the North Star Casino in Bowler is planned for January 21st - Jan 23rd.

Jeanine and Brian Hunter are coordinating the event.

Twelve rooms have been reserved at the North Star Casino for \$99/night. Each room includes \$10 in free play, and a \$10 food voucher.

Room reservations must be made prior to January 14th or the rooms will be released.

Make your reservation by visiting the North Star website [here](#) or call 715-787-3110.

Please confirm your attendance with Brian [here](#)

More details to come!

WEEKDAY GET-AWAY

Marv & Carol Radloff are finalizing plans for a Weekday Get-Away from Eagle River to Washburn, WI. The group will leave Eagle River on February 14 and return on February 18. Because of the distance, this will be a **5 day ride** with the first and last night spent in Park Falls, WI. **Space is limited.**

Questions? Call Marv or Carol at (715) 479-5153.

CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS COMING UP IN MARCH

The election of officers and board members will be held at our annual meeting on March 18th. The following positions will be elected:

- President
- Secretary
- Two (2) Directors

Club members who are interested in seeking election to any of the above positions should notify the nomination committee chairperson, Judy Pacanowski, by email or written notice expressing their intention to seek election no later than February 15. Contact Judy Pacanowski at (715)479-2686 or woserjudy@aol.com.

Per club bylaws, all officers and directors shall maintain their primary residence in the Eagle River area. Please refer to the Bylaws for complete details. The Duties of Officers, Directors and Committees are available by contacting Judy.

Candidates for office shall be presented at the regular meeting of the membership on February 17, 2022. The nominative slate shall be published in the club newsletter and bound over for election at the Annual Meeting in March.



GROOM TO RIDE

A poster for a "Groom to Ride RAFFLE". At the top, it says "Groom to Ride RAFFLE" in white and blue text. Below that is a photo of a Ski-Doo snowmobile with the text "Ski-Doo" and "Win this sled!". The poster is "Sponsored by TRACK SIDE" in large red and white letters. Below the sponsor name, it lists the prizes: 1st PRIZE: 2022 Ski-Doo 600 snowmobile; 2nd PRIZE: World Championship Snowmobile Derby tickets for 4 reserved indoor Hot Seats including admission & parking; 3rd PRIZE: 2 night stay at the Northernmaire Resort, Dinner for 2 at Aromas Italian Restaurant, Dinner for 2 at Bonnie's Lakeside Restaurant; 4th PRIZE: \$300 Cash. At the bottom, it says "Tickets \$10 each or 3/\$20" and "Drawing Saturday March 26, 2022 Trackside, Eagle River, WI". It also lists "Co-Sponsored by" with logos for Trackside, Eagle River, and IPI. A small disclaimer at the very bottom reads "©TM and the BRP logo are trademarks of Bombardier recreational Products Inc. or its affiliates".

Get in to Win!!!

Win a snowmobile, Derby tickets, a mini-vacation, or cash

Get your **GROOM TO RIDE** tickets at the following locations:

Agave Azul American Family Insurance Blue Heron Boat Sport Marina Bridgewater Inn
Buckshots Downtown Buckshots North Bull Pen Chamber of Commerce D&S Service
Erin's Pub and Grub House of Dogs Kathan Inn Lucy's Lunchbox Lumpy's
MJ's Wayside Nutty Squirrel Shotskies Smugglers Inn Sportsmans Chalet Sweet Water
Trackside Twelve Pines Uncle Kents World Snowmobile Headquarters

As an option for buying tickets, you can send a check to the Sno-Eagles and mark your check for GTR. We will fill out the ticket stub and send you a confirmation photo of the stubs.

Mail checks to Sno-Eagles, PO Box 866,
Eagle River, WI 54521

All proceeds go directly to our trails

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 and fill out our application on line and pay with a credit card. You can also download our member application and mail it to Sno-Eagles, PO Box 866, Eagle River, WI 54521. The membership fee is \$50 to cover your member dues in both organizations. After you join or renew your membership, the AWSC will send you an electronic confirmation with your member number and renewal date.

There are lots of good reasons to join including communication 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. When you get that, send in your renewal or renew on line to ensure that your membership doesn't lapse.

[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 and click on membership inquiry under the quick links on the home page.
2. **If you can't find your member number**, call **Ken Storms** at (715) 479-5599. You also need the **CURRENT** Wisconsin registration sticker numbers for the sleds registered in your name. Now, log onto 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 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 \$48 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 now \$295. Don't chance it!**

MORE NEW MEMBERS

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

Steve Decker & Sandy Adler	Eagle River
William Berger	Neenah, WI
Kurt & Michelle Eaton	Eagle River
John Favorite	Middleton, WI
Ken Fullick	Eagle River
Scott Hennessey	Muskego, WI
Charles & Marci Ishmael	Lowell, IN
Gary & Debi Liewoen	DePere, WI
Donald & Nena McKain	Eagle River
Donald & Reres Osterberg	Eagle River
Steve & Wendy Radtke	Mequon, WI
Dale & Debra Reimer	Muskego, WI
Dan Voss	Rhineland, WI
Dan & Kari Welzien	Eagle River
Paul & Marci Williams	Hawthorn Woods, IL

If you have any questions regarding the newsletter,
contact me at (715) 479-5599 or 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 20 at Buckshots - Downtown



Miss Sno-Eagle, Olivia Hunter, knows how to fish too!

25" Walleye caught on New Year's Day. This was her second fish of the day.
The first one was so big that it wouldn't fit through the hole in the ice!



WISHING YOU A MEMORABLE, SAFE, AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!