



# SNO-EAGLES NEWSLETTER

## September 2021

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### President's Message – Sept. 2021

Greetings from the Snowmobile Capital of the World. As I sit down to scribble a message to the members this month, I find that Labor Day is here already. Where did the summer go? Labor Day may signal the end of summer activities for some but for the Sno-Eagles, Labor Day means that the trail brushing season is upon us. Our club maintenance crew of Josh Johnson and James Runte have our equipment all ready for the start of trail brushing and nearly ready for grooming. We have decided to change or reorganize how the club handles trail brushing this year. Our VP Keith Nettesheim has put together a plan to break down the trail system into 4 parts (red, green, yellow & blue). Keith has a team of two members who will be the team leaders for each colored trail system. Once the trails are inspected the team leaders will ask for volunteers to assist them with their respective areas to get the trails in shape for grooming. This “new” system is similar to how the club did trail maintenance many years ago. Our Trail Boss Brian will coordinate with Keith and the trail leaders.

As for your President, I have been working hard to assist with the planning and operation of our Cash Raffle Party Day at Buckshot's, Sept. 4. I have also been working on the club Community Partners Campaign, Groomer Replacement Fundraising, Membership Campaign and involved in both local and county snowmobile trail issues. The Sno-Eagles membership drive that started July 1 is off to a record start. Welcome to all new and renewed members. You are joining one of the oldest snowmobile clubs in the state and certainly one of the best snowmobile clubs in the state.

The Board of Directors over the summer approved the sale of our 2006 Pisten Bully groomer that we purchased 18 months ago and sold for \$25,000 more than we paid. We now have signed an Offer to Purchase a 2013 Pisten Bully groomer with only 300 hours on it. This machine is like brand new and coming to us at a reasonable price. What this means is our club will start the season with a 2011, 2013 and 2017 Pisten Bully's with very nice Sno-Boss drags. Our club is in very good shape with equipment.

We have been fortunate to have many volunteers step up and help out during fundraisers operating the Derby Concession Stand and certainly we need more volunteers to help us. The Sno-Eagles will again teach a Snowmobile Safety Course, Oct. 22-23. Scott Linn and his group of volunteers are again putting this event together and it will take place at Trees for Tomorrow.

This fall we will be looking for trail brushing volunteers and then if the Stars Align and our Snow Dance is effective, we all can enjoy safe, wonderfully groomed and well-marked snowmobile trails. Thank you to all our volunteers and all of our members who have helped our club with financial donations and with your volunteer labor during fundraisers. Thank you and enjoy the Fall Season.

*Howard Wolf*, President

**Thanking our Summer Volunteers:**

Let us all thank our volunteers who helped the club.

**Concession Stand Volunteers –**

Sandra Lathrop, Fred Rockafellow, Ron Engels, Carol & John Prill, James & Jodie Runte, Gary Voss, Mark Heeren, Keith Nettesheim, Rusty Wolf

**Groomer Shed Cleaning and Maintenance:**

James Runte

**List of Sno-eagles who helped make the Cash Raffle fundraiser a success**

**Raffle Tickets Sales**

Charlie Check

Rusty

Keith

Brian S

Deana J

**Raffle Baskets collections**

Keith

James and Jody Runte

Rusty

Buckshots Dan Ullsperger

**Fundraiser, volunteers that ran the cooking, cleaning, set-up, raffle baskets and ticket sales**

Rusty

Charlie and Lynn Check (I think some other family members were helping as well?)

Fred and Cathy Rockafellow.

Sandra and Jerry Lathrop

Keith and Danielle

Mark & Lori Herren

Jim & Mary Ehler

Jim Klug

James Runte - set up

Mike Kneir - groomer

Ron and Karen Engels

Roger & Jodi Rosenthal

Dan Ullsperger for helping and hosting.

**Constant Contact – Weekly Email:**

Carole Linn

**Newsletter:**

Ken Storms

**Volunteer Coordinator**

Sandy Lathrop

***LIVE MONTHLY MEETINGS START IN SEPTEMBER***

Our first LIVE IN PERSON member meeting for the 2021-2022 year will be held on September 16 at 7 PM at Club DeNoyer

Last season we ended the year with On-line meetings. Now that most people have been vaccinated for Covid-19 we're going to try going back to live meetings. Things could change, however if there is a spike in Covid cases in our area.

Rusty has locked in the following dates/locations for our membership meeting dates/locations for this season.

Sept. 16	Club DeNoyer
Oct. 21	Erin's Pub, we will crown Miss Sno-Eagle Olivia at this meeting
Nov. 18	Kathan Inn
Dec.	no meeting
Jan. 20	Buckshot's Downtown
Feb. 17	Eddie B's White spruce Inn
Mar. 17	Eagle Waters Resort Annual Meeting and Elections
Apr. 21	Camp Luther, pot luck meeting

**Food will come out at 6:30 with meeting starting at 7:00 sharp**

### **UPCOMING SNO-EAGLES EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

- **Sept 16, 2021** - Membership meeting 7PM, Club DeNoyer
- **October 5, 2021** - BOD meeting, World Snowmobile HQ, 6 PM
- **October 21, 2021** - Membership meeting 7PM,
- **October 22- 23, 2021** - Snowmobile Safety Class

### **TRAIL BOSS REPORT**

Whew! What a busy summer around Eagle River.

Last season was short, as I call it a Fluke!. Weather and winter go in cycles. So either we will have another short year or back to normal. I'm hoping for back to normal and average winter snowfall or more.

This summer Josh has been servicing the grooming fleet which has been normal fluid maintenance. We did sell our 2006 Trail Bully with 5700 hrs on it to a club in southern Wisconsin. We did this because I found a newer 2013 Trail Bully with 300 hours on it. This transaction was big for the club financially and keeps our equipment with lower machines ours and close to current industry equipment. We are very fortunate to have the newer equipment on the trails we thank you for your donations and support.

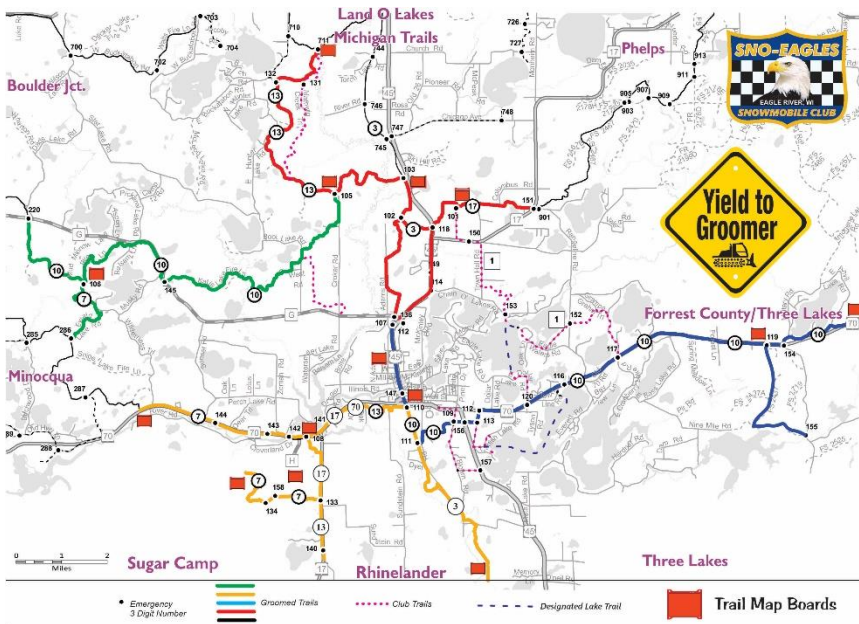
Please watch your emails and Facebook for brushing dates and times. We have split brushing into four sections with team leads.

**Green Team: Gary Voss, Keith Nettesheim**

**Blue Team: Jerry Fancher, Mike Knier**

**Yellow Team: Ron Engels, Jerry Lathrop**

**Red Team: Mark Heeren, Charlie Check**



*Brian Scheid*

Trail Boss

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**CHANGES IN TRAIL MAINTENANCE FOR 2022**

It was decided to assign a Trail Lead and a Second person to one of 4 different trail section- Per the color coded Trail Map that is hanging in the groomer shed.

**Trails will be divided in the following colors**

Blue: Lead is Jerry Fancher, Mike Knier

Green: Lead is Gary Voss, Second is Keith Nettesheim

Red: Lead is Mark Heeren, Second is Charlie Check

Yellow: Lead is Ron Engels, Second is Jerry Lathrop

**Signs and Gates;** Ron and Jerry to work with the 4 Leads on signs.

**Groomer Shed & Brushing Equipment:** James Runte will work with Ron and Jerry on sign inventory and storage

Rusty will Coordinate with the Alliance, "Trail Signage Training" for all leads and second man.

**Brushing Schedule:** Keith will work with Carole Linn to come up with Brushing schedule for Leads and Volunteers

**It will be up to the trail leads to:**

1. Inspect their assigned trails
2. Coordinate brushing events with Volunteers
3. Report any trail related issues to Rusty
4. Fill out Brushing schedule and progress on sign up sheet (Keith and Carole to develop) **with help from Brian**
5. Sign out equipment needed for Brushing events (need to make sure we have enough equipment if multiple crews go out at the same time)
6. Make sure all volunteers fill out hours worked and equipment used.
7. TBD- Enter comments and what has been Brushed on the Brushing Schedule that Keith and Carole come up with so we can track progress.
8. Return Equipment to shed and let James Runte know of any issues with tools.

Keith and Rusty

1. Pick two or three Saturdays for large group of club members to sign up for brushing
2. Rusty will coordinate dates with Landover and County

**Trail Boss Brian will be responsible for:**

1. Machine Trail brushing & coordinate on the Brushing schedule
2. Training others to use the machine (James Runte, Mike Knier, Keith Netteshim)
3. Log all hours and equipment into SNARS

**MEMBERSHIP NOTES**

By now, you have received your September Wisconsin Snowmobile News magazine in the mail. On the cover in BIG letters it says "Your AWSC Membership Expired! In June." That's a not so gentle reminder that the membership year ends on June 31. More that 100 of you have already renewed your membership and we really appreciate your promptness. If you haven't done so, go to our website: [www.snoeagles.org](http://www.snoeagles.org) and renew today. You can't purchase your discounted trail passes for this season until your membership is current.

Encourage your non-member friends to join and become part of the Sno-Eagles family. Our family membership dues are \$50 which includes both the Sno-Eagles and AWSC memberships.

If you know someone who would like to join Sno-Eagles, they can download an application on the club website..

We have added a new individual membership category in addition to the family membership. Both of these have an annual membership fee of \$50. This includes both Sno-Eagles and the AWSC. We also have an Associate Family Membership. This is for those folks who are current members of another Wisconsin snowmobile club and pay their AWSC dues though that club. In

this case we won't collect dues for AWSC and only charge the \$25 Sno-Eagles Dues. On the application, you must provide the name of your other club and your AWSC number. **Associate members must buy their trail passes through your other club.**

There is a place on our application to indicate areas of interest. We encourage everyone to check at least one item. There is also a place for a groomer fund donation. NOTE: Sno-Eagles is now a 501c3 organization and donations to Sno-Eagles are now tax deductible. You have the option to make for a voluntary \$10.00 donation if you choose to get your newsletter via USPS mail to help cover the cost of postage and printing. Remember, our newsletter is posted on the club website and you will receive an email with a link to the new newsletter each month to alert you that it is now posted. So, for most people it's not necessary to receive a paper copy.

**All other club mail is only sent by email**

### **SNO-EAGLES CHAMPION DONATION CAMPAIGN**

Did You Know...

- we have 3 groomers and an outstanding loan balance of \$160,000
- the groomer barn needs major improvements including installing heat and pouring a floor
- we groom 90 miles of trails
- only 64 miles are funded by the state in the amount of \$56,000
- we spend \$120,000 each year on equipment payments, groomer operator wages, maintenance, fuel, utilities, insurance, signage and fencing
- THAT LEAVES A \$64,000 GAP

[Donate Here](#)

### Help Us Fill That \$64,000 Gap

Please consider becoming a **Sno-Eagles Champion** by including a donation with your membership. You'll receive a special gift in recognition of your support.

#### **Championship Level Donation Recognition Gifts**

Pit Crew	\$50	Sno-Eagles Pit Crew Cap
Heat Winner	\$100	Property of Sno-Eagles Performance Hoodie
Finals Qualifier	\$150	Sno-Eagles Fashion Camo Hoodie
Derby Champion	\$300	All of the above plus Thor Helmet Bag

**Remember, Sno-Eagles is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.**

**About 40 members have already donated more than \$5000 as part of the Sno-Eagles Champion campaign. You can also donate to the Groomer Replacement Fund as in past years.**



### **DISCOUNTED TRAIL PASSES**

Trail Passes for 2021/22 are now available. ALL sleds (except antique sleds) need a trail pass sticker in Wisconsin. As a current member of both the AWSC and Sno-Eagles, you can purchase stickers for your personal sleds registered in Wisconsin at the discounted rate of \$10 for each sled. Go to [www.awsc.org](http://www.awsc.org) for more information. Our website also has a link to AWSC to purchase the discounted trail passes. The process is very easy and quick.

The process is very easy:

1. You do need your AWSC member number from the address label on your Wisconsin Snowmobile News magazine or the AWSC website. Call or email Ken Storms if you can't find your number. (715-479-5599 or [snoeagles@gmail.com](mailto:snoeagles@gmail.com))

2. You also need the current Wisconsin registration sticker number for each sled. (go to the garage and look at your sleds or go the DNR Go Wild page on your computer.

3. You must buy them directly from the AWSC either on line or by mail using the form on page 6 of the September Wisconsin Snowmobile News magazine. On line purchases are preferred and are encouraged by AWSC.

**Discounted trail passes cost \$10 rather than the regular \$30 fee.  
Take advantage of this great membership benefit**

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Our snow season hasn't started yet, but Sno-Eagles has already acquired some new members:

Gary & Patti David	Marshfield, WI
Colt Hall	Franklin, WI
Jill & John Harrison	Flanigan, IL
Brian & Michele Klemmer	Eagle River, WI

Welcome to our Sno-Eagles family. Each month we will list additional new members.

**In addition, about 50 Trail Map advertisers are members of Sno-Eagles. When you get your 2021/22 Trail Map be sure to visit the businesses and thank them for their involvement with our club through their ads.**

### **SNOWMOBILE SAFETY SCHOOL**

At this time, we are planning on conducting our annual WDNR Snowmobile Safety education class October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The course will be taught by Sno-Eagles volunteer WDNR certified snowmobile safety instructors.

Any person who is born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1985 and who has reached the age of 12, must have completed and received a snowmobile safety certificate to operate a snowmobile on public trails in Wisconsin. There is no minimum age required to attend the safety course, but certificates are not valid in Wisconsin until the student has reached 12 years of age.

The snowmobile safety course consists of eight hours of basic instruction in the principles of snowmobile safety. It will be held Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 to 9 PM and Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM to 3 PM. Attendance at both sessions is mandatory. A parent or guardian must pick up each minor student at the end of class on Friday and Saturday.

The class will be held at Trees for Tomorrow in the large classroom. Trees for Tomorrow is located at 519 E. Sheridan Street in Eagle River, WI.

A Wisconsin DNR customer ID number is required before enrolling in any safety class. Students are encouraged to obtain a DNR customer ID and enroll online at Wisconsin DNR [GoWild](#). An ID number can also be obtained by calling DNR Customer Service from 7AM to 10PM at 1-888-936-7463, or by visiting a DNR Service Center during regular scheduled hours. The ID number must be provided to the instructor. In addition, once students have a WDNR customer ID number, they can enroll by contacting the lead instructor, Scott Linn, directly at 850-496-7324 or email [Scott](#).

The course fee is \$10 which covers all materials.

For more information contact Scott Linn at (850) 496-7324.

### **Please Volunteer To Help Your Club**

**Please go to the website or contact Sandy Lathrop, Volunteer Coordinator, to sign up to volunteer on one of the many committees of the club. We need help with trail brushing, working special events, making phone calls, groomer barn cleanup, and many other activities. Watch the Weekly email for opportunities to help. Any time you can spare to help YOUR club will be greatly appreciated. You can reach Sandy at 319-360-1274**

### **SATURDAY NIGHT OUT (SNO)**

In the past, Sno-Eagles has hosted a social outing each month called Saturday Night Out. The purpose was to thank those restaurants that advertise on our Trail Map or donate to our club in some other way. Cheryl Storms has arranged these events since 2011. They were usually held the last Saturday of the month. No business meeting, just a great relaxing dinner with other Sno-Eagles members.

Because of Covid-19, no SNO events were held last year. We hope to resume these events in the near future. Stay tuned.

### **SNO-EAGLE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Officers**

President	Howard "Rusty" Wolf	262-442-4876
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Treasurer	Fred Rockafellow	715-891-2737
Secretary	Deana Jansa	608-215-0464

#### **Board of Directors**

Charles Check	715-522-0062
Ron Engels	715-479-5322
Sandy Lathrop	319-360-1274
Carole Linn	715-479-6873
Dave Mroczynski	715-891-8584

**If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, these are the people to call!**