



CLUB NEWSLETTER

SEVEN LAKES SNOWMOBILE CLUB

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Nancy Clifford, Secretary

Easter Seals Donations:

Thank you all who donated to Easter Seals. We were able to send a check for \$600 to be used at Camp SnoMo, for children with special needs. Thanks to local merchants: Home Again Restaurant, Ace Hardware, Cindy's Place, Sharper Image, Town & Country Styles, The New Deal, Country Goods & Groceries, Lino's, Blue Bay Seafood & Steaks, and Jim's Wheelhouse, who donated gift certificates for the Easter Seals raffle, which earned an additional \$600 at the NHSA Ride-in.

Groomer Donations:

A big thank you to all who have donated to the groomer fund, helping us to pay down our loan for Tucker II. In November, we were able to pay an extra \$1,000 on the principal of the loan. Due to continued donations and increased memberships over last year, we are able this month to pay an additional \$10,000 on the principal, bringing the balance down to around \$46,000. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated.

Fundraiser/Silent Auction:

Another big thank you to Marc and Tobi Laurion for organizing the event as well as donating the hall and the snacks. The event netted \$1,753. A good time was had by all.

NASCAR:

This year the races at Loudon will take place on July 14-16 and Sept. 22-24. This is an important fundraiser for the club, and, as usual, we are in need of more volunteers. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Chuck Waleik at 522-6070 or cwaleik@roadrunner.com.

General Meeting/Election/Potluck:

Our General Meeting/Election will be on Saturday, March 11th 5pm at the Wakefield Public Safety Building. The Potluck will begin at 6pm. Landowners are invited. If you are able to attend, please call Dorrie Vrettos with your food donation at 522-6393.

Membership Changes:

As you probably know by now, the membership procedures have changed the last couple of years. We are now part of the NHSA online system, which is updated by you (the members) and me. You can join or renew directly through NHSA. At the end of the procedure, you can download the voucher to a device or print it. This is your proof of membership and entitles you to pay the lesser rate when registering your sleds. There are no longer membership cards. If you prefer, you can still join with a written application or online through PayPal. In this case, I will update your membership with NHSA and either e-mail or snail mail your voucher. Whichever method you choose, it is best to have your voucher before registering your sleds.

Snow Conditions:

This year has been frustrating for riders and groomers. All the snow has been light and fluffy, which does not pack or groom well. Now warm temperatures are making matters worse, especially on the lakes. The weight of the snow is pushing the ice down causing water to cover the ice layer creating deep slush. You may have come upon a water bar or two on the trails. It is crazy to be dealing with water in mid-February, but we are. Bales of hay are being used to fill in these holes, with the hope of covering them with snow and freezing. We are doing our best to create good riding conditions; we, too, like to ride.

President's Message:

My last president's message is a simple thank you to the Board of Directors and all the volunteers that help the club perform our goal. We all work as volunteers and as such put in various amounts of time and effort. I wish at times that more people would be willing to do that, however, we do manage to get by. Things are far from perfect, but be advised; we do make an attempt to provide a decent trail system, with trails that are reasonably well groomed.

We have managed to get land owner permission to re-route Corridor 22. This will replace the use of the RR tracks just south of Rte. 171 in Ossipee and connect back to the trail which crosses Browns Ridge Rd at Babson field. No need to go all the way down 19 or use the tunnel below the tracks to complete the trip to the southern trails. Not sure if it will happen for this season but it should be all set for next year.

On a different note, please think about helping us out in the future, whether it be trail work or volunteering at Loudon, or the Grass Drags. I believe that you will benefit by feeling more a part of the club and that is a feelgood thing no matter how you look at it. One person does matter.

Take care and be safe out there.

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