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The NESS Express

Snowmobile Club Newsletter

Created & Edited By:
Ron Dawydko

The NESS Express is a monthly newsletter for the members and landowners of the Northern Erie sno-seekers snowmobile club. We are a 300+ member, non-profit club responsible for 120+ miles of state funded snowmobile trails located in the Erie, Niagara, and Genesee counties. We meet monthly at a pre disclosed location. All members and interested parties are welcome to attend. Our meetings are always open to the public. We encourage you to come see what we are all about. Our club & meetings are completely family oriented. If you plan to join us for a meeting, come hungry! The club buys wings & fries for all who attend! For more information, or if you wish to contact us, snoseekers.com, or (716)741-NESS or snoseekers@yahoo.com

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Editors Thoughts, Notes & Idea's



In last months newsletter, in my editorial page, in regards to the NYSSA's proposed changes to recommend to the New York State Office of Parks & Recreation I got a few things wrong. And I was called out on it, as I should be. So, I'm here this month to clarify some things & apologize. When and if I'm wrong, I'm not afraid to acknowledge it. With that said, at the time I wrote the newsletter (2+ weeks before its delivered in the mail) SOME of what I wrote was accurate, but honestly it was changing by the day. And by the time you read it, it was wrong.

* NYS Parks did not request NYSSA to come up with a new trail fund distribution plan. When NYS Parks announced they we're going to change the trail fund, NYSSA took action, with the feeling they were best suited to make a recommendation.

* NYSSA did not form the "trails committee" just to work on the trail grant issue. In fact, the trails committee has always been one of the many committees that are part of the NYSSA.

*The NYSSA trails committee was thrown a bit of a curve ball, once they started working on a new trail grant proposal, NYS Parks notified them that all the data for the previous 10+ years, in regards to the trail grant had been lost or deleted.

* I made the statement that funding will be cut to all clubs across the state. This statement is still controversial today. Why? mainly because there is no accurate way to compare the proposed new trail grant(s) to the old trail grant. The only accurate statement I feel I can make at this point is, if passed, the new trail grant process could potentially payout more to our club in good snow years, and less in low snow years.

* I used the word "tremendous" to describe the desire for clubs in high snow areas to have access to more money for grooming in the new trail grant proposals. I overstated., In my opinion there has been a desire for these clubs to get more money out of the trail grant for grooming, but tremendous was overstating my point.

* I asked for club members to go to the NYSSA Annual Forum to represent, NESS, Erie County & WNY snowmobilers. I did not have permission from the other clubs of Erie County, nor the snowmobilers in general of WNY to have our clubs attendees represent them at the forum.

...Final thoughts... There is a big disclaimer on the bottom of this page, it's there because what I write here is my opinion, and the way I see it. I got some things wrong last month, but I also made some waves with what I had correct, and those waves traveled across the whole state. And those waves may have helped change the tide.

~KEEP YOUR STICK ON THE ICE~

Ron Dawydke

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*Membership includes a monthly copy of the "NESS Express" our club newsletter.

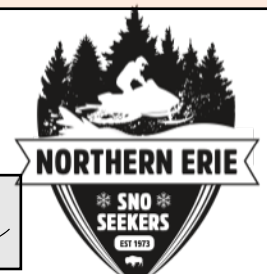
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Signature: _____

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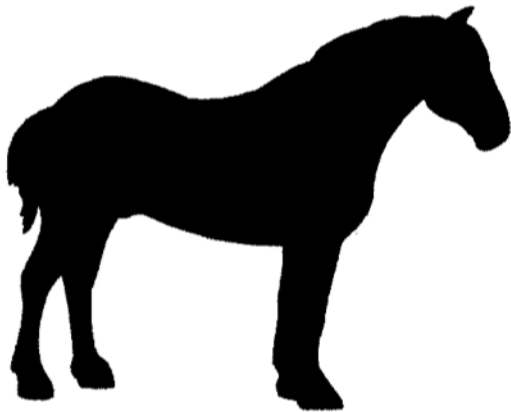
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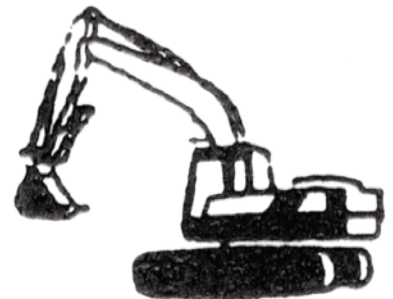
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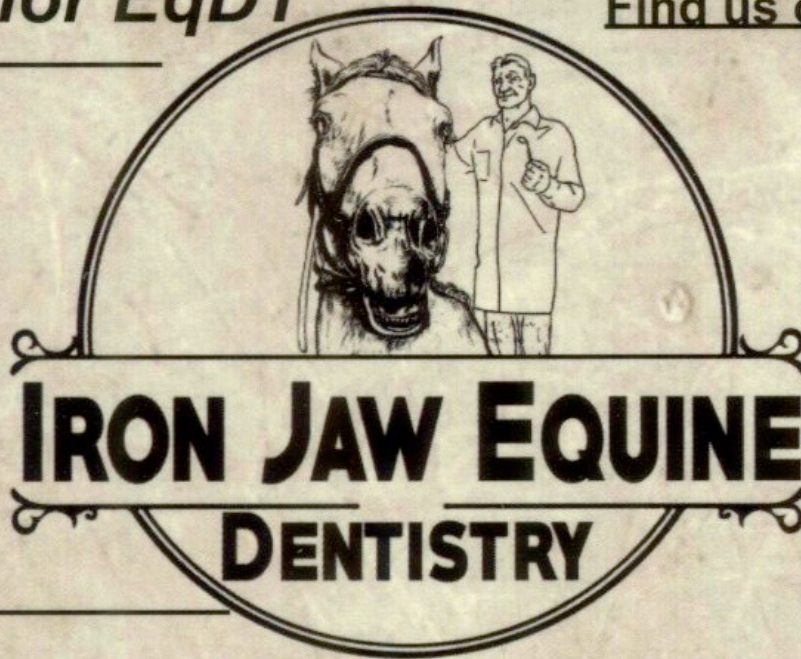
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NESS Christmas Party

(They only let us do this once a year . . . So... We let her RIP !!!)

Back from COVID hiatus... This years Christmas party will be just the right mix of great food and awesome prizes. Landowners will all be mailed a ticket for free entry. We moved our party to a new town ! ... Wolcottsville, the Las Vegas of Niagara County (what happens in Wolcottsville, stays in Wolcottsville) Folks, we need help on this sizzler, plain and simple, it's a SUPER busy time of the year for club members and trial captains, we are "full tilt boogie" marking trail, fixing bridges, figuring out re-routes. We need some new blood to come forward, step up and help out... Both before the party, decorating, collecting prizes, shopping for needed items. And the day of the party, we need greeters at the door, bartenders, food servers, raffle ticket venders, and the list goes on.... Don't be afraid we won't hang you out to dry. And if I may make a special plea for wives and girlfriends, this is a great opportunity to help out the club, and NOT have to wear muck boots, and see overweight mens "plumber crack" while they bend over all day ! ...Just saying.... We also need basket raffle prizes, gift certificates, donations (anything but a fondue set). Please, Please contact us to find out how you can help ! Make plans, mark your calendar, put it in your phone, and come have a great time with us North of the mighty Tonawanda Creek !

? Trails Open ?



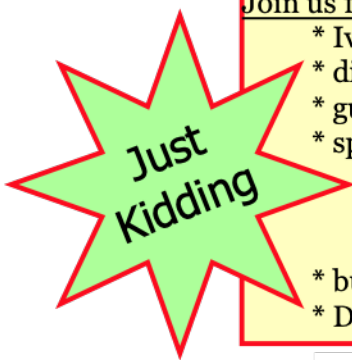
Ticket Prices:

Landowners & 1 guest:	FREE
club members	> \$10
wife / girlfriend	
friends & relatives	
neighbors & lost souls	
conspiracy theorists	
Pre-sale tickets:	\$20
(Don't bother us... we're hunting !!!)	
Kids 12 & under:	FREE

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When:

Saturday December 4th., doors open at 5pm (Party starts at 3pm)
 (... We eat when the food shows up...)



- Join us for:
- * Ivermectin shooters at the bar
 - * dirtiest mask competition
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General Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location	Sept 30th. 2021 @ The Wolcottsville Inn (7:30pm start time)
Welcome	* Andy
Last Meeting Minutes	* No BOD meeting held on 9/9, no meeting minutes to review or except
Attendance & Sign Up Sheet	~ Attendance sheet passed out
	~ Work party, events, and trail projects sign up sheet passed out
NYSSA / SLEDNY	~ Rich & 2 other club members will be going out to the NYSSA Forum to represent NESS
	~ Rich covered topics that will be addressed at Saturdays NYSSA meeting
	~ Gary B., also reported on this topic, as a member of Shawnee club, and also as a NYSSA BOD member, and chairperson of the executive committee.
	~ Rich reported, Ron wrote the newsletter column with what he thought was accurate information, and then was called out on some things, he will clarify in next newsletter
Erie County Federation	~ Rich, reported, pretty much the whole meeting was on the Trail fund topic,
Niagara County Federation	* nothing new to report
Committees	
Vintage Show (Kevin)	~ Kevin reported, the Genesee snow-packers bikini raffle will be held on the day before our vintage show, timing was discussed, and not thought to be a problem
	~ Kevin was able to secure same food vender as last year
	~ Kevin to contact Ron on printing flyer
	~ Questions on the advertising costs for the vintage show, radio spots, announcer fees. Rich checked with Ron via txt, confirmed price is same as last year, WXRL has already been hired
Membership)	Rich reported up 169% increase in memberships over this time last year, currently at 90 members
	~ Gary B., reported that the membership increase purposed would not go into effect until at earliest next season
Apparel (Andrea)	~ Dave has trail captains shirts, pick yours up from Dave, whoever isn't at meeting we will find a way to get your shirt to you somehow sometime
	~ Rich modeled his groomer operator hat for the crowd
	~ In the past we have gotten stuck with shirts, so, we are going with a pre-pay only to try to avoid this
UTV's & Equipment (Ron)	~ Guys will work on this
Groomers & Drags (Ron)	~ Ron was not at meeting to give a report
Christmas Party / Landowner Dinner (Paul / Molly)	~ Paul reported fire hall is booked, our food guy is not able to handle the food this year, Paul had another option on food,
	~ Date set at Dec 4th
	~ Planning on 250 people in attendance, food costs were discussed

	~ Chinese Auction discussed, other raffle ideas, big raffle ideas discussed
	~ Dave will look through left over supplies to find out what we need for this year
	~ Discussion on entertainment ideas, other options discussed
	~ Rich reminded that Christmas party invitations will need to go out at next months meeting
Trails	
Trail Coordinator Report (Jake K.)	~ Jake reported he will be installing a new culvert on Sescile's property
	~ Jake reported he will be working on a added new trail into McDonalds, Timmy-Ho's and the gas station, he will need to talk to Bucks and also Bedfords green houses
Landowner Cards	* Landowner permission cards went out in Aug., *** as of this moment we have <u>NO ISSUES ANYWHERE</u> *** No cards returned, no emails, no phone calls, life is good right now. Considering we added 12 new landowners to the list, we are off to a good start.
Pixley's Sure-Fine (tentative)	~ Jake reported he is still working on it, concerns on sleds on the asphalt, Pixlies doesn't want sleds on the asphalt going up to the gas pumps....
Norfolk - Southern crossing (Rich)	~ New info, Rich has gotten word that Norfolk Southern may have sold that RR line, he also reported that a club member saw a dump truck on the tracks, not sure what's going on with that.
	~ Both Marrilla & NESS are working hard on this issue
Niagara County Bridges	~ Dave reported that Joe will start work on the bridge at Bowen Rd it in the next few weeks
	~ Kyle went into detail on the bridge East of Riddle Rd. this, explained what we need to do to shore things up and get this bridge back to 100%
	~ Dave is going to stop by and take a look to measure up for cement blocks
	~ Kyle thinks an excavator and skid steer should be able to get this taken care of
Niagara County brushing	~ Ron is out of commission for brush hogging, Paul and Rich will work on this
	~ Dave reported that the trail right through Terries Corners Fire hall needs to trim back
Trail head signboards / maps (Paul & Ron)	~ Dave, Paul, will work on taking some of these down, questions on how many there are and their locations, Ron will have to update, and map out
Re-Route at Block Church	~ Rich reported that he was in contact with the NEETNY / NEXT ERA guys, and will meet up with them next week, and find out a time frame on possibility for trail there this year
	~ Dave reported he looked things over, and thought there was ability to re-route to the North, and back down.
County Rd issue	~ Rich reported the property change may effect us this season, or not, depends on when he builds,
	~ Kyle reported he looked at it and thought there might be room yet depending on where the house is built
NEETNY / NEXT-ERA Powerline Project (Rich)	~ No updates at this time, will have more after the meeting next week
Other Issues ?	~ Rich, reminded everyone how important it is to get work logs to him asap, with the trail fund changes in effect, having accurate up to date info is going to be critical, please txt him with all information !!!!! this is super important !!!!
Treasurer Report	~ Rich gave a detailed printed report to all in attendance

	~ Andy, motion to except treasurers report, Trenton 1st., Kevin 2nd, all in favor, motion carried
	~ Rich had no new bills at this time
Newsletter (Ron)	~ Ron was not at meeting to give a report
** New Business **	~ Jan Schafer from Bucks Motorsports contacted the club, would like to put together a dice run in Feb. He would like to work with the club to set the date. We need a chairperson for this event.
	~ Sandy inquired about the groomer donation boxes she use to put out around town, she no long wishes to put them out, Rich advised to drop them off at his office anytime, he would take care of it.
Questions..Comments..Concerns.	~ Nothing
Thank You	* Thank you for taking the time and effort to attend !!!
** Next Meeting Info **	* Next BOD meeting Oct. 14th. (location not set yet)
	* Next GENERAL meeting Oct. 28 @ The Wolcottsville Inn
Close Meeting / Meeting Adjured	~ Andy made a motion to close meeting, Jake J. 1st., Kyle 2nd., all in favor, motion

Officers Attendance

President : Andy
 VP: Jake J.
 Secretary :
 Treasurer : Rich
 Sergeant of Arms :
 BOD Jake A.:
 BOD Kyle A.: Kyle
 BOD Luke A.: Luke
 BOD Kevin : Kevin
 BOD Earl :
 BOD Paul : Paul
 BOD Dave : Dave



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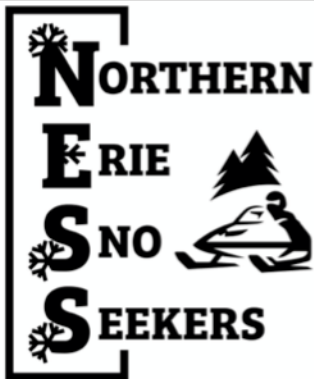
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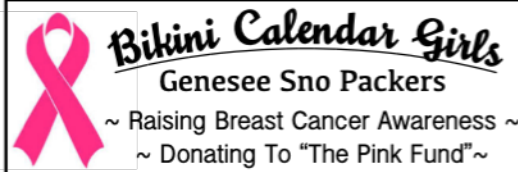
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