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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. For more information, or if you wish to contact us, snoseekers.com, or (716)741-NESS or snoseekers@yahoo.com

Next Meeting

Thursday December 29th. @ 7pm

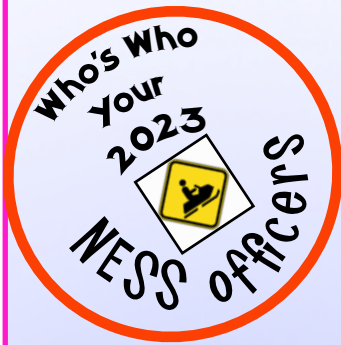
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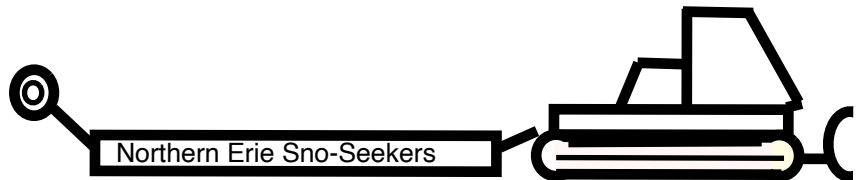
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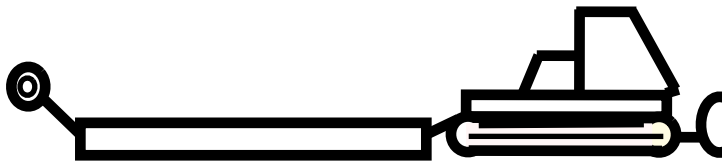
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*** Reminder *** This club is a 100% volunteer organization. Everything done on behalf of NESS is time and effort donated by its members. What kind of experience is generated from events such as the Christmas party, antique sled show or even a Sunday afternoon ride with your friends and family on some smooth well marked trails is a direct result of the efforts put forth by our members. How have you contributed ?

Christmas Party 2022



Another great landowner appreciation / club Christmas party in the books. A good time was had by all for sure. We had one of the largest crowds we've ever entertained. There is a long list of "thank you's", and as hard as we try to keep track of donations, I can't promise there isn't someone we have missed !

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Special thanks going out to Wolcottsville VFD for the hall rental, Goofy Faces caricatures, DJ Don for the music. Many thanks going out to the club members & family members who helped set up, decorate, clean up and man the tables to ensure the evening went smooth. A special NESS tip of the hat to our master of ceremonies Eric. As always he keeps evening entertaining, and moving quickly. Bartender Sam kept us all hydrated ! ...And, saving possibly the biggest thank you for last, club members Molly & Paul for being the chairpersons for this stellar event. Molly is a professional event planner, and it always shows ! From making all the arrangements, to organizing the evening, she made everything as smooth as it could possibly be, keep "The Planning Touch" in mind for any events you may have. You will find her contact info here in the newsletter. 70+ landowners from across our trail system were our guests. With 170+ total folks on hand, the 50/50 raffle turned into a nice sized cash prize ! Chiavetta's catered our dinner, with some very tasty selections, and the desserts are always well worth saving space for !!! We look forward to seeing everyone back again next year !!!



The Anderson
"Clean-Up" crew



**Chairpersons
Molly & Paul**

Northern Erie Sno-Seekers

General Meeting Minutes

Date / Time / Location	Dec. 1st. @ Wolcottsville VFC (7:00pm)
Welcome	* Andy ~Andy was running late, Bill started the meeting on his behalf
Last Meeting Minutes	~ Bill made a motion to except last months minutes, Ron 1st., Rich 2nd., all in favor, motion carried
NYSSA / SLEDNY	* Rich update ~ Super Raffle Tickets are available for sale, good money generator for our club, contact Rich for tickets, or contact Trenton ~ Erie & Niagara County's are both being audited by a third party service from the state, Rich is working to for fill all the documentation that they require... it's not pretty.....
Erie County Federation	* Rich update ~ Nothing new to report at this time
Niagara County Federation	* Rich update ~ Looking for a new president here, Gary retires at the end of this year, please contact Rich if you would like the job.
Genesee County Federation	* Rich update ~ Nothing new to report at this time
Committees	
UTV's & Equipment	* UTV's are both at Ron's, anyone who needs them, contact Ron ~ Bill explained the issues facing the club, buying and registering the new UTV trailer we approved to buy 2 months ago. Insurance issue, and no insurance means we can't register the trailer, and if we can't register it, they won't sell it to us... Bill will try to resolve this issue at the Albion DMV, and see where he lands. ((UGH))
Groomers & Drags	* Will be scheduling fall maintenance soon, Oil changes, grease & service contact Ron if you can help out. ~ Busy resolving trail issues, and marking trail, no time for groomers yet. * Still looking for a welder to do some brush guard repair on Groomer #3 ~ Phill K. offered to help out, Ron will be in touch with him. * still need to do some welding on drag #2 ~ Jake K. offered to do the work at his place, and save moving the drag to a different facility to get the repairs done. Ron will get the steel to him * contact Ron if you can help
Vintage Show	* Chairperson Kevin has had bypass surgery, going to need a LOT of help for this years show !!! ~ Kevin & Marcie gave a full update on the show, and what still needed to be done. ~ Beer / Wine / Hard Cider will be available at this years show

	~ Jake K. filled us in on the process of liquor selling at the show, what we can and can't do.
	~ We need 4-5 bartenders to service at the show
	~ Kevin brought us up to speed on the "main" raffle prize that is a refurbished '71 Ski-boose full of Booze, Booze donations are needed to fill the Ski-Boose, Kevin needs a place, and someone to paint the unit, a heated shop or garage.
	~ Ski-Boose raffle tickets are \$5 each, total of 500 sold, contact Kevin for details or get tickets.
Christmas Party / Landowner Dinner	* Paul / Molly update ? What do you need done, where do you need help ?
	~ Paul & Molly gave a complete update as to the party, and what still needed to be done by Saturday. Hall decoration to be done at the end of the meeting.
Trails	
Trail Coordinator Report	* Jake K. update
	* Gary is going to be marking trail in Niagara county on Dec 11th. contact Gary to help (716)807-7002
	* Need someone to mark trail leading out of Wolcottsville going North
	~ Kyle & Kevin both informed us that most of that trail was already marked, Kevin to check to see what was left to mark
	* Many, many miles of trail to be marked, trail captains always looking for helpers.
	* Questions from the floor regarding trails ?
	~ Al brought us up to speed on the "Pizza Inn" trail coming out from Clarence Center, it's status, the re-route, possible future problems.
	~ Frank brought an issue of sleds trespassing on his father in laws land, under power lines off Riddle Rd. Land was once part of NESS trails, but had not been used as such in 5+ years. General discussion on many aspects of this issue, including liability, and adding this person to the clubs insurance policy. Some heated discussion on topics surrounding this issue, various officers offered reasons why the club could not provide insurance to a landowner that was part of the trail system. Offers were made to use the clubs limited resources to deter sleds from trespassing. Bill will correspond with Frank to resolve the issue.
Membership	* Rich update
Treasurer Report	* Rich's printed report
	~ Rich presented a printed report, and opened the floor to questions
	* Motion to except treasurer report
	~ Rich asked for a motion to pass the treasurers report as printed. Bill 1st., Dave 2nd., all in favor, motion carried.
New Bills	* Rich
	~ Rich listed out the new bills to be paid
	* Motion to pay new bills
	~ Rich asked for a motion to pay the new bills. Kevin 1st., Trenton 2nd., all in favor, motion carried.

New Business	
Open Floor / "for the good of the club"	~ discussion on suspending the BOD meeting for December.
	~ Jeff made a motion to suspend BOD meeting for December, Jake J. 1st., Jake K., 2nd., all in favor, motion carried.
** Next Meeting Info **	* BOD meeting Dec 8th. @Marvins (7pm)
	~ BOD meeting for December was canceled
	* General meeting Dec 29th. @ Marvins (7pm)
Close Meeting / Meeting Adjured	~ Andy asked for a motion to close the meeting, Luke 1st., Jake J. 2nd., all in favor, motion carried.
	Directors In Attendance
President: Andy	X
Vice President: Bill	X
Secretary: Ron	X
Treasurer: Rich	X
Sergeant of Arms: Jeff	X
Trail Coordinator: Jake K.	X
BOD: Jake A.	X
BOD: Kyle A.	X
BOD: Dave	X
BOD: Jake J.	X
BOD: Nathan	
BOD: Paul	X
BOD: Luke	X

Trail Pic's

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Remember

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Welcome

...Is this your first newsletter ??? Well, in that case, welcome aboard ! This is where our club news intersects with WNY snowmobiling, with a twist of Ron's humor thrown in just to keep things interesting. I consider this publication a continuing work in progress. Or a train wreck in progress, the jury is still out... I welcome any ideas, input & criticism. Hit me up ! (716)622-8121 or snoseekers@yahoo.com

Trail Useage



Lets have a little discussion about our snowmobile trails... Due to the extension of big game hunting season in NYS, the EARLIEST our trails can open, weather and conditions providing is Jan. 2nd. With that said, just because there is enough snow to cover the grass in your front yard, and you can't wait any longer to push the flipper on your new sled... DOES NOT mean you can hit the trails !!! We all feel the same way as you !!! NESS trails open and close at the discretion of trail coordinator Jake K. There are many factors that go into deciding on opening or closing our trails. Over the past few years the consequences for riding on a closed trail have gone up considerably. Hefty fines, court fees, on the spot impoundment could make you very sorry you didn't check before you hit the trails. If you're thinking you're going for a quick "scoot", or just a few miles to

your favorite watering hole. Remember, EVERYONE carries a very powerful video recorder and camera in their pocket these days ! You no longer need to be caught "red handed" to be issued a ticket. Remember there is a good chance the guy writing your ticket also rides sleds too. Law enforcement has divisions in the NYS police, County Sheriffs, NYS Office of Parks & Recreation & the DEC. Any snowmobile infractions are directed to one of those departments, so they are already prepared for your excuse that you didn't know the trails weren't open, or whatever other excuse you can dream up. It's YOUR responsibility to check trail availability before you head out. It's also your responsibility to be prepared for the conditions you may encounter out on the trails. We go to great effort to explain the conditions on our "trails" page on our website. When a trail is listed as "limited" and in the comments section it says "Water Holes" be prepared to return home covered in slop, and soaked to the core. We update trail conditions as they change, but you can always post a question to the fb page, and get info directly from other riders. Another very common excuse we hear when riders are stopped on a closed trail, is that they are not from around here, and rode onto our trail system from another club that was open. Again, it won't get you out of a ticket, you are responsible to plan your route, and check conditions before you leave. Trails may open up at anytime of day, but trails will only close at midnight, to ensure no one gets stuck out on a trail that was open when they left to go for a ride. Use our website & the NYSSA interactive web map to make the best of your riding experience! And enjoy our trails !

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Membership Application or Renewal

2022-2023 Season



Memberships run from April 1 to March 31, this coincides with NYSSA memberships & vouchers

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Signature: _____

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