

CLUB INFORMATION

All meetings held at Circle B

Rec Center in Cedarburg

FUTURE MEETINGS:

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7:30pm January 8, 2009

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B&B NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Another year has passed and we're back in the cold and snowy season we love. Now that it has stopped raining and the temps are getting colder, we will have an awesome season. One thing that the rain may have helped us with, and that is getting into the ground and freezing. I did notice that when we finished trails in December, there wasn't much frost in the ground at that time. The swamp where we were working still was soft. If it hasn't frozen by now with the weather we have had, it probably won't freeze.

One items of interest we are working on at the present time, is the local high school scholarship. We're trying to make it that we cover the high schools that our member's children attend. Research is ongoing as to how to make this work and still award only two \$500 scholarships. More on this as progress is made.

Our Board of Directors is looking down the road at our future. With our Tucker being a 1990 model and with what we have invested into it, we will be able to get many more years of use from it, yet it isn't getting any younger. Due to this, a motion has been made and passed at the Board Meeting to put up to five thousand dollars away each year for five years for the future purchase of a newer groomer. This way, we'll have money set aside as well as the value of our Tucker to purchase a newer one. It was felt we needed to do this now and plan ahead; it is better to be pro-active than re-active.

This past club meeting we had almost 30 members in attendance which was an awesome turn out for December. We're looking to see you again in January; and given the trails are open, we'll be there on snowmobiles. At this point, I'm out of time and room. So remember, keep your track on the trail, ride safely and we'll see you on the trails......

TRAILS

After our trails opened on Friday, December 19, I have talked to some of our members regarding how soon we groom the trails once they open. I have posed this question to

Randy Kison, our trailmaster and groomer boss, and he explained that we wait a day or two after the trails are open so snowmobilers will pack the snow down on the trail, especially when the snow is not wet and heavy. This gives us an initial base to work with and when we start grooming, it will be easier to pack the snow further and create a good base that will last us throughout the season. This makes sense and when explaining this to others, they agreed that this is a good idea.

Even though the trails are currently closed, please call the SNO-PHONES daily (numbers listed below) to check the status before riding. Also, remember that we have had a few changes in how the trail runs. Please follow the signs and stay on the trail. Let's play it safe and ride when the trails are ready.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Since my wife and myself don't live in Ozaukee County, I don't get to see the local papers from this county. At this time, I haven't heard from anyone regarding the article Chris Habich submitted to the *Ozaukee Press* and the *News Graphic*. If anyone has seen this article, please email a copy to us so we can put a copy of it up on our website. And hopefully the point we are trying to make with this article -- that our club is based on volunteers and our trails are a volunteer effort as well and don't just magically appear each fall and disappear each spring – makes it to the non-club member.

TUCKER

We have been out with our Tucker grooming our trails right before they opened and around Christmas and everything ran really well. Due to the winds and amount of snow, they did encounter some drifts and got stuck for a spell on Christmas Day. With the help of three shovels, they were able to dig their way out and continue on grooming. Before the snow melted, our entire trail system was groomed.

We are always looking for additional members to help us groom, so ig you are interested, please give Randy Kison (262-677-2996) a call. If there is enough response, he'll set up a training session on a Saturday morning out at Ma Kison's farm. There is plenty of open farm land to practice without trees.

SNO-FARIs

St. Germain -- We have all six rooms booked and are looking forward to a good weekend of riding. The dates for this trip are February 6-7-8, 2009. If anyone is still interested, there may be some rooms left at the Hearthside Inn, but time is getting short. We will report on this trip in the March newsletter. Looking forward to northern Wisconsin.

February 26 thru March 2 to Idaho – At this time, this trip is set to go. If you need additional information, please call Mike Mueller at 414-303-4909 or John Jepson at 262-377-5700. Hopefully in March's newsletter, we'll have a report on how this Sno-Fari was going out to Idaho.

CLUB CLOTHING

If you didn't pick up your T-shirts or sweatshirt at December's Club meeting, stop in and see Patty Kison at January's Club meeting to pick yours up. Otherwise, please call Patty at 262-677-2996 to arrange another pick up time.

FOR SALE

Full Size Air Hockey Table. \$100; call Chris Habich for more details at 262-387-1161

2000 POLARIS 340 Deluxe Indy Light, Electric Start, Hand warmers, spare belt, cover, 3400 miles, clean. Asking \$1750. Call Jim Pipkorn at 262-377-1955

2004 SKI-DOO Mini Z with clutch kit. \$1200.00 O.B.O. Call Mike Mueller at 414-303-4909

IMPORTANT SNO PHONES

Ozaukee County:	262-284-8259	www.ozaukeetourism.com/ParksTrails.htm
Washington County:	262-334-6061	www.wcasc.org
Calumet County:	920-849-1494 #1	www.calumetsnotrails.com
Fond du Lac County:	920-929-6840 #5	www.geocities.com/fdlsnowassn
Manitowoc County:	920-758-7669	www.manitowoctrails.com
Sheboygan County:	920-892-7455	www.nkmsnow.com

Please call these numbers often and ride safely.