



# B&B NEWSLETTER

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## CLUB INFORMATION

### MEETINGS DATES:

*All Club meetings held at  
Circle B Rec Center  
in Cedarburg*

BOARD of DIRECTORS  
Thursday, February 13, 2020  
@ 6:15pm

NEXT CLUB MEETING  
Thursday, February 13, 2020  
@ 7:30pm

### CLUB OFFICERS

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## MY RAMBLINGS

Our season is off to a slow start here in southeastern Wisconsin and we finally have our trail system ready to rock. Our trails had some last minute brushing right before the trails opened and we have had success grooming our entire system! Not too bad considering the short window of opportunity we had to use our trails. So with colder temps and snow on the way, we will do our best to open our trails while keeping our landowner's land into consideration.

If any one is interested in a tour pack and saddle bags from an early to mid 2000s Ski-Doo, Dick Larson has generously donated them to us in hopes they will be put to good use. He used them for the over night snowmobile trips while riding up north (if I'm not mistaken, the trips are called baggers?). Also, Dick has included his snowmobile helmet along with a helmet bag. I will have all of these items at our February Club meeting if you are interested.

One additional item, we may or may not have a guest speaker for February's Club meeting. At the time I am writing this, our speaker won't know if he will be able to attend or not until the day of our meeting. If he cannot make February, we will reschedule for March.

So until next month, get your sled out onto the snow and hit our trails (when they are open), and remember, keep the rubber side down!!

## PINK RIBBON RIDERS (PRR)

We need to thank Lisa Stahl for stopping in at our Club meeting in January and touching base with us for her group, the Pink Ribbon Riders. As I mentioned last month, they raise money to help those suffering or have suffered from breast cancer, male or female. As a Club, we have always set a goal of donating at least \$500 to this because they revolves around snowmobiling and was started by women snowmobilers when one of their snowmobile companions (female) died from breast cancer.

Over the last two seasons, we have helped Lisa raise at least \$700 at our Club meetings. This year, we just moved up the bar and raised \$840 (\$250 Club donation), which is roughly \$100 more than last year! Awesome job, Club members!! By the way, Patty Kison won the 50/50 raffle from the PRR!! Way to go Patty!! And thank you to all for your generous giving that evening!

## FEBRUARY FOOD

For this month, we will be having a chili dump at our Club Meeting. Right now, we have roughly five (5) members bringing chili and one couple bringing crackers, fritos and a dessert. So we still need more items to help round out this evenings meal. Since Chris is coordinating this meal, please give her a call or text to see what we need. As you chili eaters know, we do need additional items, so please call Chris to inquire.

One other note, we were given a suggestion of having a chili contest and possibly use it as a fund raiser. (No, not a chili eating contest, yet that might be

interesting!) So are we were discussing this, we thought we would put this contest together and plan to have it next winter where we get the word out for this event to get more interest in it. We will have our thinking caps on to get this rolling.

## GROOMING

We were able to groom the whole trail system once, with the exception of the cross country ski trail in Pleasant Valley Park. As we groomed towards Newburg on the Sno Drifters section, we broke through 6 inches of ice in the swamp area. We managed to get out with the help of Donny Loftner (the Sno Drifters Trail Master), PeeWee, Randy, Evan Fischer and Alex Salkowski. Also, the use of Jake Bublitz's UTV. (Peewee feels we need pontoons this year) There was no damage to the groomer or drag. Plus, we also have replaced the starter (it was extremely difficult to pop-start). New for this season, we purchased and installed the new Grooming Tracking System (GTS) that is part of the SNARS trail reporting system. This allows us to automatically record our grooming time and location directly into SNARS. Plus, we are also manually logging our grooming hours and we will compare that with the data entered by our new GTS.

## TRAILS

Shortly after the first of January, we went out and inspected a few areas on our trail system and found that we had some downed trees. This lead us to spend a three afternoons cutting up the downed trees to ensure that all snowmobilers could get through as well as our groomer. Plus when we started grooming, we found even more downed trees which we cut up and removed from our trail. Never a dull moment here in SE Wisconsin!!

When we do get additional snow, please ride carefully as we have had additional water holes pop up with the warmer temps which means our trails may be icy in spots. Please call the snowphones before heading out once we get additional snow! Thanks!!

## SNO-FARI 2020 - KEWEENAW PENINSULA

*submitted by Matt Geszvain*

Even in the bleakest snowless winter you can normally find snow in the snowiest place in the US east of the Rockies. This trip to the Centennial Cottages in Calumet, MI in the Keweenaw Peninsula was no exception. There was a good base as we found three feet in mid-December. That based had firmed up and two to three feet of snow was added to that to make epic conditions. Not to mention the 16" we got when we were there. We arrived Thursday afternoon. After we got settled in, we saddled up and headed south for a

40-mile round trip tune up ride to Houghton. We drove right to the dorms at Michigan Tech and visited with Ricky Knox's son Patrick who is a freshman at Tech. The next day was a day spent on the logging roads and in the bush trying to find the next fresh road of powder to carve up, taking turns taking the lead. Day three was a heavy snow day. We spent most of the day playing in the bush taking shelter in the pines to avoid the wind and heavy snow. Sunday had us riding the most miles, as we headed up to the Brockway Mountains to see the views of Copper Harbor. We then continued up to the tip of the peninsula. We then headed back south, past the base of Mt. Bohemia ski hill. We got back to camp about minutes before the packer game and loaded up the sleds and got the food going for the game. We headed back Monday morning after a great trip of about 300 miles. A great time with great friends, club members and fellow snow lovers. We had six people total and we'd love to have more next year.

## UPCOMING DATES FOR THIS SEASON:

### February 2020

Ozaukee Cty. Assoc.	Monday, Feb. 10
Club & Board Meeting	Thursday, Feb. 13
Washington Cty. Assoc.	Wednesday, Feb. 26

### March 2020

Ozaukee Cty Assoc.	Monday, March 9
Club & Board Meeting	Thursday, March 12
Washington Cty. Assoc.	Wednesday, March 26

### April 2020

Club & Board Meeting	Thursday, April 9
Ozaukee Cty Assoc.	Monday, April 13

### SUMMER 2020

Set up at Fair	Sat/Sun July 25-26
Finish set up	Mon/Tue July 27-28
Open for business	Wednesday, July 29
Tear Down Bar	Sunday, August 2
Tear Down Cookshak	Monday, August 3

## SNO-PHONES:

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## FOR SALE

All has been sold, so nothing at this time!