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From The President *Greg* *Nordstrom*



Hello again snow lovers.

First off I want to give the Black Hills Snowmobile club a big Thank You for putting on a very good convention. They did a fantastic job in all aspects of the convention. I would also say a big thank you to the Trail Busters for the great items they supplied for the auctions. Thank you to John Green for the awesome painting he supplied for the auction. Also thank to Mike Boock and Kelly Weaver for the countless hours working with the online aspects of the convention. Sure a glitch here and there but this was a big challenge and it came off really well. The Ramkota was a super good place for this and hats off to them for being accommodating in dealing with all the challenges they had to put up with. Also the food was excellent.

I want to thank the clubs for re-electing me to be the president for another year. I also am very pleased with the very capable people on the board and thanks for stepping up to run for those spots. You also elected Duane Duerr to be president elect (excellent choice), in District 3 Kelly Weaver was re-elected, District 4 we welcome Tracy Erickson, District 5 we welcome Pat Hanten Duerr, and district 7 Trace Damm was re-elected. Congratulations and welcome aboard! I think it is great when we have the people that are willing to work for the betterment of our sport of snowmobiling in our state and beyond.

In our post-convention meetings the Yetis presented an online safety training idea that was well presented and is being followed up by the GF&P. Thank you. Ryan Raynor is working with this now and will be in touch with the Yetis for more input or idea's and even might even be able to have it up this year. We can only hope these young people eventually will move up in the future and run for SDSA board positions as they are the future of our sport.

I want to give a special thanks to Jon LaFramboise, Mary Anne Grabow and Diane Hiles for being there with their support and help whenever I needed it.

Now I would like you to remember all those who advertise in the Sno Plainsman and support them. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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From
The
President
Elect

Duane Duerr

Wow!! What a Convention, thanks to everyone that supported me in taking the position. I feel very honored and hope that I can make a difference for the future. After seeing Greg Hiles model a Snowmobile Jacket on stage, Brian Erickson model a One-piece Snowmobile suit in front of everyone on stage and Jon La Framboise serve drinks like a waiter I knew this was for me. LOL!! I only hope I can do as good as those who have preceded me in the position. I am extremely excited about the Board we not only have Younger Board members, a good mix of Men and women, we have people that can make things happen! With Mary Anne as secretary and Diane as Treasurer we have a very professional group that is highly organized but will get things done.

There were many great ideas shared at the SDSA meetings that I think will play big in the future:

- Developing a SDSA phone APP could be big in getting younger members.
- Using Google maps for trail installation looks like a great way to reduce club work and reduce corrections required.
- Developing an Online Youth and Adult safety course will help get more taking the course to get Certificates, we just need to make sure that some hands on is given in addition.

Most of the goals I have are built around adding to membership, because growing that will only make SDSA better and stronger in getting things done. I know that SDSA is not only me or the Board, but it is each one of you as members and the more each of us can do the better we will all be.

- It was great seeing families with kids at the convention, we need to grow that.
- Great Auction items helps both the club and SDSA and keeps the Auction Great.
- Keeping the Convention affordable will get more members involved.
- We need to remember that SDSA-Vendors-GFP and snowmobilers all keep snowmobiling going. We need each other!!

Thank you everyone for letting me make a difference for SDSA and I am looking forward to the future.

Stay safe and have a great 2020-2021 Snowmobile season.

President Elect Duane Duerr



DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

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District Six Director
Jason Shepherd

Hello again from the northeast.

I want to start off with giving a thank you to everyone that was able to attend and help donate to this years convention. Also we all need to give a big thank you to the Black Hills snowmobile club for hosting it. All their hard work paid off. They did a top notch job with putting it on and keeping all the people safe. I believe with all the help from all of the clubs donations this was one of the better conventions.

On a different note though I, along with everyone else, am sitting here waiting for the snow to start falling so we all can get out and enjoy the sport that we all love. With that I will say happy holidays to all the fellow sledders and again thank you all for making this convention a success. Everyone keep doing your snow dance.



From
The
Past
President

Jon LaFramboise



Hello again from the Beautiful Black Hills! The no snow yet Black Hills, but still Beautiful none the less!

Well, the convention was a SUCCESS!! The meetings went very well, even with some board members and club voting members watching and participating online. Great job Black Hills club and especially Mike Boock for making this convention happen! Also, a big shout out to Kelly Weaver who helped greatly from afar. For the most part the technology worked as planned and we had an awesome convention!

Welcome to a couple of new directors, Pat Duerr and Tracey Erickson! Also, a big Thank you to Duane Duerr who stepped up into the President Elect position. As always Diane and Mary Anne spent about half of the convention counting and tabulating along with many hours of pre-convention prep work. Without their dedication to SDSA we would struggle to put on such a well-run convention. SALUTE!! To you two!

Next on the calendar is the Sno-Cross at Deadwood. It will be January 29th and 30th. We are planning the same setup as last year. If you would like to volunteer to help with the booth let me know. We will have passes available for those who man the booth. Hope to see you there, it is always a great event!

Go get those sleds ready! Stay safe and See Ya on the Trails! (or in Deadwood!)

Jon

Photo below President Greg Nordstrom, Past President Jon LaFramboise and President Elect Duane Duerr at the annual meeting of SDSA on Saturday at convention!








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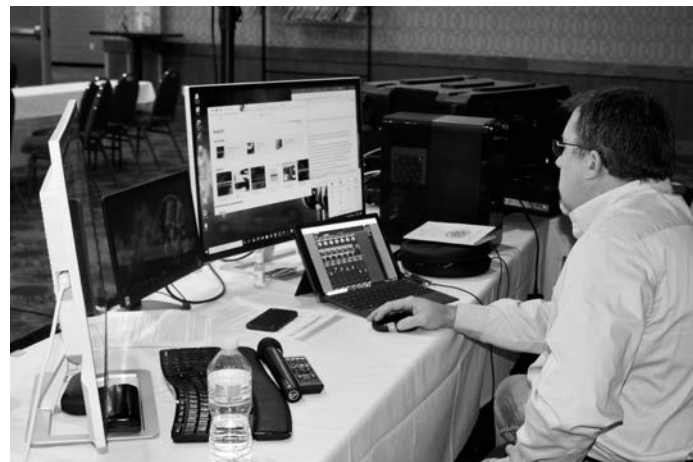
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District Two Director Mike Boock



Wow! 2020 is definitely a year to remember. Most of it, I'd actually like to forget. The 2020 SDSA Convention however, I will probably remember forever. The BHSC did an amazing job hosting this years event during a pandemic! Thank you all for your great attitudes and willingness to step up during these difficult times. We ended up with 89 complete registrations and had 120 people at the Beer and Bull! Wow! I think a few of you had been locked up for too long as the auctions and bar tabs blew everyone away. The Ramkota said it was the largest bar they've had since December 2019. And the auction was just as spectacular. Thank you to all the board members, other clubs, vendors, YETIS, and BHSC members that brought items and then bought them. I guarantee all clubs considering hosting future events are looking through their dealers storage sheds looking for vintage signs to auction off. Thank you Wade Rice for those two amazing items that brought huge money for SDSA and the BHSC!! I also want to thank John C Green for the beautiful painting of the Needles Hwy club ride! Congratulations Jon and Sheridan on your winning bid. Enjoy your new painting.

This was the first convention to have all of its meetings virtual as well as live. This was a huge challenge that we took on. Thank you Kelly Weaver with your help from afar. I couldn't have done it without you. I also want to say a great big "Thank you!" to Mary Anne Grabow and Diane Hiles for their help throughout the convention keeping us all on track and making sure the money was all straight! Sorry for the early headache I gave you two. Haha!



Now it's time to ride, unfortunately there is no snow here in the Hills so it looks like we will be traveling. Start doing your snow dance everyone. We were all riding by this time last year.

Thanks again for an amazing convention and we will see you all at the Snocross races in Deadwood or the Radar Run at Deerfield Lake.

Mike Boock

District Three Director Kelly Weaver



All I can say is Wow! What a great job the Black Hills Snowmobile Club did in pulling together the Convention this year under some unique circumstances. In terms of fundraising for SDSA, it is safe to say it was a success. See Diane's report for all the details. Thanks to all the bidders and all who donated items. I am happy to say we were able to successfully share all the meetings and accommodate our snowmobile of the year candidate interviews as part of this hybrid event. Congratulations to all our award winners, and a special shout out to my own Aberdeen Drift Busters who won the Largest Club award!

As I said in my article last month, there is always something to learn at a convention. This year did not disappoint, and I only attended virtually! Ryan shared info about a free Google Maps tool that clubs can use to create a mapping cheat sheet for trails. The Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Club has used it to mark points on a Google map for all their trail markers by sign type and location. This tool makes putting in the trail as simple as 'following the dots' and allows changes or improvements to be recorded for future use. The Trailbusters shared a tool modification that makes 'lighter' work of installing the trail. The YETIS also shared suggestions of how South Dakota might implement an online safety program.

Last but not least, one of the key functions of the Convention is the Annual Meeting and election of officers. Greg Nordstrom was re-elected as President, and Duane Duerr stepped up to fill the President Elect. Trace Damm and I were re-elected to our Board positions, and we welcome two new board members, Pat Hanten-Duerr and Tracey Erickson. District 1 remains vacant. Calling out to all those with institutional memory..... have we ever had a time when there were 3 women on the SDSA Board of Directors? Not to my recollection, so let's hear it for the ladies!

Till next time,

Kelly Weaver
SDSA District 3

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District Four Director Tracey Erickson



Greetings! As one of the newly elected Directors for the South Dakota Snowmobile Association, representing District 4, I thought I would take a moment to introduce myself to those that do not know me.

I am a native South Dakotan, growing up in the Arlington, SD area on a diversified livestock and dairy farm. I attended South Dakota State University receiving my bachelors' degree in Dairy Production & Dairy Manufacturing in 1989. As the dynamics of farming changed I felt it would be beneficial to hone my skills in employee management, thus I pursued a masters' degree from the University of South Dakota in the area of Administration with an emphasis of Human Resource Management and completed that in December of 2014. Much of my employment has been spent working for South Dakota State University (SDSU), first as a County Agent / Extension Educator starting in Grant County, then transferring back home to Kingsbury County in 2000. In 2011, I accepted the position as the Extension Dairy Field Specialist for SDSU Extension. Presently, in my employment capacity, I serve on the Central Plains Dairy Foundation, the Dairy Fest Organizing committee, the SD Dairy Field Representatives Association, and I am a coach for the SD Dairy Ambassadors. The area that I am most noted for is being one of the core team members for the I-29 Moo University multi-state Dairy Extension team collaboration.

I feel that I bring expertise in the area of employee and volunteer management from both the personal and professional perspective. During my SDSU employment tenure, I have successfully worked with agricultural producers resolving management and production issues on the farm, as well as coordinating multiple educational venues and volunteers. Throughout my career I have delivered numerous agricultural employee trainings and farm safety programs to adults and youth. I also serve as a resource for animal care information regarding facilities, nutrition, and animal handling for dairy producers.

At home our family runs Erickson Family Farms a 2,400 acre Grain farm near Oldham, SD. The operation is run by my In-laws – LeRoy and Lois and my husband, Brian. I enjoy helping around the farming operation as much as time allows, whether it is operating equipment or by helping to make tough business decisions. I have a grown son, Trevor who lives near Marshall, MN with his girlfriend, Sara and he works as a welder / machinist. My husband, Brian and I are avid snowmobilers, UTV/ATV riders, campers, motorcycle riders and pretty much enjoy any outdoor activity! I still love my four-legged horses but have adapted to motorized horses. In July, 2020 I plan to retire from SDSU and help Brian and the rest of the family on the farm full-time. LOL... this could be a true test of marriage as we continue to work on our communication skills operating various farm equipment, utilizing the common and not so common hand signals! He also thinks I need to learn to drive a semi, we'll see...

Brian feels an additional trucking buddy, hauling grain would be beneficial. I guess I'm never too old to learn, as long as the soul is willing.



Having a husband who has served on the SDSA Board and as a past president of the board, will be beneficial. I have had first-hand experiences attending and helping with many of SDSA's board functions including: Conventions, Board Meetings, DC-Fly-ins, International Snowmobile Congresses, Governor's Rides, Deadwood SnoCross, Open Houses and personally serving as a YETIS advisor. Presently, I serve our club, as the Town and Country Snowdrifters, secretary and as a Trustee for the Trinity Lutheran Church in Arlington.

It is with my professional and personal experience that I hope to serve the Board of the South Dakota Snowmobile Association. If there is an idea, concern or a conversation that needs to be had, please feel free to reach out to me and let your voice be heard. This is everyone's organization, the best way to make it flourish is to be active and share your passion of snowmobiling with others and continue to be open to change through engaged members.

Merry Christmas and Rejoice in the Celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ with your family and friends. ~ Tracey Erickson

Photo to the right: Brian & Tracey pose with the Arctic Cat sign that was one of the high dollar items at Friday night's auction during convention! Thank you to all the bidders! This was a huge success for SDSA this year!



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District Five Director Pat Hanten -Duerr



Great Convention in Rapid City!! It was well organized and well done with Zoom and Facebook Live and always with in person coverage.

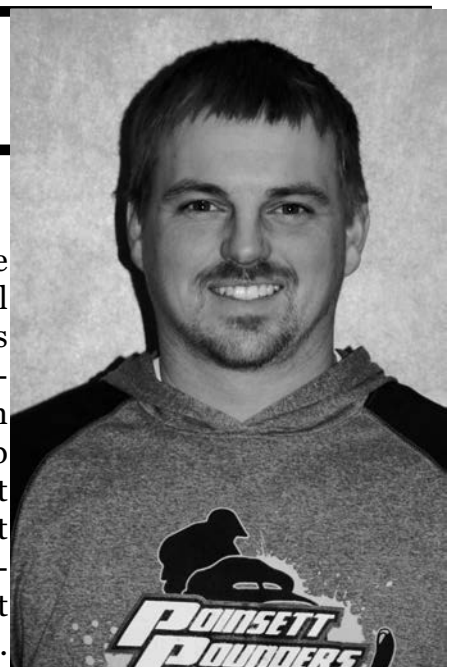
Just a little bit about myself. I started snowmobiling as a young girl in an alfalfa field near Arlington, SD. We snowmobiled with my Dad, sister, and cousins. When I first met Kevin Hanten, one of our first dates we went snowmobiling. Then Kevin with our 3 boys many weekends near Brandon, SD. along with some trips to the Black Hills, the Big Horns and Northern Minnesota. Through all those years I have been riding mostly Polaris Snowmobiles since I was 12 years old. I enjoy the outdoors and the snow.

Now Duane Duerr my Husband along with my 3 boys and my stepdaughter and son ride locally near Brandon and take trips to the Black Hills, Wisconsin, Yellowstone for more snowmobiling adventures.

My occupation is Registered Nurse, and I am currently working at Avera in Sioux Falls. I hope as your District 5 Director I can help increase club and SDSA membership and find a way to appeal to youth to get involved in clubs and SDSA as those youth are our future leaders.

Until next month, let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!!

District Seven Director Trace Damm



Hello Everyone,

First, I want to start off by complimenting Black Hills Snowmobile club on a great convention, and Mike who worked his butt off. You did a great job and given what is going on in the world I believe we can all agree you went above and beyond what some of us may have been expecting with Covid happening. It was a great turn out and as always is fun seeing our snowmobile family's faces again. This was the first convention where our daughter Logan (15 months) was able to interact a bit more. Some of you may have seen her running around with Bre, Myself, or even Payton Weelborg (thanks) running after her trying to keep up. Or busting out some moves on the dance floor, I would like to say she got them from her mama, but I'm going to be honest.....that's all me. Its crazy how fast we grow up and how the time flies. It feels like not that long ago me and Jared Erstad were the ones running around the hotel and our parents chasing us trying to figure out where the heck we were. Well mom(grandma) might still have that title . And now I'm at the beginning stages of that with all of you there to back us up in raising Logan into the snowmobile world. It's a crazy, surreal feeling and I am lucky to be a part of it.

Yesterday was 56 degrees here in Badger, which is a bit different than what I'm used to for Dec. 9th. But the forecast is cooling down, which can hopefully bring some snow our way! Working at the elevator here in Badger I get mixed emotions on the snow, but as of today it looks like we will have the corn pile picked up here by Wednesday, so.....after that, LET IT SNOW!!

Once again if you are in my district and are having a meeting I will try and get in touch with you to attend them, or if you need me for anything reach out and call me or just let me know when your having it and I will do my best to show up. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas! and are able to spend time with family and loved ones over the holidays.

See ya on the trails
Trace Damm



Mary Anne's moment

Mary Anne Grabow, Secretary-Editor

The following is the speech that I gave at this year's convention. Decided I'd include it in my article this month.

WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?

I started with SDSA January of 2004, so in January I will have been associated with SDSA for 17 years. In a lot of ways, it feels like I just began. SDSA and it's members are very important to me. Without organized snowmobiling, I truly would be worried that our ability to ride anywhere but on our own land would be jeopardized.

Now, I've worked at the SDSA office for 17 years, but my family and I were involved in SDSA beginning in 1994. Our children were quite small when we drove to Pierre to attend SDSA meetings and Governor's Advisory Meetings to get a trail system in our area. I remember trying to keep my girls quiet in hopes that the board wouldn't ban us from the building! They wore their fancy dress shoes and their footsteps resonated through the halls. Those girls are now in their 30's with children of their own. I currently am the chairperson of the International Snowmobile Media Council and have been for more years than I can keep track of. It is my honor to help at the International Snowmobile Congress by taking photos for both ACSA and CCSO. I even got to spend time with the Prime Minister of Canada a few years back!

This past year, SDSA hired MSPN to sell it's advertising and in February, MSPN asked to discontinue that agreement for the coming year, as sales were not what they had hoped for. Advertising continues to be an issue for all snowmobile publications. While membership has declined, so has advertising and snowmobile sales.

This year, Duane Duerr and I have worked together to get "old" advertisers to return and to entice new ones to consider using the Sno Plainsman. We both want the Sno Plainsman to remain the newspaper for our membership. Ad sales this year have been encouraging and we hope that the following year will be even better! Thank you Duane for all of the efforts that you have made this year! It truly is appreciated.

They say that it takes a village to raise a child. I believe that it takes a team to make SDSA great again. The board, Diane & I all work together for the good of SDSA and we are supported by the advertisers, associates and the members! And all of those are SDSA's village.

Thank you!

That was my speech. Now onto my article:

This year's convention was nothing but "SIMPLY THE BEST". Yes, we had smaller numbers than normal but we had people there who wanted to support SDSA and the clubs. I am amazed at the auction. Less items than normal but larger totals! And I know that some of our guys were bidding just to bid. I saw a lot of that going on, and it was done in fun and support of SDSA. I could name them all but let's just sayI am proud to be a member of SDSA. What a giving bunch.

A lot of people gave their all to make the convention a success. It would be impossible to name everyone but you all know who you are and that you matter.

I am so excited to have a full board (with the exception of one district). It's been awhile since we could say that. Welcome to the board, Tracey & Pat and congratulations Duane for being elected President Elect. I have no doubt that these are positive changes for our board. Thanks for stepping up.



Congratulations to all of the award winners. This was our first experience of having virtual interviews because of the necessity and I think it went well. Fun fact: The winner of the \$100 membership incentive was Bill Kirschenmann for the 2nd year in a row! How strange is that?!



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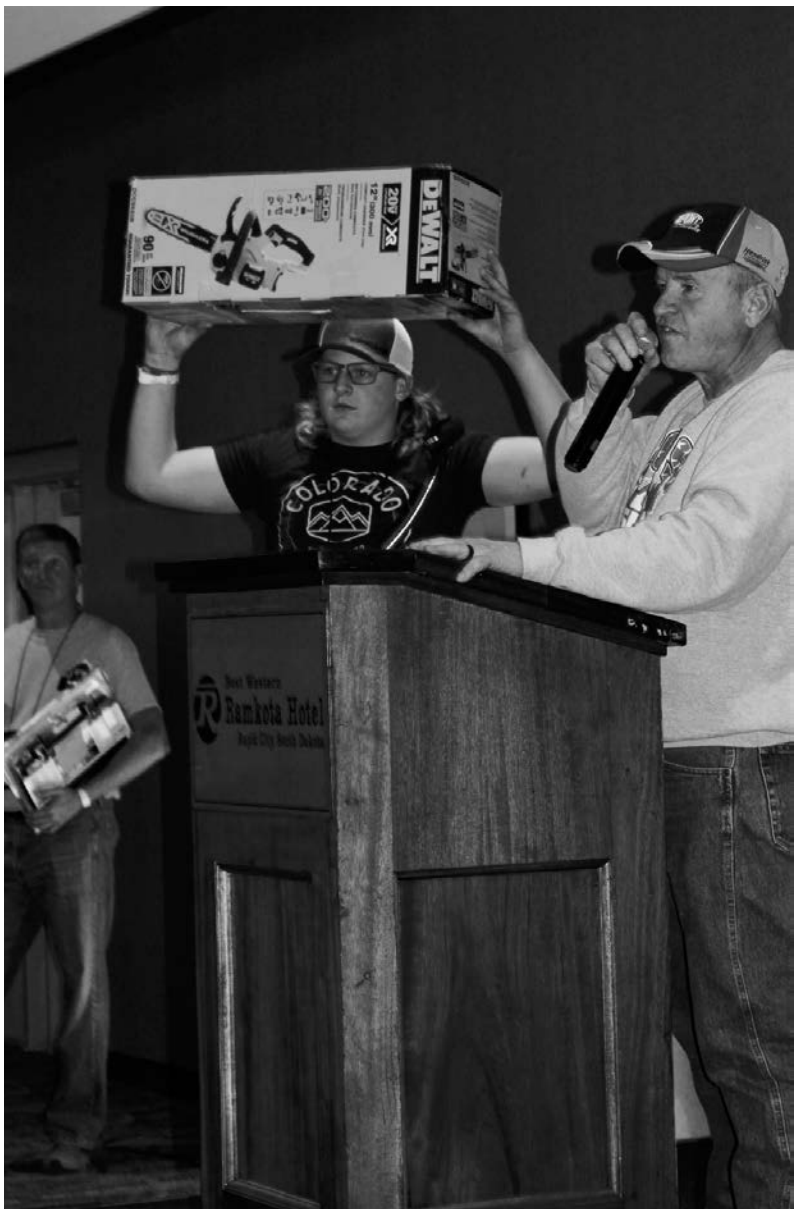
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interested, have
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Corbin Boock shows the item up for bids while Marty Grabow works the crowd for bids!

On The Trails

Ryan Raynor, Trails Specialist



That saying of time flies as you get older really is true. Granted, I'm only 35, but where did October and November go??? So much preparation goes into the snowmobile program 12 months out of the year. Yes, I said 12 months. This is no secret to many of you as you see and do the work required to keep the program moving forward, alongside Game Fish and Parks staff. Just coming off of a nice and relaxing Thanksgiving break with family, I want to continue to share my gratitude where it's deserving.

I'd like to start by thanking the Black Hills Snowmobile Club. While I was one of many who didn't attend the full meeting due to Covid-19, this club was asked to do the impossible. Try and find ways to host a convention during this Covid-19 pandemic, for both in person and those who wished to attend virtually has never been tackled before. Making sure those who did attend felt safe, could socially distance, clean their hands and feel comfortable while enjoying the comradery, this event brings wasn't easy I bet. This will be a convention unlike any other, and hopefully unlike anything we have to work around in the future. As always, many important meetings will take place all weekend, and we are thankful to be able to provide these meetings in person and virtually. While we don't solve all the problems of the world, staff with Game, Fish and Parks and the snowmobiling community are able to discuss and hopefully resolve the issues that affect snowmobiling in South Dakota. Many SDSA board members also play a pivotal roll in making sure this convention goes off without a hitch. Game Fish and Parks is very fortunate to work with such a dedicated group of recreationalists like SDSA and Shannon and I are thankful for this relationship. The backbone of SDSA is no doubt the clubs and its members. These are the same folks; I have the privilege of working with through the Grant in Aid program. Over 1,000 miles of trails are groomed, signed and maintained by volunteers who sacrifice blood, sweat and time to bring safe recreational opportunities to the short days of winter. Time is precious in today's world; I suppose like it's always been and it's the one thing we can't get back. Your time spent providing snowmobiling opportunities isn't unnoticed, and Game Fish and Parks is very thankful for your efforts.

Since late October, staff in the Black Hills have been busy clearing trails which were damaged from tornadoes, which touched down on the northern part of the trail system. These are the same folks who will start grooming as conditions allow, clean toilets, stock firewood and so much more. A lot of blood, sweat and time goes into preparing this national recognized trail system, just like it does on the eastern side of the state. Make sure to thank Shannon and his hard working, dedicated crew as you run into them this winter. As of December 1st, they started tackling, signing, placing warming shelters, junction signs and continued trail cleanup. Thank You for your efforts.

If you were able to attend the convention you saw the 2020-2021 snowmobile maps. We talked about the changes that were made from the previous year which included color schemes, outlines of businesses and popular attractions, along with improving the detail of the enlarged areas you see. Hopefully, we can get these distributed across the state before December 15th. Remember to place maps at all your trailside businesses, local chamber of commerce, and gas stations you know snowmobilers frequent. Remember, if no club member ended up attending, let me know so we can get some maps mailed to you.

In closing, we are so close to the season start date and it was such a challenging year, for everyone both personally and professionally no doubt. These challenges will continue throughout the season, but theirs not a better group of people I'd prefer to be going through such difficult times with, than the South Dakota Snowmobile Community. Covid-19 this winter, who knows what it will be next winter, but I'd bet my life savings, we'll always come together and figure it out.

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Brian Erickson named SDSA Snowmobiler of the Year

Brian Erickson's tenure in snowmobiling started at the local club level and he has worked his way up the ranks from the local Club, to the State Level, to serving at various levels at the National level with ACSA.

At the local club level, Brian's accomplishments include the following:

- ✓ Town & Country Snowdrifters Club past President
- ✓ Town & Country Snowdrifters past & present Vice President
- ✓ Club Youth Safety Course Instructor 3 times and even sacrificed a snowmobile in 2011 for the cause (ask him about this, it is a great story ð).
- ✓ Four Lakes Trail System, responsible for trail section from Oldham to Ramona to Hwy 81 (16 miles) and now the Arlington to Lake Preston section (12 miles) and now part of the Bryant to Hwy 81 trail system (15 miles). Instrumental in helping connecting Four Lakes Trail System with other club trails in Eastern South Dakota.
- ✓ T&C Snowdrifters Snowmobile Poker Run Chair and participant.
- ✓ Co-chair the UTV/ATV Membership/Fundraiser Poker Run in 2020
- ✓ Voting Delegate for Town & Country Snowdrifters numerous times
- ✓ Co-chair Club & SDSA Promotion by exhibits in local town parades

At the State Level with SDSA, his leadership is noteworthy as the following:

- ✓ SDSA Past - President 2017, 2018
- ✓ SDSA President 2015, 2016
- ✓ SDSA President – Elect 2013, 2014
- ✓ SDSA District 4 Delegate 2009 - 2012
- ✓ Initiated as SDSA President, the development of the YETIS and helped recruit Johnny & Audrey Rider to serve as YETIS Coordinators
- ✓ Governor's Ride Group Leader from 2006 – 2018
- ✓ SDSA Safety Committee Chair, while chair worked to receive a RTP Grant to fund the purchase of a safety simulator to help teach snowmobile safety to the youth.
- ✓ SnoCross Committee Chair 2016-2020
- ✓ Served on Main organizing Committee for South Dakota as host of 2016
- ✓ Helped with Governor's Ride coordination from 2014-2018

At the National Level with ACSA / ISC events Brian has contributed the following:

- ✓ Attended ACSA DC-Fly-in for 5 years and SDSA Leadership Delegate at DC Fly-in for 3 years
- ✓ MC's 2016 National ISC Convention with Tracey Erickson
- ✓ Coordinated Morning News and Recorded Narrative for each Day at 2016 ISC
- ✓ 2015 Attended ISC in New York, helped host SD Invitation Event
- ✓ Recorded Narrative for ACSA Public Service Announcements
- ✓ Co-recorded narrative for ACSA National award winners in 2019
- ✓ Served as SDSA Voting delegate at ACSA Annual Meeting at ISC 2015 & 2016

Fundraising not only happens at all levels as a snowmobiler. It is essential to help keep the organization funded enabling the sport of snowmobiling to be represented and to help keep riding areas open.

As a club member Brian has supported efforts by selling poker hands, facilitating poker runs, collecting donations, selling club Football Books for scholarship funding, purchasing club sponsored tickets and auction items for SDSA fundraisers, and applying for grants to put in the trail system.

At the SDSA level Brian has helped garner auction items for the annual SDSA Silent and Live auctions at the convention from various businesses. He has sold numerous Everyone Wins Tickets, Football Fundraiser Books and 50/50 tickets throughout his tenure as a SDSA member. Brian has made personal donations to the Right to Ride Legal Defense Fund, Snowmobiler for Snowmobiler fund and also to ACSA for national issues. He has donated personal time, equipment and supplies in support of the SDSA organization. Such as hauling the SDSA trailer to various places and events across South Dakota, development and organization of the SnoCross Event booth, and personal use of sleds at the Governor's Ride Events. Erickson Farms has also personally sponsored 2 gift baskets for the SDSA auction for the last two years and obtained gift certificates from Bear Lodge for the Auction. In addition, he has also financially supported the SDSA fundraisers by purchasing tickets and auction items along with personal out of pocket contributions as a representative of SDSA as their representative at various events while serving on the SDSA Board.

Additionally, as a volunteer Fireman for the Ramona Fire Department, he also continues to help fundraise for this organization by helping with their annual Rocky Mountain Oyster Feed and 4th of July celebration events each year. This involves not only cooking and prepping the meal, serving as MC, selling 50/50 tickets and clean-up after each event.

The Ericksons have also sponsored numerous other fundraisers including Snowmobiler's for Snowmobilers fundraisers, other club Poker Runs Charity Events and other State Snowmobile Raffle Fundraisers and ISC Fundraisers. continued on next page



Brian continues to represent the sport of snowmobiling and by promoting the sport and the organization to the public. A prime example is the club's hosting of the recent ATV/UTV Poker Run. This event was co-chaired by Brian and Tracey Erickson. Brian personally spent many hours laying out the best route, for the trail, talking with others about the event and helping to organize it. It served multiple purposes, a membership drive, a fundraiser for a local youth with cancer and food drive for the Kingsbury County Food pantry. It was a successful day with over \$1,885.05 raised for donations for Clay Misar, 2 large boxes of food for the Kingsbury County Food Pantry and 8 new memberships were obtained for the club and SDSA.

Brian also has taken great pride in chairing the SDSA Booth at the SnoCross event in Deadwood for the past five years. While coordinating SDSA's presence at this event he has helped create greater awareness of attendees at the event by promoting SDSA as an organization. This event is nationally publicized and Brian has provided exposure about the organization through interviews, one on one conversations with attendees, add placements and helping with give snowmobile rides to youth at this event.

Nationally, Brian keeps abreast of snowmobiling issues facing our sport through various magazines and from SDSA and ASCA updates. He has called and written to Senators and Representatives to voice his opinion and to encourage their favorable vote on snowmobile issues at both the State and Federal Level. While a member of the SDSA leadership team, Brian participated in five DC-Fly In's. Three of those years, he was the lead elected officer for SDSA, conversing with our Federal Representatives, first hand about the pertinent issues of the time. Most recently, he has provided comment at the Federal Level on the proposed Shoshone National Forest access revisions along with multiple others over the years. Brian also attended a meeting with Senator John Thune in Sioux Falls early on in regards to trail access in national forests.

Safety and assistance to others are important to Brian so he is always willing to help another snowmobiler on and off the trail. Brian has enjoyed mentoring many new and upcoming young riders of snowmobiling inspiring them to ride and enjoy the sport of snowmobiling as much as he does. Please ask a Hojer youth, a Hiles daughter or now a Cooper child about their riding experiences with Brian Erickson. They all have a fun story to tell.

He and his wife, Tracey continue to enjoy numerous snowmobile trips throughout the years, which have contributed in making many new acquaintances across the country as they see the country via snowmobile. Many of which have now become life-long friends. Most note worthy are his annual "Guys" trip to the Big Horns in Wyoming each year. Where many memories have been created with friends from Minnesota and Eastern and Western South Dakota. Additionally, each year several yearly trips are made to the Black Hills snowmobiling. One of Governor's ride stands out in particular when he proceeded to have a State Representative's Wife from Rapid City participate in the group he was leading, who had never been on a snowmobile before, follow him like a little puppy everywhere. Fortunately, when he went over a little snow jump and she followed, catching air, she came down with a huge smile on her face and a "can we do that again" reaction!

Positive communication about snowmobiling and what our club is all about comes natural for Brian. Invitations are extended for club meetings and group snowmobile rides to members and non-members alike. He has attended many open houses over the years at various dealerships in the region, promoting SDSA and the Town & Country Snowdrifters. He has continued to recruit members by membership drives, talking to fellow snowmobilers about the need for organized snowmobiling as it provides access to trails and through posts on social media.

As vice-president of our local club, he is presently involved in helping assume grooming responsibilities for the club as our present groomer retires. He is also helping to host a groomer training school at Erickson Farms shop for area clubs to get groomers trained, since there is not an official training school being offered through G,F & P this year. He and his wife, Tracey have also stepped up to take on trail signing an additional trail section that they normally would not sign.

Outside of snowmobiling, Brian is always willing to help out with various events. This includes his volunteer work on the Ramona Fire Department and also helping his wife with Agricultural promotion events through their annual Dairy Fest, where he serves as MC and the MooCow Dance Leader for the day.

The Town & Country Snowdrifters are honored to submit the nomination of Brian Erickson for Snowmobiler of the Year (Male).



Left: Brian modeling an auction item at Convention in the Rapid City!

Right: Brian being the Master of Ceremonies at the banquet at our 51st annual convention.



S.D.S.A. Legacy Members



1. **Donald R. Larson** - Milbank, SD -
Whetstone Valley Snowmobile
Association 11/2013



2. **Jack Colwell**- DeSmet, SD -
Town & Country Snowdrifters - 1/2014



3. **LeRoy Erickson** - Ramona, SD -
Town & Country Snowdrifters - 1/2014



4. **Duane Hojer** - Oldham, SD -
Town & Country Snowdrifters - 1/2014



5. **Thomas C. Keimig** - Gary, SD
Dakota Trailblazers - 1/2015



6. **Todd Wilkinson** - DeSmet, SD
Town & Country Snowdrifters -11/2015



7. **Greg Hiles** - DeSmet, SD
Town & Country Snowdrifters - 11/2015



8. **Russell Johnson** - Beresford, SD
Trailbusters - 12/2015



9. **Lisa Johnson** - Beresford, SD
Trailbusters - 12/2015



10. **Mick Hehn** - Clear Lake, SD
Dakota Trail Blazers - 12/2015



11. **Neal Boeke** - Clear Lake, SD
Dakota Trail Blazers - 12/2015



12. **Courtney Livingston**- Watertown, SD
Watertown Snowmobile Club - 01/2016



13. **Neal Grabow** - Silver City, IA
Dakota Trail Blazers - 3/2016



14. **Jakob Hohm**- Willow Lake, SD
Town & Country Snowdrifters 3/2017



15. **Brian Erickson** Arlington, SD
Town & Country Snowdrifters 11/2017



16. **Jay Hojer** Oldham, SD
Town & Country Snowdrifters 1/2018



17. **Steve Wess**, Watertown,SD
Watertown Snowmobile Club 3/2018



18. **Jay Schilling** Rapid City,SD
Black Hills Snowmobile Club 3/2018



19. **Rich Nelson** Miller,SD
SDSA member 3/2018



20. **Marty Grabow** Gary,SD
Dakota Trail Blazers 10/2018



21. **Mary Anne Grabow** Gary,SD
Dakota Trail Blazers 10/2018

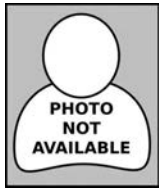


22. **Dan Boone**, Watertown, SD
Watertown Snowmobile Club 12/2018

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S.D.S.A. Legacy Members

Committees 2020-2021



23. **Carey Holt**- Clear Lake, SD
Dakota Trailblazers- 03/2019



24. **Dean Austad**- Sioux Falls, SD
Sioux Falls Sno Trackers 09/2019



25. **Bob Wuertz** Aberdeen, SD
Aberdeen Driftbusters 12/2019



26. **Hazel Seloover** Sioux Falls, SD
Sioux Falls Sno Trackers 12/2019



27. **Virginia Hojer** Oldham, SD
Town & Country Snowdrifters 02/2020



28. **Randy Knadle** Desmet, SD
Town & Country Snowdrifters 10/2020



29. **Myrna Knadle**, DeSmet, SD
Town & Country Snowdrifters 10/2020



30. **Preston Fischer** Milbank, SD
Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association
10//2020



31. **Scott Erstad Badger**, SD
Poinsett Pounders 12/2020

Government Relations

- 1.Greg Nordstrom
- 2.Jon LaFramboise
- 3.Diane Hiles

Scholarship

- 1Kelly Weaver
- 2Duane Duerr
- 3Trace Damm

By Laws & Right to Ride

- 1Greg Nordstrom
- 2 Jon LaFramboise

Safety

- 1Duane Duerr
- 2Jason Shepherd

Grants

- 1Tracey Erickson
- 2Diane Hiles

Snocross

- 1Jon LaFramboise
- 2Greg Nordstrom
- 3Mike Boock

Membership/Website

- 1Mike Boock
- 2Mary Anne Grabow
- 3Jason Shepherd
- 4Trace Damm

Awards

- 1Jon LaFramboise
- 2Kelly Weaver
- 3Tracey Erickson

Convention

- 1Kelly Weaver
- 2Trace Damm
- 3Pat Hanten-Duerr

Fundraiser/Raffle

- 1Mike Boock
- 2Trace Damm
- 3Pat Hanten-Duerr

Governors Ride

- 1Mike Boock
- 2JonLaFramboise
- 3Greg Nordstrom

Charities

- 1Diane Hiles

Investments

- 1Greg Nordstrom
- 2Jon LaFramboise

Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers

- 1SDSA President
- 2Marie Cooper
- 3Scott Erstad
- 4Todd Sprang
- 5Mike Boock

Nominating committee

- 1All SDSA club Presidents
- 2Hall of fame members
- 3Board of directors

Yetis Advisors

- 1Kelly Weaver
- 2Audrey Rider
- 3Doug Weelborg

Special Committee for Hi-Marker

- 1Tracey Erickson
- 2Pat Hanten-Duerr

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Tracey is an active member of the local club since joining. She attends regular club meetings and state SDSA meetings, and state events such as the State Convention and Governors ride every year, since joining the club and SDSA. Her participation and leadership includes the following:

Local Club Leadership:

Tracey has been serving as the Town & Country Snowdrifters Club Secretary since fall of 2015.

Part of the organizing committee that hosted the 2013 SDSA Convention.

She also helps her husband, Brian sign 12 miles of trail from Arlington to Lake Preston presently and now an additional 19 miles of trail from Bryant to Hwy 81, for the trails that are maintained by Town and Country Snowdrifters. In the past they also signed the trail from Oldham to Ramona to Highway 81 for a total of 16 miles.

Outside of participating in club and state meetings she has coordinated many activities at the club level such as club poker runs, serving on the organizing committee for the first JHORA kickoff event, co-coordinating the club summer campout in fall of 2017 and the club snowmobile ride in the Black Hills in 2018.

Co-coordinated the recent ATV/UTV Poker run, Membership Drive and Fundraiser Event in fall of 2020.

Served as club delegate at the State Convention

She has organized selling\tracking of state association fundraising football books, 50\50 tickets, and Everyone Wins tickets at the club level.

State Level Leadership:

Helped host Governor's Ride either via the local club breakfast or helping SDSA leadership, Tracey from 2013 – 2018.

State Convention in 2013 organizing and contacting the vendors along with helping with the registration table for the convention.

Developed SD State Report & Economic Impact Report for legislators and dignitaries for the DC-Fly-in packets for 3 years: 2015, 2016, 2017

Served on organizing committee for High Marker Fundraiser Event at SDSA Convention since 2018 - 2020

2017 ISMA Grant co-writer for \$4,000 for promotional purposes of SDSA

Served on SDSA Membership & Marketing Committee 2017-2018

Advisor to YETIS from 2017-2019

Developed New Awards T-shirts & Design for SDSA 2019

Developed Design and Koozie order for SnoCross 2020

SDSA SOP's revisions in 2016, helped President Brian Erickson re-write/type them

SnoCross event committee participant 2018-2020

National Level Leadership:

Attended DC-Fly-in for 3 years, helped facilitate Strategic Planning Session in 2017 at ACSA mtg in 2017.

Participated in 2-ISC Conventions

2016 International Snowmobile Convention (ISC), served on organizing committee as treasurer/accountant, served as co-MC for event with Brian Erickson, helped produce the Morning News Report each day, helped with coordination of FOSPAC event.

2019 Chaired ACSA National Awards Committee and co-produced / narrated awards video



Tracey has been active in fundraising for the club and SDSA at different levels. Within the club she has coordinated poker runs selling pre-poker run hands, registering participants, collecting food donations, in addition, she helps sell club football books. In 2013 she organized and contacted the vendors for the state convention hosted by the club, proceeds went to help defray convention expenses. Most recently, she co-coordinated the ATV/UTV Poker Run which raised over \$1,885.05 in donations to offset Medical expenses for Clay Misar (youth battling cancer), along with collecting 2 large boxes of food for the Kingsbury County Food Pantry.

At the SDSA level Tracey was one of the core organizers of the High Marker Fundraiser Event for SDSA since 2018 which has raised over \$1,768.05 in the two years since establishment for SDSA. She has also helped sell 50\50 tickets, state football books, and Everyone Wins tickets. The Erickson's have donated silent auction via 2 Gift Baskets loaded with various male or female items to the State Convention and also has purchased items at the Fundraising Auctions during the State Convention on a regular basis.

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Tracey helps with numerous club and SDSA sponsored events such as the State Conventions and Governors Rides. At the national level she has stepped up and volunteered on the organizing committee for ISC which the state hosted in 2016, along with coordination of the ACSA awards in 2019 and representing the state at the DC-Fly-ins for three years. She has attended various open house events at snowmobile dealers promoting membership in the State Association. Safe riding and teaching others how to ride safely is important to Tracey. She takes the time to help new and beginning riders understand the basics of snowmobiling enabling them to become lifelong snowmobiling enthusiasts. She has helped at the clubs youth Snowmobile Safety Training in 2015 and overseeing the youth snowmobile rides at the 2020 SnoCross in Deadwood.

Tracey also helped initiate the start-up of the YETIS youth snowmobile group and helped recruit Johnny & Audrey Rider as club Coordinators. Tracey served as a YETIS advisor from 2017-2019.

Tracey's involvement at all levels local, state and national has not went unnoticed. Her attendance at National functions such as ISC, DC-Fly-ins, local club and state meetings, ours and other clubs poker runs, the State Convention or Governor's Ride is duly noted. Outside of state and club meetings or events, Tracey enjoys taking snowmobiling trips with her family to destinations such as the Big Horns, West Yellowstone, and the Black Hills of SD, as well as riding the local trails in eastern South Dakota.

Describe how the snowmobiler promotes club membership:

Tracey continues to reach out to friends, colleagues and even people she barely knows to encourage them to join SDSA. She has helped her husband at the SnoCross event for 3 years working to recruit new members to SDSA and promote the organization. She has gotten Extension co-workers to become more active in SDSA or join SDSA. The recent ATV/UTV Poker run held by the Town & Country Snowdrifters co-chaired by Brian and Tracey Erickson was initiated as a way to grow club membership. They were able to obtain eight new memberships that day.

Outside of snowmobiling, Tracey enjoys being outdoors participating in, riding ATV's and motorcycles, camping, fishing, horseback riding and hunting on a regular basis with family members and friends. The Larsen family (maiden name and family) has hosted an annual Duck Feed for 81 years; Tracey has played an integral role in organizing the Duck Feed for the past 21 years for the family. She also helped coordinate the Larsen family reunion in 2013, which is held every three years and hosts over 150 people throughout the three-day event. Helping the Erickson family around the farm planting and harvesting is something she looks forward too as it allows her time "out of the office" and instead she gets to work alongside her husband Brian.

Additionally, she is passionate about the next generation of young agricultural producers. Encouraging many young people to consider careers in agriculture, by talking to incoming college freshmen and various groups such as Rotary and Kiwanis. In addition, she is an avid promoter of agriculture to urban populations both young and adults informing them about agriculture and where there food comes from. Hoping they will gain a better understanding of the people and practices behind the food products consumed in daily life. She has also been a life-long promoter and trainer of ATV safe riding principles and safe farming principles. Teaching at numerous SOFY (Save Our Farm Youth) camps throughout her career. In addition, she has been a coach and instructor of 4-H youth teaching them the basics of Dairy Cattle Judging and evaluation, which increases self-confidence, decision making and public speaking abilities of the youth, while simultaneously selecting appropriate type dairy cattle. Presently, she serves as the coach for the SD Dairy Ambassador program. She continues to be an active board member on the Central Plains Dairy Foundation Board, the SD Dairy Field Representatives Association, the Dairy Fest organizing Committee, advisor to the SD Dairy Producers Association along with serving on the Trinity Lutheran Church of Arlington Board of Trustees.

The Town & Country Snowdrifters are honored to submit the nomination of Tracey Erickson for Snowmobiler of the Year (Woman).



2020 SDSA Teen Snowmobiler of the Year Jalen Hohm

Club: Town & Country Snowdrifters

Parents: Jamie & Colleen Hohm

Have you participated in a snowmobile safety program?

I have not only participated in snowmobile safety programs as a student, but as a helper as well. I enjoy going along with my dad to help teach the young kids how to be safe. It is fun to see how excited they get when they get their chance to ride on the snowmobile simulator.

What snowmobiling functions have you participated in during the previous snowmobiling season? List local, state, and charity.

Every fall, my family and I mark the snowmobile trail in the Willow Lake area to ensure safe riding for all the snowmobile riders. It is also my job to help take it out every spring. I attend and participate in the monthly meetings for the Town & Country Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club. I enjoyed helping our club with our annual fundraiser drive and UTV/ATV poker run this year. A highlight of this past year was attending the 50th Annual Snowmobile Convention in Watertown, SD with my family and friends. It is a great time for me to meet up with some old friends and meet new ones as well.

What do you foresee for the future of snowmobiling?

I see awesome things for the future of snowmobiling in the state of South Dakota. It is such a great reason for family and friends to get together and enjoy the beautiful outdoors. We discuss some of the obstacles that we have to overcome in our monthly meetings like Fat Tire Bikes, land, money, and decreasing club members. I recently wrote a persuasive and informative essay to help educate the public about the effect Fat Tire Bikers are having on our snowmobile trails. It was my way of helping get the information out there to the people of all ages within my community. As a young member, I am going to remain positive and do whatever I can to help keep our trails open. I continually try and recruit my friends and their families to join our club. Snowmobiling is a great experience for everyone, young and old, and I hope that I can enjoy it for years to come.

What Snowmobiling Means to Me

By: Jalen Rose Hohm

Snowmobiling holds a very special place in my heart. Not only is it a hobby that I share with my family and friends, but it is a way for me to keep my brother's memory alive. He absolutely loved to ride! We would spend hours in the yard riding and pulling each other on the sled behind. Those were the best days!!

My brother and I still ride together, just in a different way. As I ride on the freshly groomed trails that I help mark, or out in the beautiful Black Hills, he watches me from above making sure I do "everything right". Snowmobiling is a great way for us to stay connected.

Snowmobiling is a big part of my family's life and I can't wait to teach my little sister how to ride safely. We are going to create some amazing memories!! I hope she loves it as much as I do. It is a time to experience the beauty of God's country and enjoy the peace that it gives. I forget the stress of being a teenager and just ride. Being a teenager is a busy time, but I drop everything when my dad asks if I want to ride with him.

As you can see, snowmobiling has been a part of my life since I was little. I wouldn't have it any other way! My dad says "a family that snowmobiles together, stays together". May we all "Forever Ride Together".

Diane Hiles accepted Jalen's award for her at our banquet. Pictured with Diane is SDSA President Greg Nordstrom.



From the Treasurer

Diane Hiles



I will use my article to provide a recap of the convention fundraising as follows!

RECAP OF CONVENTION FUNDRAISING

As of 12-10-20

YETIS Silent Action - \$1,516.00 from 22 auction items

Pro-rated Distributions

YETIS @ 50% = \$758.00

SDSA @ 25% = \$379.00

Host Club @ 25% = \$379.00

SDSA Live Auction - \$14,200.00 from 42 auction items with 46 bid numbers given out

SDSA Silent Auction - \$4,050.00 from 57 auction items

Total SDSA Live and Silent combined - \$18,250.00

Pro-rated Distributions

SDSA @ 65% = \$11,862.50

Host Club @ 35% = \$ 6,387.50

John Green Painting auctioned for \$6,000.00.

\$3,000.00 to John Green

\$3,000.00 to SDSA

What a Fantastic Auction!!! Looking at previous auctions since 2015, this year's total at \$18,250 and at \$25,689 including the YETIS Silent Auction and the John Green Painting, tops the auctions over the last 6 years. This is the 3rd year for the YETIS auction.

There was also a \$50 side bet on which street sign (Skidoo or Arctic Cat) would bring the most dollars. The loser of the bet upped the ante another \$50 if the winner of the bet agreed to match him. In the end, SDSA received a \$200 donation on just this side bet. Thank you, Jon and Brian!!

Everyone Wins Fundraiser

Total Raffle Sales -	500 tickets	\$25,000.00
Prizes		
Grand Prize	\$10,000.00 – Dan O'Shea	
Second Ticket Drawn	\$ 2,000.00 – Roger Thue	
Third Ticket Drawn	\$500.00 – Northeast Trailblazers	
Individual Selling Winning Ticket	\$ 500.00 – Darin Cooper	
Individual Selling Most Tickets	\$ 500.00 – Mike Boock	
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Convention Host	\$ 1,250.00 – Black Hills Snowmobile Club	
SDSA Scholarship fund	\$ 1,000.00 – SDSA	
Net Proceeds to SDSA	\$ 8,250.00	

All Tickets were sold BEFORE the banquet even started!!! KUDOS to everyone for accomplishing that goal and making this major fundraiser a success!!

High Marker Donor Reception

Our Donor Reception was cancelled due to COVID protocols. If you would still like to donate to the cause, your tax-deductible donation will be appreciatively accepted. You can mail your donation to the SDSA Office at Box 206, Gary, SD 57237 or to Diane Hiles, SDSA Treasurer at 604 Root Ave SW, De Smet, SD 57231. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to enable the good work that your SDSA does throughout South Dakota and nationally. Such as: supporting your sport through continued access to trails and public lands, offering safety courses, lobbying for federal trail funding and networking with other snowmobile enthusiasts!

Heads and Tails

62 banquet attendees participated in this quick and fun activity. We did at least 5 coin tosses before Bart Banks was the last one standing.

50% - \$155.00 towards ACSA's Legal Defense Fund

50% - \$155.00 to Bart Banks –

Bart donated his winnings to SDSA. Thank you, Bart!!

50th Commemorative Coaster Set or Stemless Wine Glasses (set of 2)

These continue to be available for sale at \$25.00. If you are interested in either the coaster set (4 coasters and holder) or the stemless wine glasses, please let Mary Anne or myself know.



Christmas gift idea for your favorite snowmobiler?



Thank you to everyone who either donated, sold raffle tickets, purchased raffle tickets, bid on auction items or perhaps even all four!! SDSA's budget would be pretty bleak without all of these fundraising efforts.

And "Thank You" to the Black Hills Snowmobile Club for all of your time and extra effort to bring us a safe environment to come together for the good of SDSA. You were all fantastic hosts!!! Great Job!! And an extra "Thank You" to Mike and Kelly for your technical expertise in providing a successful zoom option for members to join us from afar.

We've had a little lull in processing dues since the November 1 Membership Incentive timeframe. Let's put a push on collecting dues renewals and getting new members signed up. Don't forget the associate memberships as well. As President Nordstrom has challenged us – if each member would sign up or even pay for one new membership, we would double what we have!!! Why not put a paid membership under someone's Christmas tree this year!

If there are any questions that I can answer for you, please do not hesitate to ask. I would be happy to explain what needs to be explained. Feel free to call my cell 605-203-0059 or email me at dj.hiles@hotmail.com.

Wishing you all a very Merry and most Blessed Christmas!

Larkyn Luckasson named SDSA Youth Snowmobiler of the Year

If you have story ideas or news that would be interesting for other snowmobilers or if you have any website changes or additions, drop me an email.

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Larkyn is a very energetic girl that loves everything outdoors. Larkyn likes all animals, especially puppies, cats, and horses.

This past year Larkyn has shown a big interest in snowmobiling. She made it to most club meetings and always asked if she can go back to see her “friends.” Larkyn lives in Tea, South Dakota. There has not been much snow locally, so the only trip she was able to attend, was the Trailbusters Club trip to Mallow Camp in the Black Hills. She rode with her dad every day. She was also able to ride a youth snowmobile that another club member brought with. She was in heaven.

Larkyn is also very willing to help out with the club. In the spring of 2020, Larkyn went along to help remove club signs. After attending the October Trailbusters Club meeting, Larkyn is planning on helping install trail signs on November 1st.

Larkyn has not been able to take a safety course yet. She is planning on taking one next time



we have a safety course available locally. Larkyn has had instruction for snowmobile safety. She knows to wear a helmet and goggles. She also knows not to go too fast and knows to use the brakes. She is also aware that two people do not ride the 120 at the same time. For the past three years, Larkyn has helped pick out toys and clothing to be given to a child need from

around the world. This was through the Samaritan’s Purse Shoebox project.

In October, Larkyn received her very own Polaris Indy 120. She was able to ride it after the first snowfall of the season. She also plans on taking it to the Snowy’s in Wyoming, Togwotee Pass in Wyoming, and the Black Hills in South Dakota this coming season.



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SDSAC CLUB NEWS

Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association

Happy Holidays from WVSA! Boy it sure doesn't seem like December – where's the snow? And it's been in the 50's this week! Balmy weather for December, that's for sure!

The signs have all been put up on our trail for the season, so we are ready for the snow when it decides to fall! We have some very dedicated club members that help with the trail signing every year and we'd like to give them a huge THANK YOU! Speaking of trail signing, if you attended the annual meeting, you heard Ryan talking about a tool we use to help with our trail signing. One of our members has utilized Google Maps to create a map of our trail and the sign placements. If you are interested in learning more about how to implement this for your trail, feel free to contact one of our club members and we can put you in contact with Derrick.

At our December meeting we made the hard decision to cancel our All-Season Long Poker Run that was going to be held on Feb. 6th. We felt with the current COVID situation and people not willing to venture out as much it would be best to cancel it for this year. We will be back on schedule for 2022!

Reserve the dates of June 3rd – 5th to attend the 2021 Milbank Annual Antique and Vintage Snowmobile Show. This year it will be held at the Twin Brooks Threshing Grounds near Milbank. The Antique Snowmobile Club of America will be holding their summer meeting at our show. What a great opportunity to learn about vintage sleds and see them in person! For more information, visit our Facebook page - Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year! It's got to be better than 2020, right? Steph Hansen, WVSA Secretary

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Wow.... what a surprise at the convention to have greatest membership increase in SDSA. It is truly a club award as the member and associate member support is what has made the membership award happen. What a great convention in Rapid City with all the issues 2020 presented. It was great seeing so many Families with Kids in attendance. We are looking forward to next year in Mitchell on November 5 & 6th.

This year we had a great crew to get our trail in and great help getting the corrections completed. We also had a great crew that got the Groomer serviced and ready for when the Snow arrives. We are hoping for some local riding as well as maybe a club Poker Run.

We have a Youth Safety Training on December 12th in Garretson from 8am to 12pm. Looking at great attendance for this event.

The next club meeting is on January 7th at Brandon Steak House at 7 pm.

Our next big club event is the Club Ride on January 14-17th in the Hills and staying at Rec Spring. We need it to snow soon to make this happen!!

On January 21st some of us will be going to Yellowstone to ride in at the South Gate. Some will stay at Dubois and some at Jackson Hole. We are going there from the club ride and riding in the mountains prior to the Yellowstone ride on the 21st of January. We are looking forward to the trip.

SnoCross is the weekend of January 29th and 30th in Deadwood. I hope they get more snow to make this happen it is a great event to attend. Be sure if you go to stop at the SDSA Tent.

In February we have a Trip planned to Wisconsin at Iron River by Lake Superior. February 17th thru 21st. We have a good number of club members going. They have some neat sites to see and places to stop at.

The Governor's Ride is on February 19th and 20th staying at Spearfish Holiday Inn and riding out of Hardy Camp by Trailshead. This is a great event to share our trail system with Legislators in South Dakota. I hope we have great snow and attendance.

Now all we need is to turn the snow valve on, get the sleds ready and ride!!! I hope everyone is staying Covid Safe and looking for a great winter. Happy Holidays to each of you!!

Club Reporter Duane Duerr



TrailBusters

Fun was had by the Trailbusters at convention 2020. Congrats to Larkyn, Lyndon Luckasson's daughter for youth snowmobiler of the year. We have started plans for our annual club ride in February.



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Black Hills Snowmobile Club

2020 Convention: December 4th and 5th at the Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center in Rapid City happened! First, I want to thank all the BHS Club members that stepped up to the plate and showed up to help with all that needed to be done! Not only did some of you donate time and energy, but several donated items for the Hospitality Room, money for added expenses, collected and/or donated auction items, found vendors, set up the auctions and many other activities too numerous to mention! A huge thank you to Mike Boock for time and energy spent getting all the audio and video up and running so our annual meeting could be attended virtually! He was also the Chairman of our planning committee and worked hard to keep us on track and he sold the most SDSA Raffle Tickets! All in all, I think we pulled off and awesome Convention under Covid restrictions, cancellations and the smallest attendance in many years! We will see how it all washes out after Jay & Mike try to balance the books! For pictures, check out our Facebook Page and SDSA’s page also!

BHSC Gun Raffle: We were able to sell a lot of our club’s gun raffle tickets at the convention! (Tickets for a Benelli SBE III 12 Gauge, Semi-automatic Shotgun and a Christen Arms Ridgeline 6.5 Creedmore Bolt Action Rifle as first place winners and Scheels Gift cards for 2nd and 3rd place winners.) We will pick winners (need not be present to win) later in the snowmobile season when all tickets are sold. Club members, pick up ticket packs from Jay as all tickets are numbered and they will be assigned to each person taking a pack to sell.

Storybook Island: BHSC is scheduled to host at Storybook Island on December 20th this year from 5pm-9pm. John Carlton will be organizing our group and a sheet was passed around for volunteers to sign up. If you missed the meeting and want to sign up, Call John at 605-484-4978. We can never have too many helpers! If it is cold that night it works great to work in shifts!

- January Events:
- January 5, 2021 Next BHSC meeting at Rice’s Rapid Motorsports
 - January 24, 2021 BHSC Radar Run at Deerfield Lake
 - January 29-30, 2021 ISCO Amsoil Pro Snowcross Races at Deadwood

Sally Anne Rall, BHSC Secretary

Aberdeen Driftbusters

Dear Kitty,

Now that you have moved from the back of the garage to the front of it, I’m sure you feel much better. I have at least gotten the dust off of you. Soon, though, you will be having a pre-ride checkup to make sure you are in top running condition.

We just came back from the snowmobile convention in Rapid City. You know all the "Rona" talk that you have been hearing about. It made for a different convention from the past, but what a job the Black Hills Snowmobile Club did in putting it on. They took a lot of precautions so we would stay healthy. There were masks available and hand sanitizer everywhere you looked. The auction was a HUGE success and the food was great.

At the convention we saw some of your older relatives. They had a section of antique snowmobiles. Not sure how your relatives feel about being antique, but hey, that's life! Grandpa el tigre EXT was there and looking really good. He is so proud of the snowmobile you have become. But even more amazing was that one of your great grandmas was there. I think it was Great Grandma Lynx. She is so impressed with the way the whole snowmobiling world has changed.

We have marked the trail and now we are just waiting for Mother Nature to provide us with the snow. It won't be long before you and Switchback will be able to get out and have some fun.

Love, John

Watertown Snowmobile Club

Greetings from the Watertown Snowmobile Club! With this abnormally warm winter, everyone should have more than enough time to get those sleds primed and ready to ride when we do get the first significant snowfall! Our club members spent the week before Thanksgiving decorating the float for the Holiday Parade that was held on Friday, November 27th. We won the Grand Marshall Award! A lot of long hours goes into decorating three trailers and a pick up but it is something our club looks forward to every year. As we say “we can never have too many lights!” At our most recent meeting held on Tuesday December 1st we voted to again donate to the Angel Tree this holiday season. Tabled is our annual radar run/poker run as we will see what the winter brings and conditions for the ice. More details will follow on that. Planning of our Christmas party was decided to do at the Sowers garage. We put together our auction items for our delegates to take to the SDSA convention. We decided to have our next meeting at Northshore on Tuesday, January 5th at 7pm. We are trying different places around town to find the best fit for our new meeting place. Hopefully next month we will have more news and winter activities planned! Enjoy the Holidays, stay safe and pray for snow!



Our 2020 float. Won Grand Marshall Award!



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Jon LaFramboise was the winning bidder on the John Green painting at this year's convention.





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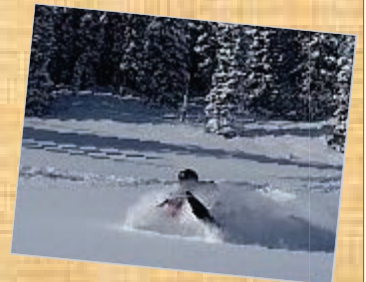
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Great Plains Snowtrailers

Hello from the Great Plains Snowtrailers,

We held our November club meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at the Ryan's Hanger Restaurant in Huron. We had 10 members in attendance.

We had done a membership drive in October and November. We offered a \$10.00 discount on the club dues if joined by November 5th. We were able to secure 3 new members, which is very exciting.

Rod Schley, our trail coordinator gave an update on the trail. There are still parts of the trail that needs to be put in yet. Rod and Larry are going to work on finishing it up this week. We also talked about doing maintenance to the groomer and grooming the trail when the snow arrives.

There was discussion of a club ride in the Black Hills on the Martin Luther King Holiday weekend which was January 16, 2021. There was a lot of interest in club members wanting to participate. The ride will take place on Saturday, January 16 and we will leave from Recreational Springs around 10AM and have a cookout at Dumont Lot for lunch.

It was decided that we will have a December meeting. The club members that were in attendance felt comfortable having a December meeting so it was decided that it will be held on Thursday, December 17th at Ryan's Hanger in a private meeting room.

Brenda Jager

Town & Country Snowdrifters

Happy Holidays from the Town and Country Snowdrifters!! We have been doing our monthly meetings via Zoom, so watch your emails for details, grab a drink and join in on the conversation of your club.

Thanks to the work of our members our trail has been put in, inspected and passed. Thanks for the help. We had asked Kim Rapp to come put on a grooming school. The Poinsett and Brookings clubs joined us and I think we all learned a thing or two. Thanks Kim for spending your Saturday with us.

Memberships have been a little slow coming in this year, so please take a minute and send them in or you can do it online at the SDSA website.

In this strange year we all have been apart of, can you think of a better way to socially distance yourself from everyone then to get on a sled in the mountains, the hills or at home. Invite a friend and show them what you see and maybe they will catch the bug too.

From my family to yours, have a safe and Merry Christmas. I hope to see you on the trail.

Jay



SDSA names the MCCOY FAMILY as Family of the Year



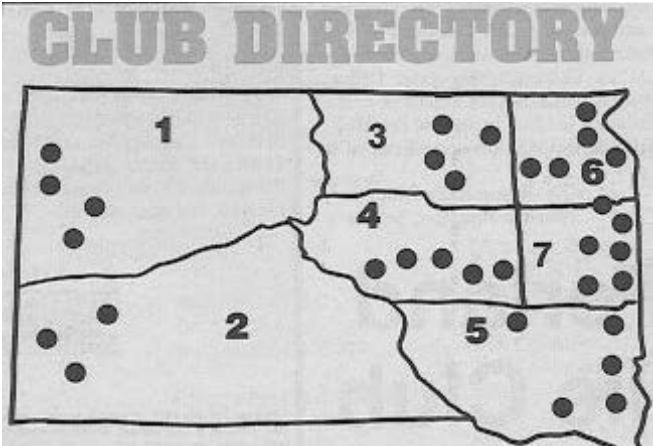
On the left Kelly Weaver presents the McCoys with their Family of the Year award. On the right, Ann Nagel accepts the award at convention on their behalf. THANK YOU TO THE SUNSET LODGE IN PIERRE FOR THEIR ONE NIGHT STAY. We appreciate your support!

The Pat McCoy's have been members of the Driftbusters since 2019 but the McCoys have been snowmobiling for 21 years. Dennis & Ann McCoy have been members of MN USA for many years. Pat and Jennifer help the Driftbusters with whatever projects they can. All of them are knowledgeable about snowmobiling and are willing to talk to people to get new people involved. Pat operates the groomer and Pat and Jennifer help sign 20 miles of trail. Dennis taught snowmobile safety courses in Minnesota.

SDSA names the Pat McCoy as Groomer of the Year

Pat is always willing to step up and help with whatever is needed. Signs, maintenance, operations, he'll do it all. Photo below is taken from the seat of the groomer, Pat getting his award from Kelly Weaver, and also one of Ann Nagel accepting his award from President Greg Nordstrom at convention on his behalf!





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605-745-5626
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Trent Damm named to SDSA's HALL OF FAME



Trent Damm grew up with snowmobiles on the family farm near Badger, SD. In Northeast South Dakota with its' traditionally cold and snowy winter months, Trent's family mainly used snowmobiles to help feed cattle, various other farm chores and as a mode of transportation between the family farms. However, kids will be kids - Trent and his brother, Troy, found the snowmobiles were a BLAST to ride!! This is where Trent's passion for riding snowmobiles began!

Growing up on the family farm, any chance Trent and his brother could ride, they did. Although rides didn't go far back then they would last for many hours and they had many adventures. Unbeknownst at the time, a ride from Badger to the nearest state groomed trail (at the time) near Watertown, would help change the future of the trail systems in Eastern South Dakota. A few years later, a group of friends who were known to ride snowmobile around the Lake Poinsett area regularly, decided to organize and form their own club. Various meetings were attended by this group and eventually the Poinsett Pounder Snowmobile Club was formed in 1995. Trent played an instrumental role in the formation of the Poinsett Pounders and was appointed as one of the original Directors of the Board.

In preparation for the 1st Governor's Winter Games in 1996, the Poinsett Pounders asked the state to groom the ditches around the Lake Poinsett area for their Poker Run. The state's response was "NO". The reason was Lake Poinsett was not part of the state trail program. That answer didn't sit well with Trent as he remembered how well he liked riding the groomed trail near Watertown. Trent again was instrumental in working with the Poinsett Pounder's to begin work on Grants and Aid for trails around Lake Poinsett. Today, a state groomed snowmobile trail exists in much of eastern South Dakota with Lake Poinsett a frequently used area. As Trent and his wife, Stephanie continued to ride snowmobiles with friends and participate in various Poinsett Pounder activities, children began to arrive. Trent ensured they were raised around snowmobiles and taught them the importance of organized snowmobiling. Today, Trent's children, their spouses and his grandchildren are all avid snowmobilers and participate in family rides. Any given afternoon during the winter months, Trent is seen giving rides and playing in the snow with his grandchildren. The whole family continues to participate in Poinsett Pounder Club events, SDSA events, and other State Club's events in the area. Trace, his son, currently represents District 7 on the SDSA Board of Directors.

If I listed every Poinsett Pounder and/or SDSA event Trent has contributed to, it would take a long time and it would be a long list so I will just hit a few highlights:

- Through Trent's passion for snowmobiling, his entire family along with many friends are actively involved in snowmobiling, Poinsett Pounder Snowmobile Club and SDSA
- Trent played critical role in the organization of the Poinsett Pounders Snowmobile Club
- Trent has served as Vice-President and President of the Poinsett Pounders in past years
- Trent has helped and continues to help with countless Poinsett Pounder events
- Trent has been presented the SDSA Man of the Year in the past
- Trent has a knack for making chili. He has made his "infamous" chili for the annual Poinsett Pounder's Winter Games Family Day every year since its' inception in 1996
- Trent assisted in the creation and organization of Poinsett Pounder's Ride for the Ribbon events

2020 SDSA Hall of Fame Nomination

Trent Damm

- Trent along with his family have helped mark 13 miles of trail for the Poinsett Pounders every year and some years by himself
- Trent assisted with the Easter Seal rides, Governor rides, Ride for the Ribbon, SDSA conventions and the monthly club meetings
- Trent has always promoted the Poinsett Pounders and SDSA wherever and whenever he could and has always been a proud advocate of the Poinsett Pounder Club

Trent Damm exemplifies the definition of the A TRUE SNOWMOBILER. Trent's passion for snowmobiling is evident in how his family, friends and the Poinsett Pounder Snowmobile Club have become the participants they are today within SDSA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Erstad

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