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From SDSA's President



Duane Duerr Brandon, South Dakota

The 52nd SDSA convention is now behind us, Great Job Trail Busters in hosting!! Great Auction, great food, good friends, and fellow snowmobilers to spend time with and share.

One of the stories I shared at the Presidents meeting is as follows. "A pastor once asked a member of the congregation to say a prayer for the church. A member raised his hand and she told him to begin. He started by saying "Lord I really do not like Lard it does not taste very good, I also do not like Buttermilk much either" As a Pastor she was now questioning if she should have let him speak?" He went on to Saying I have tried flour and it is pasty and make me cough and yeast is not very good either. But when you put all those things together, they make some really good Biscuits. So maybe what I am saying is that we all have bad things happening but each of those bad things may lead us to some really good in the Future."

Many Clubs are concerned about membership, meeting attendance, activities, and fund raisers, etc. Maybe that is a sign that we need to change something? We need to continue to add value to SDSA and to each of our clubs. Meetings need to be fun, Informative and offer members something. This is not just a problem for us but for the entire volunteer club industry. At SDSA we have much to offer and more to come:

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something simple to make that happen:

- Family and Youth Activities.
- Change in meetings, bring in speakers.
- Poker runs, radar runs, UTV rides.
- Chili feeds, Pinochle Tournament, shake dice for drinks.
- Maybe different day, time, or location.
- Maybe preplanning more or different club rides to the mountains or Hills or another state.
- Local fun raising events.

The value needs to be found from those not attending to see why they are not attending and how we can change and grow involvement. WE HAVE MANY GREAT THINGS HAPPENING LET'S BUILD ON THEM!!

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From SDSA's President-Elect

Kelly Weaver, Aberdeen, SD



Hi fellow snowmobilers,

Well, it looks like I've enlisted for another 6 years! I went to the SDSA Annual meeting in Mitchell focused on continuing my role as a District Director. I was preoccupied with getting our hospitality room together and preparing the activities we had planned. When Past President Jon LaFramboise approached me to run for President Elect, I was certainly caught off guard.

Since I have been on the Board, I have thought now and again about seeking higher office but always hesitated due to other obligations I have that occur during this very same time. Knowing that there probably wasn't anyone else lining up for the job, I felt an obligation to consider it after being asked. Seeking input from my husband and fellow club members, I found no 'out' to the request. So, here I am, newly elected as your President Elect.

I know many of you have been in this same position. Asked (and I use that term lightly!) to take on a role that you think may be out of your reach or that you don't have time for. I thank you for stepping up to serve your club, your district and your state organization. Personally, I have witnessed many young folks grow in their roles when they have said 'yes'. It is

so important to have new people take on new roles so we can have leadership transitions to sustain our organizations. (Leaders, you need to make the ask!) When you are asked, please say 'yes'. You don't have to be an officer; there are plenty of leadership roles without a board seat. Consider marking a trail section or learning how to run the groomer. How about teaching a snowmobile safety course or organizing a club event to benefit the community? Yes, it will be some extra work but you will have an opportunity to grow and you won't regret it.

I too will be learning and growing in this leadership opportunity. I sincerely appreciate all the supportive comments I received at the convention and I ask for your understanding for any missteps I make along the way. If you ever have a concern, I am always open to a conversation and hearing another point of view. As I have mentioned on numerous occasions, communication is high on my list of priorities. Taking on this position is an awesome responsibility that I do not take lightly and I will work hard to succeed and to serve our members.

Till next time,

Kelly Weaver

SDSA President Elect



From SDSA's Past President

Greg Nordstrom, Sioux Falls

Hello snow lovers.

Now that I have graduated to the level of Past President I want to thank you the SDSA members for the support for the last couple years. It has been an interesting ride. Having to deal with Covid and trying to get meetings and conventions to come off was a bit of a challenge. I am extremely thankful for the board of directors we have for they all are top notch people and really care about the sport of snowmobiling and the direction that SDSA is headed. I want to especially thank some people that helped guide me along. One is Jon LaFramboise who I could ask and get the info I needed and was always there if needed. Another is Brian and Tracey Erickson who are always upbeat and encouraging even when I did not think I could do the job. And to Mary Anne and Diane who always had my back I would have been lost without their input and knowledge about how SDSA operates both in South Dakota and beyond.

The convention in Mitchell was very good and well run. I think that the Trailbusters of Beresford did a real good job putting it on and just proving that a small group can do it and do it well. Thank You for a great time.

The only disappointment was that I did not win the 10 grand (ha ha) but was glad that Greg Hiles was the big winner. He and Diane have really dedicated their lives to the sport and deserve it.

Also congratulations to Duane Duerr our new elected president and to Kelly Weaver our new president elect. They will do an awesome job for the years to come. I also appointed Ann Nagel to replace Kelly in district 3.

Now let's get out and find new members for our clubs and SDSA. We really need the numbers. Pray for a snowy winter.

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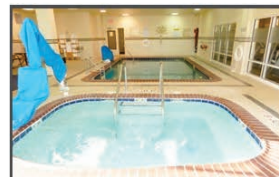
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Steve, Doug, Dawn, and many of the Family are part of the Business there. They have a huge collection of Vintage Snowmobile and Motorcycles. Many are fully restored and displayed. They have been a strong supporter of SDSA and the Madison Sno Roamers snowmobile club. They have assisted with trail installation, Convention Booths, Vintage shows, and membership drives. They advertise in the Sno Plainsman as well as have memberships to many of the local clubs and vintage snowmobile organizations and support the SDSA discount Program.



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Doug on 1962 Ski Doo at ISC Open House in 2013.



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Duane Duerr SDSA Reporting



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Remembering Jean Wilkinson by Diane Hiles

Jean and I, along with Todd were classmates from 6th grade through high school. We were involved with vocal music, band, all school plays, sports as well as other typical high school activities. While we went on to other locations to be educated and embark on our careers, we all ended up back in the De Smet area and would reconnect with the occasional classmate gatherings. Years later, snowmobiling brought us together, along with our kids, to make more memories. I was new to the sport so to watch Jean handle a sled, most times with one or two kids on with her (sometimes asleep) was an eye-opener for me as well as motivation to someday be able to ride like her. Our two families spent one long weekend in the Big Horns together and both

unteering, best described by the last sentence of the Jaycee creed; "And that service to humanity was the best work of life!!"

Jean was Todd's right hand, left hand, chauffeur and soul mate. Very seldom did you see one without the other throughout their many activities and organization involvement. She loved being a mom, and becoming grandma made it that much better. She was 1 of 7 sisters who all shared a special bond.

With her involvement in these various organizations, Jean received many awards and various other forms of recognition.

Within SDSA, Jean was named Woman Snowmobiler of the Year and her family was SDSA's Family of the Year. In 2010, Todd and Jean were named to the SDSA Hall of Fame. In 2017, Jean was chosen to receive the Spirit of Dakota Award. While Jean didn't think she qualified or that she was comparable to any of the other women nominated, the criteria of the award, spoke so clearly of who Jean was to so many, including myself.



Todd, Jean and Greg were great teachers as we side-hilled quite a bit and learned the throttle was our friend – FTx4 (full throttle to the top). It was that trip that I was blessed to see a different side of Todd and Jean and the love they had for their family and how they shared their love of snowmobiling with our family.

Jean was a passionate nurse with a great servant attitude and delighted in caring for others, in the hospital or on an ambulance run. She was all and everything about family. Not just her children and her grandchildren, but her Jaycee family, her Snowmobiling family, her Cattlemen's family, her church family, along with various and many community-based organization's family. She was Service & Vol-



The Spirit of Dakota award is given to:

- An outstanding South Dakota woman who has demonstrated leadership qualities and has been successful and admired in her community or state.
- A woman with roots deep in Dakota whose courage and strength of character have helped develop her family and community.
- A woman who has represented social, cultural, and educational advancement for others.

Along with her love of family, Jean had an unbelievable, unwavering strength in faith. Daily devotions is how she started each day. She had scripture and inspirational verses in various places throughout her home and her fridge was covered with scripture filled magnets. One of her favorites from Dr. Martin Luther King's - 'Take the first step in faith, you don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.' Jean took that first step over and over. It was very common to see on Jean's CaringBridge, "Prayers go up and Blessings come down!" In my mind, Jean wrote the definition of a good and faithful servant of the Lord.

Jean went through 13 years of challenging health issues. In April 2008, she was diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF), an incurable and terminal disease. Five years later, her kidneys both began to fail due to the BK virus, (a side effect of anti-rejection medications.) The BK virus was Jean's 2nd terminal diagnosis. In 2016, Jean underwent a kidney transplant, blessed with a donated kidney from her sister. In February 2020, the diagnosis was acute leukemia. With two transplants already and the toll taken on her petite body, a bone marrow transplant was not an option. Through this journey, Jean would not complain but would meet each challenge head on as she said "I turned it over to God". Jean's response with the disappointing rejection of the first available lung was "It was God's will".

Jean lived for positives, and she lived for her Lord. Jean

was one of the most courageous fighters I've known, grounded in her faith, strong and mighty. We can all call ourselves blessed to have crossed paths with her if only for one small section of the trail. We can and should strive to follow in her footprints as a spirit like Jean's should live on forever in all of us. The world is a better place because of God's willingness to share Jean with us all during her time on this earth.

Another favorite of Jean's:

***Some days are better, some days are worse
Look for the pluses, instead of the curse
Stay strong and get enough rest
You can't do it all, but you can do your best.***





Mike Boock, District 2 Director

Hello Snowmobilers,
First off, I want to thank the Trailbusters for putting on a great convention in Mitchell! Congratulations to all of those that won awards and prizes. Greg and Diane won the \$10,000 and have already made a substantial donation back to SDSA. It's great to see people that love our sport and association so much. I also want to say "Thank you!" to Jon LaFramboise. He gave 16 years to the SDSA board and has helped

mentor me in my short two years here. I was nominated for another two year term and voted in as the District 2 Director. I feel like I'm finally starting to get things figured out, so I thank you for your vote of confidence and I look forward to working with you all over the next 2 years. I will continue to push forward on the topics of safety, club membership, and club organization.

This month I want to talk about club organization. I sat in on the Presidents meeting at convention as this topic was discussed. I was shocked to hear that some clubs don't have all their officers and/or term limits. These two things are what makes you club function as a team. Allowing different members to participate in different leadership roles will ensure that you club doesn't go stale and allows room for growth by trying different things. I absolutely hate the words, "That's the way we've always done it". Don't be afraid to try different things. Don't be afraid to fail. Some things you try as a club may not go exactly as planned, but you never know what can and will come from those failures. Keep pushing forward to try and reach the younger generation. Without them, our clubs fade away to nonexistence. If your club doesn't have bylaws that they follow, I would encourage you to talk to other club that

do and put a committee together to start working on them right away. These bylaws should specify officers/board members and their term limits. Most clubs have a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer with 2 year term. I like this setup and would encourage you all to adopt this into your clubs. Other things to put in the bylaws would define a quorum, voting rules, banking processes, and duties of each board member. The last thing I want to address for you club is the treasurer. This is always a hot topic and there were many ideas shared at the presidents meeting. I think the common points were to have a treasurers report at every meeting that shows everyone the income and expenses for the month. The more open the treasurer is to the membership, the less likely there will be any complaints or accusations. We want our meetings to be fun and productive so keep a positive attitude. If you are the President of your club, don't be afraid to stop a discussion if it's heading down the wrong path. No one wants to attend a meeting with a bunch of arguing or complaining.

There are a lot of fun and exciting events coming up in the next several months and they all involve snow, so that makes me happy. The Black Hills club is hosting their annual Radar Run at Deerfield lake on January 22, 2022. This year, the King of the Ice will receive \$500 and a trophy in remembrance of Bill Stork Sr. and Rusty Rovere. These two men helped with this great event for many years and will be missed by many.

Lastly, I want to welcome Ann Nagel to the board as she will be taking over for Kelly Weaver, our new President Elect. Greg Nordstrom is now our Past President and Duane Duerr is the new President. Thank you Greg for your work as President. Duane will be a great President and has a lot of great ideas. I look forward to working with him and the rest of the board over this next year. Keep thinking SNOW Mike

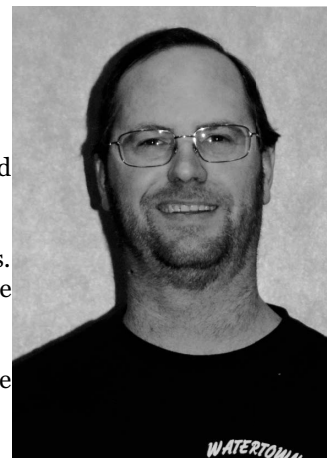
Jason Shepherd, District 6 Director

Hello from the Northeast again. It was very nice to see everyone at the convention in Mitchell and talk to you all.

The clubs up here are planning their holiday activities and putting the final touches on their trails. We are all waiting to see when the first snow is this year. Most have their crops out now and are in the process of getting their snowmobiles ready for the winter season.

If we all do our snow dance this year hopefully we can get some early snow that we all can ride on all winter.

Hope to see everyone on the trails soon weather permitting.



Ann Nagel, District 3 Director

Greeting Fellow Snowmobilers,

I would like to thank the Trailbusters for putting on a great convention. The food and entertainment were great! They also had a very successful live and silent auction. The amount of work they put into the convention was very evident!

I want to include a shout out to SDSA's new President Elect, Kelly Weaver. She has been a great addition to the SDSA Board of Directors for the past 3 years and will be an outstanding President Elect. Congratulations, Kelly! I have been appointed to fill the remaining year of the District 3 Director position that Kelly held prior to being elected President Elect.

For those of you who do not know me, I am a member of the Aberdeen Driftbusters. For my first article in the Sno Plainsman I thought I would tell you a little about me. My husband, Al Nagel and I have been married for 47 years and have been members of the Driftbusters for around 40 years. Throughout those years we have been active members of both the Driftbusters and SDSA. We raised 3 sons and have 3 daughters-in-law and 5 grandchildren. Al & I

retired in April of this year and are really enjoying our freedom to do what we want to, when we want to. I have a little saying about retirement, the days of the week change. We now have 6 Saturdays and 1 Sunday!

I have held all the offices of the Driftbusters club and am currently in my 5th year as treasurer. I have served on the SDSA Board of Directors previously for a total of 6 years.

My contact information is included in this issue of the Sno Plainsman. Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. Is it too early to do the snow dance?

Ann Nagel, District 3 Director



Pat Hanten-Duerr, District 5 Director

Thank You to everyone that attended the SDSA State Convention last weekend on November 5th and 6th, 2021 in Mitchell. It was a great convention. It is always great to see other snowmobilers and exchange stories and work on plans for the future of snowmobiling. There was a lot of discussion about how to give your Snowmobile Club/Activities "VALUE". The discussions talked about doing more activities, get families involved, and having youth events for children of young age to get them interested in snowmobiling. Encourage every club, to try to "think outside the Box" meaning try new things involving snowmobilers. Change is always good!

There was some very good discussion on Fund Raising issues for SDSA, which lead to the voting in a \$10.00 increase in SDSA Dues for 2022. The cost of everything keeps going up and SDSA is trying to promote the future of Snowmobiling, but it keeps taking more money each year.

ACSA has Calendars available to buy to support Snowmobiling at the National Level. ACSA draws winners many times a year therefore you could win some of your money back and \$5.00 is donated back to SDSA. ACSA Calendars were given to club presidents at the convention.

If you have any good Ideas on Fundraisers that SDSA could do, please let me know, as I am your District 5 representative on the Fundraising Committee.

Many of the clubs on East side of state have a lot of their trails put in already. Soon the ground will be frozen which will make it more difficult to put rerod in the ground. Remember if you need to use the new Hammer Drill that were purchased for the clubs to put in trail, please call one of the Club Presidents in your area.

SNOW, SNOW, SNOW!!

Pat Hanten Duerr, District 5 Director





Tracey Erickson, District 4 Director

As I write my post-convention article today Mother Nature has started to take a bit of a twist here in Eastern South Dakota, rain, with impending snow projected in two days! Yes, this is great news for snowmobilers. However, if you are like us you are trying to get those last-minute projects wrapped up such as cleaning up equipment for storing

age for the winter and the eternal book work and year end harvest data collection.

It also means that we should be putting in our trail before the fourth Sunday of November. Ryan Raynor, SD GF&P Snowmobile Trails Coordinator along with Kim Raap have updated the Snowmobile Trail Layout and Signing Guidelines booklet. If you are putting in trail for your club you will want to check with your club's trails coordinator if you have not received one already. In addition, Ryan offered a Zoom update seminar regarding proper trail signing. This session was recorded and the link is below along with the passcode. Ryan offers the following suggestions as you log in to view the recording: 1. You will need to enter a passcode to view the recording. 2. You should type the passcode in, it won't let you copy and paste it. 3. Please forward within the recording, to exactly 24 min and that's when the presentation actually begins.

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As I am also working on year end books for our upcoming pre-tax appointment, several things come to mind as we prepare for the completion of the tax year. The reason I mention this is the South Dakota Snowmobile Association (SDSA) has started a new donor program, called "Back the Ride". The thought process is that there are those who are very passionate about snowmobiling and motorized recreation. As you are aware it takes \$\$\$ to advocate for motorized recreation and access to riding areas such as trails and public lands across this state and country. Additionally, it takes funds to continue offering up-to-date safety training courses, basic riding courses and avalanche training for snowmobile enthusiasts. Third, \$\$\$ are also needed to remain vigilant at the federal and state level as we lobby for federal trail funding via the Rails to Trails Program. And lastly, it takes money to organize networking opportunities for snowmobilers. So, if you are passionate about snowmobiling and happen to be looking for a good opportunity to

donate to an organization that prioritizes you as a snowmobiler, then SDSA would love to have you as a donor. Your donations are tax deductible as SDSA is a 501 c4 organization.

Your donation can be made either on-line through the website at <https://snowmobilesd.com/> or by check made to SDSA ~ % Back the Ride, and mail to SDSA at PO Box 206, Gary, SD 57237

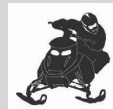
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In exchange you will be listed annually as a SDSA Back the Ride Sponsor in the March Issue of the SnoPlainsman along with being listed on the SDSA Webpage as a Back the Ride Donor. For more information contact a South Dakota Snowmobile Association Board Director or the SDSA Secretary.

My last comment is to offer a HUGE thank you to the Trail Busters as our convention hosts this year. You did a great job organizing and putting things together! KUDOS to each of you as a worked hard to make this happen and a job well done!

Looking forward to seeing each of you at upcoming gatherings or out on the trails this year. All the best, Tracey Erickson SDSA, Dist. 4 Director



Back the Ride Donor Form

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Check appropriate level

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- ☐ Gold - \$999-\$500
- ☐ Copper - \$499-\$250
- ☐ Silver - \$249 - \$100
- ☐ Bronze - \$25 - \$99

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PO Box 206,
Gary, SD 57237

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Trace Damm, District 7 Director

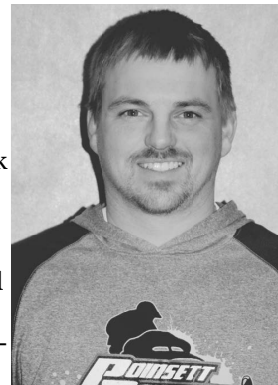
Hello Everyone,

I'd like to start off by thanking Lisa Watkins and the Trailbusters for doing an amazing job at the convention in Mitchell. Getting a hotel room was a tad bit of a struggle, but we got it all to come together. I know both of my daughters sure enjoyed the pool. The first thing I woke up to in the mornings was Logan staring at me asking, "daddy wanna go swimmin"? not always ideal at 5am, but hey they had fun and that's all that matters.

The meeting rooms seemed to work out very well and the food was amazing! You may have seen Logan cruising around on the John Deere tractor that grandpa and grandma spoiled her with or dancing on the dance floor, or maybe just my wife chasing after her. She's quite the handful (Logan, not my wife). Next year may be interesting as my youngest Allie can start walking/running and trying to keep up with big sis. May have to recruit some babysitters for conventions 2022.

We are getting a bit of an early look at winter as we are in a winter weather advisory and it's snowing while I type this article. We all know we are far overdue for a good snowfall to hopefully help all the clubs get excited about and get others involved in promoting safe snowmobiling. Just a small app update, I am working on getting that up and going and being able to present something to all. Harvest was busy on me and the creator, so it pushed things back a bit, but none the less we are working on it and its very exciting.

Any clubs under my district please feel free to reach out to me about any questions or meetings I could sit in on, via my phone 203-1594. Trace



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Greg Spiering named Groomer of the Year!

Greg Spiering of the Dakota Drifters was named Groomer of the Year at our recent SDSA convention. Greg's been grooming trails with his father, Walt, for 9 years and signing the trails for 10. Congratulations, Greg!

Greg receives his award from President Greg Nordstrom.





On the Trails

Ryan Raynor, Trails Specialist

After walking away from my 11th state snowmobile convention, I continued to be amazed at the commitment and passion the snowmobile community has in South Dakota. This commitment consistently reaches out beyond the borders of South Dakota at a national level that is even more amazing. Always great to attend this

convention and get a chance to work with the Advisory Council, SDSA, and the clubs.

I'd like to thank the Beresford Trailbusters for hosting this year's convention and setting up a time and place for an East River Trail Signing seminar. We had around 20 attend and I hope those folks were able take some positive things away about signing around their local trail systems.

Sounds like we have some clubs who are close to finishing trail signing and others who will be getting started soon after the convention. The sooner we can get out to inspect, the sooner and hopefully warmer it is for any corrections to be made, so please contact me right away, when you know your whole trail is in. If you or any of the club members you have are involved with signing and would like to ride along, or you have a section that you consistently see comments from us, let me know and we can correct the confusion between us and club. We hope with the updated guidelines, establishing your trails s easier than ever.

As usual, Shannon and I distributed the new maps during the convention. It is important to pass these maps out to all businesses on the trail and your local chambers and snowmobile dealers. More maps can be requested by contacting me at Farm Island at 605-773-2885, or the Game Fish and Parks office in Watertown at 605-882-5200.

I haven't received all equipment and Grant-in-Aid agreements for the upcoming season yet, so if you haven't had a chance to sign those, please do so and send those in. I've already sent some grant request paperwork out to various clubs and continue to get that paperwork out as time allows. Remember, clubs with state owned equipment are allowed a 25% advance on the total grant that was approved to help keep you operating as necessary. If your club voted in a new Grant-In-Aid coordinator, please make sure they contact me so I can catch them up on the procedures of the grant and go through the paperwork with them. Usually, a 20-25-minute conversation.

In closing Shannon Percy, who oversees our Black Hills Snowmobile program has an important message which is in quotes below.

"The Black Hills has had some timber sales near and around our trail system. One of these timber sales is near Trail #4. It borders the Eagle Cliff Cross-Country ski area that excludes snowmobiling. Years ago, The Snowmobile Program and the Forest Service partnered to fence along the ski area boundary but because of the logging operations, trees have been removed and fencing no longer connects. Please be aware of your location, ensuring you did not get into this area. Game Fish and Parks along with the Forest Service will be out trying to connect the dots with additional signing this Fall. Next summer both programs will be trying to erect additional fencing to ensure compliance. "

That's all for this month, so stay safe and get ready to start those engines!



Marty Grabow accepts the trophy for the Dakota Trailblazers who had the largest percentage of increase in membership this year. Presenting the trophy is Greg Nordstrom SDSA's President.

Diane Hiles, SDSA Treasurer

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

RECAP OF CONVENTION FUNDRAISING

As of 11/8/2021

YETIS Silent Action - \$389.00 from 11 auction items

Pro-rated Distributions

YETIS @ 50% = \$194.50

SDSA @ 25% = \$97.25

Host Club @ 25% = \$97.25 of which they donated to the YETIS

SDSA Live Auction - \$14,870.00 from 156+ auction items with 65 bid numbers given out

SDSA Silent Auction - \$2,332.00 from 56 auction items

Total SDSA Live and Silent Combined - \$17,202.00

Pro-rated Distributions

SDSA @ 65% = \$11,181.30

Host Club @ 35% = \$ 6,020.70

John Green Painting auctioned for \$3,000.00.

\$1,500.00 to John Green

\$1,500.00 to SDSA

What a **Fantastic Auction** offering a great variety of coats, helmets, gear of all sorts, signs, handmade items, food baskets and of course, a few choice offerings of Ann's Apple Pie, Orange Dreamsicle and Red Eye! Items went for and above value and yet there were still several bargains to be had.

2021 SDSA Big Payout!

Total Raffle Sales - 500 tickets \$25,000.00

Prizes

Grand Prize \$10,000.00 - Greg Hiles

Second Ticket Drawn \$ 2,000.00 - Stacy Claussen

Person Selling Most Tickets\$ 500.00 - JPP (Just Poinsett Pounders)

SDSA Scholarship fund \$ 1,000.00

Net Proceeds to SDSA \$11,500.00

All Tickets were sold BEFORE the banquet even started!!! But we had a lot of last day efforts by several people, especially members of the Sioux Falls Sno Trackers and of the Poinsett Pounders who made calls, texts, and whatever form of other communication there was available to get the remaining 128 tickets sold and/or turned in and accounted for. **KUDOS to everyone for accomplishing the goal and making this major fundraiser a success!!**

The Poinsett Pounders announced they would be donating \$250.00 to **ACSA Legal Defense Fund** and challenged other clubs to do the same. Aberdeen Driftbusters and Town County Snowdrifters stepped up to the challenge with their \$250.00 as well.

We had several new **Legacy Memberships** presented throughout the convention.

Kim Raap, Sioux Falls, by the Sioux Falls Sno Trackers
Sara Shepherd, Watertown, by the Watertown Snowmobile Club

Nathan Lakness, Hayti, by the Poinsett Pounders

Jody Lemme, Arlington, by the Poinsett Pounders

Jim LeTendre, Sioux Falls by the combined efforts of Aberdeen Driftbusters, Dakota Ditch Rippers, Mile High Club, Sioux Falls Sno Trackers and Trailbusters.

New Legacy Memberships presented prior to the Convention

Jean Wilkinson, De Smet, by the Town and Country Snowdrifters

Roger Seelover, Sioux Falls, by his daughter Charlene Frier. Roger was a member of the Sioux Falls Sno Trackers

The **Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers** fund received a generous donation of \$2,500 from the Mile High Club from proceeds of their vintage sled raffle. Jon LaFramboise donated his winnings from the Driftbusters Raffle Board and Greg Nordstrom donated his winnings from the Attendance Incentive at the Town & Country's September Meeting. The Town & Country Snowdrifters recently donated \$2,500 as well.

Thank you to all who donated auction items, who purchased auction items, who sold fundraising tickets, who bought fundraising tickets, who donated to the various causes and who accepted the challenges to donate as well. It was a great weekend for SDSA, financially as well as the organization as a whole, with good meetings and valuable discussions, great entertainment and overall, just plain fun!! Great Job Trailbusters on bringing us together so all of this could happen!

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 Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Diane
SDSA Treasurer



Snowmobiling The Alaska Iditarod

Tim Smith at Power Brokers Inc.

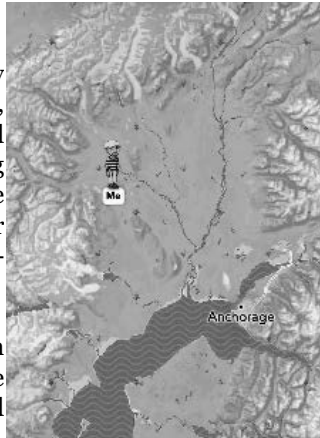


Sled Dog team

This past winter I decided to take the trip that I have been wanting to take for years. Being a lifelong sled guy, one of my bucket list items was to see Alaskan Tundra in its elements. The plan was to make the trip when the 49th Annual Iditarod was in full swing which started on March 7th. The Iditarod is about 1150 miles long and runs from Anchorage up rainy pass along the Bering see where it finally reaches Nome in Western Alaska. The race takes sled dogs 7 to 10 days I would be there for three.

We spent the previous day March 6th picking up supplies, our friends at the Airport and making sure we had everything to make our once in a lifetime event. Day two, we started our adventure on Long Lake by Willow, Alaska.

My Childhood friend has a cabin on this majestic lake. When we arrived, we double checked



everything and made sure everything was just right. We started the adventure the next morning. We picked our way north through the Dëshka Landing and then down the Big Susitna River towards the Yetna River.

Once we arrived at the Yetna River, we had only another 80 miles to get to our "off the grid" cabin for the evening. Once we arrived, we were blessed with lots of snow shoveling and wood retrieving to get the evening fire



started. We would call this home for the next three days.

Over the next few days, we would make trips towards Shell Lake or Swentna to watch the race and find a local spot or two for lunch and to wet our whistle. We

took in the scenery moose, deer, eagles and more. Everywhere you looked was just amazing. We ventured to the back side of Denali, the largest in Alaska. It was beautiful and definitely a trip I will never forget.



Mary Anne Grabow, SDSA Editor

Third issue of the Sno Plainsman is almost ready to go to print. I am stressed to the max. Why? Because there are so many things to do in busy season for the SDSA that I'm never sure which one should take priority. This week, the Sno Plainsman has been #1 of course, but during that I've updated the website 3 times and I have handled other things like figuring out jacket sizes, shirt sizes, and all that finishing touch thing after convention!!!

I knew when I started this issue that I'd have more content than could easily fit in the Sno Plainsman. But how do you decide what is more important? I mean, everything is important to the people who submit the articles, right? So, in an effort to be all inclusive, your font size is a bit smaller than usual. I apologize if that makes it a struggle for you but it was the best option to be able to include everything that needed to be in this issue!

There are small blurbs on each winner of each awards this issue. Congratulations to each one of you. Well deserved!

Thank you to the Trailbusters and especially to Lisa & Lisa. Every time we had a question you had an answer! It was a highly successful convention - GOOD JOB!

The band was AWESOME!!! Great choice for entertainment!!!!

Thank you Diane! Diane & I work as a team at convention. We try hard to get the work done and get it done efficiently. I count on her and I think she counts on me as well.

Congratulations Duane & Kelly as you begin your terms as President and President - Elect. There's no doubt you both will do an outstanding job. Welcome back to the board, Ann as you fill out the year that Kelly left open when she stepped up in leadership.

You'll notice that we have several new advertisers this issue. Don't miss the Sno Cross ad either! SDSA is always there putting SDSA in the spotlight as best as we can.

This year our emphasis again is on membership. As the saying goes, if each person would recruit one new member, our membership would double. We'd love to see that happen THIS season!



I received the following email this week from Christine at ACSA. . Some of you may know Merv so I wanted to include it in my article.

As some of you may know, Merv Hoermann - Past President of the Iowa Associa-

tion and Clean Snowmobile Challenge Supporter Extraordinaire - has been battling cancer for the past several years. The battle has been getting the best of him recently.

Merv has always been one of those guys that always showed up with a smile and a helping hand. He is the only person that served as President of the Iowa Association twice! He attended the Clean Snowmobile Challenge every winter- and came stocked up with Beef for all of those in attendance. He also attended many ISCs, only recently missing the last couple, sitting on the ACSA Board for many years as well as representing the International Snowmobile Tourism Council.

It has come to our attention that Merv could use some help. Receiving a card from an old friend would certainly brighten his day. If you wanted to include a small contribution/donation, he could put it to good use!

As we get closer to the holiday season, it's always nice to remember those in need. It doesn't have to be much -- most times just a card and a memory will put a smile on faces and brighten their day.

Cards and donations can be sent to:

Merv Hoermann
P.O. Box 22
Sutherland, IA 51058

The feedback so far on the changes to the Sno Plainsman have been widely positive. Will you take the time to do the survey. We can't make positive changes if we don't know that there is a problem!

Til next time!





Annual meeting

Having the chance to sit in on meetings and being able to hear and understand what goes on behind the scenes of SDSA has truly been an eye opener. Since the day I was old enough to

understand what the SDSA convention was, I was always told “one day you will be the future of SDSA”. Meaning that the youth will one day be where the present board members are sitting now. Even though the Annual meetings can get long, while sitting in there listening to everyone talk I found myself really being intrigued by the words they had to say. I found myself thinking about different ideas of how to

Online Snowmobile Safety Course

The YETIS club has been working over the past year to get a statewide online snowmobile safety course up and running on the internet. The snowmobile course is finally live now and you can find the website at www.snowmobile-ed.com. Any person of any age can create an account and at a cost of \$29.50 and you can become certified in snowmobile safety. How this works? Like stated before you create an account

fundraise. I think it is important that we have the youth sit in on meetings so they can understand what SDSA all does. It is a lot of hard work, and each of those board members work very hard at what they do. In fact all of the snowmobilers that came out and supported this years convention worked hard! The Trailbusters snowmobile club hosted a great convention and I’m happy I can be apart of such a great association that shows true heart in what they fight for!

At this time with the YETIS being involved in school, sports, and other personal activities. We have not been able to get together as a club and do fun events. The YETIS plan to have a meeting in the next few months to brainstorm fun activities. I hope to see a large number of YETIS at the governors ride this year. - Taylor Weelborg

go through a variety of course information and at the end you take a test and become certified. When you are all finished you will receive a certification card.

I encourage everyone to share this exciting news with your snowmobile clubs and help families get certified in snowmobile safety. The YETIS are very exciting that this idea we created is now available to everyone state wide! - Payton Weelborg

SNOWMOBILE FAMILY OF THE YEAR The Johnny Houg Family

The Houg family moved to Garretson in 2006 from Albert Lea, MN. From early December to late March, they are found riding, trailering and fixing snowmobiles for themselves and many friends and neighbors. They are noted in helping many in the community find sleds to purchase as well as helping them sell sleds.

For the last 2 years they have hosted the club’s membership “burger & brat feed” in their shop. That event has brought in 30 - 50 memberships in an evening! Johnny has helped run the groomer, helped organize others to train in to operate it and promoted memberships in the club. They have added a level of enthusiasm to the Sno Trackers that has made a real difference.

Johnny’s influence was even noticed at convention this year as he rolled up his sleeves and started calling people to buy raffle tickets when we still had over 100 to sell on Saturday!

This is why the Sioux Falls Sno Trackers nominated the Houg Family for Snowmobile Family of the Year. Congratulations!!!



Sturgis SnoDrifters

Well, the time of year has come to talk snowmobiling, we have already had 20' of snow and weather is starting to change. The Sturgis snow drifters held their first meeting of the year at the Loud American Roadhouse. We had our annual membership sign up, 10 people were present and we talked about several different topics. They were the Deadwood snow cross, the convention next week in

Mitchell, and the issues with the trails in the hills with all the new landowners coming into the state. We are going to hold our meeting the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the loud American through March. Lets hope for lots of snow in the hills this winter so everyone can come and enjoy the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota.

Interlakes SnoRoamers

There is more to a Vintage Snowmobile show then the eye can see. It is not only the dedicated work effort of taking apart the old sled and totally rebuilding it, but the story that sled carries with it. Many are the first sled they have owned or have an interesting past.



This sled belongs to a Mike Downs of the Sno Roamers. A member both past and present. The sled went on many rides in the Black

Hills with the club. Often on club rides many stops were made fixing and repair to keep sleds going. This sled stayed a day after the ride and learned that often took more than a day to ride only took several hours by yourself, but it was still fun to ride as a group. This sled was restored at one time but now has seen its day. It is a 70's 440 Rupp Rally Snowmobile.



This sled was the first sled the Randy Wiese family owned. It taught many young riders the art of snowmobiling. Although it is all tore down it will be rebuilt and ride again. It also is a sled from the Early Sno Roamers times where they were the largest

club in South Dakota.

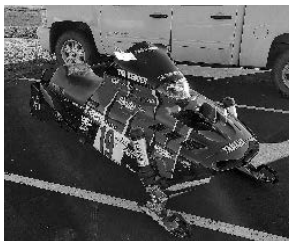
This sled is a Ski Doo Olympique made in Canada in the late 60's.



This is a fully restore Vintage Arctic Cat owned by Doug Cook of Interlakes Sports Center and

member of Sno Roamers. In the background you can see the display of Vintage Clothing.

Doug has many restored Vintage Snowmobiles that he shows at many Vintage shows.



This is a Shawn Martin Sled, one of many. It has a customer racing hood. The sled has special pipes that can

be put on it but that requires cutting into the hood. NO WAY!! Shawn also has many Vintage Snowmobiles. If you get a chance to come to a Vintage show, ask and learn about the story their sleds have, the owners would love to share it.

Interlakes Snow Roamers is growing and nearly at 30 members. There are Vintage owners, Mountain Riders and some members that own Side by sides and were past snowmobilers that make up the Club. Once the Largest Club in South Dakota Snowmobile Association it will be fun to see where the future will take them.

Reporting for Interlakes Sno Roamers Duane Duerr

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Watertown Snowmobile Club

Greetings from the Watertown Snowmobile Club!

We held our monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 2nd at Pizza Ranch. We discussed finishing up the trail marking this weekend. We finalized plans for the Convention of who was attending and our auction items to be donated. Preparations are being made for our Annual Holiday Parade. Our club's favorite activity is to work on and enter our very lit up float each year!

Some of our club members have already made reservations for their snowmobiling trips this winter. So they are getting those sleds ready to go!

Our club voted to make our lost but never forgotten, beloved club member, Sara Shepherd a legacy member. I will never forget our last ride in the Hills it was 35 degrees below zero so another girl and I decided to sit out the first day and stay at the cabin, and Sara who was battling cancer and definitely had more bad days than good, bundled up and went with the guys in freezing temps. She was not going to waste any of her time by not riding!

We also made some tentative plans for our annual club Christmas party! But first, Happy

Thanksgiving to all and come on out to watch the Holiday Parade in Watertown on Friday, November 26th at 6:30 pm.

We didn't have a lot of pictures to include this month so one is of Jason Schmidt getting the trailer loaded with signs to do the trail.



The other is of Brian Sower's Ski Doo. He enjoys finding good deals on sleds and fixing them up for his boys. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 7th at 7pm at Pizza Ranch in Watertown. Reporting for the Watertown

Club
Amy Sowers



Great Plains Snowtrailers

We held our November meeting at Ryan's Hanger Restaurant in Huron with 12 members in attendance.

We had a couple of new club members join us at the meeting this month which was really nice to see. It's great to see new members wanting to get involved. We are a very small club and can always use new members.

It's time to get started on signing of the trail and there was a couple of members that had started on signing. It's much easier to put the rebar in the ground before it freezes.

This year the ground is so wet that the posts will go in easy but some of the ditches may have water in them yet.

The SDSA convention will be held in Mitchell this year and it was discussed if anyone would be able to make it this year.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2021 at the Red Hogg in Alpena.

Brenda Jager Great Plains Snowtrailers

Sioux Falls Sno Trackers

C L U B N E W S

Sno Trackers had a busy month with an Avalanche Class, Open House, Burger & Brat Feed and installed our trail and had a Vintage Show.

On October 14th Vern Eide Moto Plex had an Avalanche class put on by Mike Duffy at the Ramkota. There were approximately 70 people in attendance with pizza for those that attended at 6 pm. It always surprises me that for as many times as Mike Duffy has been to our area for an Avalanche Class that he nearly always fills the room. It was interesting to know that last year was a big year for Avalanches. Avalanche Training has reduced the number of snowmobile fatalities by more than half. In fact, more Mountain rider from their home areas are caught in Avalanches than Midwestern Riders because of the Midwest taking Avalanche Safety Training.

Vern Eide Moto Plex had its Snowmobile open house on October 21st with a large crowd in attendance. They



served food and provided beverage for those in attendance. We had excellent interest at our Membership Table. They ran a sled without oil and coolant and sold squares for when it would blow, but the sled lasted over 30 minutes. They provided a donation to Sno Trackers to support us for Family and youth events that we have. We are planning a safety course in December and more Family and Youth riding this winter locally. Thanks, Vern Eide Motoplex, for your support!!

On October 23rd we had our Burger and Brat membership night. We started at noon working on signing trailers and finished with Burgers and Brats. We had over 30 in attendance. We held it at the Johnny and Kristen Houg Shop. Dean and Cheryl Austad won the \$100 membership drawing at the event. Certificates were awarded for Future Snowmobiler riders ages 5 up to 12. Thanks Johnny and Kristen for hosting the event!!



On October 30th at Power Brokers INC,



we had a Vintage show from 9am to 1pm with awards for the top five sleds. We had 15 sleds in attendance and Doug Cook brought a trailer with vintage clothing to display. Although the number of sleds shown were down, we had an excellent crowd to judge the sleds.

We also have completed most of our trail with great help using three trailers to get it ready. Thanks everyone that helped with the Trail!!



Duane Duerr Reporting.



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Aberdeen Driftbusters

Hello fellow sledders,

It's been a while since I wrote the club news so I figured I better step up. The club fall camp out at Wylie Park Campground in September was a success with close to 50 club family members attending for deep fried turkeys on Friday night and Traeger slow-roasted pulled pork made by grill master Joey Nagel on Saturday night with potluck. Great job as always. Club members enjoyed go-karts, campfires, and plenty of sledding talk.

As always, now is the time to start making plans to get your trail in for those clubs who are part of the grant in aid program. At least we got some moisture so we may stand a chance of getting the posts in the ground and try out the new rebar driver that we got from Ryan. The Dakota Midland Trail re-

mains at just over 70 miles and stretches from the towns of Bath to Aberdeen to Mina Lake and on to Richmond Lake and Westport and up to Frederick. It offers a variety of scenery and riding so if you get a chance to ride, come up and give the trail a try. Also it is time to get the maintenance done on those tracked machines, sleds and Sno-Cats alike. You never know when we may have a chance to make some tracks!!!

Remember, take a fellow snowmobiler riding and ask them to join a club. You never know - they may turn into a lifelong sledder like me.

Have a fun and safe riding season!!! Jim Weaver

Black Hills

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Greetings!

As I am writing this article I am watching it snow and the ground turn white. I know many of you have been waiting for this moment. Sadly this dusting of snow will not last long in our area but I am hearing some reports of decent accumulations in the more popular mountain regions. By now we have all dug out our warmer jackets and maybe even the snowmobile gear. I have a feeling some of you have started the sleds up once or twice just to hear that SOUND and have that "SNOWMOBILE" smell in the air to bring on the snowmobiling fever.

In an effort to increase our memberships and promote the sport of snowmobiling, we have hosted two open house/ membership drives. The first was October 28th at Rice's Rapid Motorsports, this drive we signed up 5 new members. We have a second one planned for November 12th at Polaris of the Black Hills to include an avalanche awareness class.

Our club has now met twice for meetings and November will be a busy month for our club. We will be assembling and decorating a float again this year for Festival of Lights Parade November 27th. This is another great opportunity for the club to promote

the fun of snowmobiling. The club will also be volunteering at Storybook Island Christmas Night of Lights on December 5th a great community service activity for our club.

The SDSA Convention was a great success and had a good turnout. The convention is always a great time to hang out with fellow snowmobilers and talk about what other clubs are doing. Thank you Trailbusters for the great job hosting this year's event.

CALLING ALL MOTORHEADS & SPEED FREAKS- we are hosting our annual Radar Run – Thunder on ICE- Saturday January 22nd on Deerfield Lake and will be offering payouts/ prizes for different class categories. THE BIGGEST prize for KING of the ICE will be a \$500.00 cash prize in honor of Rusty Rovere and Bill Stork – so get your sleds ready to race and join us. Follow the club Facebook page for more updates and information. Until next time:

IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO FIND JOY IN THE SNOW, YOU WILL HAVE LESS JOY IN YOUR LIFE BUT STILL THE SAME AMOUNT OF SNOW.

Dakota Drifters

Hello all from the Dakota Drifters. Winter is right around the corner, and we have been busy getting the groomer ready and putting trail signs in. Our trails have changed a bit this year. We have added the trail between Bruce and Estelline again, along with rerouting the trail from Elkton north. Along with a few other changes this should make our trail system better. Last weekend our club delegation attended the SDSA State Snowmobile Convention in

tion. Young Door Service, SDSU, and 3M all stepped up to help us out, thank you.

Also at the banquet, one of our



own was recognized. Our club president Greg Spiering was awarded Groomer of the Year for 2021 in South Dakota. Congratulations Greg, thanks for all of the hard work and late nights over the years! Also thanks to Walt for again putting our groomer and sled in the Hobo Day Parade in Brookings.

Mitchell. Greg Spiering, Joel Young, Troy Ness, Lynn Nilsson, and Lisa Cain attended meetings and welcomed in the new state president. It was a great convention, we raised a bunch of money, had tons of fun, and we learned a lot about making snowmobiling better in SD. Thank you so much to all of the sponsors who donated items through our club for the live and silent auctions at the conven-

That's about all for now, keep an eye open for info on our annual Charity And Poker Ride in Feb. 2022. We are also planning on doing a club ride to the Black Hills during the snocross weekend. Details for both will be posted on our Facebook page. Let's hope for great weather and lots of snow this riding season. Be safe and get out and ride!

Whetstone Valley

The Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Club held our November meeting on November 1st at the Speedway Bar & Grill.

Our district representative was in attendance (Jason) and he shared the latest updates from the state level.

The books for our Poker ride on Feb. 12 have been completed and are ready to be offered for sale. Participants can visit the included businesses any time from now until Feb. 12th to have their books stamped and then just need to show up at the Big Stone Legion on Feb 12 to draw their cards for their poker hand. We would love to see you there.

We discussed the convention at our meeting and we did have a good showing with 11 members attending the convention in Mitchell. The food was great and I believe everyone had a good time. Thanks to the hosting club for the great job they did keeping everything running smoothly and for all their advance preparation.

Plans are underway to set up some type of club outing this winter. We will keep everyone posted on details as they become available.

With the ground white with snow right now, it gives us hope for a good riding season this year and we hope to see you on the trails. Shelly

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- 3.Ann Nagel

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- 1.Greg Nordstrom
- 2.Duane Duerr
- 3.Mike Boock

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- 1.Jason Shepherd
- 2.Duane Duerr

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- 2.Kelly Weaver

Snocross

- 1.Mike Boock
- 2.Jason Shepherd
- 3.Jon LaFramboise

Charities

- 1Diane Hiles

Membership/Website

- 1.Mike Boock
- 2.Mary Anne Grabow
- 3.Jason Shepherd

Awards

- 1.Greg Nordstrom
- 2.Pat Hanten Duerr
- 3.Tracey Erickson

Convention

- 1.Ann Nagel
- 2.Kelly Weaver
- 3.Pat Hanten-Duerr

Fundraising

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- 2.Tracey Erickson
- 3.Pat Hanten-Duerr
- 4.Doug Weelborg

SnoPlainsman Committee

- 1.Mike Boock
- 2.Ann Nagel
- 3.Trace Damm
- 4.Mary Anne Grabow

Governors Ride

- 1.Mike Boock
- 2.Jason Shepherd
- 3.Tracey Erickson

Investments

- 1.Diane Hiles
- 2.Pat Hanten-Duerr

Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers

- 1.SDSA President
- 2.Todd Sprang
- 3.Mike Boock
- 4.Sheridan LaFramboise
- 5.Mary Anne Grabow

Nominating committee

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

Yetis Advisors

- 1.Kelly Weaver
- 2.Kirsten VanDenHemel
- 3.Audrey Rider
- 4.Doug Weelborg

Special Committee for Back The Ride

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Teen Snowmobiler of the Year: Payton Weelborg



Payton Weelborg of the Poinsett Pounders was named Teen Snowmobiler of the Year.

Have you participated in a snowmobile safety program?

Not only have I participated in many snowmobile safety programs but I have assisted in teaching multiple safety courses put on by the Poinsett Pounders. Furthermore, I have assisted my sister (Taylor) in creating and presenting a powerpoint safety course to the youth of the local communities. In the Yetis club, we as a club have been working with the state in getting a safety course website up and running for the state of South Dakota.

What snowmobiling functions have you participated in during the previous snowmobiling season? List local state & charity. The eastern side of the state hasn't had very much snow the past few years but we still prepare for snow by putting in and taking out 55 miles of snowmobile trail. While attending regular schedule meetings and conducting club business I enjoy getting together with other club members and friends. The YETIS hosts meetings via zoom all year round to keep in touch and up to date on what is happening in SDSA. We host fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for club expenses and ISC. I attended the SDSA convention this past year in Rapid City. I also attended the governor's ride.

What do you foresee for the future of snowmobiling?

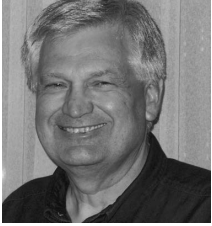
In the future of snowmobiling I hope to see more young adults and youth become more involved in clubs, meetings, and events. The future of our sport is getting people interested in joining and at some point becoming leaders of organizations such as SDSA. I hope to see a lot of SDSA members fight for our right to ride in public lands and mountains.

Enclose a letter about what snowmobiling means to you (Limit 250 words)

I have been snowmobiling ever since I was a little kid. My sister and our friends had little kitty cat snowmobiles that we would ride around our yard for hours on end. Snowmobiling has been a huge part of my life and I am beyond grateful. Riding snowmobile has not only brought me many great friends to last a lifetime but also many life lessons that I will one day hopefully be able to share with my children. Throughout the years I have learned the skills of leadership and communication. Being involved in clubs as stated above, I have gained more knowledge, communication skills, leadership responsibilities and memories that I will carry with me. Snowmobiling in others eyes will not be the same for everyone, it's not just about the things you have, or the places you go. For me, it is about being a part of something that makes a difference. I am one of those that creates her own path, and with snowmobiling that allows me to stand out differently. Without this experience that my parents introduced me to, I bet I would still be that little girl who was always afraid to take that first step forward. Snowmobiling has brought me a great passion. I hope to one day bring my family to these events and get them involved like my parents did for my sister and I. It makes me smile when I see the younger kids come to events, it makes me think of when I was that age. Reminds me of the friends we made and the fun we had. When I was a kid we didn't get the chance to be involved in a youth club so that is why I am working so hard to encourage kids to join the YETIS and help to make memories like we used to.



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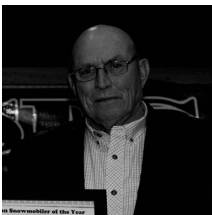
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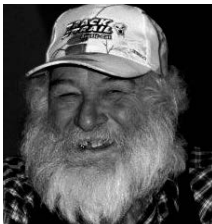
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Black Hills Snowmo-
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5. Thomas C. Keimig
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Watertown Snowmo-
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SDSA member
3/2018



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Town & Country
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13. Neal Grabow
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Dakota Trail Blazers
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Town & Country
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Town & Country
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Dakota Trail Blazers
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22. **Dan Boone**
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Watertown Snowmobile Club 12/2018



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37. **Roger Seloover**
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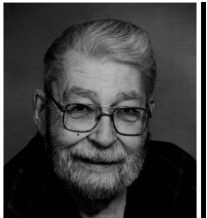
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38. **Kim Raap**
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32. **Judy Nelson**
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39. **Sara Shepherd**
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40. **Nathan Lakness**
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26. **Hazel Seloover**
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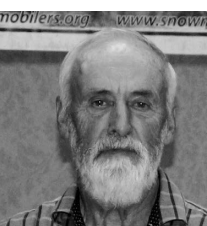
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42. **Jim LeTendre**
Sioux Falls SD
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28. **Randy Knadle**
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Ron Schlenker named Snowmobiler of the Year



Ron Schlenker of the Poinsett Pounders (and also a member of the Town & Country Snowdrifters) was named Man Snowmobiler of the Year at our 52nd Annual Convention. Ron has been active in snowmobiling for over 23 years.

He has been the treasurer of his club for many years and also is the trail coordinator and occasional groomer operator.

Ron is always helping out, whether it be recruiting new members or teaching snowmobile safety. Congratulations, Ron!

Taylor Weelborg named Snowmobiler of the Year

Taylor is a member of the Poinsett Pounders, YETIS (Youth Empowered Through Involvement in Snowmobiling), and SDSA (South Dakota Snowmobile Association).

She been snowmobiling since seven years old. At the age of twelve, she became more involved within the snowmobile club activities. At the age of sixteen, she began to present Snowmobile Safety Courses using power point presentations, which she designed to the area youth. She's a former President of the YETIS snowmobile club currently on the SDSA board as the YETIS representative.

Taylor shares her passion of Snowmobiling by promoting SDSA, the Poinsett Pounders and the YETIS every chance she gets, expressing the importance of organized snowmobiling and how it relates to our "Right to Ride". The youth of today are not like the youth of yesteryear. Being of the Millennial Generation, Taylor relates to the youth and focus on "what's in it for us!" The YETIS have a booth set up during the Annual SDSA Convention, Snocross and Governors Ride to promote

the YETIS.

The YETIS at last convention brought an idea to the SDSA board and then to the GAC to approve an online statewide snowmobile safety course. An update on how the project is going, the website had been approved and the YETIS are now working with the Black Hills Trails Coordinator and Game, Fish and Parks to create a website. The YETIS were asked to help create a logo for the website, this yet has to be approved and voted on by the YETIS.

Congratulations, Taylor!



Lexi Karrels models a monosuit for the auction.

If you weren't there, you may not recognize the lady in the red, white & blue wig. But she won the patriotic contest!!!!





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JODY LEMME named to SDSA Hall of Fame

Jody grew up in Northeast South Dakota in Hamlin County, SD with its' traditionally cold and snowy winter months. Just like many of us, Jody's passion for snowmobiling began as a young boy (6-7). Jody would watch his neighbors who sleds ride, then he would run through the tracks pretending he was on a sled and braaping all the way. This is where Jody's passion for riding snowmobiling began! Not having a sled of his own yet at a young age Jody did have relatives that had sleds and would occasionally let him ride them. Jody being the oldest of his siblings and nieces/nephews, tended to ride the sleds a little harder than the rest which led the family intentionally sabotaging the sleds and telling Jody they won't start, but if you can get them running you can ride them. Determined to ride, Jody was able to access the "issues" with the sleds to get them working again and him and riding again. Which began his mechanical career, and eventually his hobby becoming his job when opening the Toy Shop Business to fix and sell snowmobiles. We all know that the early days of snowmobiling usually required a variety of repairs. Seeing young Jody's passion for snowmobiling, some "good old boys", Nathan Lakness, Gordy Erstad, Francis Malone, Lloyd Nelson, Leroy Penny, Bob Nelson, and a guy named Cowboy, went out of their way to take Jody out riding every week, and showing Jody the ropes of snowmobiling and even lending him a sled to ride. Gordy started the hot dog and champagne run around the Lake Poinsett area to help get others excited about the sport of snowmobiling way before the start of any club in the area. Jody has never forgot what the "good old boys" did to help him grow his knowledge and passion for the sport. Jody has used that as a corner stone to help give back to snowmobilers or potential snowmobilers young and old. When Jody's passion became work in the early 90s, Jody opened a business called the Toy Shop on Lake Poinsett, SD which sold and fixed snowmobiles and a variety of other off-road vehicles and gear. This is when Jody really got into helping promote snowmobiling around the area.

Not being able to find anyone around the Watertown area, the SD GF&P contacted Jody to run groomer around the area. While assisting with grooming operations, Jody also assisted the GF&P in writing the trail grooming handbook. In addition, Jody even shared his insight on the radio as every Tuesday KWAT (local radio station) would call Jody for a trail report. So every Monday night, Jody would ride the trail system (300 miles)

and give trail report for many years until the area fell into a snow dry spell and the report vanished and has not returned.

With the Poinsett area was ripe with snowmobilers, a variety of activities such as the Winter Games started 1 year before the Poinsett Pounders club was formed, and now called the Governor Winter Games, Jody, Patrick Pederson, Nathan Lakness, and a few other riders around the Poinsett area got together, and since they all met up at Lake Poinsett, and with the lack of a trail system, had to pound the ungroomed ditches all the way to Poinsett, the Poinsett Pounders Club concept was founded in 1995 and extended to others in the area.

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. The club and members went to work on the problem to secure the necessary Grands and aid needed for a trail system and today, a state groomed snowmobile trail exists in much of eastern South Dakota with Lake Poinsett a frequently used area.

With the Poinsett Pounders club now established, Jody and a few others saw the need for a youth program in the area as well to better promote youth activities and training. Jody was instrumental in



starting the Quarter Pounders club, dedicated to youth snowmobiling, promotion, and training. During these youth activities are where Jody's most memorable moments in snowmobiling are, as you get to see kids' expression, even under helmets and face masks, go from fear, to overwhelming joy with one braap of the throttle with smiles from ear to ear. The Quarter Pounders club eventually transitioned to the SDSA Yeti's

Jody has a wife, Jan and two kids, Rochelle and Tanner, which Jody ensured they were raised around snowmobiles. They are all avid snowmobilers and participate in family rides still to this day.

Some highlights of Jody's contribution to the sport of snowmobiling in SD:

- Instrumental in the start of the Poinsett Pounders Snowmobile Club
- Served as President of the Poinsett Pounders snowmobile club
- Served as Vice President of the Poinsett Pounders snowmobile club
- Assisted in the creation and organization of Poinsett Pounder's Ride for the Ribbon events
- Assisted with the Easter Seal rides, Governor rides, Ride for the Ribbon, SDSA conventions and the monthly club meetings
- Representative for the State of SD for the Poinsett Pounders club
- Red Bibber for SD Governor Club
- Helped start "Winter Games" in 1995 which became the "Governor Winter Games" in 1996
- Countless hours of trail marking, grooming
- Helped with countless Poinsett Pounder events
- Provides free labor for kids from all over the area to fix their snowmobiles with only the expense being the cost of the parts needed to fix.
- Helped write snowmobile tourism booklet for state of SD
- Assisted in writing SD GF&P grooming handbook Jody Lemme exemplifies the definition of the A TRUE SNOWMOBILER. Jody'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.

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