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# From SDSA's President



*Duane Duerr Brandon, South Dakota*

Wow what a great convention, awesome job Aberdeen Drift Busters. Great Job "Jake from State Farm". Congratulations to all the Award winners. Man Snowmobiler of the year was really close within 2 points; I think all four of you are winners in my book!!

Membership is off to a great start with many clubs, let's keep it going so we are ready when the season starts. In the Presidents meeting we realize we all have some of the same club struggles and we shared many ideas on how to improve membership.

- Have a sled tune up day.
- Family and youth riding day.
- Invite a speaker to your meeting.
- Have a fun event at meetings.
- Have a snowmobile and/or ATV ride.
- Give something back to members for being members.
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The Auction was Great both Silent and Live and was well organized. The Ramkota did a great job on meals and having the rooms ready for the meetings. The Jon LaFramboise Scholarship Fund is off to a great start and in the next few months I believe the balance will grow fast. Big Wins tickets at \$20 went over great with nearly every ticket sold prior to convention and all sold by the drawing.

Looking for snow soon,

Duane Duerr

## **Annie Rider named Youth Snowmobiler of the Year**

Annie Rider, daughter of Johnny & Audrey Rider of Henry was named Youth Snowmobiler of the Year at the 53rd Annual Convention held in Aberdeen, SD November 11 & 12.



Annie is a member of the Poinsett Pounders Snowmobile Club.



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# From SDSA's President-Elect

Kelly Weaver, Aberdeen, SD



WINTER BLESSINGS....This is one of the sayings that was part of our craft session at the 2022 SDSA Convention which concluded yesterday.



As I reflect on the convention hosted by our Aberdeen Drift Busters, I can't think of more appropriate words to explain how I am feeling today.

I can't thank my fellow club members enough for stepping up to the challenge in so many ways. When two key members had to bow out of the planning team due to a job relocation just weeks out from the event, other committee members stepped in to fill the void. As a winter storm moved across the state the day before the event, club members changed up schedules to set up early. When two speakers had to cancel, club members and a sponsor were willing to 'wing it' and a successful groomer roundtable was the result.

Even with the first taste of winter impacting the state, attendees from across the state made their way to Aberdeen. Connecting with fellow snowmobilers, participating in activities and meetings, and being oh so generous with their donations and auction bidding.

Just like other families, our snowmobiling family shows its care for one another. We recognized one our leaders, Jon LaFramboise, with an induction into the Hall of Fame and many other gestures of remembrance to his wife Sheridan during the weekend. One of those gestures was the establishment of the YETIS scholarship in memory of Jon which launches a fundraising effort to create an endowment that will fund an annual \$1,000 scholarship for an active YETIS member for years to come. Recognizing the value of including the voice of the youth in our SDSA structure, Jon played a key role in the creation the YETIS.

It is rewarding to celebrate our award winners and recognize their efforts and commitment to the sport. Please indulge me in recognizing the Drift Busters as the largest club this year and our members Casey and Kelly Weismantel (aka Jake from State Farm and Flo for Progressive) on their selection as Man, Woman and Family of the Year.

I always enjoy making new friends at the convention and learning more about the ins and out of organized snowmobiling, and SDSA in particular. As a member of the board, the dedication and knowledge of our staff and board members has become increasingly evident. I appreciate each of you and look forward to working with you on the common goal we all have: the betterment of snowmobiling.

WINTER BLESSINGS to you all,  
Kelly Weaver President-Elect

# From SDSA's Past President

*Greg Nordstrom, Sioux Falls*

Hello Snow lovers

First off I would like to thank the Aberdeen Snow Drifters for a job well done with the SDSA convention. They did a terrific job in all aspects of the convention from beginning to end. The only thing that was a hitch was the weather that no one has control over. But even that was getting people excited about the prospects of a good winter season. I would also like to congratulate all the award winners this year for their dedication to our sport. Now remember to nominate people who are an example of dedication and sportsmanship for next year's convention December 1st and 2nd 2023 in Sioux Falls.



On the way home we went by two groups that were installing trail signs along highway 81. Hats off to those dedicated club members as it was only 22 degrees out at the time. Now this morning watching the news and weather I see that Watertown was white and snowing. Forecast for the hills was for a winter weather advisory for the next couple days. Temps are going to be low so whatever anyone gets will stick around for a while and hopefully build a base as the ground is freezing up.

There was some very good information brought out about some of the issues that we all need to be aware of regarding the Hills and trail systems in general. It has been brought up before and but mostly ignored is trespassing. We have been used to going pretty much wherever we wanted in the Hills but that is changing with a lot of the land owners selling off their property. Some of those new property owners are not friends of snowmobiling or any type of motorized recreation and are now trying to close off their property and want year round access. This is causing some of the roads to be plowed that were once trails in the winter and we are not to be on plowed roads forcing relocation of trails. Logging is also causing some of the trails to be moved. We will need to know our rights and respect their rights. So please pay attention to where you are riding and if it is posted stay out. Ask at the lodges as they might hear of areas that are said to be off limits. And contact the forest service if you run into any situation with a land owner so they can hopefully step in and help. Use common sense when going by housing areas. Remember the trails are not race tracks where speed and noise are common (especially by someone's home). This applies to the East and West trail systems.

Hope for a good winter, stay safe and ride smart.



**To the SDSA Board of Directors, President, President-Elect & Past President: THANK YOU! Diane & I received a bonus this year that was given by each board member from their own pockets! Now that is what we call going above and beyond! Thank you so much for recognizing our dedication and work for South Dakota Snowmobilers and the association. It is nice to be appreciated!**  
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## Mike Boock, District 2

Hello snowmobilers!

What a convention! Thank you Aberdeen Drift Busters for putting on a great event. It was great to see so many people all with the same passion. The Sodak 16 Cornhole Classic was a great time with a lot of laughs. Shane Devine and I, The Great Cornholios, took home the championship by beating The Happy Hippies consisting of Holly Thomas and Sheridan LaFramboise. Sorry ladies. Haha! Although I had a lot of fun at convention, this one was a tough one. It was our first convention without our good friend and mentor Jon LaFramboise. There were definitely some tears shed throughout the convention. The BHSC had a metal plaque made for our club members to remember Jon and his legacy. We had one left over and brought to convention for an auction item. We were hoping to sell it for around \$100 and then we were going to offer it to everyone for that same price and make more. The item went to Roger Hanson for \$1200! Thank you Roger!! I was blown away by the response.

During the awards, it was announced the the Hall of Fame winner this year would be Jon LaFramboise. Sheridan was there to accept the award and thank everyone. Jon was so instrumental in helping to build up our clubs, SDSA, and snowmobiling as a whole. He will be forever missed and this was a great way to honor his legacy. We all miss him and hope that we can continue what he was trying to accomplish with our sport and organization.

Next year, our convention will be held in Sioux Falls. Make sure to start planning now. These conventions are for you, the members. If you've never been to a convention, you really need to go. They are so much fun and there is a lot of useful information shared. Next year, Mike Duffy will even be there to share his avalanche safety program. He always does a great job with avalanche education.

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Start making plans to attend the Deadwood Snocross January 27-28, 2023. It will be here before you know it.

February 4th is the BHSC annual Radar Run at Deerfield Lake. We always have a great time at this event with sleds running over 100 mph!

February 10-11 is our Governors Ride at Hardy Camp. Rooms are available at the Spearfish Holiday Inn with special pricing if you use the code "GOV". We are hoping for good snow and a great turnout of Legislators. The BHSC has agreed to cook the brunch and the after ride snacks.

Lastly, the BHSC annual Dubois trip is scheduled for February 22-26, 2023. If you are a member of another club and are interested in riding, you must be a member of the BHSC (\$10). Call me if you have any questions. We would love to have some other club members join us.

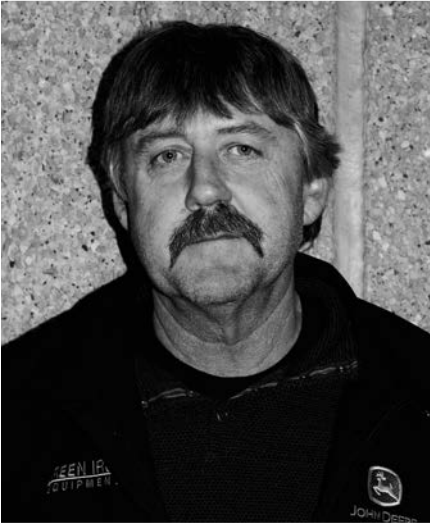
Keep doing your snow dances!

Ride safe,

Mike Boock



## Lee Olson, District 3



Hello snowmobilers,

Looks like winter is trying to start in the Aberdeen area. We got a couple inches of snow overnight to cover the inch of ice from the rain last week. It's been very interesting getting around here, walking and driving.

If you were able to make it to the convention in Aberdeen, hope you had a good time. Looked like everyone had a good time. Special thanks to the people and businesses that donated items for the auctions, and to the people who purchased items.

For those of you who don't know me, I'm Lee Olson, I was elected as district three director at the convention.

A little about me, I've been married to Tracy for 33 years. I grew up on a farm east of Frederick SD. Went to LATI in Watertown after high school. Spent the next twelve years working in Watertown. We moved back to the Frederick area in the spring of 2002. Our son Matt came along in July of 2002. Currently I am the Service Manager at Green Iron Equipment in Ellendale ND, and farm four quarters with my brother and son.

I've been a member of the Aberdeen Driftbusters for around 15 years. I've been on the board of directors a few times, and president once. Tracy and I are involved with the club and club functions. We also attend most SDSA functions. I've been involved in snowmobiling since I was 5 or 6.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the SDSA events.

Lee Olson, district 3 director



## Jason Shepherd, District 6

Hello again from the northeast. Man what a great convention that was put on up in Aberdeen. It was great seeing old friends.

In the last month around here the clubs have got the signs put in for the trails. Now they all sit back and wait for the snow to start so everyone can enjoy the trails. We are all hoping for rideable snow this year. We will all wait for the snow to start as we get ready for the holidays coming up so we can spend time with family and friends.

Until next month everyone have a great Thanksgiving and keep doing the snow dance.



## Tracey Erickson, District 4

### Reflections...

As we departed Aberdeen after a hearty breakfast at the Millstone in Aberdeen, Brian suggested that we needed to start putting in trail for our section before the ground becomes so frozen that it becomes nearly impossible. Needless to say, I was a bit grumbly about having to do this at 25°F and a biting wind, even though I knew he was right. (Ps, don't tell him I said that.) However, we did get a good start and will hopefully finish Monday afternoon. My reason for bringing this up was because, as I was putting in trail with Brian, I got to thinking about what I have gotten out of SDSA for the hundreds of volunteer hours and financial support given to the or-

ganization over the years. It really came down to this...the biggest benefit to me has been the friendships and networking that has happened over the years, which has far outweighed all that we have given into the organization. Something that I will be eternally grateful for.

So, I challenge you to personally step back and think about why you are really a member of SDSA and hopefully a club too. Take the time to share your enthusiasm with others and grow your circle of friends and contacts, you will be amazed by the joy it brings and who knows down the road those contacts may even be helpful to you outside of snowmobiling. As the old saying goes..." You get out of it, what you put into it."

Back to the trail signing... as I was quickly perusing Facebook, a relative of mine shared this picture that I thought was quite appropriate.

**Quote of the Week: "God is in control, but He doesn't expect you to lean on a shovel and pray for a hole."**



that I thought was quite appropriate.

Hats off to the Aberdeen Driftbusters for a successful convention! Congratulations to all the award winners also, they very well deserved!

Lastly, I am also including a few of my favorite photo's over the weekend. (see more on next page)

All the best, Tracey Erickson, District 4 Director

### SnoDak 16 Cornhole Tournament in 2022







**Photo 1 Shane Devine and Mike Boock**

**Photo 2 Brian Erickson and Jackson Wenger**

**Photo 3 "The Happy Hippies", Sheridan LaFramboise & Holly Thomas. Winning best costume.**

**Photo 4 Trent and Stephanie Damm, grandkids enjoying the cornhole tournament.**

**Photos by Tracey Erickson**



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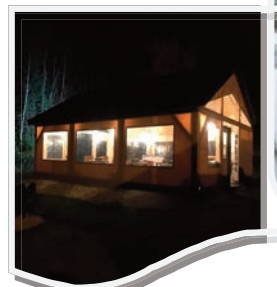
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Aberdeen Driftbusters named Largest Snowmobile Club of the year.

## YETIS

The YETIS met for a quick meeting Saturday November 12th at 4:30 pm following bowling at Village Bowl in Aberdeen. Chris gave the treasurer's report of about \$8,000 and that is with ISC expenses taken out. Ada did not have a secretary report. Jediah brought up Governor's ride and the dates being February 10-11 and that we would try and get together for a fun ride if enough snow and people. SDSA could also use help with Sno-cross held the last weekend in January in Deadwood and it will also be held mid-March in Brandon at speedway. Audrey asked for all new members to join the Snapchat group if they have it and please try and communicate through there if one of us advisors is asking for help or information.





# Snowmobilers of the Year



Not only were Casey & Kelly Weismantel named Family of the Year, but they each individually were named Snowmobiler of the Year! Since that is the case, instead of repeating information about their accomplishments, I'm going to include information from their family of the year nomination only and hope that it covers the majority of their information.

How many years has the snowmobiler been active in organized snowmobiling? 7 years

Describe leadership positions the snowmobiler holds, and has held in a club, region, state, or national snowmobile association and dates that apply:

Kelly Weismantel – Secretary Aberdeen Driftbusters Snowmobile Club, Volunteer for Aberdeen Driftbusters Snowmobile Club, 2022 SDSA Convention Planning Committee Member, Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club Social Media Administrator

Casey Weismantel – President Aberdeen Driftbusters Snowmobile Club, Volunteer for Aberdeen Driftbusters Snowmobile Club, 2022 SDSA Convention Planning Committee, Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club Website Coordinator, Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club Social Media Administrator. The Weismantel Family participates in club and association fund raising events held by the Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club. Kelly and Casey are often the coordinators and facilitators for events held by the Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club. Such events include the Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club Casino Night, The Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club Show and Shine Event, and the Aberdeen Driftbusters Snowmobile Club Camp Out Event. All these events are held to promote the club to new or potential members of the Aberdeen Driftbusters Snowmobile Club. Events are engaging to help fundraise while promoting the club to potential new members. continued on page 18

## Pat Hanten-Duerr, District 5

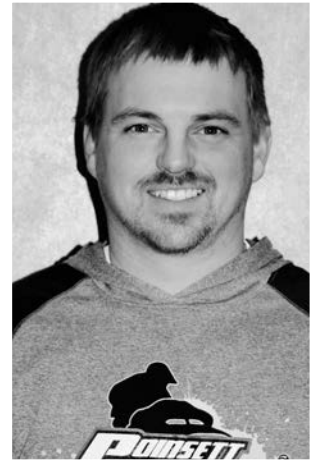


Snow Is in the air now, that temperatures are down in 20's. It keeps trying to snow, which is hopeful for good winter with snow to ride on. Thank You to all the great people that helped sell the Big Payout Tickets. It was great to have most of the tickets sold before convention. As was discussed at the post board meeting, the directors felt the \$20 tickets were easier to sell and will try get fundraising tickets out early again next year, sometime in May/June 2023. If any clubs would like to request more tickets to sell for 2023, please let us know before May 2023. Thanks to the Aberdeen Driftbusters for a great SDSA convention. Just a reminder to mark your calendars for next year's 2023 SDSA Convention in Sioux Falls on December 1& 2, 2023 at the Ramkota. The room block is already in place so called to make your reservation now, but

make sure you tell them it is for the SDSA 2023 convention to get the discounted room rate of \$110. Think snow!! Ride safe!!

Pat Hanten Duerr, District 5 Director

## Trace Damm, District 7



Hello everyone,

I'd like to start off by congratulating the Aberdeen Driftbusters on a great convention. My girls enjoyed the pool area enough that we had to go one more time Sunday morning before we headed south for home. I need to give **Greg Hiles** a shout out for having the talent to bid on items while playing cars with the kiddos.....or maybe the kids were the ones in charge of him?

I'm very pleased to see how well the raffle tickets sold, thanks everyone for getting out there and pushing them. There has been some chatter on the Cornholios against the Damm Boys. I think we can see a rematch in the future, but congratulations to them as the champions and an awesome team name. Cold temps have seemed to arrive, and the trails are in. With some flurries in the forecast and spring orders starting to show up. Its go time. Pray for snow and lets all get out and ride!

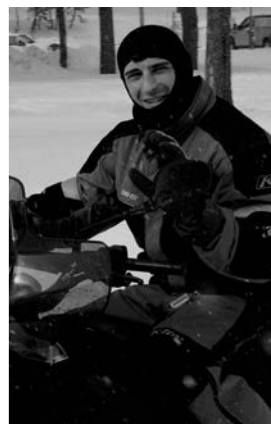


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# On the Trails

## Ryan Raynor, Trails Specialist

Just like that, it's already November. Fall harvest, various hunting seasons, football and other fall pleasantries are in full swing. We hope ditches full of snow and a Black Hills trail system receiving snow all winter long are in our foreseeable future. Of course, we want to make sure we have time to get signs in the ground before all that snow starts dropping on our trails.



This part of the article had to be rewritten after some poor road conditions hit this week, but mostly I ended up coming down with Covid. While cancelling the meetings that GFP always host at this meeting had a minimal impact on the whole convention, not being at the convention was an eerie feeling honestly. Unfortunately, we had to miss an opportunity to catch up on business, answer questions, be a resource for the snowmobile community. At the end of the day, Shannon and I missed being around good people and a fun atmosphere.

As we look forward to next year's convention, moving on with day to day operations this year is still on track. 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 make sure both parties are on the same page. We hope with the updated guidelines, establishing your trails is easier than ever.

Due to Shannon and I not attending, we weren't able to distribute maps as we normally do. As I travel across eastern, SD for signing evals, I'll be coordinating with club members and dropping maps off myself. 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.

It seems the Fall season is always hectic and turns into a race against time for both sides of the state. Please let me know if there is any way I can help take some pressure off your shoulders, especially those involved in the Grant in Aid program.

Thanks!





## 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**

Preliminary figures as of 11-14-2022

YETIS Silent Action - \$280.00 from 7 auction items

Pro-rated Distributions

YETIS @ 50% = \$140.00

SDSA @ 25% = \$70.00

Host Club @ 25% = \$70.00

SDSA Live Auction - \$14,881.50 from 108 auction items with 65 bid numbers given out

SDSA Silent Auction - \$4,352.00 from 56 auction items

Total SDSA Live and Silent Combined - \$19,233.50

Pro-rated Distributions

SDSA @ 65% = \$12,501.77

Host Club @ 35% = \$ 6,731.73

John Green Painting auctioned for \$4,200.00

\$2,100.00 to John Green

\$2,100.00 to SDSA

**Total combined Live Auction, Silent Auction, John Green Painting and YETIS Auction raised \$23,713.50!!**

What a Fantastic Auction!! Both the Live and Silent auctions offered 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.

Looking at the history of Live and Silent Auctions since 2015, this year's Live Auction now has the record and also has the record for the combined Live and Silent Auctions at \$19,233.50.

However, the Grand Total of the Live, Silent, John Green Painting and YETIS Auction is still held 2020 at \$25,688.00.

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## 2021 SDSA Big Payout!

Total Raffle Sales                \$24,580.00\*

### Prizes

Grand Prize \$ 7,500.00 – Roger Briggs, Milbank

Second Ticket Drawn        \$ 1,000.00 – Rhonda Poncelet, Beresford

Club Selling Most Tickets \$ 500.00 – Black Hills Snowmobile Club

Net Proceeds to SDSA        \$15,580.00

\* We did have 21 tickets unaccounted for. Fourteen (14) can be identified as either lost in the mail or through a mix-up in the numbering and distribution of tickets, the clubs did have not them to turn in. The circumstances surrounding the other 7 are an unknown mystery. With no additional unnumbered tickets available, the 21 unaccounted for tickets could not be replaced. On the bright side, with the additional follow-up contacts to the clubs, a significant number of sold tickets and money were turned in before the convention and in the end, there were no last day efforts needed to sell any remaining tickets. Last year, we had 128 tickets to sell the day of the drawing at \$50 each!! KUDOS to everyone for accomplishing the goal and making this major fundraiser a success!!

## 2022-2023 Back the Ride Donor Program

In memory of Randy Knadle, De Smet, by Town and Country Snowdrifters, Bronze Donor Sponsor Level

Earl Klersy, Rogers, MN , Copper Donor Sponsor Level

Richard Fish, Milbank, Gold Donor Sponsor Level

Rogers Briggs, Milbank, Gold Donor Sponsor Level

No new Legacy Memberships were presented at the convention. New Legacy Memberships presented thus far this fiscal year

Dave Hammer, Milbank, by Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association

Richard (Dick) Berens, Milbank, by Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association

Jon Laframboise, Rapid City, by Black Hills Snowmobile Club

Sheridan Laframboise, Rapid City, by Black Hills Snowmobile Club

The Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers fund continues to receive donations in Memory of Jon Laframboise. As of 11/14/2022, total donations made in his memory reaches \$5,245.00. Aberdeen Driftbusters donated \$330.00 from the entry fees to the SoDak16 Corn Hole Tournament held at the convention.

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!! As we all know, Snowmobiling...It's all Fun and Games! Great Job Aberdeen Driftbusters on a 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](mailto:dj.hiles@hotmail.com). Wishing you all a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!!! Diane

Weismantels write up continues...

The Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club Casino Night was held to promote the club, welcome new members to the club, socialize with existing club members, and fundraise to help with youth and educational activities for the Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club. They throw an event like no one else can!

The Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club Show and Shine Event was held in conjunction with International Snowmobile Day Saturday, October 29th. The Weismantels submitted for an ISMA Grant to pay for the event. The Aberdeen Driftbusters Snowmobile Club was awarded a \$400.00 grant to host a Show and Shine Event on the Malchow's Plaza in downtown Aberdeen. The event was free and open to the public. The Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club members brought their snowmobiles vintage and new to set up for display during the event. The Aberdeen Driftbusters Snowmobile Club served a free grilled hotdog lunch to all that attended the event. The event was a great success by garnering new members to the club. We were able to sell some SDSA Convention raffle tickets during the event also.

The Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club Campout was geared and established to reinvigorate current Aberdeen Snowmobile Club members right before the start of monthly meetings. This event was Aberdeen Snowmobile Club family friendly. Allowing all the Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club family members to come together to socialize, turn in current club memberships and plan future social outings on behalf of the club.

All these events listed were created, attended, facilitated, promoted, set up, tore down and enjoyed by the Weismantel family.

Describe what the snowmobiler does to represent snowmobiling and snowmobilers at club, state, and national activities:

Kelly Weismantel – Secretary Aberdeen Driftbusters Snowmobile Club handles all the Newsletters, Meeting Minutes, Registration Mailings, Sponsor Mailings, and Event Notices for the Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club. Kelly often submits multiple articles a year to the Sno Plainsman Magazine under the pen name of “Miss Kitty” on behalf of the Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club.

Casey Weismantel – President Aberdeen Driftbusters Snowmobile Club handles all the social media for the Aberdeen Driftbusters Snowmobile Club. He has taken over the website administrator duties for the Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club. Casey creates the graphics used on the website, social media page, and the newsletters for the Aberdeen Driftbusters Snowmobile Club. Casey has applied for grants and sponsorships on behalf of the club.

Kelly and Casey help expose the Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club to visitors that travel to the Aberdeen, South Dakota area. Casey working for the Aberdeen Area Convention & Visitors Bureau promotes the club and the Dakota Midland Trail to visitors in Aberdeen during the winter months. Kelly promotes the club to members and their families by keeping them engaged through the Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club newsletter and events.

Both Kelly and Casey are strong advocates for not only the Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club but also the sport of snowmobiling in the state. They have strong ties to the club and want to see it grow and develop.

Kelly and Casey both helped develop a new logo for the Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club.



# From the Sno Plainsman Editor, Mary Anne Grabow

We just got back from the 53rd Annual SDSA Convention. What a great convention! Aberdeen Driftbusters did a phenomenal job which we all expected!

The entire event was “strange” for me. We were missing Jon LaFramboise. Our first year without him and it was highly emotional for a lot of people. THANK YOU Sheridan, for coming to the convention. It made it a little easier to have you in attendance. I am sure that it was nothing but easy for you. But I am hoping that it was a bit therapeutic for you, too.

We have a great group of people in SDSA. I’m not talking just the board. I’m talking everyone who is an SDSA member. It is such an honor to represent SDSA when we attend these functions. We all work together for the betterment of snowmobiling as a community. I thought the President’s Meeting was very beneficial this year. We had some real conversation about ideas to help other clubs!

I’m going to list a few thank you’s and don’t feel bad if I miss you in the line up. It’s not that I don’t appreciate what you do. I just can only think of so many things at once!

#1) My husband, Marty. THANK YOU for always being there to help count the money, set up the rooms, be my photographer when I’m distracted with other work, and for always carrying all the heavy bags and boxes that go along with being the SDSA Secretary. Sometimes I feel like you get too little praise for all that you do! I see what you do and I appreciate it all.

#2) Thank you, Diane, for always being a team player. We work so well together and it’s a joy to be able to go through the conventions knowing that the two of us will get it done! Many of you don’t know that when I am swamped, Diane will jump in and give me a helping hand. And when we’re counting money, etc. I always am there to assist her. We work well together and I appreciate that!

#3) Bob & Judy King. Thank you for doing the thankless job of being judges. (Marty ended up jumping in to be judge #3 when we were short a judge due to weather.) I wouldn’t want to be a judge and I am thankful for the people who are willing to do it!

#4) Aberdeen Driftbusters. There wasn’t a request that you couldn’t fill. You did an amazing job of hosting convention! The auctioneer was easy to work with and it made it easy to clerk when he understood if we got sidetracked by other questions!

#5) Kristin Houg. Thanks for making my very first Bloody Mary! Seriously. I asked for no spice and it was spicy as all get out but, I still very much enjoyed the drink at the end of a long convention. The asparagus and pickles were wonderful! And the bartenders were delightful! Kristin was the only one I knew the name of and I watched her make my drink! (smile)...so not trying to slight the other lady who was helping in the hospitality room, too.



# CLUB NEWS

## Dakota Drifters

Hello from the Dakota Drifters, we hope the colder temps have you all excited for the winter season. Our club delegation just got back from attending the Annual SDSA state snowmobile convention in Aberdeen. The convention was a great time as always, and it was nice to catch up with other club members from opposite ends of our state. Thank you to SDSU for donating 2 baskets for the Silent Auction at the convention, and thanks to the Aberdeen club for hosting the convention.

This year the Dakota Drifters club teamed up with the SDSU Sno Hares snowmobile club to provide a float entry to the Hobo Day Parade in Brookings. Thanks to the Sno Hares for decorating the trailer and thanks to Walt for driving our groomer in the parade. The weather was great and the attendance for the parade seemed to be way up. (See photo on front page of Sno Plainsman)

We are making plans for our Annual Charity Ride again this year, which will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4th, 2023. The ride will travel around the Brookings and surrounding area with multiple stops on Saturday. There will be a poker ride and silent auction to raise money for our club and a local charity. We have a bunch of great local businesses who help support our ride with prizes and food specials at the stops, and it's lots of fun, food, and prizes for the whole family. We hope you can make plans to join us this year.

Our next meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Dec. 14th at The Lodge in Brookings. This will also be our Christmas party with food and a beanbag tournament after the meeting. We hope that all members, friends, and anyone interested in snowmobiling in our area will attend. Our club members are hard at work putting in our marked trails for this year, so here's to wishing for lots of snow this season. We hope to see you all at our Charity Ride and out on the trails this winter!

Lynn Nilsson, Dakota Drifters



# Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association

Another month has come and gone. Winter will soon be upon us, bringing lots of snow (we hope) The Milbank club has been busy getting ready for this year's trail signing and riding. We will be meeting on Sunday morning 11-6 to try and sign the majority of our trail. With the ground being so hard due to lack of moisture, we may have to implement some new techniques to get the signs in the ground. But hopefully we can get most of the trail done on Sunday.

Harvest is almost completed and a lot of the field work has been done, so that will make it a little easier to only have to go around the trail once this year.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the State Convention. We feel we have a good delegation coming to the convention this year and look forward to a time of friendship and fun (with a little business mixed in).

We are working on getting our donation together for the auction and Roger has done a great job selling the Raffle tickets for the convention.

We will see you all in Aberdeen

Shelly

Secretary

Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association.

## Great Plains Snowtrailers

Hello from the Great Plains Snowtrailers,

We held our November meeting at Ryan's Hanger Restaurant in Huron with 9 members in attendance and guest Duane Duerr.

We talked about getting started on putting in the trail. Trail Coordinator Rod Schley is going to start on Saturday and anyone that can help will meet at Rod's residence at 8:30AM and head out from there.

It was great to have Duane Duerr join us for our meeting. He gave several updates from SDSA. We talked with Duane some of our concerns as a club. The biggest concern is getting people involved, getting the younger generation to be involved and keeping club members active. Snow is always key but we had good discussions and what some other clubs are doing to get more people involved. Duane updated us on the upcoming SDSA Convention in Aberdeen. Sounds like a lot of fun and there are a couple of club members that will be attending.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1 at the Scoreboard Restaurant in Huron.

Brenda Jager

Great Plains Snowtrailers



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## Town & Country Snowdrifters

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Hello again,

After our little break we are glad to be back and writing articles! It is that time of year again. We both take part in helping our club put in the local snowmobile trail. Jalen puts in the trail 4 miles East of Willow Lake to HWY 25 then 3 miles South to the 28-intersection heading towards Bryant. Caden puts in the trail from Oldham to Hetland. We consider it a privilege to help out our club by putting in trail. In wise words of our advisor Jay Hojer "See you on the trails!"



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Town and Country Snowdrifters Reporters, Jalen Hohm and Caden Hojer

Jalen Hohm helping remove trail in the spring.

## Watertown Snowmobile Club

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It may have just been a teaser of that white stuff this week in Watertown but it was enough to get us in the mood to get those sleds out of storage and ready to ride if you haven't already! We got our trail in and marked the end of October. Trips are being booked!

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Our monthly meeting was held Sunday, November 6th at Cloud 9. We finalized our items for the auction and delegates attending the Convention. We also discussed ideas for our club float for the Annual Holiday Parade to be held in Watertown on Friday, November 25th. The theme this year is "In The Eyes Of A Child". We look forward to making ours bigger and better each year. You can never have too many lights ha ha! Come check it out! We also made plans for our club Christmas party which is always a lot of fun and games, not to mention delicious food brought by all!

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Our next meeting will be Sunday, December 4th at Cloud 9. As always feel free to join us! We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Reporting

Amy Sowers

Included is Brian Sowers getting his sleds out of storage!



# Interlakes Snow Roamers

On October 29th Interlakes Snow Roamers had a joint Membership and Vintage show Event at Power Brokers Inc. in Sioux Falls. We had around 40 sleds at the show. The show ran from 9am to 2pm. We had a food truck on site serving Burgers, Brats, and walking Taco's. Five Best of show awards were presented to the People's choice at the show. Thank you, Power Brokers Inc, for hosting!!

On November 5th we installed trail with 7 people helping. We are near ready for the snow to come and begin riding in December. Thanks to everyone for putting in the trail.

On November 11th and 12th, we had several members attend the SDSA Convention in Aberdeen where our club received the greatest membership increase award. They also took part in the Bean Bag Competition.



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## Sioux Falls Sno Trackers

On October 29th Sno-Trackers and Interlakes Snow Roamers hosting a membership and Vintage Snowmobile show at Power Brokers Inc. We had Vern Eide Motoplex with new Polaris sleds present, Track 2 Trail with Artic Cat sleds and Interlakes Sports Center at the event. Approximately 40 Vintage sleds were at the show. All members with paid membership were placed in a drawing to win several \$50 Gift cards. We also had a food truck there serving meals. Thank you to Power Brokers for hosting the event!!



At the SDSA Convention Sno-Trackers offered a Hospitality Room serving Bloody Mary's. We offered Original, Pickled and Spicy Mixes for choices. We also had a Board that we sold Squares at \$10 per square with the winner announced at the convention on Saturday. Thank you to the winner for donating the winnings back to our club!!! We had a great time at the convention in Aberdeen and are looking forward to Everyone coming to the Ramkota in Sioux Falls on December 1st & 2nd, 2023.





# Black Hills Snowmobile Club

Hello all and wow time sure is going fast, the thermometer keeps dropping and the snow is starting to fall. Soon we will be on our sleds doing what we all love.

Well the 53rd Annual Convention is complete and a big thank you to the Aberdeen Driftbusters for hosting. The weather was a bit icy but worth the trip to be able to gather with likeminded snowmobilers, support SDSA and the sport we all love. This year's convention offered a cornhole tournament after the evening banquet and I am PROUD of our Black Hills Snowmobile Club as they had 11 entries in the tournament. Team Cornholios – Mike Boock & Shane Devine took home the money with a nice first place win, and the Happy Hippies – Sheridan LaFramboise & Holly Thomas won the costume contest. Overall, a fun mixer where we could meet other club members from all across the state and make a few memories. If you have never taken the time to attend a snowmobile convention, I highly recommend it. They are very informative and a great way to learn from others with the same passion for the sport we love so much.

A very memorable moment was the induction of Jon LaFramboise to the Hall of Fame. He undeniably touched many lives and left his mark in the hearts of everyone whom he met. There was not a bigger advocate for the snowmobiling community than Jon and we cannot thank him enough for all the years of service he gave for the sport he loved.

We did learn that most of the snowmobiler clubs are struggling to keep up their membership numbers. As club numbers decrease there are less people to help with activities, fundraising, trail maintenance but most importantly we lose our strength at the legislative level. We are fortunate in our area to have the assistance of GF & P to maintain our trail system which seems to shrink just a little bit each year. Everyone is working on ideas to encourage new memberships and keep our youth interested in our sport as they are our future. We are fortunate to have Wade Rice in our club and would like to thank him for everything he does to support our sport and local club. He is great at adding our Membership Drives to his yearly open houses at his businesses in Rapid City, Piedmont and Spearfish. With that our next Open House / Membership drive is set for December 8th at Rice's Rapid Motorsports at 5:30pm- so grab a friend and come on down.

We have a SAVE THE DATE for our THUNDER on ICE – Radar Run to be held on Saturday February 4th 2023.

Our club will be doing a volunteer night at Storybook Island's Christmas Night of Lights on Sunday December 4th.

Next event in our area will be the Snowcross in Deadwood and we would love to see all of you in the Black Hills.

Until next month: MONEY DOESN'T BUY HAPPINESS--- BUT IT CAN BUY A SNOWMOBILE which then makes you HAPPY!!

Holly Thomas  
BHSC Secretary



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## Aberdeen Driftbusters

The Aberdeen Driftbusters have had a very busy October & November.

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We applied for and were awarded the ISMA Grant of \$400 to be used to celebrate Snowmobile Day. Our Show & Shine event was held at Malchow's Plaza on October 29, from 11am-2pm. We had 26 sleds including some vintage snowmobiles & cutters on display. We even had the SD Junior Snow Queen visit us. We served hotdogs, chips, water & hot chocolate.

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November 11th & 12th we hosted the SDSA 53rd Annual Convention at the Ramkota in Aberdeen with the theme of Snowmobiling, it's all fun and games until..... I hope the convention attendees took the time to read some of the quotes. It would be great to know the rest of the story on some of them. Hosting a convention is not an easy task, but with the right kind of volunteer help from the club it all comes together.

The South Dakota weather didn't cooperate very well and we had several SDSA members that were not able to come.

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We held the 1st annual Sno-Dak 16 Cornhole Classic. We filled all 16 teams and it was really fun to watch the competition. The Great Cornholios won the tournament with the Happy Hippies taking 2nd place.

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We had a very successful live auction with our own David Beckler as the auctioneer. There was some lively & competitive bidding going on a few times! The silent auction was also a big success. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the auctions and for those of you who took the time out of your already busy schedules to go out and look for donations.

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The Make & Take project was very well attended and from the pictures you will see in this issue, we have some very talented people in SDSA. Thank you to my Daughter-in-Law Christy Nagel for being the instructor!

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Lee Olson is the new District 3 Director. I want to personally thank him for accepting this position. I know he will do an awesome job.

The Aberdeen Driftbusters received the trophy for the largest club. The Weismantel Family took home the Snowmobile Family of the Year honors. Kelly Weismantel was chosen as the Snowmobile Woman of the Year. Casey Weismantel was chosen as the Snowmobile Man of the Year.

Ann Nagel

Convention Highlights





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## **C u r r e n t C o m m i t t e e s**

### **Government Relations**

- 1.Greg Nordstrom
- 2.Duane Duerr

### **Scholarship**

- 1.Kelly Weaver
- 2.Trace Damm
- 3.Lee Olson

### **By Laws & Right to Ride**

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

### **Safety**

- 1.Lee Olson
- 2.Jason Shepherd

### **Grants**

- 1.Tracey Erickson
- 2.Kelly Weaver

### **Snocross**

- 1.Jason Shepherd
- 2.Lee Olson
- 3.Mike Boock

### **Charities**

- 1Diane Hiles

### **Membership/Website**

- 1.Mike Boock
- 2.Mary Anne Grabow
- 3.Tracey Erickson

### **Awards**

- 1.Greg Nordstrom

### **Convention**

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

### **Fundraiser/Raffle**

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

### **SnoPlainsman Committee**

- 1.Mary Anne Grabow
- 2.Mike Boock
- 3,Trace Damm
- 4.Duane Duerr

### **Governors Ride**

- 1.Mike Boock
- 2.Jason Shepherd
- 3.Duane Duerr

### **Investments**

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

### **Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers**

- 1.SDSA President
- 2.Jason Shepherd
- 3.Sheridan LaFramboise
- 4.Mike Boock
- 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**

- 1.Tracey Erickson
- 2.Pat Hanten-Duerr

### **UTV**

- 1.Tracey Erickson
- 2.Brian Erickson
- 3.Greg Nordstrom
- 4.Trace Damm

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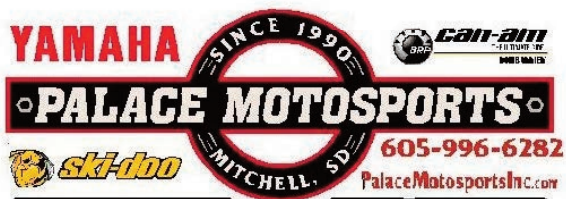
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**Funds are being raised to help support a NEW YETIS scholarship in memory of Jon Laframboise. Johnny and Audrey Rider have donated the 1st \$500 to start an endowment fund to help support a \$1,000 annual YETIS scholarship. The endowment fund and scholarship were approved by the board at convention and funds are starting to be raised to help get this scholarship opportunity going for all active YETIS members. We need approximately \$25,000 to award this scholarship. Please use the donation form in this issue of the Sno-Plainsman to send your donation directly to the Watertown Community Foundation. For further questions please contact a board member or Audrey Rider at [audrey.rider@sdstate.edu](mailto:audrey.rider@sdstate.edu).**



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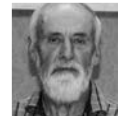
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(1) Any individual active member is eligible for legacy membership, who has an interest in snowmobiling and is willing to pay current legacy membership dues. Dues must be paid prior to granting a legacy membership. A legacy member maintains the same privileges as an active member.

(2) To honor the dedicated interest in snowmobiling and in club activities, a snowmobile club in good standing with SDSA, may sponsor an individual club member for a Legacy Membership by making an application and paying, on behalf of the individual, the current legacy membership dues

## 2024 Convention Bids Needed

SDSA extended the deadline for bidding the 2024 SDSA Convention. Bids need to be at the office by November 1 if you are interested in hosting the SDSA convention. Forms can be found on the SDSA website.

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# SDSA Names Jon LaFramboise to the SDSA Hall of Fame

Jon LaFramboise has been associated with and riding snowmobiles for over 32 years, riding both in Minnesota and Wisconsin before he carried his passion for the sport west to the Black Hills and took that passion far beyond just riding.

When purchasing his first "new to him" sled, part of the purchase agreement was to join the Black Hills Snowmobile Club. In time Jon took on many leadership roles and ensured everything ran smoothly for the club's involvement with their Radar Runs, Ski for Light, Story Book Island and hosting the SDSA Convention in 2010 and 2020. Jon served two separate terms as Vice President and two separate terms as President of the Black Hills Snowmobile Club.

In August 2009, Jon was first appointed to the position of District 2 Director to complete the term of Ken Steiner. At the 2009 Convention, Jon was elected District 2 Director and continued to serve in that capacity until 2016. As Director, Jon's committee work involved planning and organizing the annual Governor's Ride as well as SDSA's involvement with the Sno Cross races in Deadwood. He also worked with Government Relations, Bylaws and Right to Ride, Fundraising and Raffles, Investments, Awards and Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers. Jon was named Man Snowmobiler of the Year in 2010. Jon also served on SDSA's Planning Committee when SDSA hosted ISC 2016 in Rapid City. Jon was also a member of the Task Force for Youth when the YETIS organization was created and strongly supported the effort to give young snowmobilers a leadership experience and encourage their continued involvement in the sport. After at least 3 unsuccessful bidding attempts, it was at the 2020 Convention he finally had the high bid and took home an original John Green painting!

In 2015, Jon was elected to the position of President-Elect, serving two years, before being elected President of SDSA in 2017. During his 2-year time span as president, Jon was motivated to visit as many clubs as he could, whether it was for a monthly meeting, a poker run or to ride on their snowmobile trail. Best recollection is he met with the Sturgis Sno Drifters, Mile High Club, Aberdeen Driftbusters, Great Plains Snowtrailers, Town and Country Snowdrifters, Trailbusters, Whetstone Valley, Watertown Snowmobile Club, Northeast Trailblazers, Dakota Trail Blazers and Poinsett Pounders. At least 3 of these visits included a ride on the trail or in a poker run.

His motivation to be an informed and involved leader, also took him to 3 ACSA/DC Fly-ins and to 6 ISCs in Niagara Falls, Rapid City, Winnipeg, Halifax, Grand Rapids and Omaha. No doubt had COVID not cancelled the 2020 events, we could have said 4 Fly-ins and 7 ISCs. Jon finished his 2-year term as Past President in November 2021.

Once meeting Jon, it would not take long to realize that Jon worked hard, and he played hard. He donated tons of time, and some serious dollar amounts in his travels across the state and country for the benefit of SDSA and the sport of snowmobiling. His dedication to the sport was deep rooted as was his desire to maintain access to public lands, advocate safe snowmobiling and to promote the fun of snowmobiling with family and friends. When riding with groups of people Jon was always one of the leaders counting to make sure everyone was present and accounted for. Whenever someone got into a tight spot or got stuck, Jon was usually the first on the scene. He enjoyed helping others enjoy snowmobiling and made sure the new-to-the-sled riders were comfortable and having fun.

To us, as SDSA members, his leadership abilities showed us that his convictions were strong and his explanations of why were clear. He was quick to wit and with one simple question or comment, he could take the conversation in a completely different direction, leaving us in a robust round of laughter. Yet at a tender moment, his voice may have cracked, and he probably paused for a tear before composing himself to carry on with the task at hand.

With all of that said and with so much more that could be said, and because he was a person dedicated to the continued success of SDSA, it is most appropriate that SDSA honor and recognize Jon LaFramboise by naming him to the SDSA Hall of Fame.

May we all find peace knowing he will still be our group leader whether it be on a snowmobile ride or on a buggy ride. He will still be our mentor, our teacher. We know he now has the best of the dusty roads, lakes, rivers and snow-covered mountains to enjoy and he will always be guiding and watching over us until we can join him on the other side of God's wonderful creation that Jon so enjoyed.

With this honorarium, we challenge each and everyone of SDSA's members to work hard to carry with us from this day forward for years to come, Jon's work ethic, his play ethic, his dedication to SDSA and his passion for snowmobiling, fun, family and friends.



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## **Ella Smith named Teen Snowmobiler of the Year**

Ella Smith, daughter of Jacob & Dixie Smith of Hazel was named Teen Snowmobiler of the Year at the 53rd Annual Convention held November 11 & 12 in Aberdeen. She is a member of the Poinsett Pounders and also the YETIS.

"What Does Snowmobiling mean to me?" Snowmobiling to me means spending time with my family and enjoying the nature around me. Snowmobiling is the one thing that I do with just my dad. He loves snowmobiling and it is a way for him to relieve stress. He has had us on snowmobiles since the age of 4. It is a great way for him to share something he enjoys with his children. We go on a special family trip every year to the mountains with just my dad, my brothers and I. Snowmobiling also gives me a great opportunity to spend time with my friends. We have a great group of kids who love snowmobiling as much as I do. There is just something about riding on a snowmobile fast with snow blowing in your face that makes you forget the world and its problems for a bit.



What do I want the future of snowmobiling to look like? I want the trails, hills and mountains to remain places where we can snowmobile. I want to be able to take my children and grandchildren snowmobiling in the same places I do. I want them to be able to enjoy the beauty of nature and the enjoyment of snowmobiling. I also hope that the interest in snowmobiling expands and more people become involved with it. I think that is a great way to keep kids out of trouble and to help all ages with mental health and dealing with stress and anxiety.

## **Roger Hansen named Groomer of the Year**

Roger has been a member of the Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association for 9 years. During this time, he has served as Vice President for 3 years and President for 4. He has been one of our groomers for the past 7 years. He enjoys taking the groomer out in the evenings and having a nice groomed trail for riders the next day. Roger has helped sign (both in & out) since he has been a member. He is always willing to help with anything the club needs.



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