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# From SDSA's President



*Duane Duerr Brandon, South Dakota*

We have snow now, so let's get out and have fun!! I finally got the chance to get out and ride the Trail our club put in and stop at the local Café for some pizza on the ride. It

was great!!

## ***With snow we can make things happen:***

- **Family Fun Day:** Now is a great time to Have a Family Fun Day a get some kids on sleds and see what we are all about. Provide sleds and rides if needed, have pizza, pop, burgers and dogs of a campfire on the trail if possible. Getting youth and Families involved now when young is a great way to grow our future.
- **Poker Rides.** A great way to get out and see the trail and support your local associate members with a poker run, Club only or open to the public.
- **Membership Event:** have an event that promotes membership or invite a friend to ride with you to get a new member. Memberships help us grow. Not every new member gets involved, but the membership helps the club financially and you never know who will get involved.
- **Scavenger hunt.** Have a ride that is a scavenger hunt. Offer a prize if they complete the Hunt.
- **Local Vintage Show and Ride:** Have a Vintage show and ride in your area to promote snowmobiling.
- **Club Rides:** Have weekend rides locally with snow at home. Plan a day or a weekend ride locally. Or have a trip to a location your

club want to go to.

- **Inner Club Rides:** Invite another club to come and join you on a meeting or ride. See how they do what they do.
- **Rusty Nutz Vintage show:** January 14th at Trailhead Lodge come and see the many old sleds, talk to the owners and learn the story behind their sled or join the show and tell your story. Last year they had over 100 sleds shown.
- **SnoCross:** come to Deadwood on January 27th & 28th and see the show. Make it a long weekend and enjoy the great trails we have in the Black Hills Area.
- **Governor's Ride:** February 10th and 11th come to Spearfish Holiday Inn on Friday evening and meet the legislators and attend a great Breakfast at Hardy Camp. Registration in the SnoPlainsman.
- **SnoCross at Huset's:** March 3rd & 4th at Huset's Speedway come and see the show. Hoping the snow will keep coming to make it happen.

## **SDSA has many great things happening.**

- The Jon LaFramboise Scholarship fund has a great start with some awesome donations to build the fund. It looks like we are nearing the 50 percent of goal mark. \$20-25,000 is needed to make it self-funding.
- Booth at SnoCross to promote Snowmobiling and SDSA. Come and see us!
- Memberships are looking good. Keep them coming!!
- Governor's ride invites are going out to Legislators. Room Block at Spearfish Holiday Inn, Black Hills Club Making Breakfast. Thanks to them!! Legislator sleds lined up.  
Keep the snow coming and have fun riding!!

**cover shot: Riding the trails near Gary, South Dakota**



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# From SDSA's President-Elect

Kelly Weaver, Aberdeen, SD

Sorry, not sorry.

Sorry, this article may have been submitted a little late but not sorry because I was SNOWMOBILING! After several years of light or no snow East River and a bust of a snow year last season West River, how wonderful it is to have plentiful snow to be enjoying across nearly all corners of the state (and more on the way if the weather alerts scrolling across the bottom of the TV screen are any indication). I can tell by the aches in my neck, shoulders and throttle thumb that it's been awhile since I've been on a sled. I'm guessing I am not going to alone in that as there were all kinds of sleds on the trail and at the trail stops.



This weekend I got to witness the joy of introducing the next generation to our sport. Our 4-year-old grandson decided he was ready to take his first snowmobile ride. He enjoyed multiple trips around our yard with several family members taking turns in the driver's seat and smiles all around. Now he is wondering if Papa has gotten him his own snowmobile yet. Miss Lennon, a seasoned snowmobiler in Grandma's yard at age 6, can now sit behind us on the two-up snowmobile passed down from her great grandpa. I can see her first trail ride just around the corner. We thought of 'Big Jim' many times this weekend and how much he would love seeing his 1996 Pantera providing fun for his family.

At our first club ride, I got to meet a new friend, 5-year-old Hayden. All I had to do is say hi and he was giving me a hug. He took turns riding with his mom and dad. At one of our stops, he called out to the group to ask, "Is everyone having a good time?" By this time, Hayden was confident he should trade places with his dad so his dad could take a nap on the handlebars and Hayden could drive! Unfortunately, he had to be told no since he couldn't reach the brake (among other things).

Being the cobwebs off our snowmobiling brain after a long break, we are reminded of the lessons we've learned and now take for granted. Things like wearing the right clothing, traveling in a group,

knowing the hand signals, following the signs, and counting the heads. We are reminded that safety is priority number one. If you want a refresher on safety or you have a new rider in your family, I strongly encourage you to check out the South Dakota online safety course at <https://www.snowmobile-ed.com/southdakota/>. The material is readily available and you can also take a test to obtain safety certification. For a code to take the certification test for free, contact Ryan Raynor, State Trails Coordinator, at [ryan.raynor@state.sd.us](mailto:ryan.raynor@state.sd.us).



I cannot close this article without expressing my sadness for the snowmobilers who lost their lives in accidents before Christmas. Our hearts go out to their family members. It is heartbreaking news and highlights again the importance of keeping safety in the forefront of our snowmobile rides.

See you on the trails,

Kelly Weaver, SDSA President Elect

# From SDSA's Past President

*Greg Nordstrom, Sioux Falls*

Hello snow lovers

As I am writing this tonight it's snowing with more in the forecast. What a relief to see snow in the eastern part of the state and a bunch of it. Some of our local club members even went on the trails Jan 1. And looks like they had a great ride. My son and grandson rode the Big Sioux River from Dell Rapids to Flandreau along with my nephew Shannon on Dec. 30th. They said it was an awesome ride. Today Jan. 2nd my son and grandson rode the trails in the Hills and had a great time on the freshly groomed trails with hardly anybody else on them. Come on people there is snow in South Dakota so get over here and ride.

I have seen that all the clubs have been grooming the trails and some of the clubs are having local rides, something

that they have not done in a couple years due to lack of snow and that is awesome to see and hear about. Just remember to ride safe and respect others and their property.

Major events coming up are the SnoCross in Deadwood January 27-28 and the Governors ride February 10th and 11th at Hardy Camp. Another good one is the Radar Run at Deerfield Lake February 4th with the Black Hills snowmobile club.

We are still looking for a club to host the 2024 Convention.

Ride Safe and enjoy the SNOW



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## Mike Boock, District 2

Hello Snowmobilers, Happy New Year! I hope everyone got what they wanted for Christmas and had a safe New Years Eve. I was hoping for more snow, but I guess we will take what we can get at this point. It's been great to see some of the east river guys out grooming

the trails and some of the clubs out riding already. Hopefully, everyone will be able to ride closer to home this year. Them road trips start to add up after a while. I am getting ready for the Deadwood Snocross events and making sure we have everything we need to make the event a success. I will have tickets available if anyone is out this way and wants to enjoy the event. You can also purchase tickets off their website and use the special SDSA discount code. (See ad) Hope to see a few of you out here in Deadwood January 27-28.

I want to invite all of you to the 2023 Governor's Ride on February 10-11. We will kick off the event on Friday evening with the Governor's Advisory Council Meeting at

5:30pm at the Spearfish Holiday Inn. This is a great opportunity for everyone to hear what they are working on and ask any questions you may have. We will then have a social at 7pm. There will be appetizers and drinks available. On Saturday, we will meet at Hardy Camp for a breakfast and ride. Registration and waiver signing will be from 8:45-9:30am. Breakfast will begin at 9:30am and the ride will follow. If the snow is good, many sledders will continue riding after the official ride is complete. The SDSA Board will conclude the event with our February meeting back at the Spearfish holiday Inn at 5pm. You get all of this for only \$15! Please fill out your registration today and send it in to Mary Anne. We always have a great time and the breakfast provided by the BHSC is tasty too. Brian Erickson will like it anyhow.

Avalanche danger has been high out west and there have been several people caught and buried with three deaths. Be safe and get prepared with the right gear and training. Most of all, be smart. We want everyone coming home this year.

Keep up the snow dances!  
Mike



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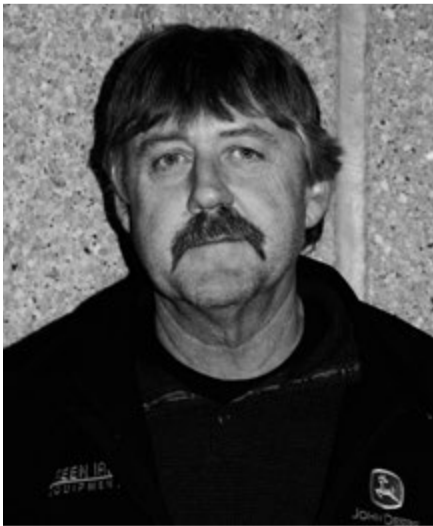
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## Lee Olson, District 3

Happy new Christmas and New Years. But over all it was a year everybody, hope good time.

The end of the year was interesting up here. Many days stuck at home watching the blizzards. The weather has straightened out lately. We have plenty of snow now, time to get the trail groomed and see how many signs and markers are buried in drifts. Hopefully we can get out and ride the trail the rest of this winter.

See you on the trails.

Lee Olson  
District 3 Director

below like here when we left. There weren't a lot of people out there considering it was between

## Jason Shepherd, District 6

Hello to everyone. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and rang in the new year well. Up in the north east here we have gotten some very good snow. Many people have been out enjoying it on the trails. All of the trails have been groomed a couple of times and a good trail base has been set. All the clubs are hoping that everyone can get out and enjoy the trails. This month some of the clubs do have activities organized since the snow is here. Don't forget also at the end of this

month the snocross races are in Deadwood. I hope to see a lot of people at the races and also stop by the SDSA booth. Until next month, hope to see you all on the trail



## Trace Damm, District 7

Hello Everyone,  
Finally, a year with some much-needed snow! I attended a groomer school put on by the Town And Country snowmobile club a year or two ago and this year I have had the privilege of using the knowledge I received at that training out on the trails. Although, with as soft as the snow has been we have had to pack and fix the trails without a sled hooked up first. There is a lot of time and work involved when the snow blows in the way it did this year. Be patient as it takes time and multiple people to make sure the trails are groomed and in good condition this year. The soft snow seems to pull the groomer wherever gravity says it should go. There are some hard drifts underneath as well so just be aware when out enjoying the trails that we all have missed so much. I'm seeing poker runs starting to fire up so get out and support clubs and those local businesses that have supported us for many years. Winter can be slow for some of them and showing up with a group of friends/family and having some lunch can be a good reminder of why they pay a membership every year. Get out and ride! -Trace





## Tracey Erickson, District 4

### Reflections...Part III

January 4th, 2023 and I can finally say for the first time since being a SDSA and local club member I rode my snowmobile to a club meeting. FUN! And what was better yet, Brian and I were not the only people who did this. It was a much-needed stress reliver to be able to do something fun as I reflect on all the happenings of 2022 and the construction taking place at our acreage right now.

However, with all that said... I need to work harder on getting physically fit to ride again! And by the way, whoever said riding snowmobiles isn't a workout, even if you are riding trails is kidding themselves. I do have to admit they had not been groomed since the previous snow and we had just received a good 6-8 inches of fresh snow, which made for some great riding and surprises along the way. But as we all know, getting in shape ahead of time helps prevent injury and enhances our ability to participate at a higher level. That was a nice way of saying, someone, (aka Brian) would not have to help me out as much if I were stronger and could get myself unstuck more. So, here's to that New Years resolution of trying a littler harder at the workout routine so I am not so sore the next day and being a better rider.

Speaking of club meetings, we held our Club Christmas party this past December 18th. We enjoyed some great food, played a few games and concluded with some door prizes of scratch tickets. Even had a few winners! It was great to mix it up a bit and see everyone involved in all the games. Jalen Hohm and Caden Hojer, who are our club reporters and very active teen members were great in helping organize and facilitate the evening. Kudos to them both for stepping up and helping. Additional thanks go out to the members who also showed up to celebrate and make it an awesome evening!

Since most of the state now has great snow for riding, the club activities are picking up. I encourage all clubs to continue to share the events they are planning with our SDSA Secretary, along with notifying other clubs, and posting events on social media and webpages. We look forward to seeing what is going on and potentially participating in your event(s). I also urge you to continue to share your photos of your successful event(s) to help tell the story of

what your club has done to members and potential new members.

Hope to see you out and about on the trails or at upcoming events this winter and Happy New Year!

Tracey Erickson, District 4 SDSA Director

***Jamie Hohm, Club President trying to get his Christmas ball in the solo cup.***

***Jalen Hohm giving the answers to our Christmas song game.***





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# Snowmobilers Taking The Pledge

HASLETT, MI, December 15, 2022:

The members of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (Arctic Cat, BRP, Polaris, and Yamaha) are joining together again this season with the snowmobile community with the Take The Pledge campaign. The Pledge is designed to ensure snowmobilers protect existing riding areas and trail systems for current and future generations and landowners who give us access to their property. Those that take the pledge agree to the following:

- I Pledge to ride off trail only where I know it's legal and accepted.
- I Pledge to check before going off-trail if I don't know.
- I Pledge to protect access for future generations by doing the right thing.
- I Pledge to protect access by encouraging those I ride with to take the Pledge also.

Snowmobilers enjoy over 120,000 miles of trails located on public and private land and have been built and maintained by snowmobile volunteers for over 40 years.

Snowmobilers are joined in this effort by snowmobile clubs, snowmobile dealers, lodges, local chambers of commerce – all of whom have a vested interest in maintaining responsible access. The campaign has been joined by snowmobile community leaders, ambassadors, and celebrities who have also taken the pledge.

The pledge was created to make snowmobilers aware of the importance of recognizing the ownership of the land we ride on, and the impact we have on the landowners, their pets, and their livestock. The record level of interest in enjoying the great winter outdoors demands our attention to the awareness of legal riding areas and making sure everyone with us knows the rules.

The International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association members invite every snowmo-

biler to take the pledge at [www.snowmobilerspledge.com](http://www.snowmobilerspledge.com) and encourage those they ride with to also take the pledge.

This year we have designed a logo for the Take The Pledge Campaign. Please use this logo on your websites, communications that you send out, Facebook page, etc. Encourage people to take the pledge. If they want, they can scan the QR code to be directed to the website or they can type in the website address directly. We will be making decals to send to interested parties that can be distributed at clubhouses, meetings, etc., so look for those coming soon (in English only at this time).



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## Pat Hanten-Dugerr, District 5



It is great to have a good amount of snow on the East side of the state. The groomers are going on a regular basis. Around Sioux Falls area the snow fall ranged from 12 to 18 inches of snow in one storm the 1st week of January 2023. It is a lot of fun to ride locally, which has not been the case in a number of years. Hopefully the snow will continue throughout the month of February.

Many clubs are planning club rides, poker runs and other fun events for snowmobilers. Check out the Sno Plainsman for events. It is great to see some youth out riding locally. As we took our 4-year-old granddaughter on a local ride. She loved riding snowmobile with Dad and Grandpa, also like playing in the snow when we stopped. Our club is having a local Youth Day Event in January, to promote youth to like snowmobiling at a young age.

Enjoy Your Snowmobile Season.!!



***Photos from the Black Hills Snowmobile Club***



***Members of the Dakota Trailblazers stop on the bridge south of Gary for a photo op.***

# On the Trails

## Ryan Raynor, Trails Specialist

Well snowmobilers should be happy on both sides of the state with 3 different cells that came through South Dakota in about a 3-week span. Snow amounts at the time included anywhere between 5 inches and 5 feet. I want to take some time and thank the men and women who are on the opposite side, taking care of equipment and grooming operations as they deserve a big Thank You.



Starting in the Black Hills, when you get four to five feet of snow at once, it obviously brings challenges. The only way to go out is to hook two groomers up, without a drag and just pack the trail the best you can. You also hope to get some snowmobilers out to help pack those same trails. All in all, Shannon and his crew were called out for emergency situations, fought through multiple break downs, getting stuck and coordinating removing vehicles from the trail because they missed the signs. At this same time, you are training new groomer operators, which takes time as well. Overall, the operations in the hills have done an amazing job getting caught back up and meeting the high expectations of a world class trail system for the trail side businesses and snowmobilers from across this country. Obviously still challenges ahead but I know their happy to finally get a trail set and if you happen to run into one of these folks while snowmobiling in the hills, give them a thumbs up or Thank You if you see them in person.

Now the Eastern side of the state, where the same challenges I discussed above hold true along with some serious drifting! Unfortunately had more conversations than I can remember about groomers getting stuck, with and without a drag, repairs that needed to take place before grooming operations could begin again and battling drifts in the ditch anywhere from 8 to 12 feet tall. It's a huge task that falls on a select few within each club. Front differentials going out, heated mirrors, leaf springs and other repairs have halted operations in some communities. What never surprises me is how quickly these folks respond to get the equipment back up and running. Multiple clubs went out on emergency cases on the eastern side of the state as well, including 5 different times in one location. These groomers are specialized pieces of equipment and clubs pride themselves in being a large part in their local community. Again, my hats off to the many folks who groom and maintain their club's equipment and I thank you for the sacrifices I know you have when it comes to your own personal life to make sure your local trail system is groomed, when conditions allow it, and the equipment is ready to roll at any given moment. I promise you your work does not go unnoticed.

With the snow conditions we have, we look forward to hosting the special events that had to be canceled last year due to low snow conditions. The SDSU Veteran's ride in January, and Governor's Snowmobile ride in February. These are events that allow us to say Thank You to the men and women in our military and show case what Game Fish and Parks and the snowmobile community have created with over 5 decades of cooperation. We can't wait to host these events again.

That's all for this month, stay safe!





## Diane Hiles, SDSA Treasurer

The last few days have been filled with Facebook posts from many of the snowmobile clubs across the state. It has been awesome to see all the grooming reports and trail segments that have been made ready for riders. Granted there has been a few posts reporting groomer breakdowns, updated status reports on parts being waited on and finally reports that repairs are done, and groomers are rolling again. These posts show just how important the volunteers are that we all have in our clubs and all that they do to make sure that the trails are in great shape for all of the riders, even if they are non-member riders. Thank you!!!

What would we do today without social media? It sure makes you wonder!! We can learn about snow conditions, see which businesses are supporting SDSA and if you are headed to the mountains, what the avalanche conditions may be in the area you are going to. Check out Facebook pages of the neighboring state snowmobile associations or local clubs in your favorite out-of-state riding areas. Also, the Avalanche Information Centers and the National Forest pages too.

Aside from social media, perhaps it's time to connect with your local newspaper. Do a press release to talk about your local club, the volunteers that it takes to have and maintain a trail and bring awareness to your community about the club. Include pictures of the groomer in action or a group of riders on your trail. In some areas, this may be the first time in a couple of years that the groomers have even run!

What a great time to emphasize the importance of club membership and organized snowmobiling with the snow cover we have been blessed with. Let's take the opportunity to make it work to our benefit!!

And be sure to visit the businesses that support your club and SDSA. Mention to them you have seen their ad in the Sno Plainsman or that they were a featured advertiser of the week on SDSA's Facebook page. Thank them for their support. The value of a thank you is great when the advertiser knows they are spending their advertising dollars in the right way.

Let's make this season great for everyone; your volunteers, your club, SDSA, SDSA's supporters and advertisers. Don't forget ACSA and ISMA as well. We are all in this together to promote organized snowmobiling so that we and generations to come can enjoy all the fun it can be.

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).

Diane Hiles  
SDSA Treasurer

# Win a Scholarship!

## Requirements:

1. High school seniors or enrolled college students must be a student in good standing. Awards are not based on academic achievement.
2. Definite choice of a Liberal Arts College, Technical Institute, Specialized College, School of Nursing, Junior College, provided that the institution provides a standard degree of certification.
3. Entries will not necessarily be judged on financial need. Entries are judged in a "blind" selection. No one judging knows who wrote the essay.
4. A \$500 award for the winner will be sent to the institution of choice upon acceptance of student's enrollment.
- 5 ***A completed application must be submitted by 2/25***  
***ABSOLUTE DEADLINE to SDSA P O Box 206 Gary SD 57237.***
6. Limited to SDSA members & their families that live full time in South Dakota.
7. On a separate sheet of paper write an essay in 500 words or less on a minimum of 2 pages and not more than 4 on "WHY SNOWMOBILING IS IMPORTANT TO SOUTH DAKOTA AND TO ME".
8. Your name should **NOT** appear anywhere on the essay!!! Judges will not see who the essay belongs to when judging. If your name is

on the essay, it will be disqualified.

Note: no transcripts or letters of recommendation.

Entries exceeding 500 words will be disqualified.

Please include at least one photo with your application.

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High school grad. date \_\_\_\_\_  
GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of high school \_\_\_\_\_  
City of high school \_\_\_\_\_  
College you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_  
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On a separate sheet fill us in on the following areas:

- A. Snowmobile club & state association involvement:
- B. Community activities/Dates Participated/Hours committed/ Leadership/ Positions held:
- C. Awards:
- D. Work Experience/Positions/Dates of employment
- E. Extra curricular activities

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## Aberdeen Driftbusters

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As I read the Club News articles in the January Sno Plainsman issue that just arrived, nearly every club was ready, waiting and hoping for snow. Well, someone was listening! It's been a long time since we had snow blanketing all of Eastern South Dakota!



With the snow, we were able to test out the Compactor Bar we recently purchased. Since we got a large amount of snow out of the gate, it was

a good test. The compactor bar performed well and helped us set the trail with less risk of getting stuck. We were able to make one pass with the groomer on nearly all the trails before the front differential went out. Repairs are underway with the groomer as I write this so we hope to have the trail spiffed up soon. We can't thank our groomers and maintenance team (Jim, Sunny, David and Dave) enough for all they do. Now that we have snow, we can also get some seat time for our members who are willing to give grooming a try.

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We put together a New Year's Day ride on short notice and had several club members participate and also picked up some new members in the process! It was really fun to meet other sleds out riding and see the trail stop parking lot and dining room full of snowmobilers! The Richmond Oasis served up some great food. Again, it's been a long time since we've seen that.

We had a couple of interesting sights on our club ride including vehicles stuck on the trail and tracked vehicles (not snowmobiles) riding on the trail. It might be a good idea to brush up on the state laws about what is and is not allowed on the trail so we can be informed when we cross paths with these folks and help educate them on the laws. Recently, a club member came across a UPS truck stuck on the section line beside the trail. Even though he saw the 'no winter maintenance' sign, he continued on....his GPS told him to!

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We will be having our club steak feed this weekend, and we'll be able to have a club ride in the afternoon too. Thanks to Dan and Sequoya Rohrbach for hosting and Jim Weaver and Sunny Pence for cooking.

I am looking forward to attending our January club meeting. Everyone will be excited about the snow, and I'm sure there will be plenty of ideas for activities. A radar run has already been talked about so watch our Driftbusters facebook page for more details. Maybe we'll also be able to participate in events other clubs are hosting!



# From the Sno Plainsman Editor, Mary Anne Grabow



Believe it or not, I'm holding this issue because clubs are wanting to get their articles in with current information! What a great problem to have! And, for the first time in a very long time, I have more club news articles than I've had in a very long time.....but we also all have more snow than we've had in years.



Honestly, Marty, our daughter and son in law and a small group are out riding while I'm sitting here trying to finish up layout of the magazine. There's something I'd rather be doing .....like riding my sled! But, I'll survive! It's just wonderful to see snow to ride on this season! The photo to the left is one of our daughters, Jessi with her 3 daughters , Rori, Brynlee & Nora ready to do some sledding.

Watch the website and our facebook page for new happenings this winter. I'm seeing posts about snowmobiling quite frequently and we try to share as many as we can!

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Doug Moeller. Marty & I enjoyed spending time with Doug and Bonnie at snowmobile events. So sorry for your loss Bonnie & family. We both were in awe as we pulled into the church parking lot and saw about a dozen snowmobiles in front of the church as his snowmobile friends/family rode their sleds to his viewing. What a wonderful tribute to Doug. I think he would have been so proud. If you wonder why it's important to be involved in organized snowmobiling, there's a reminder, right there! We are all a family. We may not have the same parents or relatives but we are united in our love of a passion for snowmobiling. I wish that I'd known so that I could have taken a better photo, but you'll have to put up with a photo taken on the phone.

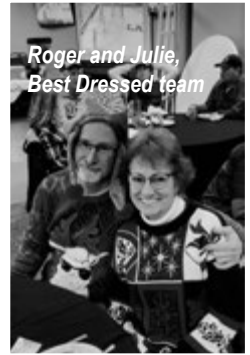
JOIN SDSA today- better yet join a CLUB that belongs to SDSA!



# C L U B N E W S

## Dakota Drifters

Well our request for snow has been answered and winter has definitely arrived. Trails are being groomed and we are all excited to get out and ride. We had a great Christmas party on Dec. 14th at Boss's Pizza and Chicken in Brookings. Thanks to Boss's for sponsoring the prizes for the Cornhole Tourney which was won by Rod and Bob, and Thanks to Walt Spiering for the 2nd place prize which was won by Troy and Dean. We also had some pretty festive attire going on, with the Best dressed team award



Roger and Julie,  
Best Dressed team



Bob and Rod, Corn-  
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place

going to Roger and Julie, and the ugliest holiday sweater award definitely going to Bill. Our next meeting will be held on Jan 11th at The Lanes in Brookings at 7:00pm and all are welcome. Big thank you's go out to Boss's and The Lanes for hosting our meetings, and to all of our Associated Sponsors who help our club and support snowmobiling statewide.

The Dakota Drifter Annual Charity Ride will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4th, 2023. We will again be starting and ending the ride at Midway Camp just east of Volga. We are extremely happy to announce that our charity this year will be Sleep In Heavenly Peace. S.I.H.P. is a great organization that provides beds for kids in our local community. There will be a poker ride, drawings and silent auction along with lots of fun, food, and prizes for the whole family. The ride starts at 10:00am on Saturday, and it's open to everyone and all vehicles. A full meal, auction, and draw for poker hands will be ready back at Midway Camp at 4:00pm. Midway has lots of trailer parking for those who are coming from out of the local area. We will have multiple stops in Volga, Bruce, White, Aurora, Bushnell and Brookings with several of the stops providing lunch specials so come ride the trails with us and make a day of it. We would like to invite everyone from SDSA and all of the SD snowmobile clubs to make plans to join us this year. Please check out our Dakota Drifters Facebook page for more details and updates.



We hope to see you all at our Charity Ride Feb. 4th, and out on the trails this winter!

Lynn Nilsson, Dakota Drifters

*Walt presenting Troy and Dean, Cornhole Tourney 2nd place*

# Great Plains Snowtrailers

Happy New Year from the Great Plains Snowtrailers,

We have had a busy couple of months and with the new snow looks like January will be busy as well. We have put in the trail signs and now with snow we have been able to groom the trail a couple of times. A couple of us attended the convention in Aberdeen and had a good time. Thank you to the Aberdeen club for hosting a wonderful convention. We are looking forward to next year's convention in Sioux Falls.

Our January meeting was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2022. We recruited a couple new young members with the hope that they will stay involved and love snowmobiling as much as the rest of us. We decided to host a poker ride on Saturday, January 7. We plan to leave from Big D's in Huron, ride to Cavour, Iroquois and Yale on the fresh groomed trail. It has been a couple of years since we have been able to groom the trail and have a poker ride, so we hope we have a good turnout.

We are also busy planning our annual club ride the weekend of January 14th in the Black Hills. We will be leaving Recreational Spring around 10AM.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2nd. We are planning to meet at DJ's travel center in Huron and ride to the Red Zone Tavern in Yale for the meeting and dinner.

Happy New Year Everyone!!

Brenda Jager  
Great Plains Snowtrailers

## NorthEast Trailblazers

Hello from the Northeast corner of the state.

We've been wishing for a white Christmas, and we got it. The blizzard shut us down for around four days and think we must have got around two feet of snow. So as soon as we get shoveled out, we plan to hit the trails.

NETB 16th annual Poker Run is planned for January 28th starting at Noon and ending at LTR on Lake Traverse.

Our next meeting will be January 8th 7:00 at Mikey's in New Effington.

Till next time, stay warm and ride safe.

Gina Steen



# C L U B N E W S

## Interlakes Snow Roamers

The trail is in and groomed. It is great having snow again to ride on the trail we put in. Our next meeting date is tentative due to an incoming blizzard. Many of us are planning to take part in the Rusty Nutz show at Trailhead on January 14th. Last year they had over 100 sleds in attendance, with great snow it should be even better this year.

We are busy planning the Hillside Vintage show scheduled on February 5th at Hillside Resort. The show will be on Long Lake just south of Hillside Resort with Ice Races going on next to the show. Last year we had a great turnout hoping for more this year. If you want to see some great Vintage Sleds, have some smores or Hot Dogs on the fire and see some great Ice Racings come and take Part.

## Dakota Trailblazers

The Trailblazers will be meeting for our annual Christmas party on Saturday, January 14th at Pizza Ranch in Watertown. We'll have a fun \$10 gift exchange for those who want to participate.

We helped sell tickets for the Gary Giver's fundraiser Track the Jack and have been asked to participate in a similar fundraiser in Clear Lake, as well.

Our groomers (Mick, Marty K, Marvin, Brent & Marty G) have been busy keeping the trails maintained for everyone to enjoy riding. Those first few snows are always a struggle to get the base established, but they've been faithfully working to get the trails in great shape. Thanks for all their work on that endless project!



# Watertown Snowmobile Club

Happy New Year from the Watertown Snowmobile Club! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! We are happy to finally see a decent amount of snow. The Groomer has been out a few times.

We held our monthly meeting Sunday, Jan 8th at Cloud 9 and included in our annual Club Christmas party. Two of our members smoked up an amazing brisket, we also had many delicious potluck items! I think everyone had a nice time and we gave away some nice door prizes to all in attendance!

During the meeting we discussed the Poker Run we will be having Saturday, Jan 21st beginning at Cloud 9 at 10 am with draw time also ending at Cloud 9 from 2-4pm.

We will also be hosting a Radar Run across from Cloud 9 in Steve Wess's field Saturday, March 11th beginning at 10 am. We will have sign up and awards held at Cloud 9.

There was some question on our grooming schedule, due to the work schedules of our groomer drivers, normally will be done on Saturday nights.

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Our next meeting will be held Sunday, Feb 5th at Cloud 9 5pm.

Included are pics from our Christmas party, the Groomer out, and two of our members out for a Sunday ride Brian Sowers and Nathan Sowers, Jason Schmidt grooming and also sled buried



# Sioux Falls Sno Trackers



Sno Trackers are happy to get out and ride the local trail. We had over 20 inches in many places. We have a lot of events planned for the Season. We rode last weekend from Garretson to Trent and had a great time. I had my 4-year-old Granddaughter ride back with me, she fell asleep most of the way back. I am really either a boring driver or the Skidoo 900 Ace I ride is quiet. We are lucky to have some great groomer operators that put the time in to make the trail nice to ride. Thanks for doing what you do!!

- Thursday, January 5th – 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Club Meeting and Christmas Party at Brandon Steakhouse. Social hour/meal begins at 6:00, meeting begins at 7:00.

- Thursday, January 12th thru Sunday, January 15th. Club ride in the Black Hills. Rooms will be blocked at Recreation Springs and Deadwood Gulch, but everyone needs to make their own reservations. Some may also begin riding a day or two earlier or continue riding a day or two later.

- Friday, January 27th and Saturday, January 28th. Professional SnoCross in Deadwood.

- Thursday, February 2nd – 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Club Meeting at Brandon Steakhouse. Social hour/meal begins at 6:00, meeting begins at 7:00.

- Friday, February 10th thru Saturday, February 11th. Governor's Ride in the Black Hills. See the SDSA web site or attend Club meetings to get further details.

- Thursday, February 16th thru Sunday, February 19th. Club ride in Wisconsin. See Johnny Houg or attend our earlier Club meetings for further details.

- Thursday, February 23rd thru Sunday, February 26th. Mountain Riding Meeting and snowmobile ride in Wyoming. Attend our earlier Club meetings for further details.

- Thursday, March 2nd – 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Club Meeting at tentatively set for the Ramkota. If this can be worked out, this will be our first meeting for planning the 2023 SDSA Convention. Social hour/meal begins at 6:00, meeting begins at 7:00.

- Friday, March 3rd and Saturday, March 4th. Professional SnoCross at Husets Speedway. Sno Trackers club will be supporting this event, but details are still to be determined.

- Thursday, April 6th – 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Club Meeting at Brandon Steakhouse. Social hour/meal begins at 6:00, meeting begins at 7:00.

- Thursday, May 4th – 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Club Meeting at Brandon Steakhouse. Social hour/meal begins at 6:00, meeting begins at 7:00.

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# Town & Country Snowdrifters

Happy New Year!!

We hope everyone had a safe, healthy, and happy 2022. This year we lost two very important club members, Randal Knadle and Douglas Moeller. Our sympathies go out to the families as they mourn their passing. Randal was our club's groomer. Since his passing we had 4 members attend a groomer safety school, Brian Erickson, Jamie Hohm, Jay Hojer, and Greg Hiles. We (Jalen Hohm and Caden Hojer) got to ride along with our dads as they groomed a few of our trails this past month. We also got to help Tracey plan an amazing Christmas party. It was filled with love, laughter, and cheer as well as games, good food, and snacks. We hope the best for you all in 2023. Have an amazing 2023 and we hope to find you on the trails.



Love,  
Jalen Hohm and Caden Hojer, Town & Country Snowdrifters Club reporters

## ***Town & Country Club Christmas Party***

***Jay Hojer grooming the trail near Oldham, SD.***



***Grooming  
with the  
GF&P Packer,  
that we are  
testing out  
for them.  
(Photo to the  
left)***





# C L U B N E W S

## Black Hills Snowmobile Club

We are back at it riding in the brisk cool winter air of the plains, hills, and mountains. I hope everyone is getting out and riding in whatever way they can. Sharing this love of ours with family, friends or inviting new riders to join in the fun. This winter is shaping up just as we all had hoped, I personally could do without the bitter cold and below zero wind chills we have experienced already this season.

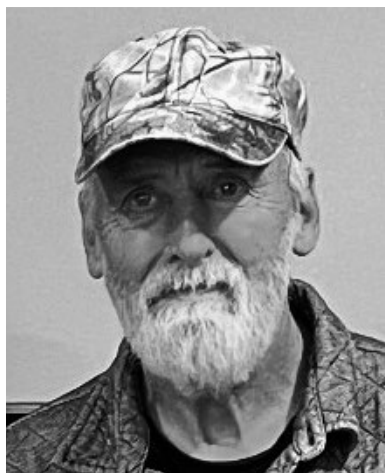
The trails in the hills are beautiful for riding and many of our club members have gone to ride in the mountains and have not been disappointed with what they are finding. Our club will again be heading to Dubois, Wy the end of February for the annual club ride February 22nd and I will share some pictures in the next issue.

We also look forward to hosting the Governors Ride Breakfast again this year Saturday February 11th. SDSA works hard to promote and persevere our sport. Getting more state/ local legislative members involved can only help raise awareness and support for the winter sport we all love.

Our club will also be having our annual RADAR RUN – THUNDER ON ICE, February 4th at Deerfield Lake. We would love to keep building this event to be more exciting every year. We would love to see racers from all the clubs. Our club is working hard to establish rules and regulations to provide prior to this event. We have established a track run length of 1/8th of a mile. We also are upgrading the radar gun and digital display sign for riders and spectators. We will continue to have a variety of race classes to allow everyone to get involved and bring home a trophy. And we have not forgotten about the speed freaks who will run for The KING of the Hill title and prize money of 500.00. This is a great time to bring out the family to enjoy a day outdoors we have a concession stand available and a 50/50 drawing so there will be something for everyone.

Until next month: REMEMBER, when in doubt, use full throttle. It may not improve the situation, but it will end the suspense. (I personally feel like most of our club riders use this motto!!) Holly Thomas, BHSC Secretary





**Randal Knadle**, age 74, of De Smet, SD, passed away Monday, October 10, 2022, at the De Smet Hospital in De Smet, SD.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 14, 2022, at American Lutheran Church in De Smet, SD.

Randy was born October 1, 1948, in Watertown, SD to Ernest and Hazel (Schenck) Knadle.

He graduated from Hazel High School in 1966. After graduation, Randy went to work for Erickson Oil Products, and he also worked for Montgomery Wards in Minneapolis, MN.

On May 22, 1971, he was united in marriage to Myrna Wiseman, from this union two sons were born, Robert and Richard.

The family moved to De Smet in 1978, where Randy started his own business, Randy's Service. After 35 years of tinkering and fixing he retired in 2013.

In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and helping others. Randy took pride in driving the groomer for the Town & Country Snowdrifters for more than 20 years. He always made sure the trails were safe and ready for all the local snowmobilers. Randy was someone you could rely on for advice, help, or a kind wave.

Randy is survived by his wife, Myrna; two sons, Robert (Lori) Knadle, Richard Knadle; grandsons, Keegan Knadle, Parker (Nikki) Christeson, Dawson (Kenzie) Christeson; great-grandson, Kellen Christeson; brothers, Jim Knadle, Terry Knadle, Mark Knadle; and sisters, JoAnn Adamek, Marilyn Kirsch, Beverly Reinhart, and Linda Maag.

Randy was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Hazel; brothers, Gene, William; and sister, Sheila.

**Douglas C. Moeller**, 72, of Bryant, SD, passed away on December 24, 2022, in his home surrounded by family.

Funeral Services were held Friday, December 30, 2022, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bryant, SD.

Doug was born on December 11, 1950, to Charles and Ona (Legler) Moeller in Estelline, SD. Doug was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Ona, and his only sibling, Charlotte.



Doug grew up in Bryant and graduated from Bryant High School in 1969. Growing up, he enjoyed hunting with friends and family. In high school, he enjoyed playing football, hauling water for his grandpa Moeller to local farms, and he built a love for snowmobiling after borrowing his uncle Buster's Polaris.

After high school, Doug served two years in the US Army, stationed in various locations in the United States and Germany. He was discharged from the service in November of 1972 and went to work driving truck for his father, Charles.

Doug married Bonnie (Weelborg) on February 24, 1973, and continued driving for his dad until 1988, when his dad passed away. At that time, Doug & Bonnie took over Moeller Truck Service and continued to operate until only recently.

One of Doug's passions was riding snowmobiles. There were many trips to the mountains with family and friends. Doug enjoyed golfing with family and friends. Camping became Doug's favorite leisure in later years, enjoying many summers at area lakes, often surrounded by his grandchildren.

Above all else, his three granddaughters: Cadence, Aubrey, and Makayla, gave Grandpa Moeller the most joy.

Doug was a member of the Bryant American Legion. He served on the Bryant City Council, Lake Region Golf Course, Bryant Cinema Board, and Ducks Unlimited.

Doug is survived by his wife Bonnie, his sons Joe (Jess) and David (Susan), and his grandchildren Cadence, Aubrey, and Makayla. Doug is also survived by his Uncle Curtis, Aunt Beverly, cousins, and nieces, and nephews.

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**11. Neal Boeke**  
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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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-Radar Run Black Hills Snowmobile Club

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February 5

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