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SDSA Board of Directors at the annual meeting: Back row: Duane Duerr, Chris VanDenHemel. Next Row, Tracey Erickson, Mike Boock & Greg Nordstrom. Next Row Diane Hiles, Kelly Weaver, Jason Shepherd, and Lee Olson. Front Row: Mary Anne Grabow, Pat Hanten-Duerr and Trace Damm. Below is some of the club delegates at the annual meeting.





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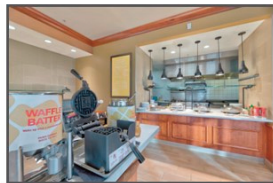
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Kelly Weaver, SDSA President



Snowmobilers are awesome people!! I'm putting the finishing touches on this article as we travel home from the 2023 Convention, and wow! We celebrated some great ones this weekend with tears and laughter. First, we had the chance to thank Diane Hiles for her fine work as our Treasurer. She has put many good

practices in place to pass along to her successor, Lisa Cain. Next Kim Raap was inducted into the SDSA Hall of Fame. Snowmobiling has been the focus of his entire career. It was under his leadership that the Grant in Aid program came to be in South Dakota. For the past 20 years he has provided valuable consulting in states across the snowbelt to help state and national leaders form good policy and advocate for snowmobiling. Lastly, in a matter of 30 minutes, snowmobilers opened their hearts and their wallets to raise over \$4,500 for the YETIS Scholarship in memory Jon LaFramboise which will assure the first scholarship could be awarded this season. Thank you to Mike Boock for spearheading this effort! Last but not least, congratulations to all the award winners. You keep this organization moving forward!

The Siouxland Sno Trackers were great hosts! Thanks to all the volunteers, seen and unseen, who made this happen. A big thank you to all the donors who provided items for the live and silent auctions. Your donations, coupled with the generous bidders, help keep SDSA financially strong. No convention would run smoothly without the extra effort of our SDSA team. Thank you Mary Anne, Diane and Lisa!

I am excited to welcome Darin Cooper, Jackson Wenger and Nathan VanZee to our SDSA Board and congratulate Mike Boock who will be stepping up as President Elect. With Darin Cooper in the District 1 seat, we will have a full board for the first time in many years. Thanks to outgoing board members Greg Nordstrom and Tracey Erickson for their year's of service.

As I spent time at the Sioux Falls Ramkota, I was reminded how many snowmobile memories I have had at that very venue. The first memory that came to mind dated all the way back to 2004 when we hosted the International Snowmobile Congress. Jim and I served on the planning team so we made several trips to Sioux Falls and spent a great

week hosting hundreds of snowmobilers from US, Canada and even Sweden. The South Dakota Buffaloes in the saloon-themed hospitality room were a great hit. Fast forward several years and it was here in 2018 that I was first elected to the board as District 3 Director. And now, five short years later, this place is where I will remember being elected President of SDSA. My, how time does fly!

I just love attending the SDSA Convention to reconnect with snowmobile friends across the state and learn about the latest happenings in our industry, the good, the bad and the ugly. I always come away energized to take new ideas and information home to my club. As a Director and now as President, my perspective has expanded to the state and even national activities. Two issues that should be on every snowmobiler's radar is the update of the Black Hills National Forest Management Plan and a revising our user fee structures in South Dakota for snowmobilers.

The Forest Management Plan will set the course for the next 15 years. The new Forest Supervisor, Shawn Cochran, will start on January 14 with 22 years with the Forest Service largely outside of the snowbelt. A lot has changed since the current management plan was completed in 2006. We, as a snowmobile community, will need to be engage in this process. Continued use of the forest for motorized vehicle access is NOT guaranteed. Please engage with testimony or letters when the ask is made. We'll share time sensitive information through all SDSA communication channels. You can also track the activity at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/blackhills/landmanagement/planning/>.

Further discussion was held on revising the snowmobile fee structure during the Snowmobile Advisory Council meeting. Additional research is being gathered on options to begin the education process for legislators and snowmobilers alike. Non resident user fees and increased licensing fees for residents have been the topic of discussion. These are fees we are choosing to impose on ourselves as snowmobilers to maintain our trails. We, SDSA members, will need to carry this message to the legislature to get the changes made. Watch for more details as they develop. Check out all the great SDSA and club sponsored events coming up including 2 Sno Cross events and our SDSA Legislative and Membership Ride (aka Governor's Ride) on Feb. 10. Please join us! If we even have half the snow of last winter, it could be a winter filled with lots of fun!

As your new President, I welcome your input and questions. How can SDSA work for you and your sport? See you on the trail, Kelly

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Mike Boock



Hello snowmobilers,

First off, "Thank You!" for trusting me to be the next President-Elect! I will work hard to fight for you and our amazing organization. We now have a FULL Board of Directors that will continue to educate others about our sport and try to grow our clubs. I look forward to working with them over the next six years. Congratulations to Kelly Weaver, our new President. I have always enjoyed working with her over the years on different committees. She is extremely organized and cares deeply about our organization and its success. I believe this new Board of Directors will do amazing things and am honored to be a part of it. I would like to welcome Darin Cooper, Jackson Wenger, and Nathan VanZee to the Board, as well as our new treasurer, Lisa Cain. Tracey Erickson will be leaving the board and Diane Hiles is retiring from the treasurer position. I want to personally thank both of them for their years of service to the board and SDSA.

It was great to see everyone at the Sioux Falls convention and I am already looking forward to Brookings next year. SDSA has not received any bids for the 2025 convention yet, so please talk to your clubs and consider hosting a convention. If your club is smaller, consider partnering up with another club. Hosting a convention is a great way to make some money for your club while building comradery amongst your members. Let's work together to get a bid in for 2025.

To those that donated to the special YETI's Endowment Fund in Memory of Jon LaFramboise... Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! We raised over \$4000 for this fund at the Sioux Falls Convention! We can now provide a \$1000 Scholarship for a YETI next year. The scholarship process will be provided soon. Thanks again for helping to keep Jon's legacy going and providing the youth of our Association an opportunity to be successful in their academics. Jon was looking down on us with a big old smile and you all stepped up in true Jon LaFramboise fashion. Now, we need to keep the momentum going as we go back to our clubs. The Watertown Snowmobile Club gave \$500 and is challenging the other clubs to match or beat their donation. I know we can get the rest of the money for this endowment fund raised before next year's convention.

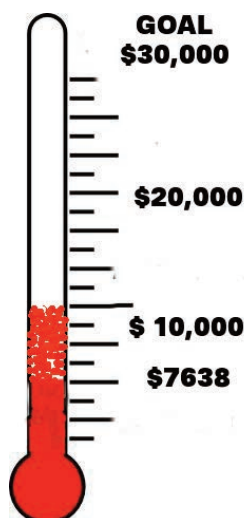
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with the UTV's as, for the most part, UTV's cause more damage to the terrain than a snowmobile. I believe most snowmobilers don't like riding on dirt, but UTV riders enjoy whatever you put in front of them. The biggest complaint we hear about snowmobilers is trespassing and loud exhaust. If everyone would lay off the throttle when around the housing areas and quit trespassing, we will have snowmobile trails for years to come. Just remember to pay attention to the trail map when you are around housing. There are many trails in the Black Hills that go through private property. These people have signed lease agreements with GF&P and are allowing us to usually cut miles off our routes or access areas that would otherwise be off-limits. Please be respectful and stay off private property. If the sign says "Stay on Trail" please be respectful and obey. Think snow and I hope to see you on the mountain or the trails soon!

Stay safe,
Mike Boock

To the left:

Here's where we stand with fundraising for the YETI Scholarship that was established in honor of Jon LaFramboise! After convention, new total is \$10,746! Let's continue to grow it!





Duane Duerr, SDSA Past President

Wow what a ride! It is hard to believe that the two years as SDSA President is complete. It was really something I am proud I did. There are so many things that I have learned and experienced with the position.

Siouxland Sno Trackers what a great Convention. Great work on the Beer & Bull and Auction. Great meeting Presentations, speakers Sponsors. I know I could not have done this without the clubs support.

SDSA "Board members" Mike Boock, Tracey Erickson, Jason Shepherd, Trace Damm, Lee Olson, Pat Hanten Duerr, "Vice President" Kelly Weaver, "Past President" Greg Nordstrom and Mary Anne Grabow "Secretary" and Diane Hiles "Treasurer" I could not have done this without all of you.

Club visits were one of the highlights of the position. Each one has some unique things that they offer their members that make them special.

Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers is something that is important that we keep funded to support are members that are in need.

The Jon LaFramboise Yetis Scholarship funds growth is crucial not only to remember Jon but to continue the growth and support of the Youth in the SDSA Organization. I am so proud to see the contribution given at the SDSA Convention.

I had the opportunity to attend a DC Fly in and got to see why it is so important that we keep an active connection to each of our legislators to protect our right to ride.

With Interlakes Sports Center winning the "International Dealer of the year award" I had the opportunity to go to Eagle River and the National Snowmobile Museum. It is an experience everyone needs to see.

Mountain Riding Conference took me to West Yellowstone for an excellent meeting and a very Beautiful Snowmobile riding experience.

Getting the chance to represent SDSA at the summers ISC (International Snowmobile Congress) meeting was special. To be in the room with so many dedicated snowmobilers is special.

ACSA keeps all the states connected we need to support their memberships and buy calendars they keep us connected.

I am looking forward to Serving the next two years as past president and hope to continue to make a difference that benefit snowmobiling in South Dakota.

SDSA Past President Duane Duerr



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This time last year I was writing about the great snow conditions that we had on both sides of the state for the start of the season. Unfortunately, I can't write about that right now, but I'm confident those days will quickly be approaching us. I can just feel it as I know you can too.

Instead of talking great snow conditions, lets talk about the great memories that were once again created at the snowmobile convention hosted in Sioux Falls. Sioux Falls Sno Trackers put on a great convention, and I was happy to be back as last year I had covid during the convention and really missed attending.



The convention always kicks off with Game Fish and Parks staff meeting with the Governor Appointed Snowmobile Advisory Council. This was the first time our new Parks and Recreation Division Director Jeff Vanmeeteren was able to meet with members of the council and other snowmobile enthusiasts who were in the audience. What followed was a healthy discussion about the future of snowmobiling, while looking into the past. I will always enjoy listening to those who were around when it all started as it's our job in today's time to make sure those efforts weren't wasted, and we continue moving this program forward in a sustainable way for future generations to come. I thought the discussion that took place, did exactly that and look forward to many more of those passionate discussions.

After the council meeting, Shannon chauffeured me around the looped portion of the Snotrackers trail system to continue getting trail evaluations done. Seems I'm running behind on this subject with 6 trail systems left and it's nice to have a driver and teach a little East River signing logic!

After that of course it was time to enjoy some Beer N' Bull with a great group of people. Always enjoy this part of the convention and the one-on-one conversations I get to experience with so many. I hope some conversations were able to solve some of our problems and others we just enjoyed a good story or two.

I hope everybody was able to grab some maps so they can be distributed across your local communities. If you didn't get any maps, please let me know and I can make sure to get you covered. I'll also be sending out your grant and equipment agreements and still have a few updated Grants and reimbursement forms to fill send out.

In closing I want to again thank the Sioux Falls Snotrackers for a wonderful convention and look forward to next year's in Brookings. I hope everyone stays safe and we start seeing some white gold flying across South Dakota soon!

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Diane Hiles, SDSA Treasurer

Just a quick recap of the convention fundraising. These are Preliminary figures as of 12-3-2023 and may change slightly as we get through processing all the activity.

YETIS Live Auction - \$350.00 from 1 auction items

YETIS Silent Action - \$538.00 from 12 auction items

Total YETIS Live and Silent Combined - \$888.00

Pro-rated Distributions

YETIS @ 50% = \$444.00

SDSA @ 25% = \$222.00

Host Club @ 25% = \$222.00

SDSA Live Auction - \$16,750.00 from 107 auction items with 67 bid numbers given out.

SDSA Silent Auction - \$3332.00 from 87 auction items

Total SDSA Live and Silent Combined - \$20,082.00

Pro-rated Distributions

SDSA @ 65% = \$13,053.33

Host Club @ 35% = \$ 7,028,67

John Green Painting auctioned for \$1,700.00

\$850.00 to John Green

\$850.00 to SDSA

Total combined Live Auction, Silent Auction, John Green Painting and YETIS Auction raised \$22,670.00!!

What a Fantastic Auction!! Both the Live and Silent auctions offered a great variety of clothing, helmets, gear of all sorts, vacation packages, signs, handmade items, food baskets and of course 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 holds the highest amount raised and also has the record for the combined Live and Silent Auctions at \$20,343.00. However, the Grand Total of the Live, Silent, John Green Painting and YETIS Auctions from 2020 still holds the record for overall highest amount raised at \$25,833.00.

2023 SDSA Big Payout!

Total Raffle Sales \$25,800.00 - 1290 tickets sold

Prizes

Grand Prize \$ 7,500.00 - Richard Kornmann, Sioux Falls

Second Ticket Drawn \$ 1,000.00 - Richard Kornmann, Sioux Falls

Club Selling Most Tickets \$ 500.00 - Poinsett Pounders Snowmobile Club

Net Proceeds to SDSA **\$16,800.00**

A huge shoutout to all of the clubs for getting their tickets back timely, but mostly for getting their tickets back SOLD!! The goal was to sell at least 1250 tickets to make the budget figures and we met that goal!!!

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2023-2024 Back the Ride Donor Program
Copper Donor Sponsor Level - Jim and Kelly
 Weaver, Aberdeen

SnoCross Sled Raffle

\$1,080.00 came in from the first sale of the \$10 raffle tickets for the MXZ 200 Skidoo sled. Tickets will be sold at the Deadwood Sno Cross (Jan 26-27) and at the Sioux Falls Sno Cross (Mar 1-2). Drawing will not take place until after the Sno Cross in Sioux Falls is held and with at least 1000 tickets sold. Tickets are available to purchase and if clubs what to help sell tickets, contact Mary Anne to have tickets sent out to you.

YETIS Scholarship Endowment Fund in memory of Jon Laframboise

Mike Boock challenged banquet attendees to support the YETIS Scholarship Endowment Fund in memory of Jon Laframboise and with a pass of the hat, \$3,292 was collected in a matter of just a few minutes. In addition, the Watertown Snowmobile Club donated \$500.00 and challenged other clubs to do the same and another \$300 came in shortly thereafter to push the total over \$4,000. The Siouxland Sno-Trackers donated the proceeds from the bean bag tournament of \$320.00. As a result, a \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded in 2024 and \$3,412.00 will be added to the endowment fund.

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. Snowmobilers are a very generous and genuine group of people!!

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 = Friends * Family * Fun! Great Job Siouxland Sno Trackers on bringing us together so all of this could happen!

And now for this month's article:

In my first article as Treasurer, I told you that I had a dedicated interest in doing quality work in a professional manner. I enjoy the mechanics of a good book-keeping system and how numbers and math run together. I have several years' experience in record-keeping ranging from a diversified farming operation to a church, to an LLC, to household and personal to

which I have now added a state snowmobile organization. I told you then that I would strive to maintain accurate financial records and provide complete and concise financial information to the SDSA Board of Directors which they can then use for informed decision making. Now, 8.5 years later, I feel I can say that I met that goal. We have fine-tuned the chart of accounts and rearranged reports for the various accounts held by SDSA to what we have today to be a good source of financial information for the Board of Directors to utilize. We are in good shape money wise, and it is a good time to complete a transition.

As we were driving home from the convention this morning, I realized that when I attended my first full convention in 2003, Greg was first elected to the SDSA Board. As he finished up his last term as Past President, I went on the Board as Treasurer. So when we attend next year's convention in Brookings, hosted by the Dakota Drifters, (December 6 and 7, 2024) it will be the first convention in 20 years that neither one of us will have a job or responsibility to attend to. It's been quite a ride to say the least.

With that said, I am submitting my final article to the Sno Plainsman. After having written well over 130 articles as club secretary, ISC 2016 chair and as SDSA Treasurer, not to mention (or include) the various articles I may have helped Greg with in some way to submit during his time on the SDSA and ACSA Boards as well, this will be the biggest and best responsibility to be done with!!! LOL

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, but please do so before December 31st. After that date, you can reach out to Lisa Cain, your new SDSA Treasurer. Lisa, I wish you all the best in your new endeavor as SDSA Treasurer.

Wishing you all a Blessed and Merry Christmas!!! Hope to meet you on the trail somewhere out and about enjoying the winter wonderland God creates for us to enjoy!!

Diane Hiles
 SDSA Treasurer



Mary Anne Grabow, SDSA Secretary/Editor

Wow! What a convention we had! It was an unbelievably successful event for SDSA and for the Siouxland Sno Trackers. So many great things were accomplished and if you read the directors and officers stories you will know everything that happened and I certainly don't need to repeat it all to you!

I'm past deadline (that I set for myself) on finishing up this issue. I'm scheduled for surgery tomorrow and I just don't want to have to think about work for a good week! Everyone was great about getting their articles in promptly.

Welcome aboard, Jackson Wenger and Nathan VanZee (to the Board) and welcome Lisa Cain to the treasurer's position. She'll write an intro in the next issue for you all to read. Welcome back, Darin Cooper. Thanks for stepping up, again. Congratulations to Kelly Weaver as our new President and to Mike Boock as our President-Elect.

I feel like I'm on a treadmill trying to get everything accomplished that needs to be before I head out the door. And, right in the middle of it all.....Thursday, November 30 as I am packing to leave for convention, my daughter, Ali calls and says "Mom, can you come to the hospital?" Yes, our 13th grandchild, Lorenzo was born at 5:08 on Thursday. He is perfect as can be. And we were thrilled that he decided to arrive before Grandma was consumed with work. Lorenzo was 8# 7 oz and Ali is a tiny little thing.....but all is well. He makes 5 grandsons and 8 grand-daughters for our family. We do believe that he will be the last grandchild but then, again, we have thought that before! I believe we've had 2 more since we thought we were done. Photo to right is Lorenzo. Photo below is at the SDSA Auction. Kim Raap shows what is being auctioned currently.





Greetings from Watertown! It's been a slow start to winter with it being in the 50's the last day of November! So we sit and wait for our favorite season. We did have a dusting of snow and our kids made a path thru the ditches before it melted. Otherwise nothing too exciting from our club yet this month.

Our delegates had a good time at the convention. We decided to forgo the holiday parade this year and although it was nice to have a break it just didn't feel right so hopefully next year we can

start earlier getting our float ready and have more helpers! We are honored to have received the award for club with the largest increase of members at the convention!

Til next month everyone have a very Merry Christmas!!

Reporting
Amy Sowers



Kristina Schmidt and Bill Shepherd are pictured to the left at the bean bag tournament Saturday evening.

C L U B N E W S

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We have been busy at the Interlakes Snow Roamers. We had a meeting last month and held elections. We now have a new president along with a vice president and two new board members.

We have the trails installed and linked up with the Sioux Land Snow Trackers Club. Coming up we will be having a vintage snowmobile show at the

Hillside Resort on Saturday February 3rd.

In September we hosted a get together and snowmobile show with the Siouxland Club. I was unable to attend but I saw plenty of pictures. It looked like a fun and fantastic time.

The state convention has come and gone as I am writing this at the convention. It has definitely been a great time seeing everyone with great conversations and tons of new things learned.

Hopefully everyone is doing their snow dancing so we can get some riding in on the East side of the state as well as out in The Black Hills.

WE NEED YOU!
SDSA will accept bids to
host the 2025
SDSA Annual Convention
until February 1.

If your club is interested, please
contact the SDSA office to submit
your bid!

Siouxland Sno Trackers wants to extend a thank you to everyone that attended the 54th SDSA Convention at the Best western Ramkota in Sioux Falls, SD. We hope all of you had a great time.

- Thank you to the Interlakes Sno Roamers for the "Best of Vintage" display that you provided. Thank you to Gina Lemley and your father for displaying the 1956 Snow Traveler and everything that goes with it!
- We also want to thank everyone that provided auction Items to make the Beer and Bull and Silent Auction such a huge success.
- Thank you to Terry Brick for the Great job of Auctioneering.
- Thank you to all the Sponsors Like Nordstroms, Vern Eide Motoplex, Alliance, Sioux Valley Energy, Polaris Ride Command, Arrowhead Drags, Track Inc, Tucker and Polaris Industries.
- Thank you to the Vendors, Palace Motor Sports, Roelofsen Implement, Polaris Ride Command, Arrowhead Drags, Track, Tucker and Poderosa Hills.
- Thank you to Scott Mundt for sharing the upcoming weather information with us.
- Thank you to the Dakota Drifters Snowmobile Club for the great Hospitality Room. We are looking forward to the 55th SDSA Convention in Brookings.
- Congratulations to Richard Kornmann for winning the Big Wins drawing and the Poinsett Pounders for selling the most Tickets.



C L U B N E W S



It's feels like we all just left each other..... oh, wait we did just hours ago after leaving another great SDSA snowmobile convention. As reports continue to come for our winter seasons it may appear that the **WHITE GOLD** (as I have heard it referred to recently) may be on the light side. Therefore, I hope everyone is putting a little more effort into that snow dance the rest of the season.

We will start off with a little bit of bragging about our **Black Hills Snowmobile Club Parade of Lights** float. After hours of assembling, prepping, final touches and the energy the club members and families who road on the float themed "**Family**

Night Ride". We won the **Holiday Magic Best** overall entry for a non-profit.

The 54th Annual SDSA Convention December 1 & 2nd was as usual, a great success. We gathered in Sioux Falls to see friends from neighboring clubs. I remember someone saying, if you don't have fun at the conventions, you just are not trying. Along with the great comradery there were great seminars and guest speakers. A few new board positions were completed, one being our own Darren Cooper who will represent District 1 along with Jack Wenger who will set into the District 2 representative position. Mike Boock will graciously move up to the President Elect position. Thank you all for your dedication to the snowmobiling community and we can't wait to hear more from each of them.

An additional surprise at the Banquet was Mike Boock who initiated a challenge to raise money for the Yetis Scholarship Fund that was established in honor of Jon LaFramboise. He started off with his own donation and in true snowmobile fashion as the hat was passed around the convention room it was quickly filled. At the end this simple gesture raised 4,000 dollars that will allow them to offer a scholarship this year. I heard someone say, "snowmobilers are the most given group of people" and I could not be prouder of our members and clubs. With this the Watertown snowmobile club add \$500.00 and a challenge to other clubs to do the same for the YETIS Scholarship Fund.

The night ended with a cornhole tournament and once again our Black Hills Snowmobile Club represented well. As teams began to fall it was our own Sheridan LaFramboise and Holly Thomas as team **Bags No Balls** took second place. They felt the support from the other 5 BHSC teams and really appreciated it.

Looking forward we have the ISOC Amsoil Snocross in Deadwood January 26th and 27th. Along with a SAVE THE DATE reminder for our Annual **THUNDER on ICE**- Radar Run Saturday February 17th. Please follow our club Facebook page for further details.

Until next month--- **No Matter How Bad Your Day Is... remember Snowmobiling Will Always Make It Better.**

H o l l y
Thomas
Black Hills
Snowmobile
Club Secre-
tary





Hi all, we have all of our trails marked, Groomer and Sled are ready, just waiting for the white stuff. I am writing this article on the eve of the 2023 State Snowmobile Convention in Sioux Falls. Our club had a blast hosting the hospitality room and attending all of the meetings and seminars that the convention offered. Thanks to Dwaine and Gayle Chapel, Tonia and Ron Benthin, and Lisa Cain for all of your work organizing the Hospitality room, the fun ran late into the night! A big thank you goes out to the Siouxland Sno-Trackers for hosting a great convention! We also want to wish our club secretary Lisa Cain good luck as she also now takes on the position of Treasurer with the SDSA organization! Congratulations to several of the Dakota Drifters club members for winning awards this year. Gayle Chapel was awarded Woman Snowmobiler of the Year, the Spiering Family with Walt, Shirley, Greg and Lisa were chosen as Snowmobiler Family of the Year, and Lynn Nilsson won the award for Groomer of the Year. Congratulations to you all, and thank you for all that you guys do!

The Dakota Drifters are proud to be hosting the 2024 State Snowmobile Convention next December in Brookings. Plans are really starting to come together, thanks to a bunch of help from local businesses and other clubs who are offering help and guidance to make next year's convention the best ever, come Experience The Rush with us. Our Annual Dakota Drifters Charity/Poker Ride will be Feb. 3rd, 2024. This is one of our biggest events for the year where we raise money for a local charity. We hope everyone makes plans to attend the charity ride this year and invite all of the clubs to come enjoy the day with us! We will also be hosting several other club rides throughout the winter. We also have our December Meeting/Christmas Party on December 13th at 7:00pm at The Lanes in Brookings. We will have food, Christmas treats, and free bowling for all club members, wear your best Christmas Sweater and celebrate the Holiday with us!

Lynn Nilsson, Dakota Drifters.

Hello from the Great Plains Snowtrailers,

Well it is only about 20 days until Christmas and we have no snow on the ground. It would be nice to have a white Christmas as well as be able to get those sleds out over the holidays.

We held our club meeting on December 5 at Ryan's Hanger Restaurant in Huron with 7 members in attendance.

The trail is all in and has been inspected and now we wait for snow. We are anticipating snow and hope to be able to have a poker ride again this year. We had a good turn out last year and would like to do it again if we get snow.

Our club also entered a tree in the Christmas Tree Festival located in the lobby of the Huron Event Center. If you have not had a chance to take a look at all of the trees, stop and take a look.

We are planning on doing our annual club ride in the Black Hills on January 12-14, 2024. This year we will be doing a brat feed on Saturday, January 13 at Dumont warming shelter (snow permitting). We would like to extend an invitation to all clubs and snowmobilers to join us for lunch around 1PM. If you are interested in stopping by for lunch and the fun please contact Vince Jager at 605-350-8991 or email at great.plains.snowtrailers@hotmail.com. This will help us to plan accordingly for the lunch.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at the Scoreboard in Huron.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!
Brenda Jager
Great Plains Snowtrailers



Governor's Ride Saturday, February 10

To assist in the meal and social planning for the Governor's Ride,

YOU ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO PRE-REGISTER
GOVERNOR'S RIDE PRE-REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Email

Adult Registration is \$15.00

Youth (6-12) Registration is \$7.50

No charge for children under 6

Please make checks payable to SDSA and send with your registration to:

SDSA OFFICE
P O Box 206
Gary, SD 57237

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors August 12, 2023 4th Floor Capitol Building Room 412 Pierre SD.

Meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by President Duane Duerr.

Mary Anne called roll call with the following present: Duane Duerr & Kelly Weaver were in the room as well as Diane Hiles, Treasurer & Mary Anne Grabow, Secretary. By zoom we had: Greg Nordstrom, Lee Olson, Tracey Erickson, Pat Hanten-Duerr, Jason Shepherd and Trace Damm. Mike Boock was not present.

Guests were: Jim Weaver, Ryan Raynor, Greg Spiering and Lisa Cain (the last 2 by zoom).

Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda. Tracey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Tracey made a motion to approve the minutes. Greg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Report: Diane gave the financial report in detail. Kelly made a motion to approve the report and file for review. Trace seconded the motion. The motion carried.

President report: Yetis are planning a meeting/get together tomorrow. Duane will attend that. ACSA has a youth Ambassador Program survey they'd like our youth to participate in. Sno Plainsman Report: Mary Anne covered the advertising that has been contacted and went over the deadline for the board for their first issue of the Sno Plainsman.

Government Relations: ACSA news came out that we should fill out the survey about the Bridger-Teton mountains.

Grants: -

\$5000 Skidoo Sno pass grant – Due September 15

- Protecting or increasing access to playgrounds
- Reinventing your club
- Making snowmobiling accessible
- Trail development

Snowmobile Day Due October 10

\$200 grant –

ISMA Grant – due October 1

Back the Ride: Tracey made a motion to continue Back the Ride as is. Greg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Fundraiser: Tickets have been distributed for both fundraisers.

Safety Trailer – Diane sent the trailer license tabs. Water damage is present. Trace was asking for input from the board. Tabled the conversation on the trailer. Trace will have fixed and get us the bill.

Convention:

Met through the summer. They are having sponsors. Same levels as what the back the ride ones are. Club is looking for an auctioneer. Club Presidents will receive an update on the convention. Will have a bean bag tournament similar to Aberdeen's. Donation forms will be sent out prior to convention to help with the day's busy-ness. TShirts and sweatshirts will be order only and can be picked up at convention. Madison's club will handle the vintage show. There will also be a Groomer Roundtable led by Ryan on Friday afternoon.

Membership & Website-

Duane suggested using a QR code on trails or in associate member businesses. Much discussion ensued. \$500 per month is charged by the company that does this but the question was raised "Can we do this in house?" Kelly said she can made QR codes. Questions came up on can we put a QR code on the maps or on signs of "you are here". Ryan will check into our options. A separate page would be needed on the website for this part of the membership. Do we need a license for a QR code? Suggestion was made to have a QR code for the maps as well. Kelly suggested a free QR code for this season and test this all out. Duane appointed the membership committee to follow up on the QR code.

Membership report: Diane went over the numbers.

Reg.	Assoc	Legacy		
CLUB MEMBERSHIP	524	105		
36				
SDSA ONLY MEMBERSHIP	102			
18	1			
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	626	123		
37				

663 regular memberships

123 Associate memberships

Awards:

We discussed having a club of the year recognition at convention. Directors could recommend a club for recognition and the award would be something like – they get to go thru line first for food, get a VIP seating at things, etc.

Suggestion of a traveling plaque rather than a trophy was made. Kelly made a motion to change the two awards from a trophy to a 12 year plaque thru the mail order place that MaryAnne uses for carshows. Greg seconded the motion. Much discussion was held. Motion carried but not unanimously. There was one nay recorded. The directors in that area would need to bring the plaques to the August meeting so it can be ready for convention each year.

We should work on things to praise clubs for. A discussion was held regarding club of the year. ACSA awards were discussed and whether the ACSA application is daunting to a club for application. No real decisions were made.

Perhaps we should re-do the agenda for the annual meeting and include time for a 2 minute report from each club. President's meeting is for everyone not just the club president. It's technically a brainstorm session. Refer to it as something other than Presidents meeting. Key club meeting hosted by the President was suggested but no decision was made.

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Bylaws & right to ride. No report

Safety: Safety course is still accessible on line and there are codes for free entry to those courses.

Charity: Donations were:

South Dakota National:\$10,720

Local: \$34,470

Total: \$45,190

Hours: 6,876

Number of clubs: 23

Clubs reporting: 11

How SDSA Ranked:

- SDSA - 5th in Total Charity Contributions
- SDSA- 3rd in Total Local Charity Contributions
- SDSA- 6th in Total National Charity Contributions
- SDSA - 4th in Hours Donated
- ***11 of 23 SDSA Clubs Reported
- 17 of 28 ISC Organizations reported

Investment: Positive position on gains at this point.

Trails Specialist:

Healthy discussion was held this morning.

Grant proposals were \$308,703.

Increased reimbursements were approved by the Advisory Council.

Brief of what occurred at the meeting this morning:

Fuel remained the same – budget authority of \$4.75

Maintenance & repair was at \$8 hr and would be \$13 hr

State grooming was \$12.50 and would be \$13.00 based on starting salary for the Black Hills crew.

Club owned groomers was \$69 hr and would be \$72 hr.

Signing was \$10 per mile and would be \$15 per mile.

Storage for the club's groomers was \$1500 and would be \$2500. (including private owned groomers)

All of these changes have to be run past the GFP administration.

Budget concerns were discussed. The trail fund balance is the lowest it has been since 2008 at \$552,246.

Due to that a suggestion from the Advisory Council was to increase the 5 day temporary from \$40to \$50 and to increase the resident license fee from

\$10 for \$20. These became motions from Advisory that were approved. This wouldn't be implemented until 2026 if all goes in motion, and it goes thru the proper channels in the legislature.

RTP was also discussed at the Advisory Council at great length. Questions were brought up as to how the funds are used, etc. A trailhead is being put in below the lodge at Deadwood. The feeling was that snowmobilers wouldn't use that much since the trail doesn't go to that spot for snowmobilers.

Scholarship: Elizabeth Brakefield from Aberdeen & Austin Cooper from Spearfish were this year's winners. Elizabeth also was chosen as the International Snowmobile Media Council winner this year as well. Mary Anne presented the award and Kelly accepted the award on her behalf.

There is \$5138.53 currently in the Yeti's Scholarship fund. We had hoped to raise \$25,000 - \$30,000.

Governor's Ride: Meeting week prior to President's Day again this year. February 9 and 10, 2024.

5 minute break was called at 12:45.

Meeting reconvened at 12:52.

Snocross – waiting for the schedule to be announced yet.

Old Business

Online Auction: Possibly pursue for in the future based on volunteer availability.

SOPS: changes needed for trophy to plaque. Do we need to add recognition of club.

Treasurer: We began advertising for the Treasurer July 27th.

Do we want to add it SD Labor Site?

Should we boost on facebook? Kelly

looked into local firm for financials

which would run \$100 - \$300/month.

Both numbers would include payroll.

The lower would be just doing posting

and someone else would handle the

deposits. \$300 would be doing all of

the work (deposits etc.)Tracey made a

motion to spend \$50 on facebook

boosts. Greg seconded the motion.

Motion carried. Kelly has visited with

Tracy Olson regarding questions for

an interview.

Convention: Lisa Cain spoke about

convention. Greg & Lisa went to Sioux Falls club meeting and got lots of help. They are working on hospitality among other things.

Adobe Acrobat:Kelly made a motion to get one license on MaryAnne's computer to use or to share. Greg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Venmo account- Still in process since we will be getting a new treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS

Snogoer Ad – Greg made a motion to include the same clubs as last year and collect from the funds after the fact. Jason seconded the motion. The price this year is \$59.

Tax Preparation: Kelly made a motion to use Wilkinson & Schumacher for tax preparation. Greg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Convention: We need a club to host 2025. * We also need a President – Elect to step up at this years convention.Greg made a motion to adjourn. Tracey seconded the motion.

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Zoom call Monday,October 9, 2023

Meeting of the Board of Directors for SDSA.Board came out of executive session at 7:36 p.m.

Present were: Duane Duerr, Kelly Weaver, Mike Boock, Lee Olson, Jason Shepherd & Trace Damm. Diane Hiles & Mary Anne Grabow were also in attendance.

Motion was made by Mike to hire Lisa Cain for the SDSA Treasurer (assuming that she passes her back ground check) paid \$1,800 per year as 1099 contractor (similar to current Treasurer)

- The position will begin January 1, 2024.

- Two months of training will be provided during November and December 2023 with a payment of \$150 per month

- Contracts are reviewed annually for renewal effective July 1, the start of the fiscal year.

Kelly seconded the motion. Motion carried. An internal audit will be conducted prior to convention.

Discussion was held about Sno Cross as Mike will be on vacation during those dates.



Scenes from convention



Darin Cooper, District 1 Director

Hello from District 1. Well, another great convention in the books, thanks to the Sioux Falls Sno-trackers. A big thank you to the outgoing board members, Greg Nordstrom and Tracey Erickson and a huge thank you to Diane Hiles for her many years of dedicated service, you will be greatly missed. The legacy membership gained a few more very very deserving people that I've known for what seems like ever. If all I gain from being an SDSA member is the friendships then it is well worth it.

I'm sure Mike Boock will touch on the LaFramboise/Yetis scholarship fund that got a little boost at the banquet but I would like to add my encouragement to all clubs to help this endowment fund reach it's goal.

Not much to report from the Northern hills, some snow is in the forecast but so is warm temps. Make plans to attend the Deadwood snocross. Stay safe and see ya on the trails.

Darin Cooper



Jackson Wenger, District 2 Director

Good morning, good afternoon and good evening from district 2.

Another successful convention is in the books and a great time was had as always!

As the new director of district 2 I would like to take this time to introduce myself. My name is Jack A. Wenger Jr., and I go by Jackson. I grew up on a dairy farm near Mills, Nebraska and I moved to rapid city after high school in 1994 to go to Western Dakota Tech to become an electrician. I currently own and operate a general contracting and electrical contracting business. LeAnn and I were blessed with 3 boys; Jack III, Brody and Kamdyn.

It was around 1998 when I bought my first sled in a sport that was new to me, it was a ski-doo MXZ 583. Shortly after that I saw an add in the Rapid City Journal under the snowmobile classifieds that read, the Black Hills Snowmobile Club was meeting at the Windmill truck stop and was welcoming people to come and join the club. Fast forward 25 years, many many different snowmobiles (too many to list but all ski-doo's), the evolution of hauling your sled from the back of your pick-up to a open trailer to a sled deck to a enclosed trailer and then to a enclosed trailer with heat and now present day a 45' enclosed trailer with two heaters living quarters with a kitchen and a sweet stereo for after the ride entertainment. My point to all the different snowmobiles , pick-up's and trailers over those years is that the one thing that has remained the same during this time was that because I decided to join that club 25 years ago I can honestly say that the majority of my best friends in life, some of my fondest memories and life lessons were because I joined the club! The Club also introduced me to the SDSA and from that I can also say it has blessed me with even more great friendships and some great memories as well.

Thanks to the Black Hills Snowmobile Club and the SDSA for giving me this opportunity.

I'm looking forward to serving and promoting the importance of becoming members and being active at the local and state level.

I will close with it's been a great fall with all the warm weather but it's time for the white stuff to fall in the hills and the mountains.

One of my favorite from Paul Harvey.

"And now you know the rest of the story, good day!"

Lee Olson, District 3 Director

Hello everyone, how's your late fall going? It's getting cold up here, but no measurable snow yet. But there's been snow flurries all morning today. Not expected to amount to much though. Who knows, by the time you read this we may be complaining about the blizzards and road conditions again. Last week we had our first example that winter is coming. Trucker sitting at work when we opened, wanting to load up a tractor, two hours later we finally got it to start, so we could load it.

We've been busy the last couple weekends finishing up our section of the trail. All done now. Should be good for the season, didn't have to deal with water in the ditches this year. If you get a chance come and ride our trail next season. Remember we added Columbia to our trail this year. Currently no signs on the trail showing that was added. Should have something added to the signs in Westport by the time the trails open. Have a fun and safe winter on the snow.

Lee Olson

Nathan VanZee, District 4 Director

Hello everyone

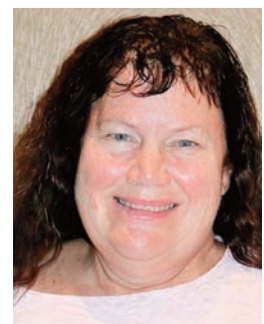
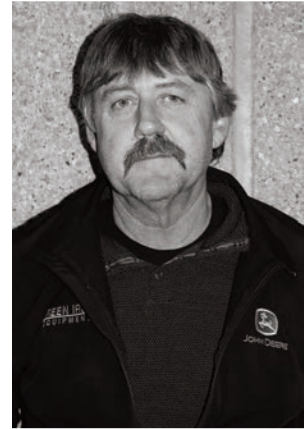
I am Nathan VanZee and I am your new district 4 director. I have some big shoes to fill trying to follow Tracey but I'll see what I can do. I grew up on a family farm east of St. Lawrence a few miles. I attended school in Miller where I graduated and then attended lake area tech in Watertown for a degree in welding. After school I came back to Miller where I still live now and am the owner of VanZee Trucking. Growing up we never had snowmobiles so I never knew the fun they were. After college I bought my first arctic cat which is now why I ride Polaris. I then joined the Hand county sno-goers in I believe the fall of 2009. In 2016 they voted me president of our club and I've been there ever since. It's been a lot of fun and alot of hard work over the years but it's been worth it. I look forward to working with the board and all of you over the next couple of years.

Pat Hanten-Duerr , District 5 Director

Thank you to all that attended the SDSA State Convention in Sioux Falls. It was great to see many people from across the state. Hope everyone enjoyed the convention. Thank You for everyone selling the Big Wins Tickets prior to the convention. This is very helpful to have them sold before you get to the convention. I am on the fundraising committee, so would like to have input on when is the best time to receive your Big Win Tickets in 2024.? (June, July, August or September) Remember to mark your calendars for the Convention in Brookings December 6-7, 2024.

Now we hope our weather man that discussed forecasting, will send snow plentiful enough snow to ride when the trails open on December 15, 2023. Many people are planning their snowmobile trips for the upcoming next 3 months. Have fun in the snow!! Next SDSA sponsored event is Deadwood SnoCross is January 26th and 27th.

See ya in the snow!!



Jason Shepherd, District 6 Director



Hello again everyone. First off I need to thank the clubs in this district for voting me back onto the board. I enjoy what we do on the board so the clubs can get their voice heard. Man what a great convention this year. It was great seeing some old friends and spending time with them all weekend. With all the activities that were going on it was a busy weekend also. From the vendors to the seminars that were going on. Thank you to all that was able to attend this year. Some of the clubs in the district have been involved in parade of lights in there home towns. Most of the clubs have been planning activities with the holidays coming up and some fun winter activities even if

the snow doesn't come right away. Also the clubs are planning trips to get out and ride this winter. Until next month enjoy the holidays and keep the snow dances going.

Trace Damm, District 7 Director



Hello everyone,

Thanks, SnoTrackers for hosting a great convention!

The pool area was perfect for our kids and did a good job wearing them, and maybe mom out. I lost count of how many times they would go back and forth from the hot tub back over to the slide back to the hot tub.

I enjoyed the round table discussions that were held also. As last year was my first-year grooming "picked a good year" Ryan and Shannon had a lot of good info to share and there was good interaction by all who attended.

I got in on the Avalanche class as well, which I think we all know we could go to that at least once or twice a year and always pick something new up we missed the time before.

Scott Mundt was a fun lunch speaker, I'm not sure we were very satisfied with his predictions, but none the less a fun experience. The vintage display was one I have never seen before, there were some interesting sleds I didn't even know existed! The Auctions went well, and you all did a great job getting the tickets sold for the Big Payout. We had a great start to selling tickets for our ski-doo 200 as well. Of course, there are not enough words to express how our snowmobiling family showed up for getting money together for the scholarship fund put together for Jon so we can hand out a scholarship in his honor.

We will see you at the Governors Ride next!

-Trace Damm

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Town & Country Snowdrifters 11/2015



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Arlington, SD
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17. Steve Wess
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20. Marty Grabow
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21. Mary Anne Grabow
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22. Dan Boone
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23. Carey Holt
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24. Dean Austad
Sioux Falls, SD
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09/2019



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



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



27. Virginia Hojer
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Town & Country Snowdrifters
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37. Roger Seloover
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by his daughter Char 10/2021



38. Kim Raap
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Sioux Falls SnoTrackers
11/2021



39. Sara Shepherd
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Watertown Snowmobile Club
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40. Nathan Lakness
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Poinsett
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41. Jody Lemme
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42. Jim LeTendre
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SDSA Names Snowmobile Family of the Year



The Walt Spiering family of Brookings was named Snowmobile Family of the Year at the 54th Annual SDSA Convention held in Sioux Falls, SD.

They are members of the Dakota Drifters Snowmobile Club of Brookings. Walt has been involved in snowmobiling for 40 years while his son Greg has been involved for 25.

Pictured are Lisa, Greg & Walt with Greg Nordstrom, Awards Chair and outgoing Past President. The entire family has been heavily involved in organized snowmobiling over the years and Lisa will be the new Treasurer for SDSA. Congratulations!

SDSA announces Youth Snowmobiler of the Year



Olivia Hanten of the Siouxland SnoTrackers was named Youth Snowmobiler of the Year at the 54th Annual SDSA Convention in Sioux Falls SD December 2nd. Olivia is pictured (in pink) with her sister Natalie who also competed for the award. Both girls are the children of Austen & Becky Hanten and the grandchildren of Duane & Pat Hanten-Duerr. Pictured below is Olivia's dad accepting her award for her & to the left of that is her family.



Kim Raap - SDSA Hall of Fame Recipient



Kim Raap has been active in organized snowmobiling all of his career. He has done so much that I know I cannot mention everything. He has been involved in Club Convention planning for nearly every convention his club has done. He has helped organize and present at ISMA and ACSA. He has written many grants, trail manuals and trained many groomers throughout his career. He helps keep ACSA informed of legal issues and Concerns. He has been recognized by the Iron Dog Brigade for the Distinguished Service Award

and Most Valuable Snowmobiler Award from a snowmobile magazine. He is a 2012 Snowmobile Hall of fame Inductee. He left state government work and now runs a business "Trails Work Consulting" He has done much work in South Dakota and Wyoming and has made a difference in many states Snowmobile trail systems. SiouxlandSno Trackers is proud to Nominate Kim Raap to the Hall of Fame for everything that he has done.

SDSA announces Groomer of the Year

Lynn Nilsson of Nunda, SD and a member of the Dakota Drifters Snowmobile Club has been named Groomer of the Year by the SDSA at the 54th Annual SDSA Convention. Congratulations, Lynn.



The Aberdeen Driftbusters were named the LARGEST CLUB in SDSA for the 2022-2023 Snow Season. Congratulations to the Driftbusters! Keep up the good work!



Jason Shepherd accepts the largest membership growth award for 2023-2024 for the Watertown Snowmobile Club !

SDSA announces Teen Snowmobiler of the Year



Elizabeth Houg of the Siouxland SnoTrackers was named the Teen Snowmobiler of the Year at the 54th Annual SDSA Conveon held in Sioux Falls, SD December 2nd. Elizabeth is the daughter of Johnny & Kristin Houg of Garretson, SD. She helps with her clubs trail and attends as many club rides as she can. Congratulations Eliza-beth! Below is her essay that she submitted:

What snowmobiling means to me by Elizabeth Houg

To me, snowmobiling means spending time with friends and family. Some of my earliest and favorite memories are riding snowmobile because that is what my family does for fun and vacations. I started riding on the back with my Mom. My Mom never went very fast so I always preferred to ride with my Dad. He always did fun things with me. If it wasn't for my Dad I would never have liked snowmobiling as much as I do now. And because of Dad, I learned how to ride my own sled and now I can do everything and go everywhere on sleds with the rest of my family.

Every year, our family takes at least one trip to Wisconsin or the Black Hills with our snowmobiles. Those trips are always a lot of fun because we are usually with friends too. We have our favorite places to stay and favorite trails to ride. But what I enjoy the most is when we get plenty of snow around home! Then I get to enjoy riding whenever I want with family and friends. I also enjoy the freedom of riding my own sled now too. One of my best friends lives a couple miles away and last year our parents were letting us ride the trails to and from each other's houses.

And another fun thing when we have snow at home, our family hosts a snowmobile party in our shop. We can ride and pull tubes in the field across the road or we can just jump on the trails and go right from our shop! We always have lots of hot chocolate with whipped cream. But the best part of riding around home is not having to load the trailer and drive to find snow.

I really have a good time with the friends we have in our snowmobile club. We have these fun awards or nicknames that we give out to people. One of them is the rhubarb award. That means that person is always off the trail in the rhubarb somewhere getting stuck. One of our good friends is always in the rhubarb getting stuck and last year that rhubarb award went to our friend and neighbor, Rollie. One fun memory was Rollie getting stuck not even 2 minutes into a ride. No one else noticed but myself and his wife and we ended up pulling him out without any help from anyone else. And of course we never let him forget.

The hardest thing about snowmobiling and my least favorite thing, is putting in the trails and taking them out again. Since my family is really active in our snowmobiling club, I "get to" help put in the trails. I shouldn't complain because we always seem to make that a fun time too. Plus I know it needs to be done if I want to ride. The long days and hard work of putting in trails is worth it. So when snow falls, you can find me on the trails riding snowmobile.

SDSA names Man Snowmobiler of the Year



Dave Hammer of the Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association was named Snowmobiler of the Year at the 54th Annual SDSA Convention in Sioux Falls, SD.

Dave has been involved for over 50 years in organized snowmobiling and during that time has been the club's secretary, treasurer, vice president and is currently the club histo-

rian. He has helped with numerous club events, raffles, poker rides and vintage shows. Congratulations Dave on being selected as Snowmobiler of the Year!

SDSA names Woman Snowmobiler of the Year

Gayle Chapel of the Dakota Drifters in Brookings was named the Snowmobiler of the Year at the 54th Annual SDSA Convention in Sioux Falls, SD.

Gail has been involved in snowmobiling for 10 years and is currently the 2024 SDSA Convention Chairperson.



Gail has been a delegate for the SDSA convention at several conventions. Congratulations, Gayle on being selected as the 2023 Snowmobiler of the Year.

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