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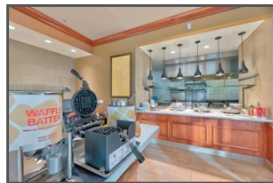
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Kelly Weaver, SDSA President



As I write this article, it is a sunny and brisk New Year's Eve morning. We have just enough snow cover in the yard for the grandkids to take a spin. We received more rain than snow over the holidays so we are thankful for the white start we

have but more is needed to take a serious trail ride.

As you embark on your snowmobile activities this season, please keep safety in mind. I have written about this topic in the past but it just can't be stressed enough. Did you know there is a whole week dedicated to Snowmobile Safety each January? This year marks the 30th Snowmobile Safety Week set for January 13-21, 2024, supported by the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA). See the SafeRiders pledge below/elsewhere in this issue. While safety comes to mind particularly with young riders and new riders, they will take their clues from the experienced rider (that's you), so you are not off the hook! Fortunately, we have great resources right at our fingertips to support our efforts.

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Protect Access, Take the Pledge: One rule of safety is to ride only in authorized areas. Trails are being closed across the snowbelt due to trespassing issues. Don't be that snowmobiler! <https://www.snowmobilerspledge.com/>

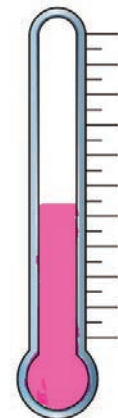
It has also come to my attention that Mothers Against Drunk Drivers is planning a campaign this snow season for snowmobiling under the influence. Let our actions speak louder on the importance of safety. Thank you to all the volunteers who provide and support safety training in their local areas!

Following the strong support shown at the SDSA Convention for funding the YETIS Scholarship, members of the Black Hills Snowmobile Club took on the challenge to raise additional funds. Contacts have been made that could make the goal of fully funding the balance a near term reality! Thank you to President Brad Richey for taking lead. The Jon LaFramboise YETIS Scholarship will help support our young snowmobilers as they grow into the future leaders of SDSA! We may have gotten a slow snow start in 2023, here's hoping there is great snowmobiling yet to come in 2024.

See you on the trail, Kelly

To the right:
Here's where we stand with fundraising for the YETI Scholarship that was established in honor of Jon LaFramboise! \$13,628,00
Let's continue to grow!

GOAL!





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SDSA President-Elect Mike Boock

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! 2023 was a great year for SDSA and snowmobiling. We had great snow across the state which meant everyone got out and rode the trails. There was a Poker Run, Family Fun Day, Radar Run, or other fun events almost every weekend last winter. 2024 has not been so cooperative. There is pretty much no snow anywhere so snowmobile events are non-existent. I don't know about you, but I can't stand just sitting around and waiting for the snow to fly. Right before Christmas, the Black Hills got a foot of snow and I personally took calls from people in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and the UP. There was one group that called from the UP that had 12 guys coming to ride. It was a 20 hour road trip one-way! I told them that we had no snow before this storm and they didn't seem to care. One of them said, "You're the only place that has any snow at all!". It really made me sit back and think a little. We have some of the most passionate people on earth that snowmobile. Just think about what it takes for 12 guys to drive 20 hours to snowmobile for a few days and then drive 20 more hours home. That's some serious time, money, and commitment on their part. Snowmobilers are a great community of individuals that truly care for the sport and each other. This has also become relevant with the YETI's scholarship fund. After the Sioux Falls convention, members of the BHSC got together to discuss what we could do to help get this scholarship fully funded by the end of 2024. I don't want to let the cat out of the bag too soon, but I can assure you that the Jon LaFramboise YETI's Scholarship will be fully funded by the end of 2024! Thank you to everyone that has donated to this great cause in memory of an amazing SDSA President and friend. I sure do miss Jon and know he is looking down on us with a big old smile on his face. Next time someone asks you why they need to join SDSA or your club, I hope you can proudly say, "Because we are a family that takes care of each other!" Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers has given out almost \$40,000 to members in need since its inception! I'd say we definitely know how to take care of each other. I truly hope that we never lose sight of the fact that we are a family that help one another. Our clubs need to not only support their local members, but clubs need to help each other as well. When I talk to different clubs across the state, I am amazed at how different each club is ran. Some clubs nominate a President every year, while other clubs have had the same President for 10 years or more. It would be nice if we could create more of a consistency within all our clubs. Clubs need to work together to create an association that people are proud to be a

member of. If your club is arguing with a club next door, this creates animosity that can spread like wildfire. Our clubs and our sport as a whole don't need that. We all need to stand together united in our cause. This will in turn grow our clubs and grow our association back to what it once was.

We have some great events coming up that I hope everyone can attend. We have the Snocross races coming up in Deadwood on January 26 and 27. Get your tickets now using the discount code located in their ad in this issue. We also have the Governor's Ride and SDSA Members Appreciation Ride coming up on February 10. The Governor's Snowmobile Council and the SDSA Board will have their meeting at the Spearfish Holiday Inn on February 9. Room are available at a discount using the code: GOV. Then, there's the Annual Radar Run at Deerfield Lake on Saturday, February 17 put on by the BHSC. If you've never been to any of these events, I encourage you to please consider attending one or all. It's a great way to support our clubs, our association, and our sport.

Think snow!
Mike Boock
SDSA President-Elect





Duane Duerr, SDSA Past President

Well snow seems to be holding us up from riding but there are still big things happening in SDSA. Jon LaFramboise Yetis Scholarship, after a big showing at the Convention the Black Hills club is working on getting more funding for Jon's scholarship. Now we need to increase our Yetis membership and Activities to make that group stronger. Wouldn't it be great if every club had a Yetis group active in the club?

Even without snow our Associate members need our help. They need us to help sponsor events that bring them business. Maybe a Charity Ride or a Poker run snow or no snow that grows their business. What we do now will make it easier to get Associate members next year.

Right now, Sno Cross is scheduled for January 26th & 27th in Deadwood. If snow lets us have the event SDSA will have a booth there and be raffling tickets for the 200 Skidoo. Remember to use the SDSA discount code to get your tickets and see the event. Come to Deadwood, check out the Casino's and see a great Snow Event, its amazing what they do at Sno Cross!!

The Governor's ride is scheduled for February 10th with a room block at Spearfish Holiday Inn and a Breakfast at Hardy Camp. Registration is in the SnoPlainsman for \$15.00; youth 6-12 \$7.50 and 6 and under are free. This year the Governor's Council will meet Friday night with SDSA meeting immediately afterwards. Saturday we are having breakfast at Hardy Camp and doing a SDSA member Appreciation. We are extending the ride to 4pm with more to be announced. This would be a great year to attend!

With snow we grow
Past SDSA President Duane Duerr



The YETIS met November 26th via Zoom at 8 pm. They discussed upcoming convention and bringing silent auction items as well as helping where needed. A couple suggestions of Top Golf and AirMadness were brought up and Audrey will check into prices and availability for a fun Saturday afternoon activity during convention.

Officer elections were held, and the following officers will serve for the next year.

President - Corbin Boock

VP - Lily Smith

Treasurer - Ted Smith

Reporter - Ada Rider

Board rep for advisory and SDSA - Chris Vandenhemel

The members want to have a YETIS fun ride together somewhere and also plan to help out with SnoCross booth on both sides of the state and Governor's ride in the hills. Next meeting will be held in January via Zoom prior to SnoCross.



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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.
9. Note: no transcripts or letters of recommendation. Entries exceeding 500 words will be disqualified.

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On a separate sheet fill us in on the following areas:

1. Snowmobile club & state association involvement:
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3. Awards:
4. Work Experience/Positions/Dates of employment
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Jon LaFramboise YETIS Scholarship!

Jon was a member of the South Dakota Snowmobile Association board when the YETIS organization was created and strongly supported the effort to give young snowmobilers leadership experience and encourage their continued involvement in the sport.

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Please include at least one photo with your application.

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Unfortunately, this is going to be a much different report of snow and trail conditions compared to this time last year. Last year, we kicked the new year off with what was probably one of the best East River grooming seasons ever. At the same time, the Black Hills side of the state saw great conditions as well. Not the case this year. We've had above average temperatures throughout November and December and the storm that hit Christmas weekend left more rain and sleet across eastern SD than it did snow. Pierre got around eight inches and some of those conditions hit Miller, but the rest of the eastern trail system didn't see the best snow conditions. While we got some snow in the Hills, we could use more to keep things going. Not the start that we want but I have hope things will drastically change by the time you read this.

As I get caught up after the holiday break, I'll be sending out Grant and Equipment agreements to all the clubs. I'll have the copy signed so all you'll have to do is sign and send back a copy of it. You can mail it back if you like or scan it as a PDF as I don't need the original.

Hopefully all clubs were able to get out and make corrections to the trail system based on the trail signing inspection reports that were received. I'll be sending out new trail signing guidelines this month as well. While we updated the guideline a few years ago, I haven't sent out physical copies as just an emailed copy was sent to the clubs. What I've heard from many of you is those copies are nice to have riding around the truck while different groups go out and sign, especially for those club members who don't get to as many of the trail meetings where the group talks about signing. As usual if clubs have meetings, please let me know a couple days in advance and I'm more than happy to attend.

Happy New Years from everyone here at Game, Fish and Parks and don't forget to stick to your New Year's resolutions for longer than a week like I did last year!

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Lisa Cain, SDSA Treasurer

It's officially January, and we are anxiously awaiting a good snowfall, or any snow for that matter. I'm sure the frustration is being felt by all, but hopefully things will turn around soon and we'll be hitting the trails again.

It looks like the groomers got out and groomed in the Hills for a few days, so hopefully those who could get out and enjoy it, did. It's still early in the season, but some white gold would be a nice contrast to the rain that we've been getting. In the meantime, I encourage everyone to support our associate members that are not getting snowmobile traffic right now. They are an important part of SDSA.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Lisa Cain. Greg and I live in Estelline and belong to the Dakota Drifters club in Brookings. Greg is the club president and I am the club secretary, so we stay pretty busy and involved with our club throughout the whole year. Between the two of us, Greg and I have 4 kids, and we are now grandparents to one grandson and another grandson coming in February. Purchasing a Kitty Cat may be in our future!

When the treasurer position opened up, I was sad that Diane was going to be retiring. She has done a remarkable job in the almost 9 years that she has been the treasurer. Greg and I had gone to the Governor's Ride last year and I went to my first Snowmobile Advisory Council meeting, and my first SDSA board meeting. We had a casual dinner with some of the SDSA board members, their spouses and others from the ride on Saturday night. Diane Hiles and Kim Raap were on one side of us and Brian and Tracey Erickson were on the other side, so we had excellent people to learn from. The next morning I was speaking with Duane Duerr, and the most important thing he said to me was "Keep asking questions." After that, I started joining the meetings on Zoom and asking more questions and gaining more knowledge.

In August, after a lot of thought and consideration, and a few conversations with Diane, I decided to apply for the treasurer position. I am beyond thrilled to be a part of this organization and to serve the SDSA. I would like to thank the SDSA board and Mary Anne for their continued support throughout the process.

On a final, but very important note, I want to thank Diane Hiles for her invaluable training as I take on this new position. I wouldn't have even thought about applying for the position if she weren't the one training the new person in. She has set me up and filled my toolbox so that I cannot fail. Diane, I don't even have the words to tell you how thankful I am for your help and guidance, and I will be forever grateful to you. You are truly a class act, and I am blessed to know you!

If you have any questions, you can reach me at lisa.m.cain1@outlook.com or you can text/call me at 605-695-8465.

Lisa Cain Treasurer



International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association Names Jaret Smith President

Ed Klim Retiring after more than 25 years of service

(Jan. 5, 2024) – The International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA), today announced that Ed will retire from his position as President in 2024. Jaret will serve as President, effective January 15, 2024.

“In my time serving on the ISMA Board of Directors, I’ve had the privilege to work with Ed as he led the organization and helped cultivate and grow the Snowmobile industry,” said Troy Halvorson, Arctic Cat, ISMA BOD Member. “His passion for the industry and advancing the sport has had an immeasurable impact and we are deeply grateful for his years of distinguished service.”

Ed began his tenure with ISMA in 1995 and has made significant contributions to the Snowmobile industry in the last 28 years including establishing “Safe Riders” safety program and training and working with Snowmobile enthusiasts to keep Yellowstone National Park open to snowmobiling. Ed will work closely with Jaret during this transition period.

“Jaret brings with him a wealth of Snowmobile industry experience in fostering strong relationships with industry partners to promote the sport, and we are excited to have him continue those efforts as President of the organization,” said Halvorson.

Jaret joins ISMA with more than 10 years of snowmobile industry experience, most recently with Yamaha, where he served as Manager of the North American Snowmobile Division. Prior to that, he spent three years at a powersports dealership driving growth and modernization. Smith has also served as Board Director at ISMA and previously contributed to the ISMA Statistics Committee, Technical Standards Committee (SSCC & SAE) and the ISMA Communications Committee. Jaret brings with him a life-long passion for snowmobiling, logging more than 2,500 miles annually across the U.S. and Canada.

About ISMA

The International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA) was established in 1995 and is an organization representing the four snowmobile manufacturers. ISMA coordinates committees within the industry to handle concerns such as snowmobile safety, the promotion of the lifestyle activity of snowmobiling, keeping accurate statistics, reporting the growth of the industry and the positive economic impact of snowmobiling throughout the world. ISMA maintains strong partnerships with the Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations (CCSO/CCOM) and the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) .





Mary Anne Grabow, SDSA Secretary/Editor

Well, we have yet to see much snow this year. It makes for easy driving conditions but that sure isn't what our South Dakota businesses need nor is it great for membership and beyond that our morale! Snowmobilers appreciate a little snow! From what I'm seeing it's not plentiful anywhere this year so far!

It seems like it's been pretty busy at the office this past month. Part of that could be that I've been recuperating from surgery so I probably am moving a bit slower than normal too. Sometimes it feels like I'm in sloth mode and not by choice! But each day is just a little better than the last so I'm pretty optimistic.

As you see in this issue, the Jon LaFramboise YETIS scholarship is now available to qualifying YETIS members. The scholarship applications are found on page 9 & 10 of this issue! Be sure to get your applications in for these both. Both scholarships will be awarded without knowing who has sent the application in. I code them at the office so that I know whose is whose but the judges have no clue whose essay they are selecting. Kudos to the Black Hills Snowmobile Club for stepping up and getting the new Jon LaFramboise Yeti's scholarship funded. (It is not fully funded yet but I am assured that it will be soon).

I updated my photo of the 13 grandkids and Marty & I but it was taken on our phones and not a camera so the quality isn't as good as I'd like but was happy to get a photo at least. (The photo is below on the right side of the page. We have 8 granddaughters and 5 grandsons. Their ages range from 14 1/2 to 1 month. They keep us busy and keep us young. Nothing can compare to a hug from one of those littles! Oliver is just learning to talk and putting together phrases. His newest accomplishment is "What does a snowmobile say" "BRAAAAAAAP!" Cute as can be and we absolutely love it!



I just heard today that Ed Klim is retiring from his role in ISMA. I have enjoyed getting to know Ed over the years that I've been involved with organized snowmobiling. I hope that he enjoys retirement and wish him well.

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- I will treat the outdoors with respect. I will not litter or damage trees or other vegetation.
- I will respect other peoples' property and rights, and lend a hand when I see someone in need.
- I will not snowmobile where prohibited.





We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! In Watertown we at least ended up with a slightly white Christmas but still pretty bare! I hear temps will be cooling down so maybe snow will be coming...soon! We will be having our annual Christmas party with our club members on Sunday, Jan 7th. It is always a good time with a nice assortment of potluck food and fun prize gifts to win!

Our last meeting was Dec 10th where we discussed the activities at the Convention, sounded like a good time by all who attended! Our club won the award for most increased members so that was nice to hear. Our trail inspection report was done and we discussed a few areas that needed fixing. We have a Poker Run tentatively scheduled for Feb 3rd so will be rolling out details soon, watch our facebook page for updates!

Some of our members attended the Open Houses at Roelofsens and Evolution. Many are also planning their trips to the Hills for the Governor's Ride as well as to the mountains. Hopefully there will be good snow there if we are lacking here in Watertown!

Not a lot of news when there is no snow... so until next month...

Pray for snow, ride safe!
Reporting for Watertown Snowmobile Club Amy Sowers

Poinsett Pounder & YETI members participated in Lake Norden's Christmas on Main lighted parade on Dec 14



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How is it already February? I hope that everyone is getting out and riding and that the snow is plentiful. As I am writing this – we have had only one substantial snow fall and the temperatures have been mild. We are hearing reports of a cold front and hopefully some snow. The trails have been open, but the snow is thin, and no off-trail riding is encouraged. Hopefully this will improve.

During our January 2nd club meeting, we discussed organization's we would like to support. So far, we have had some of our Associate club members give donations to the Jon LaFramboise Yetis Scholarship Fund. We will join ACSA and give a \$275.00 donation in addition to the membership. We also voted to join the BlueRibbon Coalition and give an additional donation totaling \$300.00. As a club we realize the importance of working with organizations who are helping fight to keep our trails open.

January 26th & 27th was the Deadwood Snowcross, always a great start to get your blood pumping and watch some racing.

The club is preparing for a very busy month. We will start off by preparing and serving the Governors Ride breakfast on February 10th. Hopefully Mr. Winter wakes up and provides some fresh powder for the weekend. We look forward to helping with this event and enjoy sharing our passion for snowmobiling and the great outdoors. There was talk about this event also being a membership appreciation ride. So, the more the merrier --- come join in on fun and enjoy the Black Hills and a great breakfast!!

We will also be getting ready for our annual club ride to Dubois Wy February 21st – 25th. This ride never disappoints, and we always find a way to enjoy the weekend with our snowmobiling family.

THUNDER ON ICE RADAR RUN– Saturday February 17th on Deerfield Lake. Registration will be on the day of the event. We will have food options available and a chance to win great door & raffle prizes. We will update our club Facebook page as the event gets closer.

Until next month --- **REMEMBER REDBULL MIGHT GIVE YOU WINGS but FIREBALL WILL HELP YOU DIG!!!!**

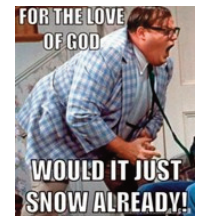
Holly Thomas Black Hills Snowmobile Club Secretary



On January 4th we are having a meeting and Club Christmas Party with White Elephant Gifts at The Gulch in Garretson at 6pm. Last year the event was a great time. Last year someone brought a used Snowmobile belt as a gift and by the time the evening was over, he went home with it.

Groomer is ready, trail is done, but where is the snow. This year we added signs showing distance to different locations for riders not from our area. We also added signs to our Associate members to improve their business. We are still busy collecting memberships and planning winter events like poker runs and Charity rides. Check us out on Facebook and see what is happening.

We should have our Convention report ready to send on to SDSA and Dakota Drifters in Brookings, SD. for their Convention in 2024. We are hoping to share things that we were successful with and ideas to make their Convention even better. Hoping for Snow!! Duane Duerr Reporting for Siouxland Sno Trackers.



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Hello again!!!
We have officially hit the months of snow...maybe. We hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year's!! We met for our monthly meeting followed by a meal with some Christmas goodies and fun games. We always have a great time filled with Christmas cheer, smiles, and laughter.

We had a delicious meal followed by cornhole and a handful of other fun little party games. These games brought some not so friendly, friendly competition. Following the games, we had a cookie decorating contest. Throughout the games and cookie decorating we had lots of sabotaging. We all had a great time with one another and look forward to this every year!!

See you on the trails!!

Jalen and Caden the Town & Country Riders' Reporters

Photo to the right:
Chelsea Hildebrandt,
Blakely Hildebrandt and
Myrna Knadle play some
Christmas Games.



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Photo left: Greg Hiles tries his hand at rounding up some snowballs.





Hello from the Great Plains Snowtrailers,

Happy New Year everyone! Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and looking forward to a great 2024!



We held our January club meeting on Tuesday, January 2 at the Scoreboard Restaurant in Huron. We had in attendance 8 members and 2 guests from the Hand County Sno-Goers.

We are interested in connecting the Huron Trail to the Miller Trail for next year. There was much discussion on where the trail should be and how to safely connect the two with a stop in Wolsey. Each club will discuss it more at the next meeting and see if this is something we want to pursue.

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.

We had planned on doing our annual club ride in the Black Hills on January 12-14, 2024, but to the shortage of snow we may have to postpone the ride until a later date if the hills does not get more snow in the next few days.

We would like to thank Nathan VanZee the District IV Director for taking time to come to our meeting and visit with us. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at the Red Zone in Yale.

Brenda Jager
Great Plains Snowtrailers



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Hello from the Northeast Corner of the State. We are patiently waiting for some snow over here in the Northeast Corner. All we seem to be getting is RAIN, RAIN over an inch in December. What is going on? The Trails are signed, the snowmobiles are gassed and ready to go. Bring on the SNOW!

Northeast Trailblazers are gearing up for our annual Poker Run. We will be hosting the Poker Run January 27th at noon, with or without snow. The run goes through Sisseton, Claire City, New Effington, Rosholt, ending at LTR on Lake Traverse.

Follow us on Facebook. Next meeting will be January 11th at Deano's in Claire City at 7:00.

Till next time, Stay Warm and Drive Safe.

Gina Steen





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Dakota Drifters

We held our annual Christmas Party at The Lanes in Brookings in December, and we had a great time. There were lots of holiday sweaters and Christmas cheer, along with a pretty competitive bowling tournament. Congratulations to Greg Spiering for winning the costume contest, and to Lynn and Brian for winning at bowling, and thank you to all of the Associated Members who donated prizes. Our annual Charity/Poker ride is coming up Saturday, Feb, 3rd, 2024 starting at 10:00am. We invite everyone to come enjoy the day with us and raise some money for a local charity. We will have multiple stops on the ride in the Brookings area at businesses that support snowmobiling in SD. We will also have a group ride set up with some extra incentives for those who want to travel as a group. Flyers will be available and posted around the area, and we will hold the Charity Ride regardless of snow conditions, but we are sure hoping for the white stuff to fall any day! We will also have a silent auction and food served, so come join us on Feb. 3rd. That's it for now, keep an eye on our FB page for updates from the Dakota Drifters, and please bring us some snow!

Lynn Nilsson, Dakota Drifters



ACSA UPDATE

New Year -- New Challenges

As we start 2024, we must look forward to the challenges before us.

The Biden Administration has clearly laid out their priorities, from 30 x 30 to Endangered Species to reducing fossil fuel use. These issues all have a likely possibility of impacting snowmobiling.

Our goals must include remaining vigilant, being willing to participate - from writing letters to attending meetings, and working together. This is the time to unite. Snowmobilers must work with snowmobilers - snowmobilers must work with other motorized user groups - snowmobilers must work with other trail groups with similar interests and use.

Work with the land managers in your area. Get on their mailing lists. Listen to their issues and their priorities. Get the dates/times of upcoming meetings and do your best to be sure snowmobiling is represented. If your Association or Club does not have a Land Access/Land Use Committee, it might be a good time to consider forming one.

There is strength in numbers. There is strength in information.

There are many Congressmen and Senators not seeking re-election. Many of them will be looking for "legacy projects". Wilderness designations are often at the top of that list. We will need to be vigilant in paying attention and expressing our views.

The DC Fly-in will be in April. This is always a good time to hear from the leadership of the agencies as well as meet with your state's elected representatives. ACSA considers this the most important meeting we hold during the year.

Remember, your elected officials are home at least one week a month. Introduce yourselves to their local offices and key staffers. Let them know who you are and what your priorities and concerns are and why they do have an impact on snowmobiling and motorized sports. Let them know you are a knowledgeable and willing resource.

Happy New Year.....2024 will be a challenging year for us.

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- For more information contact a South Dakota Snowmobile Association Board Director or the SDSA Secretary.





Darin Cooper, District 1 Director

Well, two weeks ago we had summer weather, last week was winter, this week it's spring. What a crazy season so far, everywhere in the lower 48 is lacking snow. Back to back storms hit Spearfish around Christmas, dropping about 17 inches. The groomers went out but have since been pulled until it snows more.

In reading club articles last month, I noticed lots of club events going on. Please let MaryAnne know about these events, so she can list them on the Calendar of events in the Sno Plainsman. Consider it free advertising to

snowmobilers.

Speaking of events, a couple of big ones are coming up in the Black Hills. The Deadwood Snocross is January 26th and 27th. Stop at the SDSA booth and say hi or even help out for awhile, it's always greatly appreciated. The other event is the Governors ride, February 10th. This is a great opportunity to showcase the State's trail system to our state legislators.

Until next time, let it SNOW!!!



Jackson Wenger, District 2 Director

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

It was a great year to be a contractor, the weather has been extremely nice for November and December. Unfortunately, that has had a reverse effect on our sport of snowmobiling and especially snowmobiling in the Black Hills although I have gotten positive reports from the Hills, and the

weather is predicting snow this weekend and throughout the following week so I guess we'll just have to cross our fingers!

Eight Black Hills Snowmobile club members (BHSC) spent New Year's Eve weekend in Colorado at Buff Pass snowmobiling. We found untracked snow in the trees and a very good base covering most of the land mines. When Buff pass/Rabbit Ears gets another shot of snow the conditions will be very good. We religiously ride the Sierra Madres but we're inclined to follow the better snow reports the unfortunate part of the ride was the trail system in and out were brutal and apparently Colorado grooms their trails once in a while, which appeared to be not very often.

The BHC is engaged planning events and setting up help for the Sno cross in Deadwood, a possible convention bid, preparing breakfast for the Governors Ride, our annual radar run at Deerfield Lake, and the famous Dubois club ride that averages between 35 and 45 riders.

Hope to see everyone at the Sno Cross in Deadwood, and always remember when in doubt, throttle out!

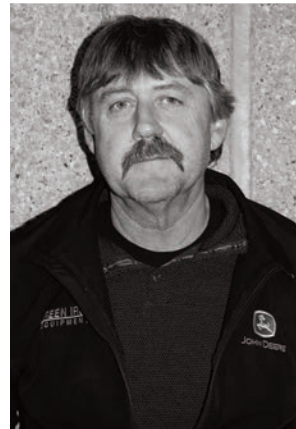
Till next month...good day!



Lee Olson, District 3 Director

Hello everyone, how was your Christmas? Probably a little disappointed if you were hoping for snow for Christmas. In the Aberdeen area we had rain and snow the day after Christmas, so we have one to two inches of snow on the ground with a half inch ice underneath. Definitely could have done without the rain first.

The convention was a good time and a great fundraiser for SDSA. Thank you to everyone who participated this year and all the donations. A special thanks to everyone who helped with raising over four thousand dollars for the YETI's scholarship in a short time. Let's try to support the businesses that support us with donations that make the conventions successful. Next convention will be in Brookings, first weekend in December, hope you can make it.



SnoCross scheduled for January 26th & 27th in Deadwood. Sioux Falls March 1st & 2nd. SDSA Governor's Ride & SDSA Appreciation February 10th in the Black Hills. The way this winter is going, we'll have to wait and see what happens. We've been looking for a place to go and ride, there's no snow anywhere near us. By the time you're reading this we could be tired of digging out' we'll see.

Take the time to attend club meetings and events this season. When we have winters without snow is when it's the hardest to keep people interested. Not much going on around here yet. Hoping to get out and ride somewhere soon.

Until next month

Lee Olson
District 3 director

Nathan VanZee, District 4 Director

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and didn't do anything that at least doesn't have a good story for new years. It was nice to see we did get our white Christmas. I was really hoping we would have got more but at this point it's better than what we had. Our club was able to get out with the groomer but some spots were still a little light. With the cooling temperatures at least hopefully the base is started. I'm hoping the hills will get some snow soon so they can begin to make the track for sno-cross. Remember to put that on your calendars for January 26 and 27. It should be a great time in Deadwood. Also the governors ride is February 10. I hope to see you all at one or both events.





Pat Hanten-Duerr, District 5 Director



Making Convention Planning Easier

Why is Convention reporting important? SDSA is working to get clubs that host a convention to report back much of what they did that worked and did not work. Why? Our hope is that it will make it easier for more clubs to host a convention by learning how and what needs to be done. Siouxland Sno Trackers received information from Aberdeen after The Aberdeen Drift-busters completed their Convention to help Sioux Sno Trackers. Sno Trackers is now completing a report to send on to Brookings Dakota Drifters for the 55th annual Convention to help them with what worked and what can be done better. A copy is also given to SDSA for future use and planning. Information shared is like room block for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Meeting rooms and Banquet rooms needed. Vendors and Sponsors and how to make that better for them to be involved. Getting speakers and special guests for key events. What needs to be printed for the convention and how to Advertise it to grow attendance. Maybe sharing some of the responsibility with another club as Sno Trackers worked with Interlakes Snow Roamers for the Vintage show part of the convention. Hosting a convention doesn't require a lot of people to organize it but more is needed to step up to run it. I hope the Ideas shared in this report will help make future convention even better. Hope to see all of you in Brookings next year!!
District 5 Director,
Pat Hanten Duerr

Jason Shepherd, District 6 Director

Hello again. Hope everyone had a good holiday season. Up in this part of the state we could use more snow so we can get out and enjoy the season. Many of the clubs have been getting together for the holiday parties and getting the equipment ready to groom the trails if we ever get the snow. With the governor's ride up coming I hope to see you all out in the hills so we can all ride together. Until next month.



Trace Damm, District 7 Director



Hello Everyone,

I hope you were all able to enjoy some family time for Christmas and the start of a new year, speaking of new year. It's crazy the difference a year can make. Last year I was talking about the challenges of grooming with the wind and deep snow. Now I'm wondering if the water is going to freeze. We might have to get ahold of Scott Mundt and ask for another snowfall forecast or snow dance. There is some hope in the forecast. But it doesn't seem to be just us waiting on snow as out west is off to a slow start as well, I suppose being patient is something I should be getting good at. Keep hammering the club meetings and support the local business members that have supported us throughout the good and bad years. I've got faith we will be riding soon! -Trace



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32. **Judy Nelson**
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33. **Dennis Nelson**
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42. **Jim LeTendre**
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Thank you! Thank you! and Thank you! again will probably not cover everything and everyone.

To the SDSA Board of Directors and Mary Anne: Thank you for the beautiful Montana Silver jewelry, bouquet of roses and the gas card. I so appreciate your thoughtfulness, your kindness and generosity, also your dedication and time to SDSA as well as the friendships we have developed and the many memories we have made through the years.

What an honor to be given a Legacy Membership to SDSA! Thank you, Town and Country Riders! You pulled a surprise on me apparently making this happen behind the meeting scenes.



And to all of the well-wishers, congratulators and huggers at the convention, you certainly did not go unnoticed! I know I would forget someone if I started listing you all as there were so many. Thank you and Hugs to all of you! Snowmobilers are the best!

And last but certainly not least, Thank you Greg! You supported me throughout this venture, were patient with me when I had things to get done and put up with the timelines and quality of work I put on myself. Love you dear!!

As I have said before, let's keep moving SDSA forward for all of those fun times and great memories we can share for years to come. Thanks again to each and every one of you!

Diane Hiles



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