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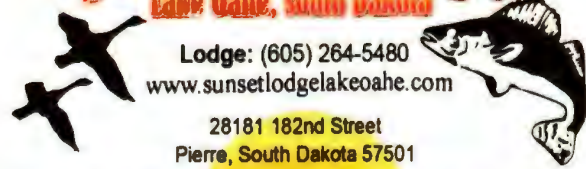
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Well, I finally managed to get one day of snowmobiling riding in this season. I only had to travel to West Yellowstone, MT to do it! I was fortunate to attend the Mountain Riding Region meeting and ride there. In addition to updates

from snowbelt states in the West, we hosted a panel of snowmobile business people – aftermarket and clothing companies, local dealers and guides, and snowmobile media. It was informative to hear their level of understanding of our snowmobile organizations and issues facing the sport. Concerns mentioned include the cost of entry to the sport and the need for local, state and national organizations to be more visible in media. We need to communicate why clubs are important and to find ways to invite, engage and educate those new to the sport. Building relationships with other partners such as media, National Forest Services, and industry related businesses was highly encouraged. The social benefits of our organizations should not be understated.

Your SDSA board has been busy, snow or not, and I thank them for all the efforts they have been involved in this year. Thanks to the members of the Sno Cross Committee, YETIS members and other volunteers for manning the SDSA booth at two events this year. The weather for both events has been unseasonable warm which encouraged attendance and interactions. We were excited to raffle off a new 200 cc MXZ sled on the final day of this year's races. Thanks to all who bought tickets and to the winner Jim Dobbyn of North Dakota.

Thank you to the Governor's Ride Committee for working to organize the event only to have it cancelled due to lack of snow. They pivoted and se-

cured the information to present to the legislators before session ended this year. Put the 2025 Governors Ride on your calendar for February 8, 2025!

Thank you to the Scholarship Committee who are busy evaluating scholarship applications for our two \$500 SDSA scholarships as well as two YETIS scholarships that are being offered for the first time. We received the most applications we've seen in recent years.

Thank you to our staff, Mary Anne and Lisa, who have been very helpful to me and take care of our members!

A couple months into my term, some very key issues are coming into focus that will demand attention in the coming year. As I have been writing about in previous months, one key issue is the need to revisit our Snowmobile Trails Program funding structure. Please take time to educate yourself and fellow snowmobilers on how the fund works and why the increases are needed. Another key issue is the involvement and development of the next generation of snowmobilers. It is fantastic that we now have an endowment in place for the Jon LaFramboise YETIS scholarship. Now, we need to re-energize the YETIS group across the state. Please help identify the youth 12-20 who are part of your club. An application can be found on the Forms page of the SDSA website.

Snow season (if we can call it that!) may be coming to an end but snowmobile work continues. The DC Fly-In organized by the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) is set for April 27-30, and the International Snowmobile Congress will be held June 13-15 in Green Bay, WI. South Dakota will be participating in these events. Start doing your snow dance now for next season and enjoy your summer,
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Hello snowmobilers,
It's hard to believe the season is coming to an end. I'm honestly still waiting for it to start! It's tough looking around and talking to business owners who count on snow for their livelihood. Years like this are so difficult for them. We have many associate members who count on our business to keep their doors open. Make sure to try and stop by to say hi and support them any way possible.

With the cancellation of the Governor's Ride, several of the Board members drove to Pierre to meet with the legislators and drop off information about SDSA. We also gave them all a personalized tumbler. We do this to maintain our contacts there are to try and make new contacts when possible. During our visit, we delivered a plaque to Rep. Gary Cammack for his 11 years of riding with us at the Governor's Ride. He's a great man and we appreciate his continued support.

We had two very successful Snocross races in the state even with the lack of snow. It seems like everything else was getting cancelled, so I was happy to see these two events take place. Everyone did a great job and the booth looked great. Having the snowmobile raffle was a great success as it brought in money and foot traffic to the booth. This is definitely something worth doing again. Thank you to all the members that stepped up and manned the booth this year! You are all rock stars.

The BHSC submitted bid for the 2025 convention that was accepted by the board. Thank you Black Hills for stepping up to host again! They have some great plans already in the works. Many of the BHSC members also enjoy riding UTV's in the summer. Some of them will be meeting this summer for a fun ride in the Hills. If you are interested in joining them the weekend of June 22 and want more information, give me a call. It will be a great time camping and riding in the Hills. Come on out!

Have a great summer and pray for a lot more snow next year!

Mike



To the right:
Here's where we stand with the Jon LaFramboise Scholarship for the YETIS.

We have surpassed our goal and the fund stands at \$44,500 currently!

Thank you to EVERYONE who made this a reality! I can't help but think that Jon is smiling down from heaven to see this come to fruition.

Photo to the left: Jon LaFramboise





Duane Duerr, SDSA Past President

Well not the year I was hoping for. I rode my sled for 4 hours one Sunday afternoon. The Governor's Ride was cancelled, Veterans ride cancelled and Rusty Nutz show was cancelled. Normally you could travel somewhere to find snow, this year even that was hard to do. I know of several clubs that had Charity rides and Poker runs with some snow to ride. Maybe better next season!

There are some success stories this season. Sno Trackers had a great convention in Sioux Falls in December with Polaris Ride Command, Mike Duffy Avalanche class, Snowmobile Safety, a Craft Project and Scott Mundt shared his winter weather forecast. Great job Sno Trackers. Next year we go to Brookings with the Dakota Drifters - it will be a good one!! The following year we will travel west to the Black Hills Snowmobile Club in Rapid City.

Kelly Weaver became President of SDSA and is off to a great start visiting clubs and sharing her vision on where we are going. She attended the Mountain riding region meeting in West Yellowstone and will go to the DC Fly in in Washington DC in April.

The Jon LaFramboise Yetis Scholarship received Donations to get it fully funded and award 2 scholarships this year. Now we need to grow the Yetis Program and offer more things for them to do in all clubs. Jon would be proud of what we did for that Program!

Although the Governor's ride was cancelled, SDSA is following up with the legislators on March 6th in Pierre. We never know when legislation will come that may affect snowmobiling and we need them on our side.

Although snow was limited, SnoCross had a great show in Deadwood and Sioux Falls. Due to the Support of Snowmobilers all around the Area SDSA with the help of Clubs sold all the Ski Doo 200 raffle tickets and made the SDSA tent a big hit for activity. It gave me the chance to meet many SnoCross racers, Parent and Grand Parents of the racers as well as many of the Snocross Operations team. Great group of dedicated people.

I know this season was hard on Resorts that count on Snowmobiling, Associate members that count on Snow, and clubs for organizing activities. I also know that no two seasons are the same when it does snow Snowmobilers will be there to make a Difference. I hope that all of you have a great summer, and we will see you next season in the snow. Thanks to everyone for the difference you make. See you in the snow!

Duane Duerr SDSA Past President.

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Happy Spring!

February and March have been very busy months! We were blessed with our second grandson on Valentine's Day and we can't get enough of him. Between his dad and grandpa, I see snowmobiling in his near future.

Our next adventure was to the ERX Ditchbanger National in Elk River, MN. My sons Nolan and Jayden raced there for the first time, so we went to watch them. Maybe we'll get Brandon to race next year. It was very muddy, but they did have decent snow for the track, and I would recommend it to anyone that hasn't been there. I believe they had 467 racers registered.

The next weekend we were at SnoCross in Sioux Falls. The snow was less than ideal, but they pulled it off and the guys in the SDSA tent worked tirelessly to get the remaining raffle tickets sold so they could do a live drawing during the races. Kudos to our fundraising committee for a successful fundraiser to help keep the trails open for snowmobiling!

And, speaking of fundraisers and donations, I just want to remind everyone that we do have two great causes that are always open for donations, and those are Back the Ride and Snowmobilers 4 Snowmobilers. If you would like more information about either of those causes, please reach out to myself, or any of the SDSA board members.

As we head into our off-season, I think it's important to keep in contact with our club members. I know some clubs are already doing this, but last year, our club started meeting in the summer for picnics, sign making, and we had a UTV/ATV poker run. It kept everyone involved and connected, and it was nice to see each other during a time when we don't have regular monthly meetings. I hope everyone has a great summer, and I'm looking forward to much better snow next winter!!



Donations page





Mary Anne Grabow, SDSA Secretary/Editor

Since this is the final issue for the season, I can't emphasize enough how grateful we are for the continued support of all the advertisers, associate members and SDSA members! Without each one of you, SDSA couldn't continue to be the voice of snowmobiling that we are!

Kelly has been doing a great job of keeping snowmobiling in the forefront of our winter, despite the fact that we relatively had no winter, this year! There's an article in this issue talking about the alternative that we used when we were forced to cancel Governor's Ride this year. She's also been busy visiting clubs at their regular meetings. Thanks to all the board members who stepped up and handled getting those ordered & distributed.

Several of the board manned the Sno Cross booths both in Deadwood and also in Sioux Falls. Board members: Thank you for all that you do for SDSA.

Fly in has been scheduled for April 27-30. I know Kelly's already booked her tickets to make sure that she is there representing us.

ISC will be in June this summer. We will be going to Green Bay, Wisconsin. That's always a highlight of the summer. Meetings with lots of important issues and fellowship time with old and new friends. Who can beat that? I know that Kelly & Jim, Marty & I and I believe some of the YETIS will be in attendance. Duane Sutton & Kim Raap usually are there, as well. You should consider attending!

Milbank Show will be in June too. Marty & I always try to help out with the auction there.

The Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers fund could use a boost. That's an important fund that we have to support other snowmobilers who have some type of catastrophic event in their lives. We've awarded somewhere around 40 individuals to help them out. It's important that we keep this fund fully funded. We've only ever had 2 clubs that hosted fundraisers for funding - the rest has been totally donations from members. That's pretty amazing, actually. The awards that we give from these funds are anonymous. No one knows who receives the funds other than the board that governs it and they are sworn to secrecy. It's only out for public knowledge if the recipient shares it. Anyway, consider a donation to S4S, won't you?

Perhaps we'll see each other somewhere this summer and if not, I'll see you again in the fall!
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Snocross in Sioux Falls

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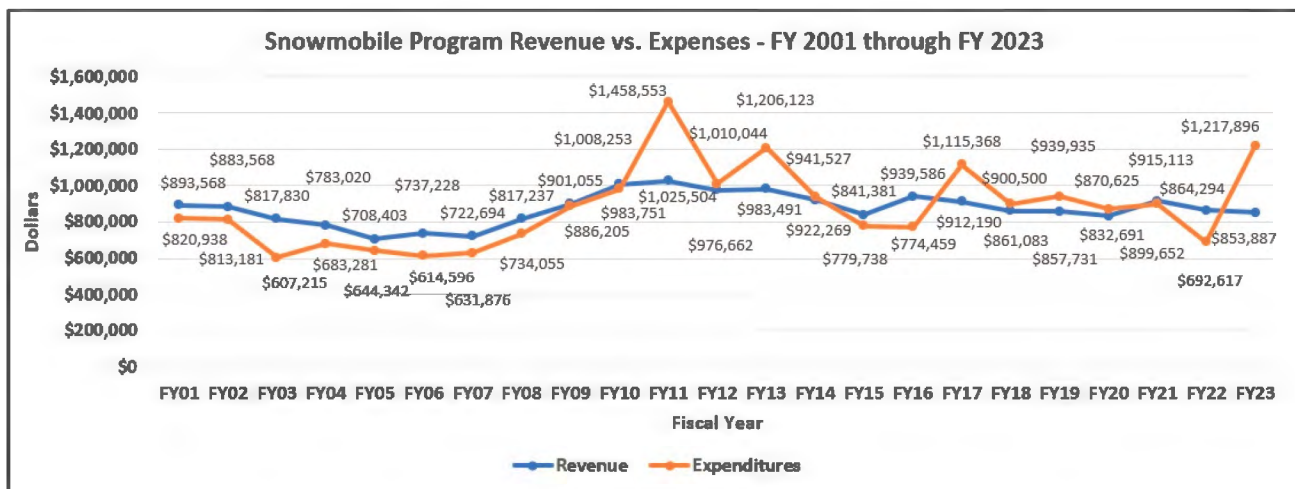
The last SnoPlainsman article of the year and this one just feels different then years past. After a great 2022-2023 season on both sides of the state, we really got hit with a dud in 2023-2024. While a few clubs out east had some good snow conditions, it only lasted a few weeks. Unfortunately, the hills just couldn't get off the ground either and while we all know March can bring some good snow, we know for sure it won't last long.

If you got the chance to skim through my article last month you saw that I shared some information about our trails fund balance and revenue streams. With my final article of the year, I wanted to share some info about Expenses vs Revenue and explain our budget in a little more detail.

The Snowmobile budget operates based on many of the same principles as other state agency budgets. Our budgeting year is based on a fiscal year or July 1st, through June 30th. Our budget is broken down into specific categories, all of which include Employee Salaries & Benefits, Travel, Contractual Services, Supplies & Materials, Grants, and Capital Assets. I won't dive into these weeds too deep, but I do think it's important to note that employee salaries and benefits have been the only reason why our snowmobile budget has gone up over the past few years. The other categories mentioned above have remained the same. Our budget authority is just over \$1.4 million, where 70% of the budget goes towards the Black Hills and the remainder falls in line with the Grant in Aid Program and administrative expenses. Our budget lives and dies by snowfall, the more snow that falls, the more we spend as grooming rotations takes place along with other expenses.

Last month I covered our 3 main sources of funding, but I'll share a graph with you below as well that will show the ebb and flow of both revenue and expenses.

At the end of the day, when you look at this graph, you'll see a trend, like my last article where you saw a trend of our fund balance dropping over a recent period, similar trends you'll notice with this graph. Our revenue just isn't keeping up with expenses like it used too. For many years, when we had good snow, our revenue fell right in line with it. That just isn't the case anymore and it's time we bring a fresh look to our snowmobile funding sources. These discussions started last summer with the Advisory Council and SDSA and will continue this summer without a doubt.





Eastern Iron Dog Ride 2024

Chris Gamache

February 4, 5, 6 & 7, 2024

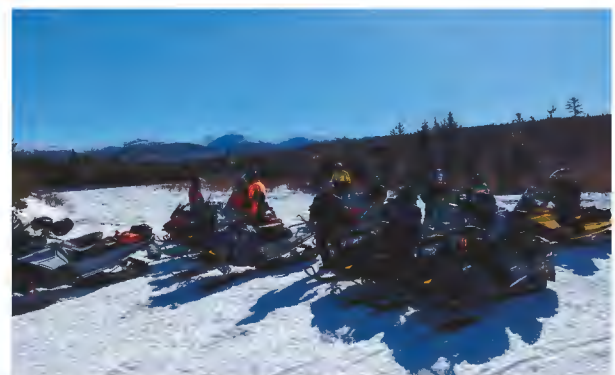
Chris Gamache, Iron Dog since 2016, reporting on the Eastern Iron Dog Ride 2024.

I know many don't have snow to talk about, but we had 2 great days of riding. In total we had 11 Iron Dogs in attendance. Gail Hanson, Paul Bergeron, Jim and Bonnie Holbrook, Roger Wright, Dan Gould, Terry Callum, Dottie and Charlie Kurtz, Ross Antworth and myself. We were joined by some other guests (Ross's wife Claire, my wife Kristina, NH Trails Bureau Dist. 1 Supervisor Clint Savage, past NHSA Presidents Craig Mayo and Russ Davis and a prospective Pup, Brian, from the Lyme Pinnacle Snowmobile Club.

Monday 13 sleds, 11 of them were Dogs, made a 116 mile ride from Gorham to Errol, NH for lunch and then west to the Nash Stream Forest and back to Gorham. Trails were beautiful and we had blue skies the entire day. The local clubs had been out grooming the routes we were riding, and we had no bad trails at all. We all met for dinner that night and had a great time telling stories.

On Tuesday we rode about 80 miles from Gorham to Twin Mtn, NH and had lunch at the Cog Railway Base Station. While there the Manager offered to have the Dogs take a free trip up the winter train. This just opened 4 years ago, and they are looking to get more riders to their restaurant and mountain train (it opened in 1892). There were 12 of us at lunch so they comped us \$600 in train tickets.

The owner of the RR is paying to have the trail built and maintained to their location. 8 sleds made the Tuesday trip and 5 of the riders were Dogs. Another blue sky day with near perfect trails (except for about 6 miles of rough stuff, but you can't have perfect trails everywhere or you start getting spoiled!!!). All of the local clubs had groomers out making long, flat, trails for us on both days.





Minutes of the 54th Annual meeting held December 2, 2023 at Sioux Falls, SD.

Duane Duerr declared the meeting in session at 9:05 a.m. Duane appointed Kirsten VanDenHemel, Bonnie Moeller & Courtney Livingston as tellers/registrars.

Mary Anne established a quorum of 50 for voting.

- Black Hills 4
- Dakota Drifters 4
- Dakota Trailblazers 2
- Ditch Rippers 2
- Driftbusters 6
- Hand County 2
- Interlakes 1
- North East 3
- Poinsett Pounders 4
- Sno Trackers 5
- Sturgis Sno Drifters 2
- Town & Country 4
- Valley Rough Riders 2
- Watertown 2
- Whetstone 4
- YETIS 3

Total of 50

With 8 votes on the board: Kelly, Greg, Mike, Lee, Tracey, Pat, Jason & Trace. Also present were Duane, Chris, Diane & Mary Anne. (Lisa Cain in training)

I have 50 delegates for the clubs and 8 members of the board for a total quorum of 58 officially established.

Financial report – Diane gave her final financial report which was filed for review.

President’s Report – Duane gave his final president’s report. Last year we had snow and it was so much easier to be President in the presence of snow!

He was able to go to DC Fly-in. Duane came to the conclusion that this is money well spent by SDSA.

Mary Anne gave her report for the Sno Plainsman citing her 20 years with SDSA as of January 1, 2024... and showing that our advertising was up dramatically over what we had hoped for. We exceeded budget by quite a bit!

YETIS- Chris gave a report on the YETIS. Corbin Boock President; Lily Smith Vice President; Ted Smith Treasurer; Chris VanDenHemel SDSA & Governor’s Advisory representative. Government Relations - Wolverine declared an endangered species. These kinds of things affect riders and the riding areas.

Investments are at Edward Jones. The funds came from hosting ISC in 2004 & 2016. \$122,754 in the account. Initially we were at \$90,000.

Safety – Lee emphasized being safe on the trails so that we don’t have any wrecks during our season. Snowmobile 101 class will be held today.

Membership – Website

538 clubs

102 sdsa only

37 legacy

677 total family memberships

105 associate clubs

18 SDSA associates

123 total associates

Fundraiser – Live auction last night was \$18,800! Silent auction yet tonight. Big Payout tickets are selling well. Skidoo 200 \$10 a ticket – here to buy as

well.

Charity – April 1st deadline for the report

The figures are compiled thru ISC – SDSA ranked 5th in total charity contributions and 4th in hours donated. Make sure your clubs report. Let’s capture what all our clubs do!

Tracey gave a report on the Back the Ride program which will continue as a fundraiser.

UTV – Tracey gave a final report on this committee and also reported that one club in SDSA has combined as a snowmobile/utv club.

Greg gave a report on Bylaws & Right to Ride.

Convention – Pat welcomed everyone to the convention. The Sno Trackers are hosting an excellent event. Next year’s is December 6 & 7 at Brookings. Pat also thanked the Interlakes SnowRoamers for helping with the vintage display for the convention.

We are taking bids for the 2025 convention until February 1.

Scholarships – We had 5 applicants. Trace Damm, Lee Olson & Kelly are on the committee. Scholarship deadline is February 25th. You don’t have to be in high school to apply. You can be in college and apply. Austin Cooper & Elizabeth Brakefield won the scholarship this year. Elizabeth also got the CJ Ramstad Scholarship at ISC this year.

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Hello, fellow snowmobilers!!

We are hoping everyone is having a great winter season even though some areas, like around Aberdeen, do not have a lot of snow. Even with the lack of the white gold, the Aberdeen Driftbusters are still planning fun events like a Poker Chip Run which is scheduled for February 3rd. We will have this run no matter the snow conditions. It will be great to see our friends as we are moving from stop to stop on our run!

Some of our members went out to the SnoCross on January 26th and 27th. We had to endure a thick layer of fog for the first couple hours of our trek out to the Hills but the journey was totally worth it. The racing was great and we stopped over at the SDSA booth where tickets were being sold left and right for the 200 skidoo! Deadwood always hosts a great show for racing and we always enjoy their hospitality.

The Aberdeen Driftbusters recently reinstated part of the trail from Westport to Columbia with the help of Karen's Bar and Grill in Columbia. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we can get a few snow storms to add to our base of snow so we all can enjoy our trail system!

See you on the trails!!
 Scott and Michelle Malsom
 Aberdeen Driftbusters





Hello again, and just like that we are at the end of our season. I believe as I write this article, it was about the same temperature as when I wrote the first article for the season. Most of our clubs this year struggled with the lack of snow. We would get small glimmers of hope only to be followed by unseasonable warm weather. There is snow out there this year, you just had to search for it. Several members of the club traveled to the Sierra Madres, Rabbit Ears and Tog-

wotee areas to enjoy that white gold.

Our annual club ride to Dubois Wyoming – Togwotee area was February 22nd – 26th. We had 22 riders who enjoyed the snow and time together. Overall, the reports were good, and no major mishaps occurred. Pictures are of the group enjoying the ride and working on their survival skills building a fire 😊. See photo below and also on page 30.

At our last meeting we discussed gathering over the summer for another FUN ride/ camping weekend June 13-15th. We are still nailing down the exact location to camp and Shane Devine can be a contact for information. We also are going to bring back the end of the summer picnic at Angostura September 21st. This will be a potluck Saturday night with our club providing the meat. It will be great to get together at the lake to soak up the last of summer and start planning out our winter adventures.

We are excited to announce our **Black Hills Snowmobile Club will be hosting the 2025 SDSA Snowmobile Convention in Rapid City!**

Until our next article – ***ALL YOU NEED IS A FEW FRIENDS AND A HAND FULL THROTTLE AND LIFE IS GOOD!!!!***

Holly Thomas

Black Hills Snowmobile Club Secretary



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Siouxland Sno Trackers News
Sno Trackers worked hard last month selling raffle tickets for the Skidoo 200 drawn at Snocross in Sioux Falls. Although the snow was dirty SnoCross put on a great event.

The Dealers in the area were great in offering \$50 gift cards to be drawn each hour both Friday and Saturday evenings.

We have our Annual Meeting and Banquet scheduled at Tailgators on Saturday, April 20th with a guest speaker, Door Prizes, awards, and Election of officers. Social Hour at six and supper at seven. It should be a great time.



Hello from the Northeast Corner of the State.

As I think about this Winter, and we are all a little sad for the lack of snow. We so enjoy getting together with fellow snowmobilers and riding the trails. We have such beautiful country.

Our Trails got put in and the groomer sat already to bust through the snow. The snowmobiles didn't even make it off the trailer.

But as I reflect of what we didn't do, I think of all what we do for the love of the sport.

Our faithful members who show up at all the meetings. We Try to decide how to give back to our community and promote snowmobiling. In the summer we take admission at the local rodeo, participate in the hometown celebration, donate to our local swimming pool and families that are having health issues. Three couples were able to participate at the SDSA Convention. We always enjoy seeing friends that we only see once a year at the convention.

So as we wrap another season , Have a great Summer and we will catch up with everyone in the Fall.

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Winter is almost over and unfortunately we didn't get much trail riding in with the low snow conditions in our area. A huge thank you goes out to all of our members who put in and maintain our trail system, and to the groomer crew who did their best with what we had to work with! It wasn't a fun year for the trails but your hard work and commitment

are sincerely appreciated. And thank you to all of our Associate Members and local businesses who support the SD Snowmobile clubs and our trail system.

We had a great group of members attend the Snocross in Sioux Falls. Even though the snow on the track was an odd color, the racing was great and the weather was beautiful! The Dakota Drifters will be looking into options of holding a few summer poker rides for all vehicles, keep an eye on our FB page for more upcoming info.

Our next meeting will be held at Boss's Pizza in Brookings on March 13th at 7:00pm. We will hold our Spring Banquet on April 20th. Social hour at 5:00pm, supper at 6:00pm and our meeting to elect new officers will follow. Everyone is welcome to attend, Planning for the Annual State Snowmobile Convention in Brookings next December is coming together. The Brookings Inn is our host hotel and room block info will be released this summer. Lynn Nilsson, Dakota Drifters

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Hello from the Great Plains Snowtrailers,

Since I missed the March issue of the Sno-Plainsman by a couple of days I will report on both the February and the March meetings.



We had 10 club members at the February club meeting at the Red Zone in Yale and we had 6 club members and three guests at the March meeting in Wolsey. It was great to have Nathan VanZee, District 4 Director and SDSA President Kelly Weaver and Jim join us at the recent meeting.

Without snow on the ground and temperatures in the 40' and 50's we did not have a lot to discuss this month as a club. We are in desperate need of snow for the trail. Due to the warm weather several of the ditches now have water in them.

We cancelled our annual club ride in the Black Hills on January 12-14 due to lack of snow in the Hills. I guess we will hope for snow and plan to go next year.

It was informative to have Nathan attend our meeting as we continue to discuss connecting our trail to the Hand County trail. We discussed which route would be best to connect to Wolsey if we decide to do this.

It was good to see Kelly and Jim Weaver at the meeting. Jim and Vince shared some stories of years gone by when they both use to race. Kelly updated us on what is going on with the funding of the snowmobile system and legislative issues. There will be more to come in the Sno-plainsman. She reported several important dates coming up this next year. One being the Advisory council meeting in May and the December convention will be in Brookings.

Kelly and Nathan gave us some ideas to get younger members in the club. There are several scholarship programs available and also how they should join the Yetis group.

We appreciate Kelly, Jim and Nathan taking time to come to our meeting. It was great to hear the up and coming things going on with SDSA and the suggestions they provided to our club. Thank you!!!

Brenda Jager
Great Plains Snowtrailers

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Can it really be March already? The winter has really flown by fast. Unfortunately, with no snow our club has not been very active. We even had to cancel our Mega Poker Ride this year. I guess we should not complain after the abundance of snow last year we were probably due for a lower than usual snowfall.

We did have several visitors at our February, meeting including SDSA President Kelly and her husband Jim Weaver, District 6 representative Jason Shepherd and Watertown club members Jason Schmidt and Steve West.



Kelly presented Dave Hammer with a Jacket from SDSA for being voted this year's Man Snowmobiler of the year. Congratulations Dave!

Cal and Linda are busy getting this year's Vintage show lined up. Be sure to mark your calendars for a trip to Milbank, May 30th to June 1st. This year's event will again be held at Lake Farley Park.

Soon it will be time to think about removing the Signs from the trail and getting on with the Summer. I hope everyone has a great

summer and we hope to see you again in the fall.

Secretary, Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Club
Shelly Gapp



One last hurrah from Watertown! Well it definitely wasn't our year for snow! We didn't get our groomer out once! A few of our members made a trip to Wyoming and Colorado. Besides that, several trips were cancelled due to lack of snow. However Snocross in Sioux Falls was a great time! It was fun for the spectators watching in 60 degree weather and hoodies compared to a very chilly one last year! April will be our last meeting for the season where we will plan our summer activities! Hop-

ing to have a bowling night, summer picnic, Thunder Road night and a few other events to stay in touch with our club members in the off season. Have a nice spring/summer! Stay tuned for updates on our Facebook page!

Included are pics from the Colorado trip!



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Howdy! To say the least the 2024 snowmobile season has been a bust, unless you were traveling to southern Colorado or Tahoe! But that doesn't mean we still can't have fun as a club! So, mark your calendars and watch our Facebook page for upcoming OHV

rides, since there is no snow!

Upcoming events for the club include our Annual/next club meeting. It is scheduled for 3/20 at 7:30 pm at the, Rusty Nail in Willow Lake, SD. As always, it's open to the public or anyone interested in checking out the club. We are hoping to do impromptu club OHV rides this summer as time and schedules allow, so watch the Town & Country Riders Facebook/Instagram pages. These will be done on short notification to club members and anyone else looking to participate.

Town & Country Riders are strong supporters of the Jakob Hohm Off Road Adventures (JHORA) foundation and will once again be supporting their upcoming event based out of Willow Lake on July 27, 2024. Be watching for their posts on their Facebook page/Instagram page with more details. We did have two club members, Brian and Tracey Erickson, travel to the Mountain Region Roundtable in West Yellowstone Montana to participate in the ACSA (American Council of Snowmobile Associations) ride and discussions. Additionally, Kelly Weaver, SDSA President along with her husband Jim and son-in law were present at the gathering. It was an excellent roundtable as they heard viewpoints shared from OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturers) rep, a KLIM rep, a Snobike rep, the SnoWest Magazine rep, and a Backcountry Snowmobile Guide/Clinician. The roundtable was facilitated by Jason Howell, ACSA Delegate At Large. They answered several questions that had been posed to them targeting moving the snowmobile industry and organized snowmobiling forward. The information shared will be very valuable going forward. If you would like to learn about the discussion, please reach out to either Brian, Tracey, or Kelly. The attendees did get to ride on Saturday and divided up into three groups different groups. Additionally, a silent auction was held on Friday evening, raising more funds in support of the ACSA scholarship and Legal Defense funds.



Photos from Town & Country Riders



Roundtable Discussion at Mountain Region Roundtable in West Yellowstone.



Brian Erickson & Bert Miller, ACSA President auctioning off items for scholarship & legal defense fundraiser.



Christine Jordain, ACSA Executive Director & Tracey Erickson out on the group ride.

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It has not been the best snow here but winter is not over yet. We can still get hit with snow. Our club did plan a club ride but the snow conditions did not allow it. We did try to groom the trail once but had groomer trouble so that took a few weeks to get fixed. We have a few meetings yet this season. Everyone can come to the meeting and join in



# ACSA UPDATE

Welcome to 2024! I am Bert Miller from Wyoming and currently serve as the President of the American Council of Snowmobile Associations. ACSA is the national organization that was formed to unite the snowmobile community. Because snowmobiling is enjoyed by millions of individuals across the United States, it was imperative that a strong national organization be formed. ACSA is the eyes and ears for snowmobiling in Washington, DC and the voice for snowmobiling on national issues.



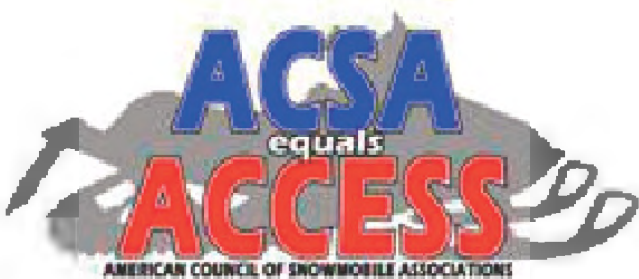
Looking forward, snowmobiling is facing many challenges in Washington, DC. “30x30” is a Biden program that aims to have 30% of all federal public lands and waters protected/conserved by 2030. We are currently at about 12% of public lands that meet that criteria. Many National Forests are beginning Travel Management Planning across the country. It is very important to have snowmobilers actively engaged in this process. You can always count on the non-motorized communities to be well represented. This can be a long and boring process, but one that is vitally important to maintaining our access.

What other tools are this administration going to use to help them in their land grab across the US? As we ended 2023, we saw the new Endangered Species listing of the Wolverine and the Canadian Lynx. We are also hearing there will be new Endangered Species Act language proposed by spring. ACSA will keep the snowmobile community updated on current legislative and/or regulatory threats through the weekly E-News. The E-News is emailed weekly, and if you are not currently receiving it, you can go to [www.snowmobilers.org](http://www.snowmobilers.org) to sign up.

If you are currently caught up in some access issues and are looking for resources with science to back them up, visit [www.snowmobileinfo.org](http://www.snowmobileinfo.org). This website provides a wealth of knowledge and very valuable resources for your use.

If you are a member of a snowmobile club, your state association and/or ACSA – Thank You! The more you learn – the more valuable you are when snowmobile issues end up in your back yard. Thank you for volunteering! Your hard work is appreciated!

I look forward to working with you as we take on the issues that may impact snowmobiling and to protect snowmobiling for our kids and grandkids in the future. Hope to see you out riding.....





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## **Darin Cooper, District 1 Director**

Not much to report for snow in the Northern hills, hopefully we can get some kind of moisture this spring.

I've been going to snowmobile dealer open houses for decades and try to attend their avalanche courses they put on. It seems I learn something new or at least remember something new every time. Next week I will be attending an AIARE Level 1 course to get some hands on training. At least there will be some snowmobiling involved. The Black Hills Snowmobile club had their annual club ride in Dubois Wyoming. Averaged around 20 riders for 3 days of riding and no damaged sleds, so that is always a plus.

The Black Hills club got the bid for the 2025 Convention December 5th and 6th.

By now most of you have heard or read about the possibility of fees going up for residents and/or added for non-residents. Articles have been written in the Sno Plainsman the last couple months, so I won't go into all those details. Not much has changed since the 70's with the exception of the gas tax off of 125 gallons of gas for every registered snowmobile in the state was increased from 100 gallons several years ago. The current system has worked better than most every other state in the snow belt for almost 50 years. Back in the day, GF&P trails program was self-insured (not sure about now), meaning if something happened at Hardy camp and the groomers were destroyed there was no insurance, they had to use the trail funds to replace the machines. Because of this, the trail fund always had a substantial amount in those funds. Back a couple decades ago other state's Legislatures started dipping into their trail funds for other programs, essentially destroying their snowmobile trail programs. Because of this, GF&P was afraid that if they tried to increase or implement fees to non-residents, the legislatures would see the substantial amount in the trail fund and possibly want to dip into it for other things. Fast forward to the last few years with the increased cost of basically everything and the lack of registered snowmobiles because of the poor snow conditions, the trail funds have been depleted to the point that something needs to happen sooner rather than later.

Hope everyone has a good summer!



## **Jackson Wenger, District 2 Director**

Good morning, good afternoon and good evening from District #2. To say this year's snow conditions have been disappointing would be an understatement! I remember writing my first article on the way home from convention in December planning on getting the family out and cruising around the hills and now here I am writing my article for April thinking there's a good chance the sleds will not see the hills and are tucked away till next season. March

6th Mike Boock and I traveled to Pierre to meet Kelly Weaver and Nathan VanZee at the capital to drop off some information and a very nice tumbler personalized and proudly displaying the SDSA logo. I was fortunate to attend a round table meeting to discuss future options and opportunities and can only imagine all the conversations, meetings and countless hours that have been spent since the early beginnings of the SDSA and all the clubs across the state. If you weren't able to read Kim Raap's article in last month's sno plainsman...please do, it was well done and full of great information. Till next time...good day!



## Lee Olson, District 3 Director

Hello everyone, how's your winter been? Pretty boring in the Aberdeen area. 40 to 50 degrees every day, and it looks like it's going to stay that way for a while. We had 2 inches of snow here yesterday, but it's pretty much gone this afternoon. About time to remove the trail markers again. We did ride the trail one time a few months ago. Wasn't very good riding, but we rode 50 miles one afternoon.



Not much to report up here, looks like spring is here. One thing that keeps coming up every at events is how do we get the younger generation involved? Our meetings and events are usually the same people every time, and we're not getting any younger. Seems like when the YETI group started there was a lot of interest in it with the youth. As they get older and age out of the group we don't have others joining to replace the original members. Anybody have any ideas or suggestions? I'd love to hear them.

With the way this winter's been it's hard to believe that both snocross events were held. Conditions were less than ideal at both, but they made it work. In the 50's in Deadwood and 60's in Sioux Falls when the races were held. Nice weather if you were watching in the stands. Not so good for the racers and their snowmobiles. The raffle for the MXZ 200 was a great success. Sold the final tickets Saturday afternoon before the snocross in Sioux Falls. Thank you to everybody that purchased tickets or helped sell them.

Well, that's it for this season. See what next winter brings.

Lee Olson  
District 3 Director

## Nathan VanZee, District 4 Director

Hello everyone, Hard to believe this is the last magazine for the year. It seems like convention was just yesterday. I hope everyone had a great year and at least got to do a little riding. Unfortunately I only made it out once this year but took a bunch of new members that are also fairly new to snowmobiling so that made it worth it. I went down to the Sioux Falls Snocross at the end of February. It was a great time! It's hard to believe that it can be 60° and watching snowmobile races. I didn't stick around at the booth but it sounds like we had a great turn out and got alot more tickets sold for the snowmobile we were giving away. Congratulations Jim Dobbyn from Minot ND on winning. Today we got to go out to the capitol while they were in session and meet some of the representatives then later go meet with GFP. What a great experience to join in on. There is some great things hopefully coming to the snowmobile community that will definitely help keep the trails program going. I look forward to seeing more details about it at our May meeting. I just want to thank everyone for a great year and for giving me the opportunity to be your district 4 director.





## Pat Hanten-Duerr, District 5 Director

Wow, The Jon LaFramboise Yetis Scholarship is fully funded, and we will draw the first recipient this year. Great job everyone. So where do we go from here, how do we get more youth involved with the YETIS!!

What if every club developed a Youth program within its club that included activities like maybe Tubing, a Pizza Party, Lazer Tag, Wild Water west in Summer, Bowling, etc. Maybe members from one or more clubs do an event together. Let those events supplement what all SDSA Yetis do as a group. Maybe have a family fun day next season when we have snow and provide kids without a sled the chance to try a sled provided for them by current members. Soon they may have a sled of their own.

We have something great with this scholarship, but we need to do better at getting youth involved in each of our clubs before next year comes. Get membership forms out in your clubs and those families that are already SDSA members get those Yetis qualifying kids signed up and grow the program.

The Yetis Membership form is on The SDSA site under "Forms" get your YETIS signed up now!!!!

Pat Hanten Duerr District 5 Director



## Jason Shepherd, District 6 Director

Man what a winter we have had this year. To start with it was very nice again to meet up with people at the Snocross races in Sioux Falls. The snow was a little lacking but the racing was good. The SDSA booth had many people stop by to say hello and to pickup their tickets for the 200 raffle. We were able to get all the tickets sold and able to draw the winning ticket Saturday evening. Thank you to all that helped getting those tickets sold. As for some club news not too much to say with the lack of Snow up in these areas. Some of the clubs are starting to plan some summer activities and also when to start removing the trails that they had put in. With this being our last article for the winter I will say again what a different winter have had this year. Enjoy the summer with friends and family. Until next fall - Jason



## Trace Damm, District 7 Director

Hello everyone,

This year was not quite the year we were hoping for when it comes to snow. Like most things in life, we take the good with the bad. We were lucky to have enough snow stored up for the Snocross to make it to Deadwood and Sioux Falls. The girls and I were able to get the 120 out a couple times with mother natures 50 degree swings it was more than comfortable for them. Snow one day and 50 degrees the next. A few of us had a trip planned to Revelstoke, BC this year and we

had to cancel that trip because the lack of snow they were experiencing. The air BNB owner told us that it was the worst he has seen in 25 years. So, we regrouped and ended up in Utah where we had great terrain and beautiful county. Received about a foot the night before we got there and highs in the low 20's with nothing but blue bird days. Once again, we took the good from the bad. There have been a few other places out west getting hit by some random storms as well. One trip is all I got in the books this year, but one with friends and memories for a lifetime. Till Next Year - Trace

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3. Trace Damm

### Fundraiser/Raffle

1. Trace Damm
2. Darin Cooper
3. Pat Hanten-Duerr

### SnoPlainsman Committee

1. Mary Anne Grabow
2. Trace Damm
3. Nathan Vanzee
4. Kelly Weaver

### Investments

1. Lisa Cain
2. Pat Hanten-Duerr

### Governors Ride

1. Mike Boock
2. Jason Shepherd
3. Jackson Wenger

### Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers

1. SDSA President
2. Jason Shepherd
3. Sheridan LaFramboise
4. Mike Boock
5. Mary Anne Grabow

### Nominating committee

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

### Yetis Advisors

1. Lee Olson
2. Kirsten VanDenHemel
3. Audrey Rider
4. Tracey Erickson







# O U R L E G A C Y M E M B E R S



**1. Donald R. Larson**  
Milbank, SD  
Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association  
11/2013



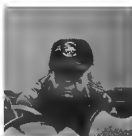
**11. Neal Boeke**  
Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers  
12/2015



**21. Mary Anne Grabow**  
Gary, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers  
10/2018



**2. Jack Colwell**  
DeSmet, SD  
Town & Country Snow-drifters 1/2014



**12. Courtney Livingston**  
Watertown, SD  
Watertown Snowmobile Club 01/2016



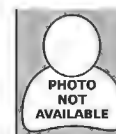
**22. Dan Boone**  
Watertown, SD  
Watertown Club 12/2018



**3. LeRoy Erickson**  
Ramona, SD  
Town & Country Snow-drifters 1/2014



**13. Neal Grabow**  
Silver City, IA  
Dakota Trail Blazers  
3/2016



**23. Carey Holt**  
Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trailblazers-  
03/2019



**4. Duane Hojer**  
Oldham, SD  
Town & Country Snow-drifters 1/2014



**14. Jakob Hohm-**  
Willow Lake, SD  
Town & Country Snow-drifters 3/2017



**24. Dean Austad-**  
Sioux Falls, SD  
Sioux Falls Sno Trackers  
09/2019



**5. Thomas C. Keimig**  
Gary, SD  
Dakota Trailblazers 1/2015



**15. Brian Erickson**  
Arlington, SD  
Town & Country Snow-drifters 11/2017



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



**6. Todd Wilkinson**  
DeSmet, SD  
Town & Country Snow-drifters 11/2015



**16. Jay Hojer**  
Oldham, SD  
Town & Country Snow-drifters 1/2018



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



**7. Greg Hiles**  
DeSmet, SD  
Town & Country Snow-drifters 11/2015



**17. Steve Wess**  
Watertown, SD  
Watertown Snowmobile Club 3/2018



**27. Virginia Hojer**  
Oldham, SD  
Town & Country Snow-drifters 02/2020



**8. Russell Johnson**  
Beresford, SD  
Trailbusters 12/2015



**18. Jay Schilling**  
Rapid City, SD  
Black Hills Snowmobile Club 3/2018



**28. Randy Knadle**  
Desmet, SD  
Town & Country Snow-drifters 10/2020



**9. Lisa Johnson**  
Beresford, SD  
Trailbusters 12/2015



**19. Rich Nelson**  
Miller, SD  
SDSA member 3/2018



**29. Myrna Knadle**  
DeSmet, SD  
Town & Country Snow-drifters 10/2020



**10. Mick Hehn**  
Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers  
12/2015



**20. Marty Grabow**  
Gary, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers  
10/2018



**30. Preston Fischer**  
Milbank, SD  
Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association 10/2020





# O U R L E G A C Y M E M B E R S



31. **Scott Erstad**  
Badger, SD  
Poinsett Ponders 12/2020



32. **Judy Nelson**  
Sisseton, SD  
North East Trailblazers  
1/2021



33. **Dennis Nelson**  
Sisseton, SD  
North East Trailblazers  
1/2021



34. **Jordan Hinsvark**  
Gary, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers 7/2021



35. **Wayne Boeke**  
Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers 7/2021



36. **Jean Wilkinson**  
DeSmet, SD  
Town & Country Snowdrifters  
10/2021



37. **Roger Seloover**  
Sioux Falls, SD  
by his daughter Char 10/2021



38. **Kim Raap**  
Sioux Falls, SD  
Sioux Falls SnoTrackers  
11/2021



39. **Sara Shepherd**  
Watertown, SD  
Watertown Snowmobile Club  
11/2021



40. **Nathan Lakness**  
Hayti, SD  
Poinsett Ponders  
11/2021



41. **Jody Lemme**  
Arlington, SD  
Poinsett Ponders 11/2021



42. **Jim LeTendre**  
Sioux Falls SD  
combined effort:  
5 clubs  
11/2021



43. **Richard Berens**  
Milbank, SD  
Whetstone Valley Snow-  
mobile Association 8/2022



44. **Dave Hammer**  
Milbank, SD  
Whetstone Valley Snowmo-  
bile Association 8/2022



45. **Jon LaFramboise**  
Rapid City SD  
Black Hills Snowmobile  
Club  
11/2022



46. **Sheridan LaFramboise**  
Rapid City SD  
Black Hills Snowmobile  
Club  
11/2022



47. **Marvin Keimig Jr**  
Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers  
03/2023



48. **Kim Hehn**  
Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers  
03/2023



49. **Marty Keimig**  
Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers  
06/2023



50. **Doug Moeller**  
Bryant, SD  
Poinsett Ponders  
12/2023



51. **Bonnie Moeller**  
Bryant, SD  
Poinsett Ponders  
12/2023



52. **Diane Jo Hiles**  
DeSmet, SD  
Town & Country Riders  
12/2023



53. **Charlie Fawcett**  
Ree Heights, SD  
Hand County Snogooers  
12/2023

## Legacy Membership \$500

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

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



## SDSA Board Visits State Capitol

On Wednesday, March 6th, a delegation from the SDSA Board traveled to Pierre to meet with our state leaders. Since the Governor's Ride was cancelled this year, SDSA prepared a packet of information along with personalized tumblers that were delivered to 105 legislators along with the Governor, Lt. Governor and Game Fish and Parks leaders. The information included SDSA annual report, the snowmobile program overview, snowmobiling economic impact report, SDSA membership brochure, trails map and a Save the Date for the 2025 Governor's Ride (2-8-25). SDSA board members making the deliveries were President Kelly Weaver, President Elect Mike Boock, District 2 Director Jackson Wenger and District 4 Director Nathan Van Zee. The delegation also presented a plaque of appreciation to Rep. Gary Cammack for his support and long-term participation in the Governor's Ride.

The team also met with Division Director Jeff Van Meeteren, Al Nedved and Ryan Raynor at the Game Fish and Parks office to discuss the Snowmobile Trails Fund and anticipated changes to the fee structure in the future. The need for the funds, logistics of implementation, and legislative timeline were discussed. Much data has been gathered which Ryan will prepare for specific discussion at the May 4 and August (TBD) meetings of the Snowmobile Advisory Council and SDSA board. These meetings will be held in Pierre and Zoom connections will also be available; members are welcomed. Watch the SDSA website and Facebook page for details or contact the SDSA office.



**SDSA Board Nathan VanZee, President Elect Mike Boock, Rep. Gary Cammack, Rep. Carl Perry, Rep. Brandei Schaeffbauer, President Kelly Weaver and Jackson Wenger.**



**SDSA Board with Rep. Gary Cammack. SDSA President Kelly Weaver, President Elect Mike Boock, Rep. Cammack, Jackson Wenger and Nathan Van Zee.**



# Many thanks to our Back the Ride Donors

## 2022 Season

### Platinum

**Greg & Diane Hiles**

### Gold

**Richard & Kerry Fish**

**Town & Country Snowdrifters**

**Brian & Tracey Erickson**

### Copper

**Bob & Judy King**

**Kelly & Jim Weaver**

### Bronze

**Dick Lauer**

## 2023 Season

### Platinum

**Bob & Judy King**

### Gold

**Richard & Kerry Fish**

**Brian & Tracey Erickson**

**Town & Country Snowdrifters**

### Copper

**Earl Klersy**

**Roger Briggs**

**Jeff Fish**

### Bronze

**Town & Country Snowdrifters**

## 2024 Season

### Gold

**Richard & Kerry Fish**

### Copper

**Jim & Kelly Weaver**



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We had a plan of raising \$25,000 - \$30,000 for the YETIS scholarship in memory of Jon LaFramboise. The endowment currently sits at \$7300. Decision was made yesterday to not offer the scholarship for this year as we can only use 4% of the endowment.

Nominations began at 10:22 a.m. right after a 20 minute break.

Aberdeen Driftbusters nominated Kelly Weaver for President of SDSA. Siouxland SnoTrackers seconded the motion. Nominations were called for three times. Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Club made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kelly. SnoTrackers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Black Hills Snowmobile Club nominated Mike Boock as President Elect. Aberdeen Driftbusters seconded the motion. Nominations were called for three times. Poinsett Pounders made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Boock. Dakota Trail Blazers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

District 1 – Black Hills Snowmobile Club nominated Darin Cooper. Town & Country Riders seconded the motion. Nominations were called for three times. Dakota Ditch Rippers made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Darin Cooper. Motion carried.

District 2 - Black Hills Snowmobile Club nominated Jackson Wenger. Dakota Trail Blazers seconded the motion. . Nominations were called for three times. Aberdeen Driftbusters made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jackson Wenger. Town & Country Riders seconded the motion. Motion carried.

District 4 – Hand county SnoGoers nominated Nathan Van Zee. Town & Country Riders seconded the motion. Nominations were called for three times. Town & Country Riders made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Nathan Van Zee. Poinsett Pounders seconded the motion. Motion carried.

District 6 - Watertown Snowmobile Club nominated Jason Shepherd. Dakota Trail Blazers seconded the motion. Nominations were called for three times. Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jason Shepherd. SnoTrackers seconded the motion. Motion carried

Governor's Ride – Mike reported that Feb 9 & 10 will be the dates. Meetings will be at Spearfish Holiday Inn – GOV discount for the rooms. \$99 for standard \$110 suite. Poolside are \$30 extra. Rooms are for Thursday – Sunday. Friday evening will be the Gov Advisory at 5 p.m. & SDSA Board. Saturday morning is the brunch and the ride. \$15 registration fee. \$7.50 for youth 6 – 12. Under 6 are free. The ride will go until 4 p.m. this year.

Grants – We applied for an ISMA grant and we were again awarded \$3,000 for the Governor's Ride and the SDSA Appreciation ride. Invite people to the ride and let's get more to attend.

Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers – This is an important fund to help people who have a crisis. This is a great perk for our snowmobiling community. We've awarded 39 since its inception.

Awards – We had a better showing for applications. Let's do this again next year!

Sno cross – January 26 & 27 in Deadwood. Sioux Falls March 1 &

2. We have a 200 snowmobile to raffle off for these events. The snowmobile will be drawn for as soon as the tickets are all sold (after the sno cross events).

Advisory – Al Nagel reported for the council. Good meeting yesterday brainstorming on funding avenues. When we approach the legislators, we want the price updated on ourselves!

Trails Specialist – Maps are here for distribution. Veterans Ride will be again this year. January 13th.

Rates increased to \$15 for signing (was \$10). Grooming got bumped 50 cents for clubs that use state owned equipment. Clubs went from \$69 to \$72 if you own your own groomers. That matched the raise for the state owned equipment (3%). Storage was bumped to \$2500...but groomers should be inside. The clubs that own their own can now be reimbursed for that as well. Maintenance got bumped from \$8 to \$13.

Long range study planning:

1. Non-residents -get a closer number of how many non residents snowmobile in the Hills.

2. Black Hills State – has been contacted regarding an updated economic impact study.

3. Parks division will create a marketing plan for the first time ever.

Hoping to put the plan together within the next three years!

last year:

9,712 registered sleds

Gas tax \$339,920.

\$853,887 total revenue

Trails fund is \$552,246. which is the lowest # in many years.

The meeting scheduled for 1:30 for post convention board of directors will be at 4:50 p.m.

Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sno Trackers Seconded the motion.



# Photos from Watertown Club Ride



# Our Associate Members

## District 1

**Trailhead Lodge**  
22075 US HWY 85  
Lead SD 57754  
605-584-3464  
trailheadlodge.com

**Saloon #10**  
657 Main Street  
Deadwood SD 57732

**WhiteTail Creek Resort**  
11295 US Hwy 85/14A  
Lead, SD 57754

## District 2

**Elite Fabz & Design**  
1807 S Valley Drive  
Rapid City SD 57703

**Independent Truck Repair**  
2333 Emerson Ln  
Rapid City, SD 57701

**French's Upholstery**  
1511 E Philadelphia St  
Rapid City, SD 57703

**Bennett Transportation**  
P O Box 408  
Black Hawk SD 57718

**Summers Automotive**  
1807 S Valley Drive  
Rapid City, SD 57703

## District 3

**Curts Motor Sports**  
2323 W Hwy 12  
Aberdeen SD 57401

**Millstone Family Restaurant**  
2210 6th Ave SE  
Aberdeen SD 57401  
605-229-4105  
facebook.com/aberdennmillstone

**Herreid Sporting Center**  
Box 215  
Herreid SD 57632

**Hepper's Sport Center**  
501 N Hwy 281  
Aberdeen SD 57401  
605-225-9279  
hepperssportcenter.com

**Aberdeen Convention & Visitors**  
Aberdeen SD 57401

**Gellings Auto**  
503 N Roosevelt  
Aberdeen SD 57401  
gellingsautoservice.com

**Reuer's Auto Service**  
403 N Main  
Aberdeen, SD 57401

**C-Express**  
2303 SD 6th Avenue  
Aberdeen, SD 57401

**Biegler Construction**  
382021 N Shore Drive  
Aberdeen SD 57401

**Richmond Oasis**  
12845 382nd Ave  
Aberdeen, SD 57401

**The Crossing/M Station**  
800 Newbitt Drive  
Mina SD

**Elite Collision Center**  
3011 8th Ave NE  
Aberdeen SD 57401

**Mack's Auto Body**  
803 Third Ave SE  
Aberdeen, SD 57401

**Pizza Ranch**  
1010 6th Ave SE  
Aberdeen SD 57401

**L & O Acres**  
12101 386th Avenue  
Westport SD

**Karen's in Columbia**  
11 s Broadway St  
Columbia SD

**District 4**  
**HI-Mark LLC**  
604 Root Ave SW  
DeSmet, SD 57231

**Oldham Saloon**  
201 E Main  
Oldham, SD

**Sunset Lodge**  
28181 182nd Street  
Pierre SD 57501  
sunsetlodgelakeoae.com

**Steele Financial Services**  
P O Box 128  
LakePreston, SD

**New Horizon Lounge**  
202 Spring Ave S  
Lake Preston SD

**1481 Grille**  
408 S Hwy 81 & 14  
Arlington SD 57212

## District 5

**Olson's Pest Technicians**  
178 Spring St  
Yankton SD 57078

**The Shipwreck Bar & Grill**  
23925 464th Avenue  
Chester SD 57030

**Sioux Equipment**  
1310 E 39th St N  
Sioux Falls SD 57104

**The Gulch**  
516 Main St  
Garretson, SD 57030

**Track 2 Trail Arctic Cat**  
2905 W Russell  
Sioux Falls SD  
track2trail.com

**Trails Work Consulting**  
3400 S Florence Avenue  
Sioux Falls, SD 57103  
605-371-9799

**Steve's Bar**  
Trent SD

**Vern Eide Motoplex**  
4915 N Northview Ave  
Sioux Falls SD 57107  
verneidemotoplex.com

**Fresh Horses Saloon**  
106 Willow Street  
Sioux Falls SD 57107

**Nordstroms Automotive Inc**  
5513 48th Ave  
Garretson SD 57030  
nordstromsauto.com

**Tailgators**  
1013 Splitrock Blvd  
Brandon, SD 57003

**Pizza Ranch**  
500 W 4th Street  
Dell Rapids SD 57022

**Baltic Corner Inc**  
25001 475th Avenue  
Dell Rapids SD 57022

**Palisades Propane Inc & Palisades Oil**  
25353 485th Ave  
Garretson SD 57030

**Crow Bar Lounge**  
3805 S Minnesota Ave  
Sioux Falls SD 57105

## One Stop

1104 NW 2nd Street  
Madison SD 57042

**Classic Corner LP**  
500 SE 10th St  
Madison SD 57042

**Mike's Bar**  
512 N Clark Ave  
Dell Rapids, SD 57022

**Prohibition Pub**  
313 N Garfield  
Dell Rapids SD 57022

**District 6**  
**VFW Post 3486**  
205 Thirst St S  
Milbank SD 57252

**Ships Inn Bar & Grill**  
P O Box 155  
Castlewood SD 57223

**Country Corner**  
104 State Ave W  
Estelline, SD 57234

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516 W 4th Ave  
Milbank, SD 57252

**Fiberglass Specialties**  
1225 14th St SE  
Watertown, SD 57201

**The Bullpen**  
P O Box 80  
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**Wharf**  
113689 Lage Road  
Corona SD 57227

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Wilmot SD 57279

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1605 9th Ave SW  
Watertown, SD 57201

**Cloud 9 Bar & Grill**  
Watertown SD 57201

**Games Unlimited**  
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Milbank SD 57252

**Valley Liquor**  
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Milbank SD 57252

**Blacks Pheasants Fields**  
Estelline, SD



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Milbank SD 57252

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Wilnot SD 57279  
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**Renegades Saloon**  
P O Box 51  
Hayti Sd 57241

**BLU Salon & Spa**  
213 9th Ave SE  
Watertown, SD

**Shady Beach**  
13655 Shady Street  
Corona SD 57227

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Twin Brooks SD 57269

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Watertown, SD 57201

**Exit Realty Connection**  
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Watertown, SD 57201

**Prairie Stop**  
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Watertown, SD 57201

**Whetstone Insurance**  
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Milbank SD 57252

**GoFaster Powersports LLC**  
209 NW 1st St  
Ortonville MN 56278  
gofasters.com

**Keller Kountry Korner**  
P O Box 71  
Wallace SD

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1005 South Dakota Street  
Milbank, SD 57252

**Badger Oil**  
Badger SD

**Massage by Bre**  
321 E Main  
Badger, SD 57214

**District 7**  
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White, SD

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203 Broadway  
Aurora, SD 57002

**Adee Honey**  
517 Jay Street  
Bruce SD 57220

**Jackrabbit Tire & Service**  
225 Third Ave S  
Brookings, SD 57006

**Bushnell Garage**  
47818 Main  
Bushnell SD 57276

**Valley Restaurant & Catering**  
103 Caspian  
Volga SD

**Smith Cattle**  
47238 226th Street  
Flandreau SD 57028

**The Lanes**  
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Brookings, SD 57006

**The Ridge**  
919 Jay St  
Bruce SD 57220

**Lefty's**  
P O Box 857  
White, SD 57276

**Back in Motion**  
**Chiropractic**  
1453 6th St  
Brookings, SD 57006  
brandenburgerchiro.com

**Brookings Powersports**  
1723 16th Ave W  
Brookings, SD 57006

**Lemke's Bar & Grill**  
213 N Broadway  
Aurora, SD 57002

**Bothun Insurance**  
307 Sixth St City Plaza  
Brookings, SD 57006

**B & E Auto Repair**  
105 N Samara Ave  
Volga SD 57279

**Valley Mart**  
101 Caspian Avenue  
Volga, SD

**Jay Street Pub**  
915 Doe St  
Bruce SD 57220

**BLU Salon & Spa**  
1118 Sixth St  
Brookings, SD 57006

**Midway Camp**  
46576 211th Street  
Volga, SD 57071

**Ponderosa Hills**  
105 N Samara Ave  
Brookings, SD 57006  
VRBO 356446

**Siouxland Bar & Grill**  
19555 Hwy 81  
Arlington SD

**Kings Lanes/Schmidty's**  
101 Main  
Arlington SD 57212

**The Lucky Dog Bar & Grill**  
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Volga, SD 57071

**Braun's Lawns LLC**  
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Brookings, SD 57006

**Weiland Marine-**  
19592 US Hwy 81  
Arlington, SD

**Havoc Engineering Group**  
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**High Caliber Insulation**  
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Nunda, SD 57050

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Volga SD 57071

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Elkton SD 57026

**Frosted Prairie**  
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Brookings, SD 57006

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607-693-1031  
sledtrack.com

**Tucker SnoCat**  
2872 S Pacific Highway  
Medford OR 97501

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Blairsburg IA 50034

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Council Bluffs IA 51503

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\$50 PER YEAR**

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**P O Box 206 Gary SD 57237**





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By showing your valid SDSA membership card you can receive the following additional discounts/benefits from the following businesses:

**Sturgis Motorsports**  
 2695 Lazelle St  
 Sturgis SD  
 605-720-1206  
 10% off on Snowmobile parts and accessories  
 sturgismotorsports.net

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 11321 Gillette Prairie Road Hill City, SD 57745  
 605-574-2636  
 10% off snowmobile rental or lodging.  
**MUST SAY WHEN BOOKING!**  
 mtmeadow.com

**\*Track to Trail**  
 2905 Russell Street W  
 Sioux Falls SD  
 605-336-5611  
 10% on all snowmobile clothing, oil & accessories  
 track2trail.com



**\*Trailshead Lodge**  
 22075 US Hwy 85  
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 605-584-3464  
 Stay 4 nights, get the 5th night FREE!

**\*Vern Eide Motoplex**  
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 605-221-4000  
 10% off all snowmobile clothing & accessories



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AKOTA MOTOR SPORTS LLC

dakotamotorsportsllc.com

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 -10% off all regular priced clothing and accessories under \$3,000.

**Interlakes Sport Center**  
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 Madison SD  
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 10% off all snowmobile clothing, parts, oil and accessories  
 interlakessportcenter.com



**\*Midwest Power Sports**  
 1608 Morningside Dr.  
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 605-432-9111  
 10% off all snowmo-

bile clothing, helmets & goggles.  
 midwestpowersports.net

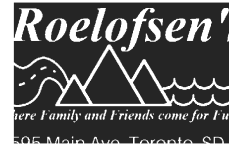
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**\*Mystic Hills Hideaway**  
 21766 Custer Peak Road  
 Deadwood SD 57732  
 605-584-4713  
 \$20 off a room or stay December 15 - March 15  
 mystichillshideaway@gmail.com  
 mystichillshideaway.com



palacemotorsportsinc.com

**\*Power Brokers Inc**  
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 Sioux Falls SD 57107  
 605-334-7355  
 10% off on snowmobile parts & accessories  
 powerbrokersinc.com



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**Roelofsen Implement**  
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 Toronto SD 57107  
 605-7942131  
 10% discount on all snowmobile parts, oil & 20% on snowmobile clothing.

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 10619 Roughlock Falls Road  
 Lead, SD 57754  
 605-584-3435  
 10% off a room  
 spfcanyon.com



**\*Hepper's Sport Center**  
 501 N Hwy 281  
 Aberdeen, SD 57401  
 (605-225-9279)  
 -10% off all snowmobile clothing, oil and accessories  
 .hepperssportcenter.com

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December 6-7  
55th Annual SDSA Convention  
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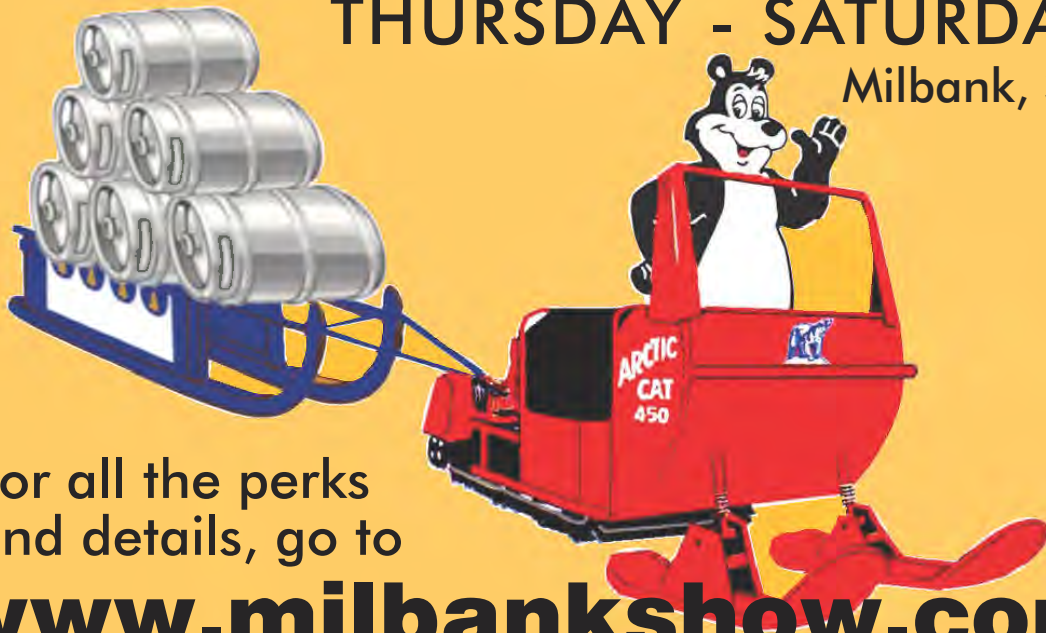
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