

Quad County Snowmobile Club

February 2012 Newsletter

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Trail Updates:

If you were able to get out and ride the first snow fall in January, you may or may not have noticed some trail improvements that were being installed that Saturday. The club has bought destination with mileage signs (like the green signs on a highway) and have installed them at our major junctions. Below are a few pictures from that day of installing and we hope that everyone will appreciate the extra trailside info. This should be an even greater help to riders not familiar with our trail system. Please note that some of the mileages are to corridor junctions and not actual towns. They are clearly marked with a small brown and yellow junction symbol.



Junction ST11 in Wayland



Junction ST12 Parks Rd



Junction ST10 at Loon Lake

On the topic of new trail development, the club is also working on securing a new club trail from Parks Road to the White Buck in Cohocton. This will go up the seasonal road to the top of Dutch Hill. At the top of the hill it will turn left and follow the shortest route to Cohocton that was commonly ridden a decade or more ago. This will eliminate the need to turn right at the top of the hill requiring navigating the steep logging roads that go up and down to Black Creek Hollow Rd. Because of the steep and narrow roads in and out of Black Creek Hollow, it would be almost impossible to run the groomers on that route making it less desirable to convert it to a funded trail. We will continue to secure landowner permissions and inform you when we have any major breakthroughs on our progress.

Fundraisers:

This year we are participating again by selling NYSSA 2012 Super Raffle tickets. Members are encouraged to stop by a meeting to pick some up to sell. Each ticket is \$5.00 and \$2.50 of each ticket sold we get back to reinvest in the trail system. Top prizes are still snowmobiles donated by the NYS Arctic Cat/Polaris/Ski-Doo Dealers. There are still 50 total prizes as in years past, but it appears there are more cash prizes than I remember. This is an easy way for the club to make a little extra cash which is always needed. You never know, you could be adding a new sled to your garage if you win.

Last year we did not have any additional fundraisers. In the effort to offset operating expenses we have decided to organize a cash prize raffle. In the coming weeks all current members will be mailed out 10 tickets to

sell. The prize structure will be \$100 / \$50 /\$25 and the cost will be \$1 per ticket. Details will be included in the mailing. Please help the club out by selling as many of the tickets as you can.

Membership:

This year club membership has been stronger than anticipated given the lack of snow. There are still members that have not renewed and we encourage you to join now and register your snowmobiles before the snow flies. State wide memberships to NYISA are down as well as snowmobile registrations. Without snowmobile registration money going into the trail fund, statewide funding may be affected for next season. At this point in time only about 50% of last years' registered sleds have been renewed this year. Many clubs depend on the full amount of funding provided by the grant process and there are some real concerns statewide that funding next year will be greatly reduced if registrations don't pick up. On a bright side, we have picked up a few new members to the club and hope all of last year member eventually renew. We will budget appropriately to ensure we still have fund to maintain our trail system next year if grant funding falls short.

Equipment:

January 14 was the maiden voyage of our larger LMC 1800 groomer. The main goal of the trip was to prove out the systems of the groomer that had been repaired after we bought it and to make sure there were not additional gremlin's lurking around. A second goal was to get the groomer on some of the chisel plowed fields to smooth them out a bit before the ground froze. After the 12 hour round trip, no problems were found and some of the rough fields were smoothed out considerably. Below are a few pics and more will be posted on the website. The little groomer was out as well.



Elections:

It is that time of year again where we need to start thinking about officer elections for the club. The second meeting of February (15th) we will have nominations for officers with elections in March. This year there will be a position vacated per our 5 year term limit outlined in the club's by-laws. It is always good to have new & fresh ideas brought in by new leadership while at the same time allowing those who have been giving their time a possible needed break from their duties. We will be discussing these topics at our next meeting February 1st. If you are interested in becoming more involved with club direction and leadership, I ask you to attend the February meeting and let us know if there is a position that you would be interested in holding. Official nominations will be at the second meeting in February and elections sometime in March. Both subject to timing changes and final decisions voted on during the meetings. Final election dates and nominees will be listed in the March newsletter.

In closing, hopefully February will bring us some much needed winter weather and riding. I am tired of rain, mud and no riding miles just as I'm sure you all are. Are you also having fun listening to your non-winter friends asking you where all the snow is. Just remember when the snow returns, keep an eye out for rough trails and keep between the stakes. Also if we get snow and we do not get a deep freeze, there may be deep water holes at the south end of the trail about a mile north of where we intersect with the Bath trail. We will post trail conditions and updates on the website as soon as the trails are re-opened.

Sincerely,
Quad County Snowmobile Club
Mark Wolfanger, President