



June 2023

Hello SnoPals

I hope you are enjoying our summer weather!

Don't forget to tune up your machine for the riding season.

Its only about 24 weeks until we can open our groomed trails for 2024.

Our work as a club has not stopped when the snow melted. Some of our members have been busy.

As previously reported our Dave Bruderer won the SnoMAN Groomer Operator of the Year award. Then his nomination went forward to the Canadian Congress of Snowmobile Organizations and he won the CCSO Groomer Operator of the year award and was presented with the national award at the International Snowmobile Congress in Moline Il, USA.



CONGRATULATIONS DAVE!!

For our 2024 season we continue with our **TRAIL GUARDIAN** and **SHELTER HOST** programs.

TRAIL GUARDIANs assist the club by patrolling their designated section of trail and perform the following functions throughout the season:

- early season packing of the first powder
- start of season signing of non permanent signs
- mid season sign verification
- mid season brush trimming or debris pick up after the groomer with the brush bar goes down the trail
- end of season sign removal of non permanent signs
- all season - reporting hazards / incidents / items of interest to our directors

We are always looking for more TRAIL GUARDIANs. Are you interested??

Our **SHELTER HOSTS** volunteer to ride into their favorite shelter on a weekly basis and reported on



the status of the shelter and



equipment inventory. This allows the club to ensure that there was adequate wood, kindling, matches, TP and maps available along with functioning solar lights, broom, axe, dust pan and garbage bags. If

you would like to join our **SHELTER HOST** team let us know!

We were very fortunate with our GRANT applications this season.

As previously reported the **Manitoba Winter Tourism Development Fund** granted our club \$100,000 to go toward the purchase of our 2020 Husky groomer

In May the **Lac du Bonnet Ice Fishing Derby** granted our club \$2000 to go toward our groomer track cleat replacement project on our 2007 Husky.

The **Lac du Bonnet Foundation** granted our club \$3000 to go toward our groomer track cleat replacement project on our 2007 Husky.



And in June the **R M of Lac du Bonnet** granted our club \$2500 to go toward trail maintenance.

The Beausejour COOP has designated our club as one of their **GOOD FUEL DAY RECIPIENTS**. On September 19th \$0.05 from every \$1 of fuel sold will be granted to our club.

So run your tanks DRY and fill up everything on September 19th at the COOP to support the SnoPals

These grants will help the SNOPALS stay on the snow providing the best trails possible in the Eastern Region.

Our thanks go out to all of these organizations for their support of our club. If you have a chance to connect with any representatives of these groups give them a THANK YOU on behalf of our membership.

In June we had a resident in Pinawa donate a stock pile of cut split fire wood to our shelter program. A work part of 9 members hand loaded the 8 cords of fire wood into 3 dump trailers in a record 1 hour. The loads were then dumped and piled with the help of EJ WIEBE TRANSPORT's hoe



Thanks to our members who volunteered and thanks to EJ WIEBE!!

We have applied for our annual brushing permit and once received we will be going out by ATV to trim back some dangerous overhanging trees. Watch FACEBOOK and your email for invitations.

We held our club AGM on May 4th in Pinawa

Gus Wruck received a LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP for his continued support of the Eastman SnoPals.

Our Executive for 2044 was installed

President – John Fleming

Vice President – Jason Wiebe

Sec / Treasurer – Gord Hunter

Grooming Director – Dave Bruderer

Maintenance Director – Kevin Champagne

Directors at Large – Ernie Wiebe & Dennis Soloway

Our club is still looking for additional volunteers to help in these Director and Chairperson roles

Membership Chair

Fund Raising Chair

Trail Ride Chair

Raffle Chair

Entertainment Chair

SNOMAN WINNERS CHOICE RAFFLE Chair

As you can see, some of these roles require a riding member and other roles just require a volunteer.

Please help our club to remain strong and throw your name in to help in one of our vacant positions or a TRAIL GUARDIAN or SHELTER HOST position.

THANK YOU

Stay safe

John Fleming,

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