

Eastman SnoPals Newsletter – October 2023



**Welcome to our
world!!**

The ground has turned white and we are all looking forward to a great season.

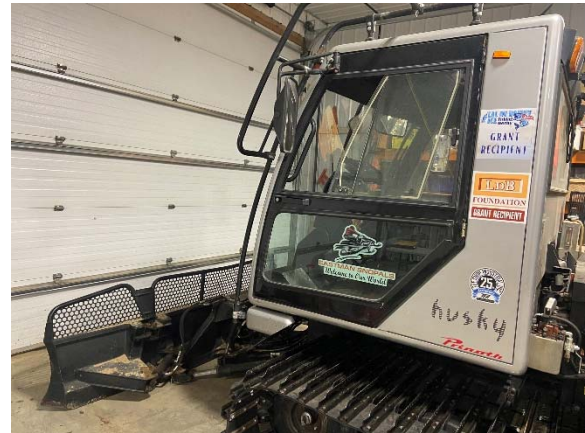
It will be a while yet before we can even think of getting a groomer on the snow. Mother nature has to freeze the ground, bogs and swamps below the snow first.

But we are still busy getting ready.

Over the summer we completed a full track cleat replacement project on our 2007 Husky. The machine had to be jacked up and the tracks split and taken off. In case you are a number counter there are 66 cleats on each track and each cleat has 9 bolts. Quick math that was 1188 bolts to take

off to remove the cleat and replace with new cleat, spacer, bolt and nut.

3 Days work with teams of 3 or 4 and it was done.



A BIG THANK YOU to the Board of the Lac du Bonnet Ice Fishing Derby and the Lac du Bonnet Foundation for providing our club grants to help with the funding of this project. Our machine proudly displays GRANT RECIPIENT decals in recognition of the support.



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Our volunteers have started on the long list of trail preparation jobs.

Every trail has to be inspected to identify any problem areas and then work parties move in to remedy the problem.

What problems you ask..... well

-it could be the large trees that blew down across the trail

-it could be the large rocks that the frost has pushed up in the center of the trail



-it could be the 100-year-old rail way bridge support posts that the frost pushed up 12-14 inches this spring.

We have been busy on the trails looking after some of these issues.

If you have some time and a quad and want to ride along on a day

this fall shoot us an email:
eastman_snopals@mtsmail.ca

We obtained a packer bar in the off season which is used on the first groomer route of the season to flatten the snow. Having the packer bar behind the groomer rather than a 20' drag allows for easy maneuverability to plow snow into ditches and creeks to build snow-bridges. This unit was purchased in Ontario and partially paid for with the generous support of the Beausejour COOP

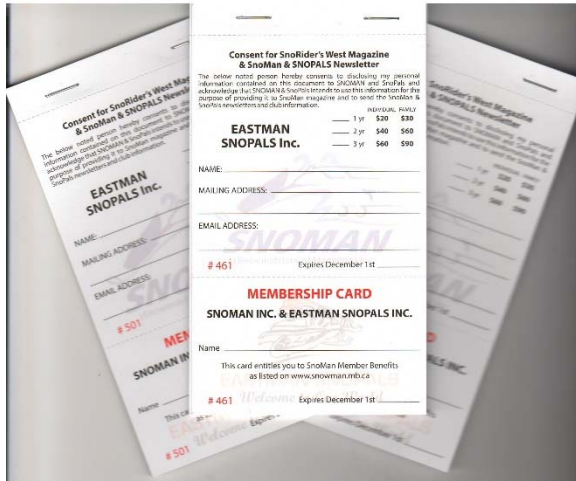


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We have started our membership drive for the upcoming season. Our club memberships expire on December 1st of the expiry year which varies as we sell 1-, 2- and 3-year memberships.

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\$5 each with \$3 from every ticket sold by our club coming right back to our club.



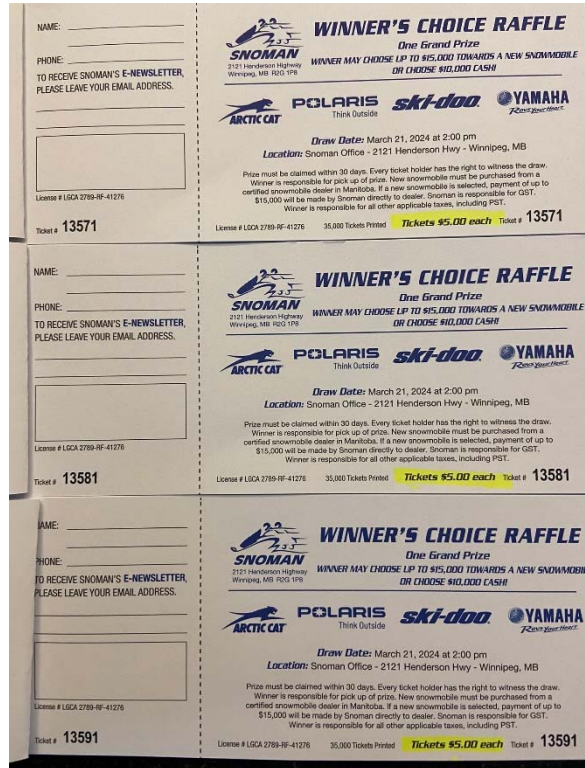
SnoPals offers individual memberships \$20 or family memberships at \$30.

You can renew by contacting any EXEC member or you can go to our website at

Eastmansnopals.ca and purchase on line with PAYPAL or you can send you money and your contact info on an etransfer to snopalsetransfer@gmail.com

Your memberships and your support of our club is necessary to ensure that we continue to build on our great SNOPALS legacy.

This year we continue to offer SNOMAN WINNERS CHOICE raffle tickets. This year the tickets are



Tickets can be purchased from any EXEC member or by stopping by any of the following locations:

Watertown

West Hawk Marine

Drifters

Lac du Bonnet COOP

Lac du Bonnet MLCC

Pinawa COOP

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You can reach any member of our executive by email at

Eastman_snopals@mtsmail.ca

Or you can call the President at
204-451-0481

We have recently finalized our 2024 budget and without major issues this season we are in a solid financial position moving forward. That said we continue to lobby for an increase in SNOPASS rates as they were last set in 2015 when diesel fuel was \$0.68 per litre and signs posts were under a dollar. Diesel is now over \$1.50 and those same sign posts are over \$3.00

Your continued support of our club is appreciated.

We are always looking for additional help with our “job jar” issues to get our equipment and trails in good shape. Please lend a hand if you can. If you have some time to help in the bush or skills to help with mechanical issues in the shop let us know.



Meeting
Reminder

Our next club
meeting will
be held
Tuesday

**November 7th at 7p.m. at the
Pinawa Club.** Optional dinner off
the menu and fellowship starts at
6 pm.