

## SNOBLAZERS NEWSLETTER

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### MARCH MEETING

The March 2nd meeting was opened by Steve Shoop at 7:00 at Al & Alma's.

### TREASURER REPORT

Pat stated our balance is slightly over \$3000 (prior to the deposit of Vintage Show check)

We currently have 90 members. If you haven't paid this year's dues, please send payment of \$40.00 to WSB, PO BOX 204, Mound MN 55364. We will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest club in Region 8 once all our unpaid members (12) renew their 2009-2010 memberships so don't procrastinate any longer. Thank you to all our members who make Westonka SnoBlazers one of the best, most enjoyable, and generous clubs in Minnesota!

### NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

A big thank you to Pat Scherber for serving as our treasurer for the last 5 yrs and Paul Holden as secretary for two yrs. Nominations were taken for this year's open positions; Mona Schuster for secretary, Kurt Silton for treasurer, John Pooler for Vice President, and Doug Johnson, Marie Jorland, Chris McGraw, Chris Pounder, & Andy Anderson for board members. Also, Stan Wise is stepping down from trail coordinator after 2 yrs of documenting, detailing, and rezoning the 15 miles of trails our club is responsible for marking in the fall and demarking in the spring. A big thanks to Stan for making our next Trail Coordinator or Co-coordinators an easy position to fill. Who is willing to coordinate the marking and demarking of our trails, twice a year, with plenty of volunteers waiting to assist? See you at our April 6<sup>th</sup> club meeting for the elections and/or March 23<sup>rd</sup> board meeting at the American Legion!

### TRAIL REPORT

To set the record straight, Ray Salazar on the Mound City Council did vote for the new trail crossing on Cottonwood & Dakota Trail. The city of Mound is responsible for maintaining the crossing. The expense of \$263 for crossing materials was paid for by Southwest Trail to show our support and to continue our good relationship with the city.

Next year we hope to have at least one more trail crossing for all the new housing development snowmobile enthusiasts across the Dakota Trail and Lake Langdon so more riders have a safe & easier access to Lake Minnetonka and all the trails.

Celebrate Greater Mound hosted it's 1<sup>st</sup> Moonlight Trail Night on Sat, Feb 27<sup>th</sup> where surrounding communities and Mound residents could cross-country ski, hike or snowshoe on the Dakota Trail between Big Stone Mini-Golf in Minnetrista to Mtka Drive-In in Spring Park. This section of the trail was groomed by Southwest Trails. Thank you and the Mound Firefighters & Police for making the trek more enjoyable and safe for all!

### PHOTO CONTEST

Photo deadline was March 5<sup>th</sup>. Two Prizes will be given: 1st place: Wearable of choice & 2nd place: \$25.00 certificate to Ox Yoke. Kurt Silton, our Web Master, will Photoshop (for size only) all needed entries before the judging at the next board meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and the winners will be announced at our April 6<sup>th</sup> club meeting.

### WACONIA VINTAGE SNOWMOBILE SHOW RECAP

Mike Schulz gave a wrap up of the event noting our club members volunteered a record 350 hours for which Carver County Snowrunners issued our club a check for \$2800.00. Wow! Thank you SnowRunners!

Next year's event is January 29, 30, 2011 and featured sled will be RUPP.

### LAST COOKOUT & REMOVAL OF THE CLUBHOUSE

We had our last cook-out at the clubhouse on Sunday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. We had 25 adults and kids show up on sleds & cars for the icehouse closing. We had brats, hot dogs, and chips before we towed the clubhouse off to Old McDonald's Farm in Watertown. The clubhouse will need some maintenance and upgrades for next season. We will email members to lend a hand this summer or fall. Thanks Marie for bringing the food.

### REGION 8 UPDATE from Stan

Region 8 meets the third Tuesday of the month at Davanis in Minnetonka; all club members are welcomed.

A Legislative reception was held Feb 24 at Kelly Inn St Paul 4:00-7:00. The State had dipped into MN's snowmobile paid funds but our MNUSA's Lobbyists were able to persuade our State Legislators to repay the spent dollars designated and paid for and raised by snowmobilers to be used exclusively to maintain the trails, promote the sport and safety of snowmobiling! Thank you Congress for respecting our snowmobile funds now and in the future!

### FUNDRAISING

Don't forget to get your spring requirements of Amsoil from Jeff Cordes - [jeffc@metroproinc.com](mailto:jeffc@metroproinc.com), your wearables from Tim Nelson - [tnelson-87@comcast.com](mailto:tnelson-87@comcast.com), and your shocks rebuilt by Doug Borman.

### CLUB TRIPS – RECAP

Kurt Silton's Jan 1, 2, & 3 in Brule WI brought in the new year with a bang!

Mark Locken's, Feb 12, 13, & 14 at the Holiday Inn, Alexandria MN had 41 sleds.

Tom & Tracy's, Feb 26, 27, & 28 at the Trap-N-Fish in Winter WI had 25 sleds

A few minor break downs did occur but the trails were in the best shape they've been in the last 5 yrs and a great time was had by all participants!! A Big thank you to our trip coordinators and we look forward to new & old members' ideas for next year.

### UPCOMING TRIPS

Steve Shoop & Pink Ribbon Ride, March 19, 20, & 21 to Togwotee Lodge in Jackson WY currently has 6 people heading out to the deep powder. Contact Steve at 612-865-5882 or [sshoop77@hotmail.com](mailto:sshoop77@hotmail.com). A motion was made to donate \$10 per rider to the Pink Ribbon Foundation. Additional personal donations may also be submitted Steve Shoop

### BROCHURE HOLDERS.

Time to return brochures and holders from local businesses before more go MIA!

### OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

**Trail sign removal/ demarking-** Sat, April 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> depending on ground & weather conditions, to be confirmed at next club meeting, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Adopt-A-Hwy-**coordinated by Kurt Silton, Tues, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at Co Rd 6 & Townline Rd, volunteer sign-up sheet will be passed around at Apr 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. This takes only 1 to 1.5 hrs of your time. Boots and gloves are strongly recommended as ditches and litter may be a little damp. Garbage bags and reflective vests will be provided. There will be a post-clean up discussion, HH & dinner afterwards at Ox Yoke for those who care to find out the most unique piece of debris. Last year it was an inflated beach ball!

**Al & Alma's boat ride & dinner cruise** on Fri, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 10 PM. Cost \$35 per person, open to members and their friends & family. Our friends, the Carver County Snowrunners, will be joining us again for the evening. We have yet to be rained on for the last 4 years, though it really doesn't matter since the boat has plenty of enclosed seating!! We'll be taking their new 120 person cruise boat again... if our attendance is large enough.

**Adopt-A-Park-** Sharon Holden is on Mound's Park and Open Space Commission Advisory Board. Mound is rolling out a new volunteer opportunity for businesses, neighborhoods, civic groups and organizations to promote, beautify & take pride in our parks. Sharon is heading WSB's park volunteer committee. We need to decide which park to adopt; Highland, Halstead bay or Sorbo Park have been suggested. We will elect a park at our April club meeting and decide if we want to maintain weekly or monthly.

**Next board meeting** – Tuesday, March 23<sup>RD</sup>, 7 PM at American Legion (Note: the board meeting has been moved out 1 week)

**Next & last club meeting-**Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15 if dining or 7 PM meeting at Al & Alma's

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