

2015 Fall Newsletter



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Change

A message from the Prez

An ancient Greek philosopher is credited with the quote "the only constant in life is change". This quote most certainly applies to our snowmobile club. If I were to pin a label on 2015, I would call it "a year of change". We have changes to trails, changes to our fundraising efforts, and changes in club events. Through 24 years of

fragile situations and increases the chances of changes in trails from year to year. 2015 is no different. We are currently working on challenges we have on the C, D, J, F and X trails. We anticipate our trail map will go to print before all of the issues are resolved, some may not be resolved by time the snow flies. The majority

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existence, NEP Sno Trails has endured its share of changes and is still going strong. We intend on keeping things headed in the right direction, no matter what obstacles we are confronted with. Our club does not have the luxury of traversing large tracts of public land like many clubs in other parts of Pennsylvania and New York. Our 200+ mile system traverses over 270 privately owned parcels in 3 counties. This dynamic creates

of the trail system is stable but some of these reroutes are at vital locations. We will post updates as time goes on through email as well as the club website and Facebook page. Once we have reroutes secured it will be all hands on deck to get the trail ready for the winter, if you see a call for help and can take the time to lend a hand then please do so. This is your club, the trails will only be

2015-16 Membership Renewals



If you registered with the club last year then you will be receiving your 2015-16 renewal application in the mail in the coming weeks. The preseason discount rate will remain at \$50/sled this year. Applications and dues must be in by November 15th. After that the full in season rate of \$70 per sled will take effect. There are several ways of joining. You can send your completed form back via mail along with your payment or you can register online and pay by credit card thru PayPal (you do not need a PayPal account). You can also download the form online in case you misplace the form that is sent to you. Please contact the club if you do not receive your mailing by the end of September.

as good as the volunteer effort that is received.

Soon you will be receiving your 2015-16 membership renewal letters. The club leadership decided to head in a new direction in terms of fundraising, there will be no snowmobile raffle this year. Instead, we are offering a limited raffle during the preseason discount registration period. The raffle prize is a snowmobile

vacation to Old Forge NY (see details below).

The other big change is the new event we will be hosting. We are excited to host the Inaugural Pennsylvania Watercross Championships at Irwin Pond in Honesdale PA on September 26th and 27th. Details for the event can be found on the club website and Facebook page. This event replaces the snowmobile raffle as the club's major fundraiser.

So there you have it, changes to trails, changes to fundraising and changes to events. On behalf of the officers of NEP Sno Trails Inc I would like to assure the club membership that we will do our best to navigate through the challenges these changes present, we just ask for your patience and support. We hope you enjoyed the trails last season and are looking forward to the upcoming year. Thank you

-Jim Griffin, President

PSSA Mini Grants Benefit NEP Sno Trails

Join the PSSA today

This past year NEP Sno Trails was fortunate to receive three (3) Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association grants. These grants were an enormous help to us in covering groomer fuel expenses and the cost of trail improvement projects. With grant monies provided by PSSA we were able to purchase an additional \$2,500 in fuel for groomer use to provide smoother trails and a safer riding experience for all snowmobilers. Results showed as throughout the winter groomer operators continued to receive "thumbs up" for outstanding trail conditions.

We were also able to purchase a post hole digger attachment for our New Holland tractor. The benefits may not be as apparent as a freshly groomed trail, but it has become a valuable asset in installing gates and erecting sign posts. Just ask some of our senior volunteers who previously dug post holes by hand what they think of it. This past December we were able to install 3 new security gates and erect 9 signs in one day with the use of this posthole digger. Time and manpower saved here are able to be redirected to other projects. The latest project funded by a PSSA grant is the

reconstruction of a portion of C trail. You will be probably recognize it by the more common name, the "windmill hill" trail. Steep, extremely sharp turns, rocky and narrow are all terms that just don't quite describe how challenging the "windmill hill" can be. At one time or another everyone has had an adventure on the hill. All of that is about to change. Thanks to the PSSA grant monies construction has begun that will widen the sharp curves; straighten and flatten the long steep inclines and remove the trail hazards previously encountered. You are still going to be riding up

a mountain, but now you should be able to enjoy the ride. The PSSA represents NEP Sno Trails, they represent you and they represent snowmobiling in the state of Pennsylvania. They are our voice heard by the politicians and legislators in Harrisburg. With their leadership we can move the sport of snowmobiling forward. You can help. If you're not already a member then please consider becoming one. We hope you will appreciate and enjoy the trail improvements made possible thru the PSSA mini-grant program.

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2016 RAFFLE NEWS

This year the club is doing something a little special for the members. As part of our early season membership drive we have partnered with the Water's Edge Inn, Old Forge New York to offer a unique Winter Snowmobile Vacation Package in a raffle to encourage early season membership renewal.

The Grand Prize is a four (4) night stay for two people at the Water's Edge Inn* plus dinners and breakfasts for two and \$250 spending money, or the winner may elect the \$750 cash prize option. Old Forge NY is the snowmobile capital of the East and the Water's Edge Inn is a premier resort in the region. Incredible riding starting right at your hotel.

In your membership renewal package there will be two (2) \$10 raffle tickets. Participation in this raffle is limited to the preseason membership renewal period, all tickets and accompanying registration and payment must be submitted by November 15th. Online registrants only need to submit their ticket stub and payment. The drawing will be held at the monthly meeting on Monday December 7, 2015 at 7PM at our Forest City office. Winner need not be present to win. What better way to celebrate winter than with a getaway vacation to snowmobile heaven.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 26 & 27, 2015-Inaugural Pennsylvania Snowmobile Watercross Championships at Irwin Pond, 326 Dug Road, Honesdale PA 18431

Admission: Adults \$10/day, Children 10 and under FREE

Dry camping available \$25 Vendor space \$50/day Swap space \$25/day . Call to secure location.

Rain or Shine NO GLASS CONTAINERS ALLOWED

See the Club'S Facebook page and website for more details and updates.



October 18, 2015- 10th Annual NEP Sno Trails Powersports Auction at Arlo's Country Store, Rte. 171, Union Dale, Pa. Buy or sell snowmobiles, ATV's, dirt bikes, trailers and more. Registration @ 8:00am and auction at 12 PM.

Oct. 30-Nov 1, 2015- PSSA Powersports Show in York PA; Oct. 16-18 in Monroeville PA. Displays featuring new sleds, trailers, ATV's, snowmobile destinations and new apparel. Also, a used sled corral, benefit auction, vintage show and snowmobile safety course.

November 8, 2015 -Snowmobile Youth Safety Course sponsored by NEP Sno Trails at the Torrey Grange Hall from 8:00am- 4:30pm. Contact Gary Bates @ 570-488-5446 or Clinton LaTourette @ 570-729-7865 for details. Reserve early as class size is limited.

November 15, 2015, last postmark date for pre-season discounted rate membership applications

December 15, 2015 trail system officially opens for the season, conditions permitting