

TRACKS ARE TURNING IN NRSA TERRITORY!

Hi Folks!

As this cold weather has been around quite a bit the last few weeks, we at the NRSA thought we would take a break from the bitter cold and howling wind and let the membership know what has been going on behind the scenes in preparation for the season. Plus a few in-season activities that have been planned for NRSA!

NRSA Snowmobile Poker Run – Chalk River Winter Carnival Weekend. Saturday February 2, 2019 - REGISTRATION: Chalk River Lions Halls - 9:00 am to 11:00 am, Entry Fee: \$20.00 / Poker Hand PRIZES: 1st, 2nd, 3rd cash prizes - Poker hands drawn at the time of registration. Winner will be notified by phone or email. Come out to the Stopping Place for Dougies' Dogs!

NRSA Snowmobile Poker Run – Deep River Winter Carnival Weekend. Saturday February 9, 2019 - REGISTRATION: Bear' Den - 9:30 am to 12:00 pm – Entry Fee: \$20.00 / Poker Hand PRIZES: 1st, 2nd, 3rd cash prizes & door prizes. Return to the Bear's Den by 4:30 pm to draw your hand. Check points and fun out on the trail! Plus, goodies at the check points and Dougies' Dogs!

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Believe it or not, preparations for this season began shortly after the 2018 riding season ended. No rest for the dedicated volunteers at North Renfrew Snowmobile Association, as they seem to live and breathe snowmobiling for 12 months of the year! Their mantra is "If you can't ride, you might as well be planning to ride!"

Our groomer shed relocation team had been researching locations for the last few years and felt that the Deep River property adjacent to the Park & Ride would be an excellent location. In late March, Paul Kelly (President) & Simon Lawson (Vice President) presented a proposal to the Town of Deep River Council, regarding moving our groomer shed adjacent to the Deep River Park & Ride. Deep River council were very receptive for NRSA to relocate the groomer shed to

this location.

NRSA annual general meeting took place on Thursday April 12! After over 10 years as our commander & chief Paul Kelly stepped down from the president's roll. Paul was an exceptional president and was very instrumental in rejuvenating our club. In his time as our president, he was also served as District 6 – President (2 years) and District 6 Vice-President (2 years). Paul now has taken a leap into the groomer driver seat! Paul Kelly was named District 6 Volunteer of the Year for Season 2018! Thank you, Paul, for all your hard work and dedication to NRSA and this District!



Paul Kelly – District 6 Volunteer of the Year!

Simon Lawson stepped up from vice-president and is our president, Karen Crain is

vice-president/secretary, John Montin is treasurer, directors are Bruce Boucher, Clair Cox, Doug Pinard, Marvin Dupuis and Rick Pyke. Our new trail coordinator is now Craig Parr.

The groomer shed relocation team members were Clair Cox, Bruce Boucher, Andrew Ahokas, Marvin Dupuis & Simon Lawson. These dedicated volunteers were the back bone to ensure that our new groomer shed was up and ready for this season. Welder Extraordinaire”, Andrew Ahokas skillfully built the framework for the garage door of our new groomer shed. A big thank you to Andrew Gieger who was our lead electrician, master planner & builder Clair Cox! Plus, all the other volunteers who made this project such a success!



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Groomer maintenance is another activity that NRSA volunteers spend their time doing during the off- season. This year saw several upgrades as well as a full complement of preventive maintenance take place under the coordination of Clair Cox and Phillipe Ducharme, the NRSA Groomer Coordinator and Maintenance Rep. respectively. With tracks removed and on inspecting the bearings a couple of them needed replacement, then greased up and ready for the next challenge! Yes, installing new tracks on our 2014 Prinoth Husky, to ensure it's ready for another super season! Last season was a late start for NRSA, out of the 31 days in January, 15 days the groomer sat idle but grooming hours were 497 down from Season 17 which was 656 hours.



As summer drew to a close, it was time to attend the OFSC AGM 2018 held in Deer Hurst. Attending from NRSA this year was Paul Kelly (Past President & District 6 Volunteer of the Year) & his wife Maggie, Simon Lawson (President) & his wife Dana, Karen Crain (Vice-president) and Doug Pinard (Director).



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