

Berkshire Snow Seekers Online



September 2025 Edition
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Come and Join the Fun

Club News

By Bob DiOrio
BSS News Editor

Meeting Notice

Our first meeting of the year will be held on September 16th with a start time of 6:30pm.

BSS News

Flash: BSS is looking to fill the the position of clerk/secretary.

Ecological Restoration Project Kirvin Park – Randy Toth

After an article in the Berkshire Eagle about the restoration and preservation of wetlands in Kirvin Park and the fact that our snowmobile trail along with the city's hiking trail goes thru the same area, I contacted Pittsfield's park, open space and natural resource program manager to be sure our trail would not be impacted. He responded in writing that:

"The bridge and the trail running south are the western edge of the project. There will be a temp fence alongside the trail separating the project from the trail. Trail remains open for walking in summer, and snowmobiles in winter."

Follow Up from Randy to the restoration project manager

"I couldn't find the local trail system that utilizes Kirvin Pak for hiking, mountain biking, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing on your published maps outlining the Kirvin Park Wetlands Restoration. I just wanted to be sure you were aware of this valuable trail system. The local Snowmobile Club (Berkshire Snow Seekers), which has legal access through the park to access October Mountain State Forest, not only grooms this trail in the winter; but has also donated a complete bridge across Ashley Brook to the city for use by all."

Stay tuned and kudos to Randy for staying on top of this very importing issue.

Time to start thinking about?

It is that time of year (early September) to start thinking about trail work. Snowmobile clubs and volunteers typically perform trail maintenance in the fall, before the first snow, to prepare for the riding season. Here are just a few of the preseason trail maintenance tasks. As a BSS member ask yourself what you can do to make these trails even better.

Volunteers spend a lot of time and energy clearing, repairing, and marking trails with signs during the off-season. Here's what that work often includes:

- Removing downed trees and limbs: Volunteers patrol the trail system with chainsaws and cutting tools to clear hazards left by storms and mother nature.
- Cutting back brush: Trimming back brush and clearing overgrown sections helps to widen the trails and keeps branches from obscuring riders' views.
- Removing debris and rocks: Clearing rocks, roots, and other debris creates a smoother and safer trail bed. A smooth trail base before the first snowfall makes for a better groomed trail all season long.
- Updating signage: Old, faded, or damaged signs are replaced to ensure riders can easily navigate the trail system and are aware of any dangers.
- Repairing infrastructure: Any needed repairs to bridges, culverts, or trail markers are completed before the ground freezes.
- Contacting landowners: Clubs confirm access with the private landowners who generously allow snowmobile trails to cross their property.

Congratulations Berkshire Snow Seekers!

Due to the hard work of our dedicated Officers, Board of Directors and select other volunteers, we are again the largest Snowmobile Club in Massachusetts for the 2024-2025 season.

We were third in online trail passes sold thru SAM!

We were third in grooming payouts!

SAM 2024 / 2025

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 Randy Toth

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Arctic Cat is Back!

When manufacturers have to fight for your dollar, everybody wins – better sleds, better prices, better technology. Orders for the 2026 models are already being taken, with production set to fire up in August 2025. That's not a "wait and see" timeline – that's full steam ahead



Trail Coordinators

Cheshire Area – Andy Perenick @ 413-822-6374

Windsor Area – Don Allard @ 413-684-3773

West Pittsfield Area - Christian Halley @ 413- 822-1735

South - Bob DiOrio @ 413-464-1575

2024-2025 CLUB SCHEDULE OF EVENTS


Sep. 16 **Club Meeting:**
Polish Falcons Club 32 Bel Air Ave, in Pittsfield, MA. @ 6:30 PM.

Oct. 26 **Polenta Dinner I :**
To benefit the Berkshire Snow Seekers, Social Hour 5:00 PM,
Dinner served @ 6:00 PM at the Polish Falcons Club 32 Bel Air Ave, in Pittsfield, MA.
The contact for this event is Chris Rogers @ (413) 684-3837.

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Meetings

All members please note regular club meeting is 6:30 PM on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month from September thru mid-April at the Polish Falcons Club located at 32 Bel Air Ave, in Pittsfield, MA.

Facebook

The Berkshire Snow Seekers have been on Facebook for more than five years now! Just "like" us and you can post on our page. We will make every attempt to keep you up to date on the latest rides, events and snow conditions. Check out the latest pictures and videos and join in the fun.

CLIP – FILL OUT – ATTACH YOUR CHECK – MAIL

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2025 - 2026



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{Permit & Membership Expire September 1, 2026}

Signature Required for Trail Pass!

I the undersigned, waive all rights from accident or injury while riding on trails, or participating in any activities involving the Berkshire Snow Seekers Snowmobile Club, Inc., the Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts (S.A.M.), private landowners, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or the individual townships of Massachusetts. I fully understand that the sport of snowmobiling involves risk of accident or even death.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Please list any special skills you would be willing to
Share with us:

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