



Start of a new Season 2024-2025

September 2024

Welcome to the opening of the 2024-2025 Snowmobile Season

The snow has not quite hit the ground yet, but snowmobile clubs around the state are gearing up for what we all hope will be a repeat of the 2022-2023 season which saw Prior Lake with 78 inches of snow. Welcome everyone to this year's first addition of the Prior Lake Snowmobile Associations newsletter. I think we all agree that this past summer was a hot one and saying good bye maybe tough, but I would say our favorite time of the year just might be the snow. Just a guess anyway!

As I mentioned above, clubs around the state are gearing up for the upcoming season and PLSA is no different. The PLSA board has been busy on many fronts over the last month or so planning the events of the year. So with that, who was elected at the last meeting of the year and who are your 2024/25 board members? My name is Tom Schutz and I will once again be your president for this upcoming year. Terry Hutchinson, Vice President, Craig Root, Treasurer and Kris Murray as Secretary. Your directors are once again, Gail Adelman, Don Wineland and Tom Laridaen. The Sno-Trail directors are Garth Gertner as primary, Paul Hartwig and myself.

All of us have been hard at work, planning our upcoming meetings, planning the membership drive event in November, organizing the community fest, working the land owner's appreciation picnic, making plans for this upcoming snowmobiling trips

I appreciate their commitment to the club and community and I hope our members this year will find a way that you can be involved as well.

September PLSA Meeting **09/11/2024** **7:00 p.m.**

Our first meeting of the year is Wednesday September 11, 2024, We meet in the basement of the Prior Lake VFW on Main Street. Parking is limited so come early. Meeting will last approximately 45 minutes to an hour as we all know people are busy. We have a lot of startup chores to do and planning for trails this year. Looking for help, so if you ride the trails and want to support snowmobiling please come and see how you can be involved.

Volunteers Needed

It will not be long and we will be pounding in signs and trimming trees along the trails and brush cutting. We are also looking for help in repairing signs for the upcoming season. For this we need volunteers. If you can help, please attend the meeting or contact me at 612-328-8585 for more information.

Adopt A Highway

October 5th, 2024

This fall, our commitment to Adopt A Highway will be October 5th. With membership approval, all members that attend will have a free breakfast at Zee's Diner. Breakfast is



at 7:30 a.m. with clean up starting at 9:00 a.m. For those that cannot attend the breakfast, meet in the parking lot at the day care center behind Holiday Gas Station on Pike Lake Trail. Please do not assume others will do the work as the last number of times we have been short on the volunteers. If we have 12 to 18 people it will take less than an hour. This is part of our community commitment to give back so please help if you have the time

Community Fest Prior Lake High School September 16th, 2024

This year we will be once again be attending the Community Fest at the Prior Lake High School. At this event you will find 100's of businesses and organizations that are available to our community. I have been very impressed with the attendance of the vendors and each year I learn of a new business or organization servicing our community. I highly

recommend that you and your family come and check out this event. During this event our club looks to reach out to those in our community that ride snowmobiles or interested in snowmobiling and encourage them to join our club. Many people continue to believe that the trails are managed and maintained by the MN Department of Nature Resources (DNR). Our club along with Savage, Shakopee and Belle Plaine groups and maintains just under 265 miles of trails and we will be there to educate the adults on what we do and why we need their help in keeping this sport alive in our communities. We are excited to announce that we will once again coordinate a snowmobile certification class. We encourage our youth in the community who wish to be certified snowmobilers to attend the require course on December 1st at the Savage Legion. If you as an adult were born after 1976, you need to have a snowmobile certificate to ride and you can complete this certification class on line. Those ages 11 – 15 must also attend a class room session and driving test to receive a certificate.



Snowmobile Trivia

Do you know the answer to this question?

You're new to the sport of snowmobiling. You purchase a new snowmobile. If you are over the age of 18 you do not need to have a Safety Certificate to ride in Minnesota.

FALSE – If you are born after December 1976, all riders need a Safety Certificate and must complete an on line education class. Those from 11 to 15 must also attend an in class room and driving test.

[Snowmobile regulations | Minnesota DNR \(state.mn.us\)](https://state.mn.us)

2025 Club Trips

This coming year we have several trips planned. Information will be available at our upcoming meetings. Here is what we have so far

- January 16th – 19th Walker MN
- February 6th – 9th Virginia MN
- February 20th – 23rd Cross Lake MN
- March 6th – 10th Upper Michigan

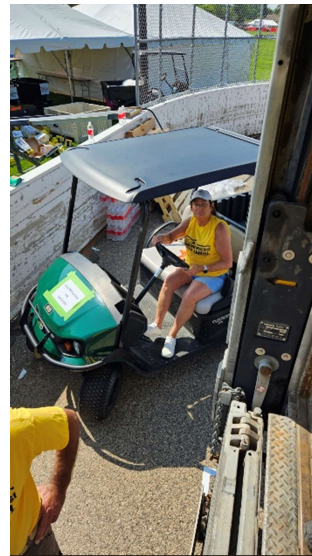
Mark Your Calendar For the Christmas Party

This year's party will be held on December 14th at the Prior Lake VFW. As always, this is a fun family event. If you have never attended in the past, the food is fantastic and lots of laughs at our gift exchange. More information coming, but mark your calendars today as it's a busy time of year. This year the event will be free for all members as a way to show our appreciation for all the work our members do for the community.

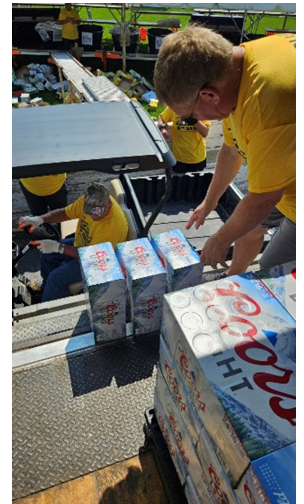
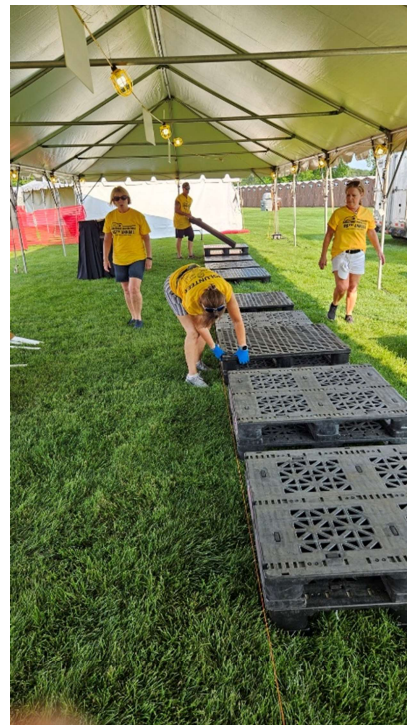


2024 Music Fest

This past summer we had a fantastic showing from



our clubs and volunteering for the Rotary Music Fest. We had clubs from Westonka, Chaska, Shakopee, Savage, Lonsdale and Prior Lake making up over 160 volunteers. For our help the Rotary donated back over \$13,033 dollars for our efforts. We appreciate everyone for their time and talents.



Land Owner Appreciation Picnic

The land owner Appreciation Picnic was held on July 9th at the Scott County Fair Grounds.



The event is held every year to show appreciation to those landowners that allow snowmobile trails on their property. Without their permission we would not have the wonderful trails in Scott County that we have. A huge **Thank You** to all that came out and volunteered at this event. I do not want to name those that helped in fear I might forget one or two, but you know who you are and you are very much appreciated.

November Membership Drive

At our November 13th meeting we will be having our annual meeting and membership drive. Come and enjoy a beverage and Hors d'oeuvres. This is a great opportunity to learn how you can be involved in the club and how you can support snowmobiling. It's amazing how helping at just one event or helping maintain a trail makes a difference and it doesn't take a much time.

Notes from our V.P. Terry Hutchinson

As we start to think about the upcoming snowmobile season arriving in less than 90 days there are things our club needs your help with.

The smallest, easiest trail in our Prior Lake system has no trail boss. This requires approximately an hour or so twice a year. A car or pickup is all you need to install the signs, and there is only one landowner who has already approved next year's use of their property. There are over 100 members in our club, and no one has time to help with installing and maintaining our trails? Contact Terry @ 612-581-6627 or snowman1049@gmail.com if you can volunteer.

We will be planning and need your help repairing and building new snowmobile trail signs that are used for the Prior Lake 100 miles of snowmobile trails. We will be picking a weeknight as everyone seems to be busy on weekends. Come and spend a couple hours with us helping to get things ready.

We are now starting to plan our four annual club trips out of town. These trips are a fantastic way to meet your other members and enjoy some of the beautiful trails in

Minnesota. Come to our September meeting and help with planning the dates and locations.

Membership renewal letters and forms will be mailed out. Our October meeting will

Kick off our membership drive, and our November meeting will include light food and other possible entertainment with your membership renewal.

Calendar of Events

Caliber Snowmobile Products

September

- 7th -8th Hay Days in North Branch
11th Club Meeting Prior Lake VFW
16th Community Fest, Prior Lake/Savage

October

- 3rd SnoDiac Fundraiser
5th Adopt A Highway 7:30 at Zee's Diner
9th Club Meeting Prior Lake VFW 7 p.m.
Location may change

- 25th – 27th MnUSA 2023 Fall Workshop
Carlton MN (Black Bear Casino)

November

- 13th Club Meeting Prior Lake VFW 7 p.m.
Trail in, dates and times to be up
Updated

December

- 1st Trails open
7th Snowmobile Youth Training Event
Savage legion
14th PLSA Christmas Party. Prior Lake
VFW
11th Club Meeting Prior Lake VFW 7 p.m.

DO NOT MISS

At this upcoming meeting we will be taking orders for Caliber Snowmobile Products. www.caliberproductsinc.com. As a member of PLSA you will receive 50% off your total order. You will not find this pricing anywhere. You must be a member to receive this discount. All orders are due by October 12th with payment. Visit their website above for more details.

PLEASE COME
TO THE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11TH