



6 More weeks of Winter

Punxsutawney Phil left his burrow for his annual prediction on February 2nd. 6 more weeks of winter is his prediction. Hopes that includes more snow....

February Meeting

On February 8th, 2023 we will have our monthly meeting at Charlies on Prior on the Landing. This is a ride in event. Please remember the lake is never 100% safe and watch for rocks. Meeting starts at 7:00.

Board Members

President	Tom Schutz
Vice President	Larry Shepherd
Treasurer	Craig Root
Secretary	Kris Murray

MnUSA Snowmobile Club of the Year!

It's Official!, Prior Lake Snowmobile Association is the Minnesota United Snowmobile Associations snowmobile club of the year! We will be receiving our award at the upcoming Winter Rendezvous in Hinckley on February 11th. Any club member that wishes to attend is more than welcome, and it would be nice to see many of your faces with up there with us as we accept the award.



Club Trip to Grand Marais Devils Track Lake

We had a large group of people attend the club trip the weekend of Jan 26th through 29th. We split up into 3 groups on most days and in the group I was in we ended up around 277 miles for the 3 days of riding. Trail conditions were good to excellent most of the time. We would like a redo on one section and go the other way, but we made it.





OH CANADA

Many of us found the time to take a picture with Canada in the back ground. Most of us received notices of Welcome to Canada on our phones. We were not in Canada by the way, but close to it.

Special shout out to the owners of Devils Track Resort at Skyport Lodge. The accommodations were excellent, everyone was helpful and the food was outstanding. If you need a summer, fall or winter get away, I highly recommend them.

Local Club Rides

Every Saturday or Sunday we have club rides that leave from the lake in front of Charlies on Prior or one of the Park and Ride Locations. This is an open invitation to anyone that wants to ride and just meet at the posted time which is usually 10:00 a.m. I would love to be at every ride, but that is not possible. So if interested, meet those that are there and enjoy the trails.



Welcome New Members

Thanks for joining the PLSA.

Kirk and Katy Lewis

Andrew Brotzler

David Forbes

REMINDER: Going to keep posting this until it sinks in!!

**SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE
STRICTLY ENFORCED**

- ❖ Speed Limit is 10 mph on local streets
- ❖ Snowmobile hours: Sunday to Thursday 7 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 7 a.m. – 2 a.m.
- ❖ Snowmobiles are PROHIBITED on Main Avenue and CR 21 West of Hwy. 13
- ❖ Snowmobiles are PROHIBITED on any sidewalk or trail unless designated for snowmobiling

SNOWMOBILE HOTLINE
(952) 447-9787
www.cityofpriorlake.com




Prior Lake City Ordinances

Did you know Prior Lake has ordinances on where and when you could ride within city limits? When I was talking with a reporter from the Southwest Publishing this past week, he was very surprised to hear this as he was unaware. I even talked with some PLSA Members recently and they too did not know of any ordinances. This is one the first things that we talk about to our youth during the recent snowmobile training event just held. You as a snowmobiler, are responsible for knowing not only state laws, but local ordinances on snowmobile operation. The hard part is that in Scott County, Prior Lake, Savage and Shakopee all have different and sometimes conflicting ordinances. As an example, in Prior Lake, you can only ride on the trails. If you live off a trail and want to get to the trail on the snowmobile you are required to ride on the right most side of the street at no greater than 10 mph. You cannot ride on boulevards, across people's front yards, through parks, etc. In Savage you can ride in a right of way directly from your home to the trail. If you live in Savage, please consider and be respectful of the property owners in crossing their driveway as many have landscaping and other obstacles in the right of way.

So let's do our part and learn the rules of where we live. There is a link to all the city ordinances at www.priorlakesnow.com.

Snow Fall Contest

During the past several months, everyone has had the opportunity to guess on what would be the snow fall for this season. Although I have high hopes this year for a lot of snow, I think I might have guess a little too high. Did I say I had high hopes? As of February 3rd we were at 57.5 inches for the year. I am officially out of the race since I did not predict this much snow. Although we have bare spots so a little more snow would be good.

Groomer Report

As many of you know our groomer has been out of action lately. We have damaged boggy wheels that if not replaced will greatly damage the track. Terry and Carl went to get the new bogey wheels on Jan 30th and a group has been working to install them the past several nights. Many have been asking, why we just don't run with a damaged bogey wheel. Simply put, if we tear or break the track, the cost to replace is well over \$10,000 for one track. The tracks are over a year out to receive. To replace the bogey wheels the cost will be over \$30k for all four tracks but are available. We have been doing what we can to groom as much as we can. RVTB has generously let us use there groomer until we get back up and going.

Calendar of Events

February

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| 8 th | Club Meeting Charlies on Prior |
| 9 th – 12 th | Winter Rendezvous Hinckley ** |
| 16 th – 19 th | Club Trip to Virginia MN |

March

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| 2 nd – 5 th | Club trip to UP |
| 8 th | Club Meeting Charlies on Prior |

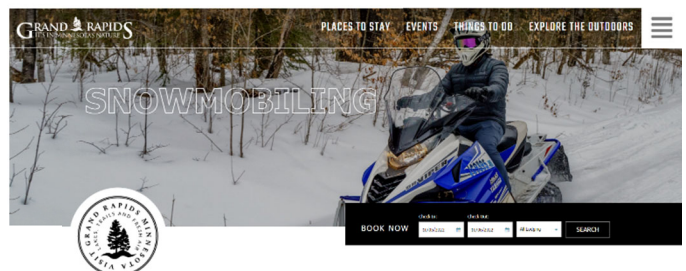
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| 12 th | April meeting Charlies on Prior |
| 15 th | Annual PLSA Spring Banquet Prior Lake VFW |

Club Trips

February 2 – 5 Grand Rapids MN

One of my most favorite areas to ride. Rooms are still available at the Americ Inn. 10 Double rooms are reserved. 218-999-5376



February 16 – 19th Virginia, MN

Pine View Inn. 1-866-263-0535

Limited rooms still available but filling fast.

Do not wait to make your reservation. This trip is well attended by our group and probably one of the funniest adventures. Most importantly, it is a chance to meet up with a long time member family the Hindermann' s. This is a do not miss event.

Upper Michigan Trip

The first weekend in March (2nd – 5th) a group is heading to the Adventure Motel in Mass City UP. This is a trip open to all Sno-Trial clubs, Prior Lake, Shakopee, Savage and Belle Plain. Limited rooms are available Call and talk to Renee at 906-883-3520

You have news?

If you have news related to snowmobiling or events held by neighboring clubs that interest our group. Please share.

Music Fest Volunteer Sign up

We have once again agreed to help the Prior Lake Rotary Club by volunteering our time and talents to this wonderful event. This is my 11th year of volunteering and I absolutely love the event and what it brings to Prior Lake.

This event is for you and our club and is not without its rewards. For you, volunteering just one shift allows you free admission to both nights of the event, a free t-shirt and special VIP parking with shuttle bus. For the club we receive a donation back for each hour worked. This donation is very important to our club as it helps us sponsor events like MN United Veteran's ride and our youth safety program. A Few year ago we were able to purchase a brand new Polaris EVO and our hopes that we can continue to replace our aging training sleds.

The event this year is July 14th and 15th. I am happy to say that most shifts have been filled. We are still looking to fill the 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. shifts for both nights. There are also positions open for security from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 or done on both nights. If interested please let me know.

How to you sign up. Please contact me (Tom Schutz) by emailing me at tom.schutz@keylandhomes.com that you are interested. We will post the current open shifts on our priorlakesnowmobile.com web site under Club Newsletters. Or view the links I have provided below.

Links to Friday and Saturday availabilities

Friday:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VqPYh1ND9aPMV2YYaEUUdTI0xHjptNYv/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=118351698353418698019&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Saturday:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NgRJPoE6ZAjmlY3hkj1Alks9WC1eB2kH/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=118351698353418698019&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Spring Banquet

Our annual Spring Banquet and awards presentation will be held April 15th at the Prior Lake VFW. Sue at the VFW has made this happen for us as the VFW will be closed for remodeling the week prior.

We are mixing it up this year and asking people to not only sign up but order the food you want. This will be a sit down dinner.

Social Hour starts at 5:00 p.m. and Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

On the menu will be

Steak Dinner with baked potato: \$18.50 with mushroom \$19.50

½ Broasted Chicken and potato: \$12.50

¼ Broasted Chicken and potato: \$9.00

Shrimp to any meal add \$2.00

You must sign up for the event and pay ahead of time. Deadline for meal is Monday April 10th. We will start taking orders at this upcoming meeting.

Club will pick up the tips and extras.

You can also print off the next page and bring it to the meeting.

2023 PLSA Spring Banquet
April 15th, 2023
Prior Lake VFW

Person Attending _____

Meal 1

Steak Dinner	_____ Med Rare	Includes Baked Potato	\$18.50	_____
	_____ Medium			
	_____ Medium Well			
	_____ Well Done			
Mushrooms	_____		\$1.00	_____
Chicken Dinner				
	_____ ½ Chicken	Includes Potato	\$12.50	_____
	_____ 1/4 Chicken		\$ 9.00	_____
Add Shrimp	_____	\$2.00 per shrimp	\$2.00	_____

Meal 2 Person Attending _____

Steak Dinner	_____ Med Rare	Includes Baked Potato	\$18.50	_____
	_____ Medium			
	_____ Medium Well			
	_____ Well Done			
Mushrooms	_____		\$1.00	_____
Chicken Dinner				
	_____ ½ Chicken	Includes Potato	\$12.50	_____
	_____ 1/4 Chicken		\$ 9.00	_____
Add Shrimp	_____	\$2.00 per shrimp	\$2.00	_____

Total to be paid \$ _____