

# December 2020 Newsletter



## Highlights

### Don Wineland Interview on WCCO

Click on this link to view the story by Erin Hassanzadeh regarding local snow conditions and trails featuring our own Don Wineland. Thanks to Tera Wineland for the behind the scenes staging!

<https://minnesota.cbslocal.com/.../warm-weather-persists.../>



### Trail Setup Photos!

Thanks to lots of volunteers the trails setup, bridges fixed, brush removed, and all prepped for the season. See more on Facebook.



### Membership Update

There is still time to renew your membership in the PLSA Club and MnUSA! If you haven't sent in your form, please do as soon as possible. We currently have 78 returning members and 9 new as of Dec 11th. The membership form can also be found on our website at this link: <https://priorlakesnow.com/club-membership>



## Upcoming Events

- **Jan 13<sup>th</sup> – Monthly PLSA Club Meeting** – 7:00pm, Zoom Virtual Meeting
- **Jan 28<sup>th</sup> – Club Trip to Cook, MN**, Vermillion Hotel, see details below.
- **Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – Monthly PLSA Club Meeting** – 7:00pm, TBD
- **Feb 18<sup>th</sup> – Club Trip to Grand Rapids, MN** see details below.
- **Mar 10<sup>th</sup> - Monthly PLSA Club Meeting** – 7:00pm, TBD
- **March TBD – Club trip to the UP**, details to be provided when confirmed.

### Club Meetings Are Virtual!

We had our second virtual club meeting on Dec 9<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was again successful and we will continue using the format until we can meet again in person safely. We had 16 members attend the virtual zoom meeting!



### Snowfall Guessing Game

Thanks for everyone that participated. The winner will be announced at the April club meeting. Winner does not have to be present to win.

### Youth Training Update

All youth training was canceled across the state. This impacted nearly 20,000 to 30,000 students. MnUSA is working with the DNR if taking just the online class will be good enough for this year.

### MnUSA Raffle Calendars

MnUSA Raffle Calendar for 2021 are available. Throughout 2021 there will be 365 drawings. The club receives \$5 for each calendar we sell. These can be sold thru December 28<sup>th</sup>. More details about the calendar can be found at this link ([MnUSA Raffle Calendar](#)) If you would like a calendar or want to help sell calendars, contact Terry Hutchinson for details. ([snowman1049@gmail.com](mailto:snowman1049@gmail.com) )

## Club Trips

Club Trips are still on as far as we know at this time. Make sure and get your reservations done. This year we are planning 3 trips including Cook, Grand Rapids and a trip to the UP tentatively scheduled in March. Contact Tom Schutz for more information.

[tom.schutz@keylandhomes.com](mailto:tom.schutz@keylandhomes.com) or call 612-328-8585

### Vermilion Hotel, Cook MN – Jan 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

- Website: <http://www.vermilionhotel.com>
- Address: 320 S Hwy 53 - Cook MN 55723,
- Phone: (218) 666-2272 (Local)
- Mention you are part of the Prior Lake Snowmobile Association when making a reservation.
- 14 Rooms Available
- Make your reservations as soon as possible.
- Rates start at \$79
- Gathering room reserved.

### Timber Lake Lodge, Grand Rapids MN – Feb 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

- Website: <https://www.timberlakelodgehotel.com>
- Address: 144 SE 17th Street, Grand Rapids MN 55744
- Reservations (866) 800-2200
- Phone (218) 326-2600 |
- Email [info@timberlakelodgehotel.com](mailto:info@timberlakelodgehotel.com)
- Mention you are part of the Prior Lake Snowmobile Association when making a reservation.
- Make your reservations as soon as possible as they go fast.
- The AmericInn is also an option and is located next to the Timber Lake Lodge
- Website: <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/americinn/grand-rapids-minnesota/americinn-grand-rapids/overview>
- Parking is limited and sleds need to travel the street or sidewalk to get to the trail.
- 2 queen beds is \$95 per night. \$115 for Friday and Saturday per night. Pet Friendly.

## New Club Storage Building

A new club storage building for Sno-Trails equipment is in the works! The new building will be located near Doherty's Tavern on land owned by Scott County.

## Trail Updates

The Minnesota River Valley Trail will not go all the way from Shakopee to Belle Plaine. Due to flooding the DNR lost the land so the full trail is no longer available. It is closed from just south of Louisville Swamp to Jordan. See signs for details. Groomer maintenance is complete and Paul Hartwig will be organizing the grooming schedule.

Follow the Sno-Trails Facebook page for updates. Our website will be updated as well. Or call the Sno-Trails HOTLINE for local trail conditions: 952-440-1003

The Sno-Trails Association manages all the trails in Scott County and is a joint effort by the local clubs including Belle Plaine/Henderson Borough Riders, Prior Lake Snowmobile Association, River Valley Trailblazers and the Savage Sno-Pacers.

## Trail Access and Trailer Parking:

**Sand Point Beach** – 14349 Crest Ave, Prior Lake – **NOTE THIS HAS MOVED TO THE BOAT LANDING!**

**Tractor Supply** – 16907 Hwy 13 S, Prior Lake

**Louisville Swamp** – Minnesota River Trail – access off 169 by Renaissance Festival entrance. Look for signs south of Shakopee. The trail is closed south of Louisville swamp. See signs for details.

**Shakopee Bowl** – 3020 W 133<sup>rd</sup> St, Shakopee



### Website and Contact information

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website: [priorlakesnow.com](http://priorlakesnow.com)

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Follow us on Instagram: [PLSA Club](#)



### Club Officers (2020-2021)

**President:** Larry Shepard

**Vice President:** Kris Murray

**Secretary:** Diane Hoehne

**Treasurer:** Keeley Erickson

**Board of Directors;** Tom Laridaen  
Jeff Petschl, and Don Wineland

**Sno-Trails Directors:** Paul Hartwig  
Garth Gertner, Kurt Noisi