

February 2021 Newsletter



Highlights

Club to Purchase Sled for Youth Training

The PLSA club pledged and agreed to spend \$4,000 to purchase sleds for use with Youth Training. The Polaris Corporation offered a brand new 21/22 Indy Evo for \$4,000, which is a \$2,500 discount. The board agreed to purchase the new sled. It also means no maintenance for the next several years. Providing youth training is how we keep the sport alive with the younger generations. For more info on training requirements, visit our Youth Training page on our website. In addition, these sleds can also be used for the annual MnUSA Veterans ride.



Sno-Trails Clubs Storage Building

The PLSA Club agreed and approved to move forward with the building of a storage facility for trail grooming equipment and signage. Currently this equipment is scattered across multiple club members properties. Many of these members are at an age that they may sell the land. The storage building will house all groomers, and equipment and well over 6000 signs. It will also have room for doing maintenance on the equipment. It will also centralize this equipment across the 4 Sno-Trails Clubs – Savage, Belle Plaine, Shakopee and Prior Lake. Scott County has offered the land for free and will allow the building to be put on the land behind Doherty's Tavern. Stay tuned for more details as the plans come together.

PLSA 50TH Anniversary

2022 will be the PLSA club's 50th Anniversary. Stay tuned for more details regarding planning for the 50th Anniversary year and celebration.



Upcoming Events

- **March 4th – 7th – Club trip to Calumet, MI**
See details below
- **Mar 10th - Monthly PLSA Club Meeting –**
7:00pm, Charlie's Landing and Virtual
- **April 14th – Monthly PLSA Club Meeting –**
7:00pm, Charlie's Landing and Virtual

Club Meetings

Just like school we've gone hybrid! March club meeting will be combo of in person at Charlie's Landing and Virtual meetings. It's tough not to be able to get together fully, but it's fun to see folks online. Let's all cross our fingers we can have our Spring Banquet together!

MnUSA and State Legislation Updates

Currently nothing is getting approved by legislation due to COVID and no one allowed in the capital. Trying to get Trespassing Fines increased, and trying to get rid of sales tax on stuff bought to sign trails. In the future, you won't need numbers on your sled, just the registration sticker. Minnesota is only 1 of 2 states left with numbers. Vintage sleds are considered any sled that is 25 years and older. MnUSA is looking to increase the number of years, so we can continue to fund our trails. The proposal is to go to 30 years to be vintage.

Contact Terry Hutchinson for more details.
(snowman1049@gmail.com)

Trail Updates Newsletter from Explore Minnesota

Explore Minnesota produces a weekly newsletter containing updates on trails in Minnesota. You can sign up for the Winter Trails newsletter at this link.
<https://www.exploreminnesota.com/info/minnesota-newsletters>

Story from the Minnesota DNR

Snowmobile trespass has been a big issue this winter. Sure, it's illegal and trespassers may be ticketed and fined. But the actions of this small group of people negatively affect everyone who follows the rules.

Private landowners are key to the success of Minnesota's 22,000-mile trail system, but some have restricted access because snowmobilers aren't staying on the trail. In the **Scott County area**, for example, trespass has resulted in the closure of 15 miles of snowmobile trails this winter. Remember: Respectful riders stay on the trail!
mndnr.gov/regulations/snowmobile/index.html

Scott Wakefield, Vice President of MnUSA interviewed on the Weather Channel.

Click on link to watch.

<https://drive.google.com/.../1BQK8ZRAeaDpxSY11BK4../view...>

Board Member Nominations

The club will be voting on Board Members during the April Club Meeting. All board positions are open for nominations, and 1 Director Position is also open. If you'd like to nominate someone, please send your nominee to priorlakesnow@gmail.com



Club Trips

AmericInn, Calumet, MI – Mar 5th – 7th

Tom Schutz negotiated and has 7 more rooms blocked off at AmericInn in Calumet, MI for next weekend.

Call to reserve at 906-337-6463. There are 7 rooms left at \$110 per night. (was \$190)

Folks are heading up on March 4th. LET'S RIDE... Could be the last show of the year... Please contact Tom Schutz at tom.schutz@keylandhomes.com or call 612-328-8585 for all questions regarding the trip.



About Sno-Trails

Sno-Trails is the non-profit organization that all 4 clubs in Scott County rolls up to. This includes Prior Lake, Savage Sno-Pacers, Belle Plaine Borough Riders and Shakopee's River Valley Trailblazers. The reason for the 'parent' non-profit is that the State of MN only allows one club per county to interact at the state level. How is Sno-Trails funded? When you register your snowmobile \$105 is used to fund Sno-Trails. We get 1% of the gas tax. Our regional area gets \$7-10MM from registration to manage Grant-in-aid Trails. The annual Sno-diac dinner is a fundraiser with 125 tickets sold at \$125 and is another source of income for Sno-Trails. Generates ~\$8,000 in revenue.

Trail Updates

Local trails have sadly gone back to mud and muck and are currently closed until further notice.

Follow the Prior Lake Snowmobile Association and 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 133rd St, Shakopee



Website and Contact information

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Like us on Facebook: [Prior Lake Snowmobile Association](#)

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