

# January 2021 Newsletter



## Highlights

### Youth Training was held by Sno-Trails Clubs

The Sno-Trails clubs were able to hold youth training on January 9<sup>th</sup>. The clubs may come together and hold another class, if there is enough additional interest. You can also contact Terry Hutchinson ([snowman1049@gmail.com](mailto:snowman1049@gmail.com)) for other locations that may be available.



### Trail Conditions

Been a rough season so far with the warm weather and lack of snow. All the Groomers are ready to go, and schedules are in place for grooming if conditions are right. As usual at Wagon Wheel bridge there is open water and thin ice so please use caution. I try and keep the Facebook Page and Website up to date on conditions, but it takes the members to keep me up to date on how things look out there!



## Upcoming Events

- **Jan 28<sup>th</sup> – Club Trip to Cook, MN**, Vermillion Hotel, see details below. – **MOST LIKELY CANCELED DUE TO LACK OF SNOW**
- **Feb 10<sup>TH</sup> – Monthly PLSA Club Meeting** – 7:00pm, VIRTUAL MEETING
- **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, VIRTUAL MEETING
- **March 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> – Club trip to Calumet, MI** details to be provided when confirmed.

### Club Meetings Are Virtual

Virtual meetings will be continued until further notice. We did have 18 members join the January meeting. It's tough not to be able to get together, but it's fun to see folks. We had several new members join the meetings as well. Let's all cross our fingers we can have our Spring Banquet together!

### 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 94 returning members and 12 new since December. The membership form can be found on our website at this link: <https://priorlakesnow.com/club-membership>. We are also providing a manual online option via email and will be adding an online one to the website soon. Online is critical to not lose membership opportunities this year!

### MnUSA and State Updates

Likely not much is going to happen in terms of needs for the state and trails, legislation this year. Hoping to get increase fines on trespassing. Sales tax has been removed for purchase of materials for trails. Working on changes in license numbers on sleds. 50,000 1990's sleds are about to be vintage. Looking to go to 30 years for a sled to be considered for vintage license fees. Contact Terry Hutchinson for more details. ([snowman1049@gmail.com](mailto:snowman1049@gmail.com))

### New Club Storage Building

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

## Club Trips

Club Trips to Grand Rapids and Michigan are still on as far as we know at this time. The trip to Cook may be canceled as the trail conditions are currently not good. Make sure and get your reservations done. 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.

### AmericInn, Calumet, MI – Mar 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> – DETAILS TO BE PROVIDED SOON.



## 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 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 Country 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