



Pleasant Riders Snowmobile Club
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March/April
 2008

And The Winner is...

John Muskus of Elmsford, New York!

Winner of the 2007/2008 annual raffle drawing held at the Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Celebration. Congratulations John and thank you for supporting the club!

Despite the lake effect snow storm, and high wind advisory that were issued by the National Weather Service, the Bonfire and fireworks was a tremendous success! The grill was smoking, the kids had a blast sleigh riding and there was a good time for the 200 + members that attended this event! The fireworks were the best in the history of the event! The bonfire lasted all afternoon and the music was great. Thanks to all our members who supported our raffle fund raiser and everyone who volunteered and planned for this event.

2008/2009 Raffle Sales

The club will be promoting 2 raffles for 2008/2009 season; the first is a Blizzard, 2-place trailer and the second will be a snowmobile that will be determined when the 2009 models are released. We are planning an early kickoff for our 2008/2009 fund raising initiatives. With this months mailing, we will providing each member 3 raffle tickets, and we ask that our members make an early purchase of \$15.00 for the 3 tickets. The drawing for both raffles will be held February 8th, 2009. **Please help us maintain our current activity and purchase the tickets provided.**

Early preparation for

2008/2009 Membership renewals

The 2007/2008 membership is up to nearly 800 members! During this past year, there have been several modifications to our renewal process. Our membership database is up and running and is matched to the online NYSSA membership database. For the upcoming season, membership renewals will go out starting in July 2008, and run through November first. We will continue to offer and encourage online membership—over 300 members renewed or joined the club this year! The membership voted to eliminate the club membership cards; it is replaced by the plastic card sent to each member, which has the clubs name on it.

Please note that this newsletter is for the months of March and April. Next newsletter will be in May.

New Club Logo

Thank you to the members that help decide the direction of the new club logo. The Board of Directors are awaiting the first draft to review.

Good Luck to

Kevin and Yvette Dorr

There aren't enough thanks we can extend to the Dorr family. Thanks for your support of the club for all these years!

The Club would like to extend a big thanks to:

Tanner's Sports for the belt donations that put the Ranger back on the trail on Presidents Weekend!

Change in Board Member

The Board of Directors would like to thank Kyle McGovern who has resigned his position on the Board. Bob Poe received the next highest vote, and accepted the position. Welcome aboard Bob Poe!

Its official!

The Pleasant Riders are nominated for the NYSSA Club of the Year Award! Winners will be announced at the NYSSA Forum in April!

Meeting Schedule and Upcoming Events

Wednesday April 9th 2008 7:00 PM

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Wednesday May 14th 2008 7:00 PM

Wednesday June 11th 2008 7:00 PM

No meeting or newsletter in July and August - Next newsletter mailing is in May

Snowmobile Safety

There have been several serious accidents in our area this season, and the club wants to remind our members of their responsibility to the safety of the sport of snowmobiling. There are several tips that you and your family need to keep safe on the trails:

- It is the responsibility of the rider to obtain frequent updates on lake and trail conditions—ride at your own risk
- Riding at a safe speed will significantly reduce the likelihood of a serious accident
- Do not drink or use drugs while riding the trails
- New York State law requires the rider to yield to groomers on the trail; when met by any groomer on the trails, slow down, and only pass when the groomer comes to a stop and signals you to pass them safely
- Use hand signals to inform the driver of the groomer how many riders are in your group, the driver needs to know how to proceed after the first rider passes
- Use of hand signals keep riders safe—if you are unaware of this requirement please visit www.snowmobile.org for all the information you need to practice this safety standard
- Adhere to NYS age requirement for young riders—visit http://www.nysparks.com/snow/edu_snow.asp for additional information
- Make sure your children attend a Snowmobile Safety Course—the Club conducts this regulatory course in November/December of each year—you can visit http://www.nysparksdeparks.com/snow/edu_snow.asp
- With Spring conditions around the corner, riding conditions can change hour by hour, exhibit good judgment and check trail and lake conditions frequently

What else is new?

Don Woodin Scholarship

With spring around the corner, so does the worry of how to meet all the expenses to send a young adult off to college. Its that time of year when we need to support our young adults that are entering school or is an active college student. The application for our scholarship is available on our website and due by June 30th. Either one \$500 or two \$250 awards will be given. Applicants can be family members of active members in good standing. . Help our young adults have the tools they need to succeed—nominate someone today!

Work Crews are Needed

Get Involved and Have Some Fun!

- Don Woodin Scholarship Committee forms in April and meets once (for less than one hour) to review the scholarship applications and choose a winner
- Raffle Committee to choose a raffle sled and coordinate sales and distribution of the 2008/2009 raffle
- Coordinate Adopt-a-highway spring cleaning

Snowmobile Safety Course Need Instructors

Snowmobile Safety instructors are needed in Hamilton County. If you enjoy teaching and giving back to the community, while contributing to our children's safety, consider taking the training to become a NYS Instructor. Contact Betsy Bain at 548-5719 for additional information or visit the website at:

http://www.nysparks.com/snow/edu_snow.asp

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Join The Pleasant Riders for our Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday June 7th 2008

Lake Pleasant Golf Course
Food and prizes to follow at the Oxbow Restaurant

Reserve a spot and your cart early
Call Mike O'Rourke to sign up at
548-3611

Please plan to bring prepared food or snacks