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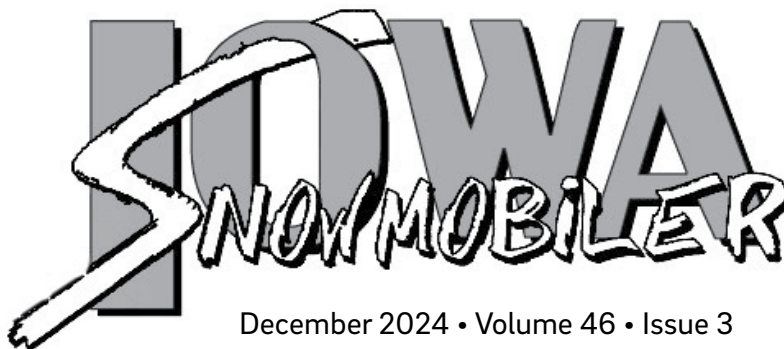
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ISSA  
PRESIDENT



Greetings, fellow snowmobilers.

As I write this column, Mother Nature is dropping some nice rain on us. I hope that she continues to drop moisture this winter in the form of white gold.

By now club members have been out putting trail signs in and getting their trails ready to ride this winter. As always, Thank You for the hard work that you do each season to get ready for everyone to enjoy our wonderful sport.

Hopefully, everyone had a chance to come to the 51st ISSA convention in Okoboji. A great time was had by all. A big thanks to the committee and volunteers who put it on.

As I move into the ISSA Presidency, I would like to thank John Kahler for all the work that he has done over the past years. I also would like to send a big Thanks to Brittany Paulus for her many years of service to the group as treasurer. Plus, thank you to Amy Kahler for stepping up as the new ISSA treasurer.

Congratulations to the High Bridge Trail Blazers club. They are celebrating 50 years as a club this year. Sounds like they have some fun things planned for the coming year. Watch the ISSA website and Facebook page to see what is happening.

My local club is working on their 54th Annual Snow Fest activities for the end of January, and other clubs are also working on poker or fun runs, club rides and other local fundraisers. So, PLEASE let the ISSA know what your plans are so that we can put on our Facebook page or the website to let people from around the state know and try to attend. The more people who know, the more who can try and make it.

I would also like to make as many of the club meetings or get-togethers that I can, so please let me know when they are.

If you have any questions or problems, please reach out to me or another board member. We are here to help. Also, if you have positive riding somewhere, it's nice to spread the word.

Thanks again to everyone that helps with making snowmobiling fun. Have an enjoyable riding season.

# New Leadership Elected at November Convention

Miner moves up to president; Bram chosen vice president at Okoboji

by Cameron Hanson

If he needed to, incoming ISSA President Matt Miner could have campaigned on the promise of more snow this winter. Instead, his election last month to the top leadership role within the ISSA was more of a formality at the organization's 51st Annual Convention in Okoboji.

Made official the weekend before Thanksgiving, Miner moved up from his vice president chair to replace outgoing President John Kahler. Following the changing of the guard at the Saturday evening banquet, Miner still made his pitch for a better season over last winter's dismal performance.

"Hopefully, we get some snow all across the state this year, so we can all take part in the activities that we work so hard to preserve," Miner told 125 ISSA members assembled in the reception hall at the Lake Okoboji Resort and Conference Center. "I want to see us get some snow again, so everybody can go out and enjoy it."

Miner said his goals for his two-year term as president are to attend as many club functions as possible around the state, while also keeping a close eye on the ISSA's budget. He said he also plans to heed



*John Kahler, left, ceremoniously passed the gavel to Matt Miner, recognizing the change in leadership for the ISSA at its annual convention Nov. 22-24 in Okoboji.*

the advice of his predecessor. "Be patient, listen and communicate," Kahler told Miner after handing him the ceremonial gavel.

"I'm looking forward to serving this organization over the next couple of years, and I definitely want to continue to improve the communication between all of our organizations and clubs," Miner responded.

## Back in western Iowa

Following a traditional west-to-east rotation, the ISSA's annual gathering moved back to western Iowa Nov. 22-24 after celebrating the ISSA's Golden Anniversary last year in Cedar Falls. Next year, the convention location is expected to land in Ames in the central part of the state.

The 2024 convention was hosted by clubs in Region 1, 2 and 6, and the planning committee was chaired by Region 1 Director Kevin Winters. The setting was a familiar one as the host facility also welcomed ISSA convention-goers in 2012 and 2018, creating what ended up being a six-year revolving schedule.

"I think everything went great this weekend, and we had a really good turnout," Winters said. "We appreciate everyone coming over here this year. It's great having a place like this where we've been before and people know what to expect. It's priced right, and we have plenty of room for everything we wanted to do."

Besides the banquet area, the main hall also featured a Show-N-Shine snowmobile show and new snowmobiles and UTVs on display, courtesy of three area dealers:



*Region 7 Director Craig Krapfl, left, and Region 1 Director Kevin Winters share a laugh in the showroom at the ISSA convention in Okoboji last month. Chaired by Winters, the convention planning committee worked with three local dealers to have new sleds and UTVs on display for the weekend.*

C&B Powersports, Spirit Lake; Jaycox Powersports, Worthington, Minn.; and Van's Power Center, Hull. Winters said close to 30 entries participated in the sled show.

### Busy weekend

Convention weekend kicked off Friday evening with a tour of the Okoboji Classic Car museum followed by hospitality back at the hotel with food provided by Sno-Pak of Region 2.

Saturday morning included the General Assembly Meeting and Election of Officers. Following Miner's election, Region 4 Director Seth Bram was elected to the office of vice president, and Region 4 Assistant Brent Nauman was named to succeed Bram on the board.

Saturday afternoon included an off-site ladies' excursion and several seminars and meetings, including a two-hour update from the Iowa Snowmobile Trail Grant Program committee, a presentation from the Iowa State University Clean Snowmobile Challenge team and roundtable discussions on trail marking, grooming and social media.

The banquet meal followed the groomer reception, where Past ISSA President Jim Willey also made a last-minute appeal for snow during his table prayer. After supper, ISSA award winners were honored, scholarship recipients were announced and raffle winners were drawn.

Phillip Claus, president of the Clay County Sno Broncs in Region 1, won the top prize in the ISSA's Grand Raffle, which included \$1,000 in Beef Bucks and a Frosted Frog cooler. Jeff "Rexy" Langenfeld from the Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club in Region 7 won the second place prize of a Blackstone Outdoor Griddle and a Solo Woodfire Pizza Oven.

According to Raffle Committee Chair Steve Wiersma, the Grand Raffle netted the ISSA \$1,500. In other fundraising news,



*Close to 30 sleds were on display for the Show-N-Shine snowmobile show at convention at Okoboji in November. Trophies were handed out in several categories.*



*Mike Hetteen, son of Polaris co-founder Allan Hetteen, served as the guest speaker at convention for Saturday evening.*

club donations were made throughout the weekend and are reflected in the new charity listing on page 15. Those totals included \$1,450 for the Club Challenge to pay for the ISSA's lobbying efforts.

Lobbyist Mike Heller was on hand at the banquet and extended his congratulations to the ISSA on getting the single-sticker bill passed earlier this year, a legislative initiative that took seven years to complete and was made possible by the "grassroots efforts" of ISSA board members and snowmobile clubs across Iowa, he noted.

"I thought there's no way this bill would ever pass, but we just kept chipping away at it and finally got it done," Heller said. "You have a lot of big advocates down there at the state capitol, and a big thing that made it happen was you guys."

### Polaris presentation

Following the banquet, Mike Hetteen, son of Polaris co-founder Allan Hetteen, served as the guest speaker for the night, as he recognized Polaris' 70th Anniversary in 2024. Hetteen, a retired Purchasing Manager for Polaris, was also inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame this year for his efforts on club and trail development in northwest Minnesota.

Hetteen's appearance was coordinated by the Dickinson County Snowhawks of Region 1, thanks to the club's connection with the local Polaris/Indian motorcycle factory in Spirit Lake.

Following Hetteen's presentation, festivities concluded for the evening with a Crooked Casino Night, also sponsored by the Snowhawks. Convention ended Sunday morning with the ISSA Board of Directors meeting.

More on the events from convention weekend can be found elsewhere in this issue as well as in the January issue of the Iowa Snowmobiler magazine.

## SETH BRAM

ISSA VICE PRESIDENT



Hello! My name is Seth Bram, your new vice president for the ISSA.

I've had the pleasure of serving as a Region 4 Director for the past six years and as club president of the Butler County Snow Snoops for the past nine.

Snowmobiling is a passion of mine, and I love hitting the trails and sharing the thrill of the ride with my wife, Kelsey, son, Roger, and some crazy friends.

I look forward to serving alongside other great individuals on the ISSA board to further improve snowmobiling in Iowa.

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# Pay by Mile

## Reimbursement returns this season; rate reduced to conserve program dollars

by Cameron Hanson

Snowmobile clubs in Iowa will continue to get reimbursed by the mile for their trail grooming efforts this winter. The rate just won't be as high as the inaugural season last winter, and the revenue stream for that funding will be different than planned, program officials have confirmed.

The Iowa Snowmobile Trail Grant Program (ISTGP) explained the changes at its annual update at the 2024 ISSA Annual Convention in Okoboji Nov. 23. Committee members okayed the revisions Sept. 21 and have been updating the ISSA Board of Directors throughout the offseason.

In order to conserve program dollars, the mileage rate has been reduced from \$13 per mile to \$11 per mile, and the source for that funding has been realigned with snowmobile registration receipts, which is contrary to plan when the pay-by-mile system was first drafted more than a year ago.

"We are going to pull it back a little bit this year," explained ISTGP Co-Administrator Chris Willey. "Clubs are still getting more than they've ever had to groom trails, but we've got to look at other things that the program needs to pay for, especially since the reimbursement now has to come from the registration side."

Last season, the ISTGP had planned to use federal grant money through the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Recreational Trail Program (RTP) to pay for club grooming services. Please note RTP is also known as Federal Recreational Trails (FRT) money.

According to Willey, the ISTGP is not able to use RTP dollars to cover what the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) considers "volunteer labor." In Iowa, the RTP is administered by the IDOT, and those in charge said the ISTGP would need to hire groomer operators to be able to use the federal grant money.

"They rescinded what they said we could use those grant dollars for, and in order for us to use RTP money, we would have had to pay our operators and issue W-2s and 1099s and all that paperwork," Willey explained. "We have a hard enough time getting people to run the machines without complicating matters any further."

The ISTGP will now go back to using RTP grants to pay for equipment purchases and will use the registration dollars to finance club reimbursements for grooming, which it ended up doing at the end of last



*Nathan Matter, standing, from GTS and Brandon Plaht, trail administrator for the Driftrunners, Inc., in Region 5, compare notes following the ISTGP Update at the 2024 ISSA Convention in Okoboji Nov. 23.*

winter as well.

Not being able to use federal money for trail grooming means the ISTGP is currently in the process of obligating three outstanding RTP grants: one to build up an inventory of common groomer parts and two more to buy one used groomer and up to three new drags.

### Reclassifying pre-season trail work

In Iowa, the pay-by-mile reimbursement system is patterned after a similar program in Wisconsin. A year ago, clubs were required to install GPS trackers in their groomers to record their miles through Groomer Tracking Systems (GTS). According to Willey, clubs logged 8,031 miles last winter and were reimbursed \$115,153.89 for their services.

Not all of those miles were on the snow, however. Some clubs turned in miles for disking cross-country trails and mowing highway ditches. ISTGP officials said those pre-season efforts were legitimate expenses for trail development, but this season, they will be classified into a different category and reimbursed for the exact fuel used in those activities.

"We are going to break it out differently

this year,” Willey said. “If your club is disking, rolling and things that are not actual grooming, that’s going to be reimbursed at a different dollar amount. We recognize that it’s still trail development and it’s still getting the trails ready. Clubs should be getting paid something for it, but not at the same rate as doing the actual grooming.”

“You will not have to keep receipts for the fuel used for grooming on snow, but if you’re taking a tractor out or a side-by-side to mow trails or pack trails or whatever prior to snowfall, you’re going to get reimbursed for the fuel that you use, and you will have to put those receipts in through the SNARS program,” explained new ISTGP Co-Administrator John Kahler.

### Importance of trail accuracy

At convention, clubs were reminded to verify the accuracy of their trails in GTS, as any miles groomed outside the trail’s “geofence” may not be eligible for reimbursement this winter. Some grace was granted last year as it was the first year for the pay-by-mile system and not every club had a chance to get out and run their groomer due to poor snow conditions.

“Last winter was a learning curve for our program,” Willey said. “We now need trail administrators from each club to go in and make sure their trails are accurate. That’s what we’re going to go off to track your miles this season, so they need to be as accurate as possible.”

“We really didn’t question much last winter. We just paid it,” Kahler noted.

Grooming within a trail’s geofence is considered a ‘Funded’ trail. Grooming outside of that boundary is defined as ‘Unfunded’. On the GTS screen, a solid line denotes the actual trail, and the dashed lines on either side of it marks the geofence. If

grooming occurs outside of that area due to reroutes, low snow or fuel stops, clubs will need to notate that discrepancy in SNARS, which stands for Snowmobile Automated Reporting System.

“Those types of scenarios will need to be documented and calculated in the funding manually,” Willey said. “But going forward, whatever your GPS reads is what your club will be getting paid, so you better make sure your trails are right.”

Most trails were manually inputted by GTS staff ahead of the season last year using paper maps and digital resources. At convention, Nathan Matter from GTS was available to assist clubs with any trail adjustments or to answer questions with the tracking software. The team at GTS has also been updating trails based on actual groomer movements from last season.

“GTS is working through everything that was tracked last year in our groomers,” Willey noted. “Whether it was inside the boundary or not, they’re adjusting all the geofences to show where the machines were actually operating.”

Matter said clubs can greatly assist their efforts by submitting trail change requests to GTS through the Contact Form at [ia.groomertrackingsystems.com](http://ia.groomertrackingsystems.com) or by emailing him directly at [trails@groomer-trackingsystems.com](mailto:trails@groomer-trackingsystems.com). At this time, email is the only way to attach documents like screenshots from Google Earth, images from snowmobile trail apps or pdfs of club maps with lines drawn in.

“The best way is to communicate trail changes directly with us, and we’ll work with you to get those changes made,” Matter said. “Whatever you can give us, we’ll do our best to get it right for you. The main thing is to get it close. We can always tweak it throughout the season.”



*Snowmobile club members fill the reception hall at the Lake Okoboji Resort and Conference Center for the 2024 ISTGP Update at convention.*

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# Groomer Placement Rationale

## Shedding some light on how selection decisions are made

by Chris Willey  
ISTGP Co-Administrator

Hey, our club wants a new groomer. What do we gotta do?

This is a question I get at least a couple times a month almost year round. Most know that the Iowa Snowmobile Trail Grant Program is the group that oversees the grooming operations in Iowa.

The first piece of advice I can offer is what Past ISSA President David Carmichael told me when I asked the same question 24 years ago. His answer to me was, "You wanna know how it all works? GET INVOLVED!"

Come to ISSA and ISTGP meetings, ask questions, get on the board or committee, talk with other clubs. When you are at these meetings, you hear what's really going on, how the program works and learn how other clubs got their machines.

There is no set "road map" for a club to get a new or updated groomer because every club is different—from their size, location, trail system, etc. We work with a set of guidelines and then set a percentage dollar match based on how new of a machine the club wants to get and that we can afford. From there, we leave it up to the club for their side of the funding. This is mainly because a club's ability/desire to fundraise varies from club to club.

### Trickle-down effect

It all starts with the grant requests every year. First, the clubs that have expressed an interest in wanting new equipment are put into a spreadsheet. The requests and supporting information is reviewed and prioritized by two main criteria:

1. Current equipment needs
2. Equipment availability and club match

From that criteria, the list is prioritized but very fluid. When we update one machine, one to three other clubs on the list may be affected as we move equipment around. More on that in a minute.

After we have our list of clubs and priorities figured out, we discuss with the

clubs what's available for equipment and the timeline for acquisition.

There are many factors we have to look at when it comes to getting new or used equipment:

- Program budget for the year,
- Quarterly registration transfer (obviously the transfers in the fall and winter are larger than the spring & summer)
- Recreational Trail Program (RTP) funding cycle. (This is a federal grant, and we have to spend the full amount of the purchase and then submit for 80 percent reimbursement.)
- If we are using RTP funds, a bid process may be required
- Equipment availability.

### Part ownership

In those discussions with the club, we find out what the clubs available and/or projected dollar match amount is. This amount is then converted to a percentage of ownership in the groomer; that percentage then comes into play when the club wants to update as part of their next match. Whatever the current value is of their current groomer at the time of update is figured into what they have in the next one and can be added to.

The ISTGP is not a finance company. We don't offer monthly payment plans. But we will work with clubs to help them. We have split up the groomer match payments in the past—usually 60 to 75 percent at the time of purchase and the remainder the following year.

We also discuss what the club feels they need/want for a machine, but we also suggest options based on our years of experience with the equipment to make sure the end result is what is going to work best for the club.

One example would be as follows: A club is wanting a Prinoth Husky, but they have a tight trail system with bike trails and narrow bridges. I would advise that's a large machine to get down some of your





trails without doing some tree trimming and bridge work. That may or not be options the club can address.

Also, a Prinoth is around \$260,000 new and \$80,000 to \$150,000 used on average. There are some better-sized machines like SnowRabbit that will do better and work a lot smoother on that type of trail system. A new SnowRabbit is \$100,000 to \$150,000 new, so you have a new and better-suited machine for the trails for a similar cost of a used machine that's not as well suited for the area.

### Side-by-side comparison

Back to that example of how one new groomer affects multiple clubs:

Club A has a 1989 Tucker that needs tracks. This club is top on the list by priority. They don't have a lot of matching funds but have been working hard to keep the machine going and keep the trails groomed.

Club B has a 2010 Tucker. They have a match amount for an updated machine but not a new machine. Also on the list is Club C with a 2015 Prinoth. They are lower on the list by priority because they have a newer machine, but in their request, they advised what they have for a match amount and it's available.

The committee discusses options and works with RTP Funds and Club C to get them a new Pisten Bully, Club B gets the 2015 Prinoth, Club A gets the 2010 Tucker, and the ISTGP sells the 1989 Tucker to a guy in Colorado that wants a machine to

get to his hunting cabin. The funds from that sale go back into the budget for future equipment purchases.

### Consistency required

So basically, there is no set road map for clubs to get a groomer.

I've worked on this program for 25 years, first as an advisor for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and then as co-administrator for it for almost nine years.

When I took over as admin, there was no real set way a club could plan for newer equipment. I worked with the first Trail Grant Committee to set the guidelines and Groomer Match table, knowing we had to bring some consistency to the program.

Shortly after that, clubs used that as a guideline to work towards updating their equipment. It also got clubs coming up with other ideas to partner with the Trail Grant Committee. For example, the Butler County Snow Snoops and the Webster County Ice Breakers decided instead of doing a match on a new machine, they went 50/50 cost-share with us on a used machine.

If your club wants to update equipment, the best thing I can suggest is come up with what the club wants for a machine and how much they want to match for that newer machine.

If anyone would like, I can come to a club meeting or separate meeting, and we can do some discussion/planning to get something going. Please email at [ISSA.RSC@gmail.com](mailto:ISSA.RSC@gmail.com) to request a visit.

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## Magg re-elected to ISTGP; Kahler replaces Durby

Region 1 Assistant Director Randy Magg was re-elected to another three-year term on the Iowa Snowmobile Trail Grant Program (ISTGP) Committee. He will continue to represent registered snowmobilers in the Western Region of Iowa.

The election was held during the ISTGP's annual update at the 2024 ISSA Annual Convention in Okoboji Nov. 23. Magg ran against Trent Larson from the Southwest Iowa Snow Scooters in Region 6. Both nominations satisfied the Oct. 15 filing deadline.

As the ISTGP represents all registered snowmobilers in Iowa, nominees did not need to be a member of the ISSA. The only qualifications are to own a currently registered snowmobile in Iowa and reside in the Western Region (see inset map).

ISTGP Co-Administrator Chris Willey said he was pleased to see a contested election for the open seat. He thanked Larson for pursuing the position and welcomed Magg back, noting his "wealth of knowledge on Prinoth groomers."

"One of the things I've been saying here for a while is if you want to know what's going on, get involved and learn more," Willey said. "So thank you both, gentlemen, for participating in the process and throwing your hats in the ring."

In other roster moves, founding ISTGP Co-Administrator Terry Durby has stepped into a Technical Advisor role, and immediate Past ISSA President John Kahler has replaced him as a Co-Administrator. Admin terms are for four years. Both changes were approved by the ISTGP committee, per SOPs.



# 2024 Honorees

## ISSA Award Winners Recognized at Convention Banquet in November

Chaired by Kelsey Bram, the ISSA Awards Committee recognized the following ISSA members at the Nov. 23 Awards Banquet at the 51st Annual ISSA Convention in Okoboji.

Nominations were due Oct. 11, and winners were honored in the following categories for 2024: Snowmobile Dealer of the Year, Groomer Operator of the Year, Snowmobile Family of the Year, Snowmobiler of the Year and Snowmobile Club of the Year.

What follows here are a synopsis of each winner based on their nomination forms.

### Snowmobile Dealer of the Year Award

#### Bodensteiner Motor Sports, New Hampton Chickasaw Sno-Riders, Region 4

Bodensteiner Motor Sports in New Hampton was named the ISSA's 2024 Snowmobile Dealer of the Year in recognition of its dedicated service to the local snowmobile community and for its ongoing support of the Chickasaw Sno-Riders of Region 4.

Located within Bodensteiner Implement, the motor sports division sells and services Ski-Doo snowmobiles as well as Triton trailers and multiple lines of UTVs. The dealership is open six days a week for snowmobile sales, parts and service.

According to their nomination form, when the snow is favor-



*The staff at Bodensteiner Motor Sports includes, from left: Bryan Dungey, sales manager; Jacob Fritcher, technician; Ed Platte, technician; Neil Kaumans, service manager and technician; and Chris Cain, parts.*

able and the sleds are out in full force, it is not uncommon to see technicians working in the shop for more than 12 hours a day, doing everything possible to get local snowmobilers out on the trails.

"The dealership and its staff are warm and welcoming to potential snowmobilers," the form continues. "They provide a low-pressure environment to ask questions and get help with anything snowmobile related. The dealership has great knowledge and is able to educate non-snowmobilers on what it takes to maintain area trails."

Bodensteiner Motor Sports promotes snowmobiling as a tourist attraction and understands this winter pastime can bring a nice boost to the local economy. The dealership is a strong supporter of the Sno-Riders, and several employees are active club members. Prospective and current members can also sign up or renew their dues at the dealership.

Through banners, flyers and social media posts, Bodensteiner helps promote club activities and provides space for off-season sign and material storage for the nearby trail system. With a connector trail leading right across the road from their facility, the dealership also serves as a trailhead for out-of-town riders. They have also lent out its facilities to work on the club's groomer.

"None of these luxuries would be possible without the ownership and staff of Bodensteiner Motor Sports being supportive of snowmobiling in Iowa," the nomination form reads. "So from sales to service to a place to park and ride to providing the local club with just about anything they need, the dealership pretty much covers all the bases for snowmobiling in our area."

### Groomer Operator of the Year Award

#### Mike Blomstrom, Estherville Emmet County Driftbusters, Region 2

An active member of his home club for more than 40 years, Mike Blomstrom of Estherville was named the ISSA's 2024 Groomer Operator of the Year in recognition of his efforts to bring groomed trails back to Emmet County, a process that, according to club president Jason Harvey, took nearly 10 years to complete.

Blomstrom spearheaded the campaign in 2015, and working closely with other mechanically-inclined club members, they set out to



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rebuild the old Tucker groomer previously used by the local conservation staff back in the day when grooming efforts were under county control. That vintage front-engine unit had been taken out of commission after sustaining damage deemed beyond repair.

Motivated by the idea of enjoying groomed trails again, the team partnered with their local dealer, J & K Snowmobiles of Estherville, to gain shop space to resurrect the old groomer and consulted with area Mopar mechanics to troubleshoot issues when they arose. Before long, a second vintage Tucker groomer was added to the mix.

Once the old Tuckers were operational again, the club resumed grooming efforts for the next four years, patiently waiting their turn for updated equipment from the ISSA's Review and Selection Committee, now known as the Iowa Snowmobile Trail Grant Program. Blomstrom closely monitored their place in the line, and

when the time came, the club traded in two old groomers for a 2009 Prinoth Trooper.

Due to its previous life at a Colorado ski resort, the Prinoth needed some attention when it first arrived in northwest Iowa. Never one to step down from a challenge, Blomstrom and company set out to fix the issues related to the



*Mike Blomstrom grooms the ditches of Emmet County in the club's 2009 Prinoth Trooper.*

rear hydraulics and the front blade hydraulics. They also updated the relays, sockets, plumbing and switches to get the groomer suited for their trail system.

"This new-to-us groomer made a very large impact in our club relations," Harvey said in nominating Blomstrom. "People were excited about snowmobiling in Emmet County again. Mike's attention to detail and never settling for second best is a huge asset to our trail program. Without Mike being the champion to kickstart the revitalization of the Tuckers, we would not be where we are today."

## Snowmobile Family of the Year Award

### Steve and Alyssa Burke and Family, Cresco Driftrunners, Inc., Region 5

If the Driftrunners are hosting an event in the Cresco area, chances are Steve and Alyssa Burke and their five kids will be there. In fact, they're probably helping out in one way or another. The family's unwavering support of their club is one of the reasons they were named the ISSA's Snowmobile Family of the Year for 2024.

In addition to his duties as a Region 5 Assistant Director for the ISSA, Steve currently serves as club vice president. His son, Isaiah, is a junior board member, and mom, Alyssa, manages the clothing inventory for the Driftrunners. She also operates the concessions for the club's flagship event, Snow Fest, a four-day winter celebration held near the end of January.

"The entire family is all active during Snow Fest, helping out and doing odd jobs throughout the weekend," past club president Zach Gooder wrote in nominating the family for this award. "They organize a family ride focused around younger riders to be able to ride with their family. They lead the ride and offer cookies and juice to the younger riders."

In the offseason, the family lends out UTVs for trail marking, parades and other summer events. They also host a side-by-side ride to benefit the Howard County Cancer Association and open up the family real estate business for a club fundraiser for the Spina Bifida Association of Iowa, the ISSA's official charity. The family chairs both of these events and financially supports each of them, Gooder noted.

"What is most impressive is Steve and his family are able to handle a lot of what he is involved in at the local level, while managing five kids of various ages," Gooder said. "Steve has done a great job of involving his entire family at a young age, showing them the year-round commitment it takes to be a snowmobiler. The Burke family encapsulates what it means to be a snowmobile family."



*Flanked by mom and dad, the Steve and Alyssa Burke family includes, from left, infant Hayden, Isaiah, Karson, Sawyer (front) and Tannin.*

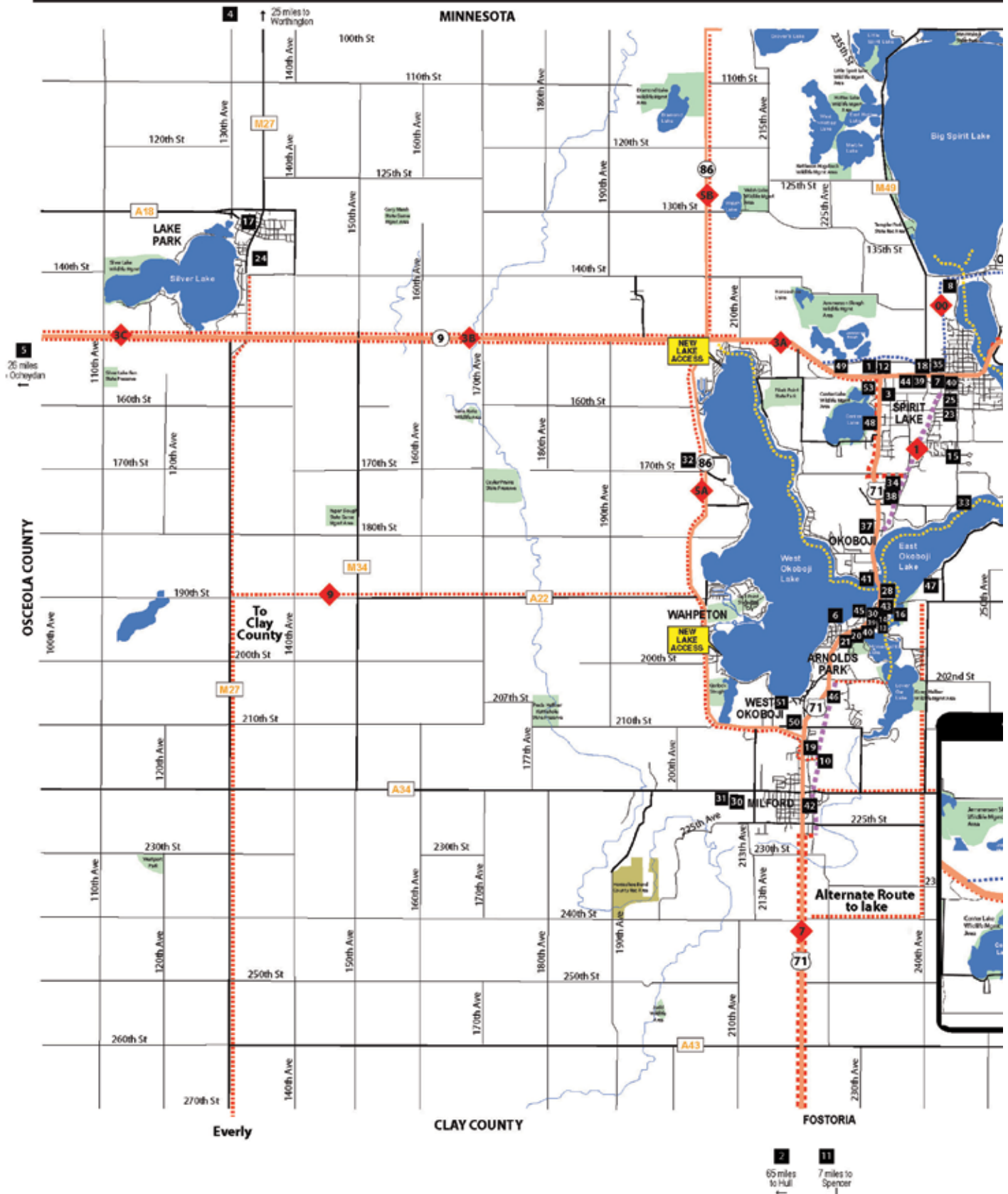
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# Guide



## Snowmobiler of the Year Award

### Jantina Carney, Spirit Lake Dickinson County Snowhawks, Region 1

Want to know what's going on for snowmobile activities around the Okoboji area this winter? Just ask Jantina Carney. She can help you out. Carney serves as the Publicity Chair for the Dickinson County Snowhawks of Region 1, and her dedication to all things snowmobiling in her area has earned her honors as the ISSA's Snowmobiler of the Year for 2024.

"Jantina represents all aspects of our club," past club president Kevin Winters wrote in nominating Carney. "She is the face of our club. She does whatever she can to help our club with activities, and she has also helped set up several aspects of the recent state conventions we've held in our area. We could not do it without her. She spends countless hours behind the scenes."

In addition to her role as Publicity Chair for the Snowhawks, Carney also helps collect membership dues and recruits new members at various events in the community. She also oversees the club's trail map each fall (shown at left) and secures sponsors to cover the costs of printing. She also solicits donations for the club's "discount card," which offers discounts at participating businesses as a member benefit.

Winters said Carney has played a "pivotal role" in fundraising for the Snowhawks. Her latest endeavor is raising money for the club's Randy Loerch Memorial Scholarship Ride. According to Winters, she coordinates all aspects of that event and has helped to raise \$8,500 toward the cause. He said it's just "one of the many special projects she takes on" to help her community throughout her 15 years with the club.



*Snowmobile Iowa display at the 2024 ISSA Convention.*

## Snowmobile Club of the Year Award

### Emmet County Driftbusters, Region 2

Club president Jason Harvey can point to two reasons behind the recent growth of the Emmet County Driftbusters. First is the club's renewed focus on groomed trails. Second is the advent of annual membership drives. Both efforts have helped the club double its membership total to 80 families. Those initiatives also helped the Driftbusters earn the ISSA's Snowmobile Club of the Year Award for 2024.

As detailed in Mike Blomstrom's nomination for the Groomer Operator of the Year Award, the goal of bringing groomed trails back to Emmet County began in earnest around 2015. That's when Blomstrom led a team of like-minded individuals to rebuild a pair of vintage Tucker groomers. Once fixed, they went to work for the club as members waited their turn for updated equipment from the state.

Fast forward to 2019, and the club was able to trade those old orange units in on a yellow 2009 Prinoth Trooper. Two years later, they added a new Mogul Master drag, and the club's 140 miles of ditch trail have never looked better in Emmet County. Spanning close to 10 years, the entire process took some patience, persistence and perseverance by the club, but their efforts paid off in the end.

"We have gained a lot of momentum in trail grooming since 2015," Harvey noted. "Mike spearheaded the efforts to get our trail system back on the map by recruiting a few other gearheads and getting those old Tuckers back on the snow. For the past five



years, our trail efforts have been steadfast with the much more reliable Trooper. We can cover and maintain a lot more trail and don't have to worry about breakdowns as much."

The second part of the club's success story has been a pair of pre-season membership drives held the past two Decembers. Both events were hosted at All Star Lanes in Estherville with the club picking up the tab for the homemade pizza and a club sponsor covering the cost of the bowling and other entertainment. Harvey said the atmosphere there is conducive to family entertainment and membership recruitment.

"The greatest perk of having it at the bowling alley is that it is family oriented," he explained. "We have seen great traction in getting more people to this membership drive, as it is great for the family, and it lets our members enjoy the bowling alley in our area."

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**Driftrunners, Inc., Region 5**

by Zach Gooder, Past President

Greetings! The Driftrunners are in full swing preparing trails and events for the upcoming season. As I write this, the weather has certainly took a turn colder with some flurries in the air! This is a welcome sight to many after a few tough years getting it to snow.

We recently hosted our annual toy drive which will hopefully provide many Christmas toys to area children in need. Thank you to everyone who came out to support this event! Hopefully everyone had a great time at the ISSA Convention in Okoboji, and thank you to all involved in putting that event on for us.



*Club member CJohn Michels provided the tractor and a land-owner donated the use of a backhoe as Trail Blaz-ers club members replaced culverts with a bridge on their trail system northeast of Oelwein in Region 5 Nov. 16.*

**CALENDAR****December**

- Club News deadline Dec. 13.

**January**

- International Snowmobile Safety Week Jan. 11-19. Visit [snowmobile.org](http://snowmobile.org) for additional information.
- Driftrunners SnowFest Jan. 23-26. Follow the club on Facebook for the latest updates and information.
- University of Okoboji Winter Games Jan. 23-26. Visit [www.uofowintergames.com](http://www.uofowintergames.com) for schedule and information.

**February**

- Butler County Snow Snoops 90s Run Feb. 1 at 10 a.m. Follow the club on Facebook for the latest updates and information.
- Winter Kids Fun Day with Spina Bifida Association Feb. 2 at 11 a.m. at Huxley.
- Midwest Sled Fest Feb. 8 at Clear Lake State Park. Visit [midwestsledfest.com](http://midwestsledfest.com) for more information.
- Driftrunners Charlie's Chili Feed Feb. 8. Follow the club on Facebook for the latest updates and information.
- Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week Feb. 8-17.
- Butler County Snow Snoops Eighth Annual Vintage Ride Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. Follow the club on Facebook for the latest updates and information.
- SAE Clean Snowmobile Challenge Feb. 27-March 2 at Eagle River, Wis.

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Clay County Sno Broncs .....	\$100
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Iowa River Riders .....	\$100
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Team Iowa Snowmobilers.....	\$100
Webster County Ice Breakers.....	\$100

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Raccoon Valley Snow Chasers .....	\$100
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# Iowa Nationals at Grundy Center

Gibas claims King of Track  
title at September drags.



## by Cameron Hanson

Seasoned grass drag racers on the fall Midwest circuit saw a familiar face running the staging lights at their Sept. 21 stopover in Iowa, as Nick Nelson from Velocity Race Management volunteered his time to come down and serve as official race starter for the day.

Fresh off his duties at Princeton and Hay Days, Nelson said he decided to work the Iowa Nationals Grass Drags in Grundy Center to help bring consistency to the pro-style events, including the Outlaws, the Pro 55 and the Pro Mod classes. News of his participation was well received on social media in the weeks leading up to the Iowa race.

“Nick is the greatest! If you go red, it’s not on him,” past Hay Days champion Aaron Casler of Des Moines posted on Facebook.

Attending the Iowa show for the first time, Nelson said high-performance drivers are more accustomed to his distinct commands and gestures from their experience at the other top-level venues, and he understands how important reaction time is to their success on the track and their quest to cover 500 feet in less than four seconds.

“A lot of the racers here today know me,” Nelson said in between races. “I’ve been doing this since 2016, so a lot of the guys are used to me and know how I like things done. It’s kind of a two-fold thing. I’m able to give the guys a level of comfort; plus, I feel I can help grow the event for the club down here.”

## Club-sponsored event

Held two weeks after Hay Days, the Iowa Nationals is hosted by the Central Iowa Snowmobilers of Region 8. This past fall was the club’s fifth straight year at the Grundy County Fairgrounds and

their 27th year overall hosting grass drags. The club said they appreciated Nelson’s offer to help out and bring a level of credibility to their event.

“A few of our club members were talking to Nick up at Hay Days, and he offered to come down this weekend,” club president Rob Schneider said. “We knew having his level of expertise would help with our draw down here, which is important because we want to make this the best race possible for the racers and the fans here in Iowa.”

Among the top teams competing at the Iowa Nationals this year were Casler’s 515 Racing, fellow Iowa team, Ish Racing from Gruver, as well as Baynes Motorsports from Minnesota and G-Force Racing from Chicagoland. By day’s end, more than 100 head-to-head races were held in nearly 30 classes at the Iowa strip.

Piloting his team’s new Spider Man Gen-2 Hypersports HRC-4 rocket, Alec Gibas from G-Force claimed the King of the Track Title, lighting up the 500-foot track in 3.73 seconds. In the Pro 55 division, Ish Racing’s Tyson Enerson defended his 2023 and 2022 titles, and in the Pro Mod Shootout, Kyle Baynes took home brag-



*Starter Nick Nelson from Velocity Race Management stages drivers at the Iowa Nationals Grass Drags Sept. 21.*



ging rights.

Keeping only \$5 of each entry fee, the club paid out more than \$8,000 in prize money and trophies. They also ponied up some bonus money to become a points race for the SnowStuds ProStock Championship Series. Gauging by the number of teams filling the pits, both Schneider and Nelson said the investment appeared to pay off.

"The sled count today is just phenomenal," Schneider said. "Having guys like the Gibas family here this weekend is a big deal for us. We want to reinvest in our event so the big guys keep coming back year after year."



Schneider

"We want to see this sport grow," Nelson said. "We have a lot of big names and a lot of big sleds down here today. That's important because we want to keep these events around for a long time. The fall grass drag season is fairly short, so guys want to race when they can."

### Dedicated track at Grundy

Encouraged by Iowa teams and partnering with local fair officials, the Central Iowa Snowmobilers have invested time, money and materials into developing the dedicated race track at Grundy Center to a premiere racing surface. The two-lane venue includes a hard-pack clay starting line and a generous 1,300 feet of shut down lanes, just what the top-tier racers want.

Race planning is pretty much a year-long endeavor for the club, and track maintenance usually begins around Memorial Day Weekend. In addition to the big name racers, the event also caters to local racers with stock, vintage and youth racing. There's even a side-by-side event and live entertainment after the racing action



Ish Racing's Tyson Enerson tows his Pro 55 entry back to the pits after winning that class for the third straight year.

ends for the evening.

Schneider said the club makes most of its money off of spectator admission, and proceeds are generally reinvested back into the event. Club members volunteer their time and are proud to bring this level of excitement and entertainment to the local community. Racing is just in their blood, he said.

"As a club, we are all into racing of some sort," Schneider said. "Many of us used to race stock cars, so putting on snowmobile races is just a natural fit for us. It's nice to satisfy our need for speed with our favorite sport. We've been doing this for a long time, and it's really become a tradition for us."

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