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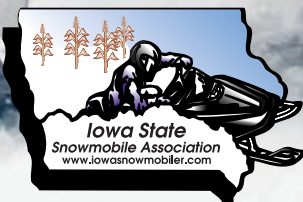
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Looking for Volunteers for ISSA-Promoted SnoCross Event



Gary McVicker

Greetings Iowa Snowmobilers,

The beginning of the 2008-09 riding season looks outstanding with all the snow on the ground. In our area, in north central Iowa, we've received a foot of snow already in December. With work and responsibilities of being president, I hadn't found time to ride until yesterday. Our club held its first fun run. Fifty-three people signed up and rode part of the ride until the wind forced us to quit early. But it was a good taste of what will hopefully be a great snowy winter.

On Jan. 31 the ISSA will be sponsoring the SnoCross races at Sleepy Hollow Sports Park in Des Moines as part of the Des Moines Winter Games. With classes for all levels of experience and engine sizes, the races offer a chance for many riders to give snocross a try and for many others to watch the fun. The ISSA will be largely in charge of putting on the event, under the direction of Rob Keeling, organizer, and we will need a lot of volunteers. We will need help in the pits, with the gate, counting laps, on the track and other areas. Sleepy Hollow is an excellent venue for the races as they can make their own snow if Mother Nature doesn't cooperate. It is also an excellent opportunity to expose the Des Moines area to snowmobiling and the ISSA. If you can help us with this event, please give me a call or send me an e-mail.

The SnoCross race plays right into one of the talking points at the recent American Council of Snowmobiles Associations (ACSA) Land Summit meeting held at Elk Grove Village, Ill., which several of our board members attended. We discussed public relations and putting a positive image on snowmobiling.

Another January event is the ISSA's annual Spina Bifida charity ride put on by the Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club on Sunday, Jan. 11. This activity is a great way to let the kids and their families experience and enjoy the sport that we all love. Please show your support of this ISSA charity event. Contact Bruno Andreini for details.

As I finish writing this, I have been informed by the DNR that the OA has been signed, so by the time you read this, the new grooming equipment should be operational in the areas discussed in Terry Durby's article in the last issue of Iowa Snowmobiler magazine.

One other date to mark on your calendar is the Third Annual Iowa Snowmobiler Ride Across Iowa ... this year known as the Heart of Iowa Snowmobile Tour (RAGBRAI for snowmobilers!). The dates to remember are Feb. 14-17. It's a great time, and an excellent way to showcase snowmobiling in Iowa. Contact Cameron Hanson for more info. Have a safe season, and enjoy good riding on Iowa's own trails! *

2009 Club Challenge*

North Iowa Sno-Jammers	
Region 3	\$1,004
Snow Pioneers	
Region 9	\$250
Chickasaw Sno-Riders	
Region 4	\$250
Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club	
Region 7	\$250
Snowmobilers of Jackson County	
Region 9	\$150

*All donations benefit the ISSA's lobbying efforts at the State Capitol in Des Moines. The 2009 contract with ISSA Lobbyists Mike Heller and Paula Feltner of Des Moines is \$19,500.



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Spending for a Snowy Day

Review and Selection Committee puts recovered funds to good use with purchase of new grooming equipment

by *Cameron Hanson*

Add another stripe for John Deere green to the rainbow-flavored fleet of state-owned grooming equipment in Iowa. In December, the first of what is expected to be a total of seven John Deere 6430 and 5625 utility tractors were converted into snowmobile trail groomers for the current season.

Revered throughout the agricultural community for its trademark hue, the Iowa-built tractors join an already colorful spectrum of groomers maintained by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Also visible in the crayon box are Tucker orange, New Holland blue, Bombardier yellow and VMC red.

IDNR Snowmobile Program Manager David Downing described the new tractor purchases as a step in the right direction, and in last month's

issue of the Iowa Snowmobiler, Past ISSA President and IDNR Review and Selection Committee member Terry Durby outlined to which ISSA-member snowmobile clubs the new units would be assigned.

"We've started moving toward tractors as have other states," Downing explained during his program update at the 2008 ISSA Convention in November. "If you have trails in places that you do a lot of bending and turning and coming up out of ditches, the tractors, as an agricultural product, tend to wear better."

Durby emphasized the Review and Selection Committee has not completely abandoned the other manufacturers and will continue work with their dealers. But for now, he and Downing are curious to see how the John Deere tractors hold up in the deep snow of roadside ditches and through tight turns of wooded trails.

"One thing we like about buying tractors is 10 years down the road, we still have value," Downing said. "Today, when we buy a \$100,000 groomer that's not a tractor, in 10 years, it's worth about \$10,000. Tractors tend to be the way to go unless we see something different, and we will be looking for feedback from the clubs with the new equipment."

Groomer Placement Based on Set Criteria

Consisting of two ISSA officers, including Durby, and three IDNR officials, including Downing, the committee based their placement decisions on several criteria, ranging from the miles of trail to the age of the current groomer to the level of participation in ISSA-sponsored activities.

"If you are looking for a new groomer and wondering how we came up with the list, we looked at the top 10 clubs based on those factors and then narrowed it down to the top

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Vice President's Desk

Heightening Awareness Through Public Relations

Gary Burger

In mid-December, I, along with a group of ISSA officers, attended the Fifth Annual Land Summit in Elk Grove, Ill. More than 40 representatives from member states of the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) were in attendance. This full-day conference covered a number of interesting and important topics including funding, youth involvement, working with the media and maintaining trail access.

One of the more important points that came out of this program, in my opinion, was the need for working with the local media in each of our club's areas. For the most part, the general public in Iowa has little knowledge of the activities of our various clubs. Why is it important for them to know more? First, we are all looking to increase our membership. There are over 30,000 sleds registered in the state and yet ISSA's membership hovers around 2,000 each year. New members bring new

life, new friends and more income to our clubs, and that's important to keep our club spirit alive.

Second, and certainly just as important, we need to let the communities we live in know about the accomplishments and good deeds performed by our members. Too often we only hear about the negatives of snowmobilers. Let's let the public know about our fundraisers for Spina Bifida, our maintenance and development of trails for the public, our safety programs to train teenagers safe snowmobiling habits, our scholarships for member's children and all the other ways we positively impact our communities.

One of my missions this year is to help each and every club in the state promote their organization and accomplishments by assisting them in preparing and publicizing press releases throughout the year. If you have an event or accomplishment worthy of publicity, please don't hesitate to contact me at (515) 334.0360. *

Join the ISSA Today

If you enjoy the sport of snowmobiling in Iowa, you are not alone. There are an estimated 35,000 sleds registered with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and more than 50 clubs around the state which work to preserve a 5,000-mile trail system.

The glue that bonds us together is the Iowa State Snowmobile Association and its network of 1,932 dedicated family members and associates. Since 1973, our organization has helped to maintain an expansive fleet of groomers and lobbied on behalf of snowmobile-friendly legislation.

Without the ISSA over the past 30 years, snowmobiles—for example—would have been held to a 15 mph speed limit, and there would not have been any night riding, ditch riding nor access to state parks. Our efforts continue, and your support would be greatly appreciated. Fill out the form below and join the ISSA today.

With your paid, annual membership, you will receive a free subscription to the Iowa Snowmobiler magazine (our official publication) as well as a complimentary accidental death and dismemberment insurance policy. In order for husband and wife to receive the full \$2,000 benefit, though, please list each member in the space provided.

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SPENDING FOR A SNOWY DAY

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five,” explained Downing at the 2008 ISSA Convention in November. “We did not look at this willy-nilly. There seems to be a perception out there that we were just throwing darts at a wall.”

Three of the new John Deere groomers will eventually land in Winneshiek, Allamakee and Clayton counties in northeast Iowa. According to Region 5 Director Dave Pook of Sumner, the news has generated significant buzz in his neck of the woods. “The new groomers have sparked a lot of interest out there,” he said. “The clubs are reporting an increase in membership, and they are already looking to add more trails to their systems.”

In northern Iowa, Durby’s home club, the North Iowa Sno-Jammers, will part company with their 1995 Tucker for a 6430 model, and the Mitchell County E-Z Riders will bid farewell to their 1978 Bombardier, whose recurring on-trail repairs often kept operator Larry Bissen and several others covered in grease.

According to Durby and Downing, exceedingly high levels of maintenance and impending major repairs to current units were significant factors in determining where the new units went. In fact, the inevitable breakdowns contributed heavily to the accelerated schedule of John Deere purchases for the 2008-09 season.

“There’s no question that we needed the equipment, and we needed it now,” Downing said.

Purchased at a discount through the state bidding process, the John Deere tractors do not arrive with tracks. The wheels need to be replaced with a Soucy four-track conversion system. Once fully rigged with new rubber, a front blade and a rear drag, the new groomers fall in the range of \$130,000.

Restored Funds Accelerate Purchases

Financing this aggressive replacement plan in Iowa has been the return this season of the \$950,000 in snowmobile program reserves swept by the Iowa Legislature six years ago. Additionally, as has been the case most of the decade, the department is again relying on matching grant funds from the National Recreational Trails Fund to soften the financial burden.

With the new equipment comes heightened expectations for the sponsoring clubs. Accompanying each new tractor will be a maintenance agreement that needs to be signed by the club stating its members will abide by the rules set forth by the IDNR. Nothing will lose a groomer faster for a club than an operator smoking inside the cab of the state-owned equipment or abusing alcohol while at the controls.

“When you get a groomer, you’re going to get a piece of paper and you are going to sign off on it and agree to do these things in exchange for that groomer,” Downing emphasized. “If any of my officers are out and see the groomer operator in possession of beer, chances are I’m going to arrange for a truck to come and get it.”

“Make sure you read through the agreement because there is information in there that your club needs to know that they are responsible for,” committee member and Past ISSA President Jerry Kramer emphasized.

According to Downing, such agreements will eventually become retroactive to all groomers in the state. He also informed snowmobile clubs at the state convention that there will be no more leniency on program deadlines — whether for the trail grant applications each summer or for the receipts for reimbursement each spring.

“We’re going to work with you ahead of time to remind you and prod you, but that is it,” Downing said. “No matter how much I like you, I’m not going to be able to do anything for you if you’re late. Get your stuff in on time. Those deadlines are going to be very important.” *



Darren Sellers of Eldora, a member of the Central Iowa Snowmobilers, visits with IDNR Snowmobile Program Manager David Downing (right) following his presentation at the 2008 ISSA Convention in Waterloo.



The ISSA gave itself a nice birthday present at its 35th Anniversary convention in November. Unveiled at the Snow Show, this new 2008 Aluma 6x20 enclosed trailer replaces a 1993 Jensen (see page 17) for the organization's promotional efforts. At a price tag of \$8,500, the trailer was funded by proceeds from the ISSA's successful enclosed trailer raffle in 2007 and by grants from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (matching donation) and the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (graphics package).

Banner Year in 2008

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ISSA celebrates milestone at 35th Anniversary Convention in Waterloo in November

by Cameron Hanson

The ISSA turned 35 years old in November, and snowmobilers at the annual state convention in Waterloo had plenty of reasons to celebrate. In fact, 2008 was a banner year for the organization: Membership had finally cracked the 2,000-family plateau for the first time this decade, charitable giving exceeded \$12,000 and three more \$1,000 scholarships had been awarded to deserving Iowa students.

But perhaps the biggest toast came when board members and invited guests recounted the events leading up to the restoration of \$950,000 in state snowmobile program reserves. Collected as snowmobile registration fees, the money had been swept by the Iowa Legislature in May of 2002 to cover budget shortfalls. Along with all-terrain vehicle (ATV) assets, the snowmobile program was one of 40 programs to suffer a similar fate.

"They took money out of basically everything in 2002," explained ISSA Lobbyist Mike Heller of Des Moines in his annual presentation to ISSA members. "In all fairness, both political parties did it, and the measures passed with pretty strong support. Let me tell you, it's not easy getting money back after they take it."

Members of the ISSA's Emergency Funding and Legislation Committee (EFC) thanked convention attendees for their never-ending commitment to contacting their legislators to urge them for the refund over the past six years. Their fervent efforts came to



ISSA Region 2 Assistant Jeff Felkey visits with John Goraczkowski at the latter's Sunset Resort booth at the ISSA Snow Show.

fruition last May, when, according to Heller, the snowmobile and ATV funds, “to the best of my knowledge,” were only monies restored from six years ago.

“Hard work does pay off,” smiled Past ISSA President Dave Carmichael, a charter member of the EFC and 2008 ISSA Convention Planning Committee Chair.

“But I have to be honest with you,” Heller began, “if I was looking at this from the outside, I would have thought it would have been a total impossibility to get those funds back. It’s thanks to all of your hard work and persistence going back to 2002 in going after those funds. I think it’s pretty safe to say that if it didn’t happen last year, it wasn’t going to happen this coming year.”

“I don’t think the legislators expected that kind of a response from snowmobilers,” Immediate Past ISSA President Merv Hoermann said in his farewell address at convention. “Even though they may think we’re in the minority, it really helps when the majority of us makes those kinds of contacts and put us in the majority.

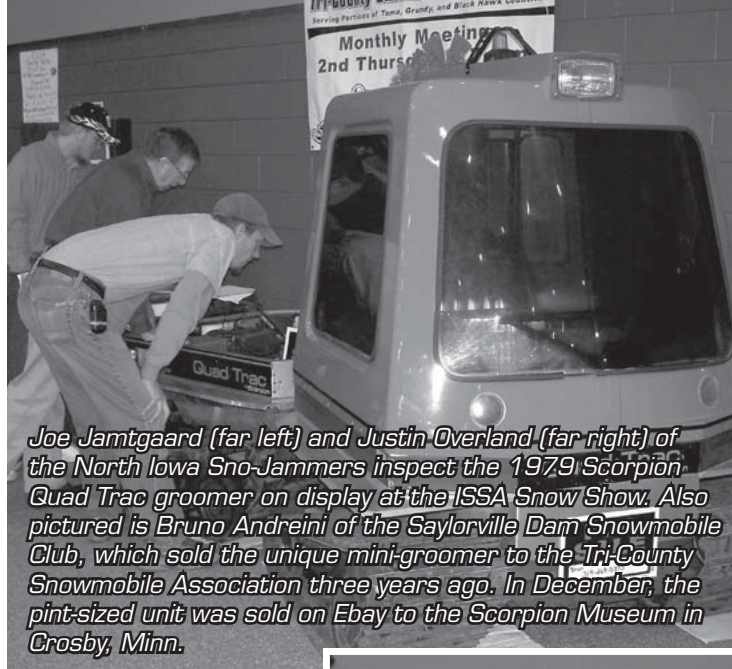
“Legislators know who we are now,” he continued. “We need to keep that line of communication open and stay in front of these legislators. We do have some things we would like to look at in the coming year that we really want to pursue.”

Both Hoermann and Heller encouraged snowmobile clubs to invite their legislators to their regular meetings and related activities. Snowmobilers vote, Heller said, and legislators tend to care about addressing local concerns, such as developing corridor trails where non-motorized user groups share the same space as their motorized counterparts.

“If you can get your legislator out there and get them familiar with what your club does, they will see there is economic benefit to having a snowmobile trail in their area. It will pay big dividends,” Heller said. “We won’t have that issue of getting legislators to understand that snowmobilers are important and vital in their area. Legislators are pretty simple to figure out. They care about their constituents. If they know they have constituents who care about an issue, they will respond very well.”

Changing of the Guard

As it has been the past two years, the 2008 ISSA Annual Convention was held at the Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center in Waterloo. Hosting the November event were the following snowmobile clubs: Cedar Falls Sno Hawks, Bremer County Sno-Knights, Tri-County Snowmobile Association,



Joe Jamtgaard (far left) and Justin Overland (far right) of the North Iowa Sno-Jammers inspect the 1979 Scorpion Quad Trac groomer on display at the ISSA Snow Show. Also pictured is Bruno Andreini of the Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club, which sold the unique mini-groomer to the Tri-County Snowmobile Association three years ago. In December, the pint-sized unit was sold on Ebay to the Scorpion Museum in Crosby, Minn.

Wapsipinicon Snowmobile Association and North Iowa Sno-Jammers.

The Nov. 21-23 weekend featured the ISSA Snow Show on Friday and Saturday, informational seminars on Saturday and the election of officers Saturday morning. Retaining their seats as secretary and treasurer, respectively, were Cameron Hanson and Vera Thomas, while for the top two ISSA offices, there was a changing of the guard.

Following his two-year term and as stipulated in the ISSA By-Laws, Hoermann was succeeded as organization president by Vice President Gary McVicker. Unanimously cast to fill McVicker’s shoes was Region 7 Assistant Gary Burger of the Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club.

With 2008 an even-numbered year, elections were held in the even-numbered regions of the ISSA. The only changes came in Regions 4 and 8. In Region 4, Bob Owen of Lime Springs replaced Dean Eastman as Director, and in Region 8, Assistant Collins Smith of Mitchellville moved up the chain to replace Ron Kingsbury as Director.

At the Saturday night Awards Banquet, Hoermann received a plaque of appreciation for his time in office. “I thoroughly enjoyed working with you as your president the past two years,” he said. “I learned a lot and met a lot of friends. I appreciate all the help I received from the board, and I will continue to be around and help in any capacity in which I’m needed.”

A complete listing of award winners is available online at www.iowasnowmobiler.com/issa/awards. The top four award winners were featured in the

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Eight-year-old Keri Siebrecht of Urbandale models one of two ISSA hats auctioned off as a fundraiser for the Spina Bifida Association of Iowa at the Saturday evening convention banquet. The hat auction netted the charity \$225.



Outfitted in his trademark cowboy hat and sport coat, Outgoing ISSA President Merv Hoermann receives a plaque of appreciation from 2008 convention emcee Dave Carmichael.

Worth County Fencestretchers Win 2008-09 EMR Program Drawing

by Cameron Hanson

More than 1,200 snowmobiling families in Iowa joined the ISSA or renewed their membership by Dec. 1, making the 2008-09 membership drive one of the most successful in the history of the ISSA's Early Membership and Renewal Program (EMR) and its predecessor, the Members Recruiting Members Program (MRM).

According to EMR Committee Chair Guy Overland, 1,254 members signed up or renewed for the current snowmobile season by the posted deadline and, in doing so, qualified to be entered into a drawing for a three-night, six-person vacation package to Pat's Landing near Hayward, Wis.

Valued at \$990, the package cost the ISSA only \$400, thanks to resort owner Kris Treland's long-standing support of the association. New to this year's program, the vacation offering replaced the program's traditional drawing prize of a new Yacht Club two-place snowmobile trailer.

For each membership, the individual was entered into the drawing as was the sponsoring club. At the ISSA's December Board of Directors meeting in Waterloo, the Worth County Fencestretchers snowmobile club of Region 3 was drawn as the lucky winner of the Northwoods vacation package.

The ISSA is now looking to build on this momentum to finish the year strong. According to Membership Committee Chair Diane Childs, 1,143 member-families had not renewed as of Dec. 14. If each outstanding family sends in its dues, the ISSA could reach membership levels not seen in the several years.

For some historical perspective, long-time ISSA Membership Committee Chair Dick Melick said membership was at its strongest in 1976 with an estimated 5,000 families and at its lowest in the late 1980s at a dismal 800 members. He said he hopes everyone bucks the trend and renews their membership this year.

"Every year, we seem to lose the same number of members that we gain," Melick said. "It's a phenomenon I really can't explain. We also used to have 100 associate members."

Membership in the ISSA costs \$15 per family or individual. Associate memberships cost \$25 per business partner. There are currently 45 paid-associate members for 2008-09, or roughly half of previous levels. Closing that gap would be a boon to the ISSA's operating budget, according to Immediate Past ISSA President Merv Hoermann.

"We're not going out and talking to the people we do business with," Hoermann said in his farewell address to members at the 2008 ISSA Convention in November. "We spend a lot of money at these places, and



Region 7 Director Steve Klinkefus (left) draws the winning entry in the 2008-09 Early Membership and Renewal Program at the ISSA's Dec. 14 Board of Directors meeting. For his efforts with the program, EMR Committee Chair Guy Overland (right) received a Past President's Award at the 2008 ISSA Annual Convention.

their memberships are very important to our organization. We need to make a renewed effort to talk to these people."

As an incentive to recruit additional associate members, the ISSA Board of Directors in December approved a \$5 commission to each ISSA member who secures a \$25 associate membership or sells a \$25 Web site link on the ISSA's Web site at www.iowasnowmobiler.com.

For more information on membership or on the incentive, contact Childs at (563) 927-5934 or snowchild@mchsi.com or Overland at (641) 293-5936 or guyoverland@hotmail.com. *

Calendar of Events

January

ISSA/IDNR Groomer Certification Workshop Jan. 3 at 9 a.m. at the Coralville Marriott Conference Center in Coralville in Region 12.

ISSA 2010 ISC Planning Committee Meeting Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Coralville Marriott Conference Center in Coralville in Region 12.

ISSA Board of Directors regular meeting Jan. 4 at 9 a.m. at the Coralville Marriott Conference Center in Coralville in Region 12.

ISSA Charity Kids Ride for the Spina Bifida Association of Iowa hosted by the Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club on Sunday, Jan. 11, on the Heart of Iowa Trail at Huxley. Jan. 18 no snow date. Meet at the Huxley Fire Department at 11 a.m. Lunch provided. For more information, contact Bruno Andreini at (515) 240-3858.

International Snowmobile Safety Awareness Week Jan. 11-17. Visit www.snowmobile.org for more information.

29th Annual University of Okoboji Winter Games Jan. 23-25 at the Iowa Great Lakes.

Cresco Snowfest Jan. 24-27 at Cresco. Visit www.geocities.com/driftrunnersia/Snowfest_08.html for more information.

Des Moines Winter Games inaugural snowcross race Saturday, Jan. 31, at Sleepy Hollow Sports Park, Des Moines. For more information, visit www.dmwintergames.com or email Race Director Rob Keeling at sledcross@hotmail.com.

February

Snowmobilers of Jackson County annual Radar Run on Saturday, Feb. 7, on North Lake Sabula, Sabula, IA. Registration at 8 a.m. followed by racing at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Ryan Lott (563) 687-3037.

Dickinson County Snowhawks 2nd Annual Vintage Snowmobile Nationals Saturday, Feb. 7, on the Iowa Great Lakes. On-the-ice Registration at Okoboji Boat Works 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. with racing starting at 11 a.m. 100 percent payback plus extra sponsor money. \$1,000 fastest sled of the day. Classes include the following: *1982 and older: 0 - 500 modstock and *1985 and older: 0 - 600 modstock. Events continue on Sunday, Feb. 8, and feature the following: *Grudge Match "run watcha brung," *head-to-head, four-lane racing and *Just For Fun. For information, contact Stephanie Duncan at (712) 330-6162 or ssd@mchsi.com.

ISSA Board of Directors meeting Feb. 8 at 9 a.m. at the Comfort Inn in Story City.

Heart of Iowa Snowmobile Ride Across Iowa Feb. 13-16 along Highway 3. For more information, visit www.iowasnowmobiler.com.

Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week Feb. 14-22. For more information, visit www.gosnowmobiling.org.

March

ISSA Board of Directors meeting March 8 at 9 a.m. at the Comfort Inn in Story City. *

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Amateur competition planned for 2009 Des Moines Winter Games this month; ISSA signs on as race promoter

by Cameron Hanson

Already treated to sanctioned grass drags near Jesup in September and Eagle River-caliber ice oval racing at Rock Rapids in December, snowmobile race fans in Iowa will complete the 2008-09 race season trifecta when exhibition snocross competition debuts in Des Moines later this month.

On Saturday, Jan. 31, up to 100 amateurs will race in the inaugural snocross event at the 2009 Des Moines Winter Games at Sleepy Hollow Sports Park. The ISSA has signed on as race promoter with Rob Keeling of Ames, a member of the Iowa River Riders snowmobile club of Region 3, serving as race director.

By ponying up the liability insurance, the ISSA, according to Keeling, stands to collect 80 percent of the gate receipts with the balance carrying over as seed money for the 2010 event. Keeling, a former snocross racer himself, said the ISSA has cornered the market when it comes to this type of snowmobile racing in Iowa.

"From what we understand, there is no other snocross event in the state, and from the online snowmobile forums I have visited, there appears to be quite a bit of interest out there," Keeling said. "Anyone from Iowa or even out of state is welcome to participate. We want to get the event going this year and then build on it for the future."

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According to ISSA President Gary McVicker, the ISSA holds the master insurance policy for the state snowmobile program, and adding an insurance rider for the snocross event will cost the association an estimated \$350. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the expense and will recover that fee before any proceeds are divvied up.

"We're throwing our support behind this event because we want to get more exposure for the ISSA," McVicker explained. "The Des Moines area is the biggest market in the state, and our name is going to headline the race. The Iowa Legislature will be in session by then, and we should get some good coverage in the local media. Hopefully, we can pick up some memberships along the way as well."

Billing the event as an exhibition race, Keeling plans on organizing the event into three classes in three engine sizes. See the rules outlined on page 7 and online in full at www.dmwintergames.com. Trophies will be handed out to three placewinners in each class and engine size for a total of 27 awards. Racers pay a \$30 entry fee and admission will be charged \$10 for pit passes and \$5 for general seating.



Race Director Rob Keeling

"The target market for this event is snowmobilers who have never raced snocross before," Keeling said. "You're taking your snowmobile off the trail with your trail stickers still in tact. You bring it in on a trailer, unload it and go racing. It will be very amateur but with enough excitement on the track to keep you entertained."

Pre-registration is preferred by visiting the previously-mentioned website. Otherwise, on-site registration begins the morning of the race at 6:30 a.m., followed by parade lap at 8:30 a.m. and racing promptly at 9 a.m. For more information, email Keeling at sledcross@hotmail.com.

Keeling said he will be designing the track with officials from Sleepy Hollow. A snow-making machine will be available if Mother Nature doesn't cooperate in the days leading up to the event, and the layout of the closed-circuit track will keep safety in mind. In fact, most jumps and moguls will be in the neighborhood of five feet.

"Some of the jumps that I'm accustomed to as a former racer are not going to be there. No 80-foot jumps sending riders into the air 15 feet," he said. "I'm going to keep things pretty low and pretty short. We are just trying to get everybody in there so they can say they ran snocross."

"For those who have never raced, they should be tickled pink about that. We want to get everybody in and out safely. Are there going to be wrecks? Yes. That's part of the draw to this event. But safety is paramount. We are only racing for a trophy and the memories. We ask that the racers keep this in mind as they enter the track. A fellow racer's safety is contingent upon each other's actions."

The event is open to all skill levels. Keeling said there will not be any so-called Powder Puff races, but female riders are encouraged to participate in the regular events. There will not be any 120cc racing as well. In fact, racers under the age of 18 need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian to sign approval for the racer to participate.

An ambulance and emergency personnel will be trackside at all times. Keeling has asked the ISSA to provide volunteers to serve as flaggers along the track, and he is also looking to the ISSA to provide financial support to cover the expense of the trophies. A sign-up form for trophy donations and volunteers is located on page 14.

"This event is intended to capture the spirit and competitiveness of the daily snowmobiler," Keeling said. "This may be the first racing event several racers have participated in. Most racers will be racing their snowmobile that they were trail riding the day before." *



2009 Des Moines WINTER GAMES SNOCCROSS

Presented by the Iowa State Snowmobile Association
Sleepy Hollow Sports Park
Saturday, Jan. 31

Schedule of Events

- 6:30 a.m. On-site registration begins
- 8:30 a.m. Parade laps (each racer allowed one lap)
- 8:50 a.m. Mandatory driver's meeting
- 9:00 a.m. Racing begins
- 4:30 p.m. Closing ceremonies

Racer Classes

- Beginner — first time racers ONLY
- Intermediate — racers having raced at least one race
- Advanced — racers with an accelerated background of racing

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- A — up to 500cc engines (liquid or fan cooled), stock
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- Example: If you are a first time racer with an 800 cc snowmobile, you will register as "Beginner C."*

Registration Fees

- \$30 per racer entry fee (this includes initial engine class)
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- \$10 pit passes
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For complete rules and regulations, visit www.dmwintergames.com. For more information, contact Race Director Rob Keeling at sledcross@hotmail.com.



The ISSA Needs Your Help!

The ISSA is recruiting member volunteers to serve as trackside flaggers during competition at the inaugural 2009 Des Moines Winter Games SnoCross. The association is also looking for 27 members, clubs and businesses to each buy \$30 trophy sponsorships for the competition. If you are interested in helping out, please fill out the form below:

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Fifteen eastern Iowa future snowmobilers completed the Youth Snowmobile Safety Certification Course Dec. 29 at the ISU Extension Office in Manchester. Sponsored by the Snow Pioneers snowmobile club of Region 9, the course was led by long-time instructors Larry and Diane Childs and apprentice instructors Chris and Tyler Willey.

IDNR Seeking Feedback on Safety Courses, Instructor Training

by *Cameron Hanson*

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has revised its Youth Snowmobile Safety Certification Course materials and is seeking feedback from ISSA-member clubs which have already used the curriculum this season.

Available online for home study or through a club-sponsored eight-hour class, the Iowa snowmobile education course is designed to teach students the principles of safe snowmobiling and how snowmobiling affects other people and the environment. The education manual reviews the basics of operation, maintenance, regulations, ethics and winter survival.

An IDNR-issued safety certificate is required for youths ages 12 to 17 to operate a snowmobile on public property with the following restrictions: Persons 12 to 15 must have a valid safety certificate and be under the direct supervision of a qualified person, while persons 16 to 17 may operate unsupervised but must have a valid safety certificate.

Children under the age of 12, must be accompanied by a qualified person riding on the same snowmobile, while snowmobilers 18 years of age or older may operate a snowmobile without a safety certificate. To earn their certificate, students must complete a written exam with a minimum score of 80 percent.

At least seven safety courses were held in Iowa in December, some of which were joint efforts of neighboring clubs. A few other youth courses were held in November, and Rhonda Fowler of the IDNR's Snowmobile and OHV program is interested in knowing how everything went.

Fowler, who can be reached at (515) 281-3208 or Rhonda.Fowler@dnr.iowa.gov, is also updating her list of Certified Youth Snowmobile Safety Course Instructors and would like a roster from each club of its certified instructors as well as the dates of its upcoming courses. She is also recruiting teaching prospects.

"I'm asking for any club who may have people interested in becoming instructors to let me know how many and which region you are in," Fowler said. "If enough people from a region are interested, we can look at setting up a training date yet this snow season. Future plans,

after this year, would be to do instructor training primarily at the (ISSA Annual) convention."

In November, IDNR Recreational Safety Officer (RSO) Pat Jorgensen led a New Instructor Training Workshop at the ISSA convention in Waterloo. An estimated 15 interested club members participated in the course and walked out an hour later with a course binder that Jorgensen described as their "bible."

"A lot of kids are going to take what you say to heart," Jorgensen told the roomful of instructor candidates. "We ask that you teach your classes according to our material and our manual and that you keep your personal opinions or philosophies to yourselves. You need to follow our curriculum as an instructor." "We had a great opportunity at convention to offer instructor development training to individuals interested in becoming

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Recreational Safety Officer Pat Jorgensen of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources leads a New Instructor Workshop for ISSA members interested in becoming Certified Youth Snowmobile Safety Instructors at November's state convention.



Club News

Region 1 O'Brien County Snowtrackers

by *Zelda Buse Christensen, Reporter*

Here's a brief rundown of weather conditions in O'Brien County during the past week or so.

Before Dec. 21: Although less than in most of Iowa, quite a few inches of snow had fallen here, allowing for some snowmobiling.

Dec. 21: With winter officially starting, blizzard conditions prevailed, leaving rough and hard drifts.

Dec. 22: People were busy recovering from the blizzard.

Dec. 23: The groomer began to groom late in the afternoon. Some ditches worked beautifully, while the drifts in other places led to problems. Far too common was the need to scoop when the groomer got stuck.

Dec. 24: The groomer continued (with more times getting stuck) till Christmas Eve festivities called operators to celebrate elsewhere. By this time, the groomer had groomed approximately 62 miles of ditches, reaching the towns of Granville, Germantown, Paullina, Sutherland, Calumet, Primghar, Sanborn and Sheldon.

Dec. 25: The groomer rested in Sheldon. Many people spent part of Christmas Day riding on freshly groomed trails.

Dec. 26: People woke up to already thawing temperatures, which soon hit the mid-40s for the whole day! A thick fog all day made for dangerous visibility.

Dec. 27: Most snow was gone. What was left was hard as a rock!

Dec. 28 (the day I am writing this): Snowmobiling is ended until fresh snow comes (not in immediate forecast). In always trying to look at the good side of everything — hopefully when it does snow again and the groomer works again, the hard snow base will be firm enough to hold up the groomer so it won't get stuck so often.

Groomers and snowmobiles are a lot alike in that it is amazing the snow they can sometimes go through or over, but they can both get VERY stuck! The way the snow has drifted in the ditch, the consistency of the snow, the solidness or the softness of the snow, the temperature, luck — all can affect potential success.

When you have a chance to talk to a groomer operator (who is volunteering his time and effort), thank him. And if you ever happen along when one is stuck, do what you can to help!

Right now, we hope for some more snow — not a blizzard, just some nice snow.

Region 3 Hancock County Snowmobile Association

by *Dan Stromer, Reporter*

Greetings from Icy Hancock County!

The HCSA started the year with its first meeting at Mats Place in Garner. Trail signing was discussed and finalized. Early season snow got everyone excited. Thanks to all who helped get the groomer out and serviced and even used early.

We had our second meeting at the Red Rooster in Britt. We talked about upcoming groomer training, the Club Christmas party (Which will be Jan. 17 at Dicks Country Inn. Watch your mail.) We also discussed a club ride to Emmetsburg again after last year's successful one.

Once again, thanks to all the hard work everyone has put in this year with all the new signs and groomer repairs. I hope everyone has gotten to ride locally, gone on a trip or will be going on one soon. From everyone in the HCSA, we wish all of you a safe and joyous new year and continue to THINK SNOW!

Region 4 Cedar Falls Sno Hawks

by *Dick Melick, Reporter*

Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas. It sure has been great to see good snow so early in the season. But as I sit at my computer typing this newsletter, I see rain destroying the great

snow we have enjoyed for a few weeks. The temps are supposed to drop some and a little more snow is on the way, so perhaps things will level out here, and we can still get some good riding in. Yours truly has had so many other things happening that there has not been time to get out on the trails.

Groomer operator Dave C. has reported that there is a good base and the trails in our part of the state have been in great shape.

We had our Christmas party on Dec. 2. Good attendance. Santa, aka: Dave C. made his appearance at about 7 p.m. Gifts were distributed by Santa along with a small "goodie bag." The children were delighted to have the "real Santa" go out of his way to attend our party. We dispensed with the business meeting that night in order to expedite the evening. It was great to see so many kids in attendance and their reaction to Santa. By the way, we were informed by Santa that he had let the reindeer rest that night so he got to our meeting via a 747 plane.

We welcome new members Scott and Dannelle Bromaghim, and their children, Katie and Kyler, who make their home in Waterloo. Scott works in production at the Omega Cabinet factory in Waterloo.

Some of our members have had the opportunity to get out on the trails. A couple of weeks ago, some guests were invited to go along on a ride with members. This is a great way to expose non-club members to club activities.

Our Youth Snowmobile Safety Certification Class was held on Dec. 13, with 20 students attending. Three students cancelled at the last moment. As instructor for the class, I was very surprised to find that the student manual had changed greatly since my last class and required about 50 hours of reworking the lesson plan that I follow. Some of the material seemed to way above the level of understanding for the 12 to 14-year-old students.

We are currently engaged in discussions with the city of Cedar Falls to attempt to get a trail authorized to come in to the North Cedar area of town. This could provide some economic impact for the area, by providing access to restaurants and gas stations. In order to get a trail into town, we will need to develop a route south from our main trail, which is about four miles north of Cedar

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CLUB NEWS

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Falls. Most likely that trail would, for the most part, follow the ditches of US Highway 218. More on this issue, if we are successful in the endeavor.

Guess this is about it for now. THINK MORE and MORE SNOW!

Chicasaw Sno-Riders

by Chris Denner

It's been a busy month for the Sno-Riders. We had our Safety Class for the kids. There were 19 in the class. Thanks to everyone for their help. Also, the club hosted our annual Membership Drive Pizza night at Kolbys in New Hampton. There was a decent turnout. A business meeting was held. Calendar of events for the upcoming season, trail preparation and the groomer were items on the list. Plenty of pizza and conversation followed the meeting.

The northeast corner of Iowa was fortunate in receiving a pretty good amount of snow the first week in December. Many people were able to get out and enjoy some early season riding. We did take our groomer out and go over the entire trail system. This does help in the early going to check-out the signing, bridges and knock down grass and weeds. Also, we were able to check the trails for debris. Although we did have a couple of warm days and lost a lot of the snow, a "big" one is in the forecast.

We have some new destination signs in place on our trail system this year. We hope this will help our out-of-town guests get to know the area better. Please stay on the trails as we are being allowed to use people's land for our enjoyment. If you see people off the trail, it sure doesn't hurt to educate them to the value of staying on the trails.

Let's hope for a great, safe, snow filled year.

Region 5 Driftrunners Inc.

by Bob Martinek, Board Member

Hello from the Driftrunners Inc. Cresco! Winter has arrived with a lot of snow early, and then a big melt followed by a bunch more snow. This combination has left us with a very good base on our trail system. Trail work has been completed, including many bridge retrievals and repairs. Our groomer has had some major repairs completed and has been out grooming. Thanks to Eric, Mike Z. and Chris for spearheading the fix and to Boos Implement and The Steel Shop for doing them.

Plans have been made for our 41st Annual Snow Fest on Jan. 22-25. Snow Fest starts on Thursday with the poker run and trail rides. Friday brings more trail rides and vendor set-up at the Expo Center. Saturday starts with the Boy Scout Breakfast at the Expo. Vendors have their booths open all day Saturday. Also included on Saturday's activities are the Driftrunner Spina Bifida Ride, trail rides, Torchlight Parade/ Bonfire at Vernon Springs and the Snowball dance Saturday evening at the Expo.

For the Snowball Dance, we are having the "Bruce Bearinger Band." He played for us in 2007, and everyone had a really good time. During the dance, we will hold the drawings for our big raffle. Thanks to many area businesses, we have some awesome prizes this year. To name some of the big prizes, we have a Wii game console, two \$100 gift certificates (Cresco Small Engine Repair), a Weber grill (Fisk's Farm & Home) and meat bundle (Fareway), four Iowa Speedway tickets with hotel accommodations for the May 16 race and a two-night stay at Harvest Farms cabin (courtesy of them). Tickets are available at the Expo or from any board member.

Snow Fest will conclude on Sunday with a breakfast/lunch buffet and poker run card turn in followed by a family trail ride leaving at 1 p.m. (location still tentative at this writing). Just to remind everyone, Snow Fest is one of the main fundraisers for our club's yearly budget, which includes our Spina Bifida donation, Dollars for Scholars donation and also funds for operating and maintaining our trail system.

Besides Snow Fest our next biggest club sponsored event is Charlie's Chili Feed on Feb. 14. At Charlie's place by Granger, Minn., we have a warming bin, pots of chili, brats, beverages and lots of fellowship! This year, it would be nice to do something special in memory of Charlie Nast who passed away last year. If anyone has ideas, please contact me.

In closing, I'd like to remind everyone to respect the landowners by staying on the marked trails and riding safe. Also, don't take the time to complain if you haven't taken the time to join. You can check out the details on our events at www.geocities.com/driftrunnersia.

Region 7 Highbridge Trailblazers

by Robert Reutter, Trail Boss

They have been fighting all summer in Yellowstone about how many sleds will be allowed in the park this winter. One judge will say one thing, and another judge will say something else. One thing to understand here is that the people who are making these rules have never been in Yellowstone in the winter time. If they would go in Yellowstone in the winter on a snowmobile, they would come out with a different view. The National Park Service finally ran out of time and had to drop all this silliness and go back to the 2004 rule in order to get the park opened by Dec. 15.

Region 9 Snow Pioneers

by Andrea Willey, Secretary

Hi everyone from Northeast Iowa and the Snow Pioneers. As I write this, I watch our snow disappear to the will of Mother Nature, with the hopes she will bless us with an abundance of snow again soon. I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season with their families and friends and had safe travels.

We are working hard already this season with the groomer out traveling our 200-plus miles of trails trying to get a good base down for future snowfalls. We are still using our old Tucker as we eagerly await the arrival of our new John Deere. Our trails have all been marked and ready for any and all snowmobiles.

We are anticipating our first fun run of the season to be held Jan. 17. We hope to have a great turnout and raise some money for a great cause. All are invited to join us as this will tour you through our many miles of trails and allow you to experience our beautiful scenery.

Our club was called upon by the Delaware County Sheriff's Office to assist them in finding and rescuing a deputy lost in the country. The deputy was in pursuit of a person when they lost their way; left in the cold for over two hours, we were called in to assist. One of our members was able to locate the deputy before the temperatures dropped below zero that evening. We were just happy to be able to assist and show our community what a value we can be.

As I wrap up this time around, I notice the radar is changing to snow, yeah! Hope everyone enjoys this winter and all the fun it can bring to our lives. Hope to see you all on the trail! And remember to do the snow dance! *

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December issue of the Iowa Snowmobiler, including Burger, who was named the 2008 Snowmobiler of the Year in Iowa. As of this writing, a Club of the Year Award has not been presented due to a scoring discrepancy; and for 2009, the ISSA Board of Directors has appointed Region 5 Director Dave Pook to oversee this program.

The convention wrapped up on Sunday with a special four-hour seminar on avalanche awareness led by Mike Duffy of Colorado, who was featured in the November issue of the Iowa Snowmobiler. In all, an estimated 200 snowmobilers attended the 2008 convention. Unless a new bid appears before the board this summer, the annual gathering will return to the Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center in November of 2009. *

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new instructors, and I would like for the ISSA to discuss making this option available on an annual basis," Fowler said. "This would be a very cost-effective method for the association and the program to continue to build the volunteer instructor base needed to sustain the education program."

According to Fowler, there are three steps to becoming an IDNR-certified safety course instructor: 1.) Complete the student course. 2.) Participate in an RSO workshop — learning the basics of the volunteer program. 3.) Assist a certified instructor with teaching a class.

"Successfully completing the second part qualifies the participant as an apprentice, while successfully completing the third part qualifies the participant as an IDNR-certified instructor," Fowler explained.

Growing the number of certified course instructors has long been on the radar screen of the ISSA, and its importance to the longevity of the organization was explained by Immediate Past ISSA President Merv Hoermann in his farewell address at the state convention in Waterloo.

"I think that youth safety is a very important aspect of our organization that we need to be doing," he said. "For clubs that are not doing the safety course, please do so. We need to make our youth aware of what we do and to get them out on the right foot. They are the future members of this association." *

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