

## Family of the Year



Bob and Mindy Scott family, Lone Tree  
Nominated by the Eastern Iowa Sledheads

The Bob and Mindy Scott family of Lone Tree was named the ISSA Family of the Year at the 2011 ISSA Annual Convention in Waterloo in November.

The Scotts have been members of the Eastern Iowa Sledheads of Region 12 since its inception in 1991. Mindy has served as club president for the past 15 years, while Bob served as president for two years and currently represents Region 12 on the ISSA Board of Directors.

The couple has been snowmobiling since the 1970s, and their children—son Logan and daughter Erica—have been active snowmobilers for many years. The family has volunteered with club functions and with bridge-building, trail maintenance and the annual swap meet. They were also very involved when the ISSA hosted the 2010 International Snowmobile Congress in Coralville.

“Bob and Mindy provide vision, direction and leadership not only to the Eastern Iowa Sledheads, but to the surrounding clubs, as well as their involvement with the ISSA year after year,” reads their nomination form. “Not only were they instrumental in getting their son and daughter involved but our entire club and the area clubs. They make things happen in a positive way!”

## Young Adult Snowmobiler of the Year

Brittany Schrage of Marble Rock was named the Young Adult Snowmobiler of the Year at the 2011 ISSA Annual Convention in Waterloo in November.

Schrage, 23, has been a member of the Floyd County Groomers Association of Region 4 through her family for several years and is currently in her second year as club secretary. Her father, Phil, currently serves as club president.

Brittany is very involved in her church and community and, according to her nomination form, “is an upstanding young member of her community and builds on these relationships to keep it positive for snowmobiling.”

She is involved in every club function, ranging from regular meetings to landowner appreciation dinners to the club’s annual family ride-in. She has contributed significantly to club communication by keeping members informed of events at the local, state and national levels.

“The biggest improvement that Brittany has made for the club is emailing all meeting notices, minutes or any other correspondence that needs to be passed on to our members,” the nomination form states. “She keeps members informed as soon as she knows anything, and this has helped to increase our membership.”



Brittany Schrage, Marble Rock  
Nominated by the Floyd County Groomers

## Snowmobiler of the Year



Steve Vorwald, Manchester  
Nominated by the Snow Pioneers

Steve Vorwald of Manchester was named the Snowmobiler of the Year at the 2011 ISSA Annual Convention in Waterloo in November.

Vorwald has been a member of the Snow Pioneers snowmobile club of Region 5 since 1994 and has held every office since. He is currently in his eighth year of service as club president.

Steve started snowmobiling in 1980 on his cousin’s 1978 440 John Deere Cyclone. The first sled he owned was a 1978 Kawasaki 440 Intruder. Over the past 31 years, he has owned 10 different sleds and is currently riding a 2006 Polaris FST.

Club members credit his leadership for their membership growth and heightened visibility in the community. Steve proudly introduced his sons to snowmobiling and has become a true ambassador for the sport.

“Whether it is a farmer he meets doing trail work, a fellow rider he may meet along the trail or even just a person he is having a conversation with, Steve is always promoting our sport and our local club,” his nomination form reads. He takes the opportunity to let them know how much fun and a family sport that snowmobiling can be and how local involvement helps promote the sport and the trail system.”



Nate Hale, Nate's Outdoor Recreation, Riceville  
Nominated by the Floyd County Groomers

## Dealer of the Year

Nate Hale of Riceville, owner of Nate's Outdoor Recreation, a Polaris and Yamaha snowmobile dealer in Region 4, was named the Dealer of the Year at the 2011 ISSA Annual Convention in Waterloo in November.

In addition to his dealership, Nate currently serves as president of the Howard County Stumpjumpers and is a member of the Mitchell County E-Z Riders. He supports all area clubs by advertising on their trail maps.

He encourages his customers to join local snowmobile clubs and the ISSA and has even paid for their memberships in each. He also participates in local fundraisers and contributes to the Spina Bifida Association of Iowa, the ISSA's official charity.

Nate helps mark snowmobile trails and represents his sport at local town hall meetings. His shop is often used for groomer repairs, and he and his club were delighted to hear they will be receiving a new groomer this winter.

"Nate is committed to his customers and the sport of snowmobiling," reads his nomination form. "He is involved in his local club and promotes snowmobiling to his customers as a family sport."

## Groomer Operator of the Year

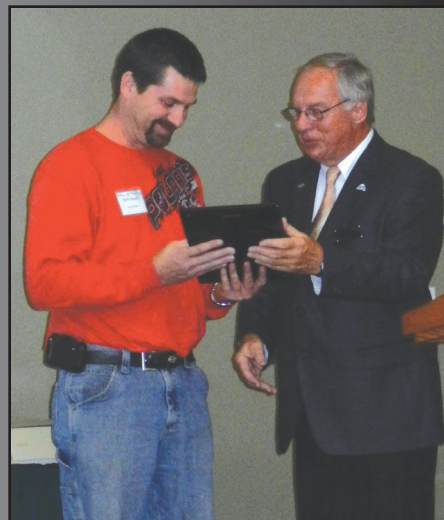
Todd Mangold of Manchester was named the Groomer Operator of the Year at the 2011 ISSA Annual Convention in Waterloo in November.

Todd is a member of the Snow Pioneers snowmobile club of Region 5 and has been riding snowmobiles since he was 12 years old. A passion for the sport he discovered in 1981 has now matured into a love for grooming as well.

Along with other dedicated club members, he currently helps to maintain more than 250 miles of trail for his home club, and according to his nomination form, he is "a vital part" of the club's grooming process.

Each year, Todd helps prepare the groomer for the upcoming winter by helping perform a pre-season tune-up of the machine. According to his fellow club members, every time the groomer needs attention, he is one of the first people volunteering to help do the repairs, dig it out of a ditch or assist in any other way.

"Todd loves grooming trails more than anyone we know," his nomination reads. "He spends every hour he can grooming for us, and when he is not doing that, he repairs and maintains the groomer. His love of grooming stems from his love of riding. He says you become a better rider once you become a groomer operator."



Todd Mangold, Manchester  
Nominated by the Snow Pioneers



*Steve Klinkefus of Des Moines retired this November as a Region 7 Director on the ISSA Board of Directors after more than 30 years of service to the organization. At left, Past ISSA President Terry Durby presents Klinkefus with the ISSA's Past Presidents Award, while at right, last year's recipient, Tyler Willey of Region 5, presents Klinkefus with the Sly Dog Ski Region Director Traveling Award. Both awards recognized Klinkefus' contributions and dedication to the sport of snowmobiling in Iowa.*

