

Forest Riders

Snowmobile Club

A Quarterly Newsletter

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We Couldn't Do It Without Them!

Three years ago our club separated the Trail Boss job into separate positions, Trail Supervisor and Equipment Manager. In the process of developing a job description for the Equipment Manager, Pat Harkins had a vision of creating a volunteer friendly work environment, in the equipment shed, for members who enjoy working with equipment. So, one of the responsibilities of this new position was written to do just that.

Two years ago, much of the volunteer hours during the fall months were spent renovating the shed and creating that welcoming work environment. Typically there were a dozen or so members involved in that project. A vision was coming together. The only thing lacking was the right person to take on the Equipment Manager position. A couple appointments were made during these first years, but the club just couldn't find the right person and Pat was reluctant to take on the responsibility.

Finally, at the end of last season and with a little coaxing from the club President, Pat volunteered to be the Equipment Manager. He worked diligently to grow the number of volunteer workers to over thirty and Tuesday nights have become known as the "**Shed Work Nights.**" Mind you, there are never that many people out there on any given Tuesday.

This group of dedicated workers have become the backbone of our club's operation. Through over 450 volunteer hours over the course of the season, members maintain our equipment. They fix things when they break, change fluids when needed, repair broken or bent parts on the snow drags. In a nutshell, they keep our equipment running in tip top shape. In addition to that, the crew takes care other tasks that need to be done like checking in sign orders and cleaning the equipment and the shop. The list goes on. Last year the club needed a little extra help out on the trails to brush a reroute and our Maintenance Manager looked to this group to get it done.

Some of these volunteers are from out of town and help out when they can. There are however a number of members that participate on a regular basis and I would like to recognize them for a job well done! Thank You Doug Holle, Mike Deutscher, Bruce LaRose, Bob Rynders, Bryan Van Loo, Dennis Mirr, Jon Hollander, Art Wehnert and John Ryan. We also have two specialty workers, Curtis Hupf who does welding when needed and he painted our oldest snow drag. Brian Dutcher was recently recruited to do the more advanced diesel work that needs to be done.

So once again, thanks Pat for taking over the position of Equipment Manager, organizing our Tuesday Work Nights and coordinating the work crew to keep our equipment in great condition and operating out on the trails! If you would like to participate in this volunteer opportunity, contact Pat at: pwharkins@gmail.com.



Trail Supervisor Report

This has been a very busy season. Trail Maintenance Manager, Bob Rynders, worked hard to finish up major trail work that needed to be done to make our trails safer. This should signal the end of two years of trail widening and grading.



The Area Sign Project was completed before the trails were open. Thanks to Jerry Larson and Bruce La Rose for helping other Area Leaders Doug Holle, Mike Deutscher, Bryan Van Loo and Jack Tenge to install the new signs, insuring that they were positioned in a consistent manor throughout our trail system.



Trail grooming was somewhat challenging at the beginning of the season with the limited snow we had to work with. A couple of major snow events kept our trails in mostly good condition, given that our club has seen an increased amount of traffic this year. Our trails also continue to get rave reviews for their quality from our members active on FaceBook.

President's Report

When I first joined the Forest Riders back in 2013, I was a little disappointed that the club didn't offer a group ride opportunity. After becoming President, I decided that it would be worth the effort to try to organize a weekly ride, as a means to get to know fellow members or to not have to ride alone.



Since then this activity has really evolved into something special. If I'm not mistaken, each of our rides this year had over twenty participants. In fact, one of the them topped the thirty mark!



For the past couple of years Larry and Nancy Schum have volunteered to coordinate and lead the rides because of their knowledge of the greater area trail system and the good places to stop and have lunch. Thank you both for making this an enjoyable club event that I know I look forward to each week.

Club News

By-Law Amendment: The Board of Directors is recommending a By-Law change to the membership at our next regular meeting. Members will review the change in February and be able to ask questions about its content. At the March regular meeting, the second reading of the amendment will take place followed by a vote of the membership.

Brat Fest is Back: It's been a tradition of the Forest Riders to have a Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser in February. During the past three years, Mama's Supper Club has hosted the event. This year, Mama's has closed their doors for the winter season and our club was without a February event.



Some of you long time members may remember that a Brat Fest was also a tradition of the club, held annually on New Year's Eve day. Well, that event disappeared a few years ago as the club went through changes, but now it's back, only this year it will be in February.

Long time member, Sue Ramirez has volunteered to be the coordinator of this Social and Fundraising event, which will take place at the Black Bear Bar and Grill. Thanks Sue for stepping up to the plate and planning this event.

By-Law Amendments

Amendment #1:

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS, DUTIES, AND ELECTIONS

Section 1 ~~The Executive Committee~~ **The Board of Directors (BOD)** shall consist of all elected officers, and the immediate past president. ~~the Executive Committee and four appointed directors.~~ The BOD shall consist of the Executive Committee and five appointed directors. **The Executive Committee shall consist of all elected officers and the Past President, provided this person is a member of the BOD. If this person is not, the president may appoint a board member to fill this seat.** All officers shall be elected at the March annual meeting.

The Board of Directors (BOD) shall consist of the Executive Committee and four appointed directors. The Executive Committee shall consist of all elected officers and the Past President, provided this person is a member of the BOD. If this person is not, the president may appoint a board member to fill this seat. All officers shall be elected at the March annual meeting.

Section 7 Five **Four** club members will be recommended to the Executive Committee by the current President for their approval and subsequent appointment to the BOD using a ~~3~~ **2** year cycle where 2 recommendations will be made in the first year, ~~and 1~~ **2** recommendations made in the second year, ~~and 2~~ recommendation made in the third year. These appointments will be made no later than September 30th **1st**. The term of these appointments will be for ~~3~~ **2** years, **expiring on April 30th.**

Section 8 For the purpose of continuity in leadership after the election of a new president, the Immediate Past President may request to be considered to fill a vacant Board of Director seat. This person will then be considered for appointment by the Executive Committee. If appointed he/she will serve on the BOD as a board member and Past President for one term.

Renumber Sections 8 through 12 as Sections 9 through 13

Amendment #2:

ARTICLE IV - FISCAL YEAR

The club's fiscal year shall be September **April** 1st through August **March** 31st.

Mark Your Calendar!

Feb 18, 2018	Brat Fest	Location: The Black Bear Bar & Grill
Feb 20, 2018	Board of Directors Meeting	Location: Rynders Co. Board Room
Feb 20, 2018	General Membership Meeting	Location: Musky Jacks
Feb 24, 2018	Snowmobile Raffle Drawing	Location: The Black Bear Bar & Grill
Mar 20, 2018	Board of Directors Meeting	Location: Rynders Co. Board Room
Mar 20, 2018	General Membership Meeting	Location: Bitters & Bull
May tbd, 2018	Membership Appreciation Dinner	Location: Norwood Pines

Executive Committee

Curt Christensen	President
Bruce La Rose	Vice President
Sharon Harkins	Secretary
Jim Heller	Treasurer
Pat Harkins	Past President

Board of Directors

Bob Rynders	Director
Tom Teichmiller	Director
Ken Rhode	Director
Jerry Larson	Director
Steve Margitan	Director

Appointments

Becki Nize	Communications
Sue Holle	Map Production
Curt Christensen	Trail Supervisor
Bob Rynders	Trail Maintenance
Pat Harkins	Equipment Manager

The Forest Riders Wall of Fame

The following members have given a donation in addition to their regular club dues

Platinum Members (\$250.⁰⁰ or more)

Tamms, George & Gloria
Bob Rynders

Massarelli, Joe & Margie
Lakeland Rotary Foundation, Inc.

Priesgen, Tony & Rochelle
Jay Sanders

Gold Members (\$100.⁰⁰ to \$249.⁰⁰)

David, Gary & Patti
Becker, Robert & Darlene
Warning, Kevin & Marty
Seversin, Michael & Lisa
Settles, Tom & Sharon
Pecosky, Dan & Kristy
Pivotto, Gary & JoAnn
Drancik, Scott & Amber
Jordan, James & Kimberly

Schultz, Al & Christie
Erion, Jim & Barb
Spire/Albrecht, Steve & Marti
Schultz, Mike & Karen
Lepak, Allen & Maria
Hayes, Patrick & Karen
Royle, Jay & Stephanie
Eaton, Robert & Juliet

Martin, Billy & Marge
Parr, Jack
Weigel, Brennen & Kelly
Osterling, Steve
Edquist, Jerry
Monty, Todd & Kristen
Rekett, Greg & Kate
Ramirez, Sue & Al
Barden, Bill & Betsy

Silver Members (\$50.⁰⁰ to \$99.⁰⁰)

Mucks/Johnson, Jeff/Sonja
Radlinger, Scott & Donna
Stoklosa, Michael & Karen
Vintika, Ray & Jori
Straw, Brad & Betsy
Ruwe, Mark & Becky
Malak, Dan
Kapalczynski, Vance & Debra
Orfan, Kevin & Chris
Miller, Jim & Karin
Jonske, Jim & Diana

Guedel, William
Dettlaff, Tim & Anne
Broesch, Gary & Lori
Skarr, Brett & Debbie
Andersen, Richard & Diane
Straw, Brad & Betsy
Breunig, Timothy & Sheryl
Culler, Paul & Carole
Sasse, Michael & Joan
Drancik, Jon & Karen

Pfeifer, Jeff & Sally
Johnson, Grant & Mary
Breitrick, Dennis & Julie
Rosen, Scott & Susan
Rogowski, Mike & Gail
Zizzo, John
Ryan, John & Eileen
Tenge, Jack & Janet
Steel Design
Wellentin, Todd & Staci

Bronze Members (up to \$49.⁰⁰)

Marcinkowski, Dean & Lola
Kozol, William & Maureen
Wollenzien, Dennis & Diane
Saeman, Charlie & Barb
Rohowetz, Edward & Debbie
Sikora, Daniel & Julie
Hoffman, Donald & Barbara
Wenzel, Jeffrey
Miyuskovich, Sam & Jeannine
Deutscher, Mike & Mary
Wagner/Livingston, Brian & Karissa
Rigney, Jim & Cheryl
Gall, Ted & Luanne
Booth, Brian
Tamms, George & Gloria

Vickers, Scott & Beth
Nieze, Wes & Becki
Cater, Brian & Jane
Ramirez, Sue & Al
Salyards, Ronald & Katerine
Kasprzyk, David
Rosing, John
Kitowski, Kory & Nicole
Johnson, Pete & Patty
Londergon, Don & Katherine
Linzmeier, Marcel & Nancy
Van Calligan, Jeffrey & Wendy
Templeton, Rodney
Haas, Delbert & Debra
Hoard, Mike & Gail

Douglas, Robert & Gail
White, Walter & Charlene
Hilsenbeck, Anton & Heidi
Stansfield, Bill & Molly
Bennett, Mark & Gail
Carani, Rich & Carol
Edwardsen, Rick & Bonnie
Prentiss, James & Catherine
Roecker, Leonard & Crystal
Harkins, Pat & Sharon
Kalhagen, Bob & Lori
Scoon/Stanley, Robert/Jeanne
Budleski, Eric & Nicole
Gunville, Robert & Debbie
Mushall, Mark & Janet

As the saying goes, every little bit counts. Well, that couldn't be more true with the additional donations our club members make. \$10,010 was raised because of the generosity of the members being recognized above. Thank you for your additional support! Donations are always accepted.

Curt Christensen

The Minocqua Forest Riders
 Snowmobile Club
 Proudly Presents

A Bratwurst and Hot Dog Party

Take a break from your Sunday Ride and join us for a Brat, or a Hot Dog and your favorite Beverage!

Black Bear Bar & Grill

Sunday, February 18th

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Brat: \$3.00

Hot Dog: \$2.00

Includes Chips and Condiments

Minocqua Forest Riders Snowmobile Club

SNOWMOBILE RAFFLE DRAWING

Are you ready to win a snowmobile?



Bring your ticket stubs to the party!
 You don't need to be present to win!

WHERE: The Black Bear Bar & Grill, Hwy 70 West (North on Trail BB)

WHEN: February 24, 2018

TIME: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

- ★ *A Cash Bar is Available*
- ★ *There will be Additional Raffle Opportunities at the Event*
- ★ *The Major Drawing to Begin at 1:00 PM*

The Legends

We honor our lifetime members

Bishop, Jean
 Flintrop, Keith & Sharon
 Linzmeier, Marcel & Nancy
 Rogne, Gene & Judy
 Zanski, Diane
 Zingsheim, Jerry & Judy

Giron, George & Kathy
 Spire/Albrecht Steve & Marti
 Niece, Wes & Becki
 Merkel, Verna
 Deutscher, Mike & Mary
 Marshall, Ed

Koenen, Bev
 Naylor, Richard & Linda
 Race, Dale & Karen
 Stansfield, Bill & Molly
 Harkins, Pat & Sharon

Welcome to The Club

The following people have joined our club as new members

Suchy, Fred & Sue
 Guedel, William
 Corrieri, Niles
 Ryan, John & Eileen
 Edelburg, Russ
 Seifert, Ken & Nicky
 Kapalczynski, Vance & Debra
 Duhr, Mike & Michelle
 Hansson, William & Jenifer
 Rekett, Greg & Kate
 Rodgers, Justin & Windy
 Embleton/Hubjer, Robert & Azra
 Gerrits, William & Heidi
 Hornung, Karl & Carla
 Vos, Jerry & Cheryl
 Opie, Nicholas & Bryan
 Leinonen, Carrie & William
 Riley, John
 Johnson, Tim & Leanne
 White, Andrew
 Manske, Robert & Patti
 Citta, Paul & Katie
 Bliss, Bradley & Amy

Douglas, Robert & Gail
 Manago, Joe
 Karasek, Jerry
 Sikora, Daniel & Julie
 Rosing, John
 Wenzel, Jeffrey
 Guslick/Quinlan, Justin & Holly
 Kitowski, Kory & Nicole
 Robert Rebman
 Prentiss, James & Catherine
 Heise, Check & Heather
 Gilroy, John
 Bojcic, Bob & Patricia
 Clawson, Tim
 Ryan, Richard & Judy
 Del Giudice, Nick & Kerry
 Masterson, Russell & Cynthia
 Goetsch, Randy & Laura
 Powers, Patrick
 Haas, Delbert & Debra
 Fleischman, Dylan & Andrea
 Merkel, Dave
 Rehm, Derek & Kelley
 Marciniak/Evens, Alison/Joseph

Peterson, Kevin & Lori
 Bartling, Mathew
 Wick, Dennis
 Tortorice, Dominick and Christie
 Checolinski, Joseph
 Hall, Doug & Lisa
 McDonald, Bob & Jennifer
 Gillund, Greg & Mary Jo
 Miyuskovich, Sam & Jeannine
 Steiler, Robert
 Erbach, Steve & Kelly
 Anderson, Mark
 Dutcher, Brian & Dawn
 Chomniak, Terry & Patty
 Mormann, Mel & Tammy
 Gunville, Robert & Debbie
 Ericson, Dan & Alma
 Scoon/Stanley, Robert/Jeanne
 Graham, Johnny
 Buchman, Thomas & Tracy
 Kalhagen, Bob & Lori
 Francois, Thomas & Tracy
 Cresca, Jamie

Groomer Operators Needed

Please consider joining our Groomer Operator team. Currently there are seven seats open for training. Our club features personalized instruction with an experienced operator. Both morning and evening shifts are available. Contact **Curt Christensen** at (715) 358-0132 or curtolaf@me.com if you are interested.

Experience is NOT necessary!

Meet our Sponsors

While on the trails or lodging and shopping in the area, please patronize these businesses that support our club!

Minocqua, Woodruff & Arbor Vitae Area

Aberdeen Lodge
Off Hwy 51 at Twin Pines Rd
(715) 543-8700
See Website for Winter Hours

Ron Hallstrom Sports & Marine
Hwy 47 East
(715) 356-5551

Brandy Lake BP
8729 Highway 51 North
(715) 356-9011

Subway
8759 Highway 51 North
(715) 356-1112
Inside Walmart
(715) 358-3100

Minocqua Brewing Company
238 Lakeshore Drive
(715) 356-2600

Minocqua Pizza Company
8023 Highway 51 South
(715) 356-5200

Ritchie Lakeland Oil & Propane
8783 Hansen Rd
715-356-3245

The Boathouse
305 W. Park Avenue
(715) 358-3999

Polecat & Lace
Downtown Minocqua (Hwy 51)
(715) 356-3335

Minocqua Sport Rentals
9568 Highway 70
(715) 356-4661

Ryden's Marine
Minocqua Yamaha
9724 Highway 70
(715) 356-3272

Trig's
9750 Highway 70 West
(715) 356-9456

McDonalds
Highway 51 and Highway 70
(715) 356-4004

TJ's Butcher Block
8762 Highway 51 North
(715) 356-5258

Monical's Pizza Restaurant
360 Highway 51 North
(715) 358-9959

PJ's Burger Barn
397 Highway 51 North
(715) 356-7655

NAPA Auto Parts
Highway 70
(715) 356-5279

AmericInn
8762 Highway 51 North
(715) 356-3730

Best Western Plus Concord Inn
320 Front St
(715) 356-1800
Slo's Pub
10599 Big Arbor Vitae Drive
(715) 358-3006

The Thirsty Whale
453 Park
(715) 356-7108

Albee's Yacht Club
South End of Bridge, Highway 51
(715) 356-1366

Kusek's Red Steer Supper Club
8230 Highway 51 South
(715) 358-2282

Minocqua Area Chamber of Commerce
Highway 51 South
(715) 356-5266
(800) 44-NORTH

The Waters of Minocqua
8116 Highway 51 South
(877) 992-8377

Island City Lanes & Lounge
8085 Highway 51 South
(715) 356-7779

The Beacons of Minocqua
8250 Northern Rd
(715) 356-5515

Stingrays Bar and Grill
134 Highway 51 North
(715) 356-3097

Hazelhurst Area

Jacobi's of Hazelhurst
Cedar Fall Rd
(715) 356-5591

Whitman's Cocktail Lounge
6930 Hwy 51
(715) 356-3397

R & R Motorsports
6829 Highway 51
(715) 358-5349

The Watering Hole Cantina & Grill
6244 Highway 51 at Highway Y
(715) 356-BEER

The Hazelhurst Pub
6617 US Hwy 51 S
(715) 356-9400

Meet our Sponsors

While on the trails or lodging and shopping in the area, please patronize these businesses that support our club!

Highway 70 West

The Cricket
14465 Hwy 70 W
(715) 588-9020

Thompson Excavating
(715) 588-2028
www.csthompsonexcavating.com

Minocqua Winter Park
12375 Scotchman Lake Rd
(715) 356-3309

Musky Shores Resort
8329 Schroeder Rd on Squirrel Lake
(715) 356-5054

Mosquito Xcape
(833) BUG-OFF1
www.mosquitoxcape.com

Island City Storage
13519 Highway 70 West
(715) 323-0763

Island City Dray, Inc.
F13474 Highway 70
(715) 356-3118

County Line Station
11800 Hwy 70 West
(715) 358-0591

Rustic Pines Pub
11758 Hwy 70 West
(715) 356-0038

Jenz's Lake Placid Inn
1520 County Road F
(715) 356-4202

Black Bear Bar and Grill
11045 Highway 70 West
(715) 358-2116

Mama's Supper Club
10486 Highway 70 West
(715) 356-5070

Norwood Pines Supper Club
10171 Highway 70 West
(715) 356-3666

Pike Lake & Lac du Flambeau Area

Lake of the Torches Casino and Resort
Highway 47, Lac du Flambeau
1-888-599-9200

Historic Moose Jaw Resort
N 15098 Shady Knoll Road
(715) 762-3028

Idle Hour Resort
N14516 Shady Knoll Road
(715) 762-3872

Harvey's Northernaire Bar & Grill
N14492 Shady Knoll Rd
(715) 762-4520

Musky Jacks Bar & Grill
W640 Hwy 70 W
(715) 762-4330

Willow Flowage Area

The Edge Bar & Grill
5507 County Highway Y
(715) 358-8387

Little Rice Resort
4660 County Highway Y
(715) 453-3190

Willow Haven Bar & Grill
4877 Haven DR.
(715) 453-3807

Willow Wood Lodge
4950 Willow Dam Road
(715) 453-4929

Pier/Willow Area

Boyle's Resort on Willow Lake
5181 Boyle Road
(715) 564-2446

Bucksnot Resort
5129 Boyle Road
(715) 564-2262

Kuhl's Reel Em In Resort
4925 Talbot Road
(715) 564-2430

Lake Tomahawk Area

Smiley's Pub & Sports Bar
7233 Bradley Street (Hwy. 47)
(715) 277-2345

Shamrock Pub & Eatery
7235 Bradley Street (Hwy 47)
(715)277-2544

Bitters & Bull
7255 Bradley St
(715) 277-2488

Lizzy T's Tamarack Tap
5533 Highway 47
(715) 277-2131

Complete the Form

Please Print Neatly!

This is a (check one): New Membership
 Renewal Membership for 20 ____ to 20 ____

Applicant's Information:

Member's Full Name: _____
 Email Address (provide this to receive Email Newsletters and Club Updates):

Significant Other's Name: _____
 Email Address (if different than the one above):

Complete this section only if this is a new membership or if this information has changed:

Address:

Street

City _____ *State* _____ *Zip Code* _____

Cell Phone Number: _____
 Home/Other Phone Number: _____

Information About Yourself (optional; to be used by the club in case we're in need of your expertise):

Occupation/Expertise or Interests
 Would you be interested in volunteering to help out the club (check all that apply)?
 Grooming Trails Trail Maintenance
 Work at Fundraising Events Leadership Role

Membership Type and Payment Information:

Single/Family Membership: \$ 35.00 (includes AWSC membership)
 Donation (for equipment and trail maintenance): \$ _____
 AWSC Membership is with another Club: \$ _____ (subtract \$10.00)
Total: \$ _____

Make your check Payable To: **Minocqua Forest Riders**
 Mail this form along with your check to: Minocqua Forest Riders Snowmobile Club
 P.O. Box 1161
 Minocqua, WI 54548

