



## Summit Sno Riders – Newsletter Fall 2019

**The Season begins** – As in past years we once again say thank you to the landowners for the use of their land in our trail system, all volunteers that keep our trails useable, and to the riders that utilize the system.

It was good to see some snow this past year which was enjoyed by everyone as many miles were traveled on our nicely groomed and maintained trails. We hope this coming season is as enjoyable.

If you see any landowners, please make sure to thank them for the use of their land. Landowner's do not have to let us ride through their property, so please continue to be courteous of their land so that all our trails remain open.

**Catskill Area Hospice & Palliative Care Poker Run** –Thanks to everyone who attended the run Last February and to those who were able to attend the dinner and auction as well. We had over 80 businesses that contributed merchandise or certificates, and nearly 100 attendees. We raised just over \$6500.00. This season's poker run is scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mark your calendars!

Deb Wollaber did a fantastic job as organizer for this event.

**County Director** – Glenn Hayton of Sharon Springs is our Schoharie County Director. We thank Glenn for attending NYSSA meetings on a regular basis and solely representing our county. If you have a county concern, which is not getting resolved at the club level, please contact Glenn at [haybytheton@yahoo.com](mailto:haybytheton@yahoo.com).

This position requires an ample amount of time and effort on Glenn's part and the Board is thankful to him for taking on this endeavor.

**Did you know?** – We have a face book page, Summit Sno-Riders Inc.. Trail information and club event updates can be found here.

We have a webcam with a snow depth board which has a light on for night viewing. It works best using fire fox as the browser. You can find it at [www.summitsnoriders.com](http://www.summitsnoriders.com).

**Regular Club Meetings** – Meetings are held the first Wednesday in September and the first Monday of the month (Oct – April) at the Summit Conservation Club at the end of Bear Gulch Road. Meetings begin at 6:30 pm. Remember all members of the family are invited and welcome to attend. If we don't start getting our children interested and involved there will be no one willing to continue the roles needed for our sport. As always, there is always a need for fresh people to get involved.

### **A message from the President, Bruce Wollaber:**

Looking back, last winter was fairly good, with the trails open for a total of 35 days. As usual, we hope for even more riding this year. I'm pleased to see the Summit Grille has reopened so our riders will have a place to stop for refreshments. Unfortunately there is no place to get fuel, so make sure your sleds are topped off when you get here. We have begun our trail maintenance work and have already built one new bridge. Other work days are scheduled November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. There is plenty to do so if you can help please show up! We have discontinued the snow phone this year, but you can get updated trail conditions via the website, the facebook

site, or the NYSSA interactive trail map. Again I would like to stress that we all need to respect our landowners by staying on the designated trails. If you see someone going off trail please let us know. It is no fun having to apologize to a landowner when a few riders misbehave. They are risking the loss of the trail system for all of us. Hope you all have a good fall season followed by a snowy winter!

## **2019-2020 Board Members**

<b>President:</b>	<b>Bruce Wollaber</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Bret Ryder</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Dave Kearney</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Donna Rivenburgh</b>
<b>Board Members:</b>	<b>Larry Wollaber</b>
	<b>Kyle Butler</b>
	<b>Jim Swartout</b>

### **Other Positions:**

<b>Trail Signage:</b>	<b>Bret Ryder</b>
<b>Membership Chairperson:</b>	<b>Vicki Swartout</b>
<b>Trail Coordinator:</b>	<b>Bret Ryder</b>
	<b>Bruce Wollaber</b>
<b>County Director:</b>	<b>Glenn Hayton</b>

**Membership** – Memberships expire in August. Wondering why so early? When you register prior to November 1, it insures that the trail fund fee is put to work during that season! Waiting to register until snow flies? That means your money will most likely sit in the State’s General Fund account for a year or more. Thanks to the way the systems have been put in place, NYS law binds Parks to set a maintenance reimbursement rate for clubs in early November. Want your money put to work when you are riding? Make sure to register prior to the Nov 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Dues – Dues are currently \$30 for both individual and family members. The fee broken down is as follows:

\$24 – Club, \$5 –NYSSA, \$1-SLEDNY, NYSSA’s 501(c)(3). SLEDNY is used to keep our costs for the annual forum a reduced rate.

Again, next fall when you are getting ready to register with NYSSA, make sure you are using the same full name and address on your NYSSA membership as you are at DMV for the registration (dx: “Joe” on the NYSSA membership vs. “Joseph” at DMV; will no longer match or be acceptable by DMV). New members will have to register online to establish their account with NYSSA. If you are going to go to a DMV office you will need a printed voucher for EVERY snowmobile you intend to register, as DMV will be keeping the voucher once presented to them.

Please make certain that your e-mail address is correct and up-to-date on your NYSSA membership. If you do not have an e-mail account, please check the box indicating this on the application. It is also important, if applicable, that you list out your spouse and any children under the age of 18 that will be registering and/or a primary rider during the upcoming season.

There are two ways to renew with the Summit Sno Riders:

1. On-line through the NYSSA website: [www.nysnowmobiler.com](http://www.nysnowmobiler.com), this is the preferred method. Select our club and pay via a credit card. Once the payment is processed, you will need to print out a voucher for each sled you intend to register in person at DMV. If you have registered through the NYSSA website in the past, you will need your NYSSA ID to open your account and renew your membership.
2. Application directly to the club, by mailing an application with a check. We will mail back your voucher. Applications are processed once a week so please give us a reasonable amount of time to get your voucher returned to you. If you are one of our landowners, you are eligible for a free voucher. Just note your status on the mail in application.

**Membership questions?** Contact Vicki Swartout at (518)294-8946 or [membership@summitsnoriders.com](mailto:membership@summitsnoriders.com).

\*\*\*\*\*Mail all membership applications to:

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