

HARBOR SPRINGS SNOWMOBILE CLUB
September 2007

“Many hands make light work”
John Haywood, English Playright and Poet

Dear Members & Friends,

Welcome back to another, what we hope will be, wonderful winter season. First, let us thank those of you who worked so hard last season to help bring our club this far. Second, thank you to those who made the Golf scramble a huge success and those who made the Shepler's Dinner Cruise a great event for the 3rd year! It's takes dedicated people to make an organization successful, both monetarily and “voluntarily”!

The groomers are ready to go. We were not chosen for a new machine by the state again but we have worked hard to keep the machines in great working order.

Back in June we let riders know that many clubs in Michigan were ready to go on strike from grooming for the state if some of the new requirements that came up in the 07-08 Grant Handbook were not addressed. The DNR has revised part the contract and has promised more to come. At this time, it looks like we will once again agree to the terms of our contract with the State of Michigan to maintain the Harbor Springs, Pellston, and Alanson trail systems.

Now it's time to get the trails ready for grooming. Soon, DNR employees will be out inspecting Grant Sponsor trails to make sure they are properly brushed and signed. The DNR inspections are to be completed in November, which means trail brushing activities need to be completed soon. We are asking riders, business owners, and anyone who enjoys the benefits of our trail system to get out ASAP with chain saws and weed whackers to help us clear our trails for inspection. There are still many trail sections that do not have a team assigned to them. **Please call our Trail Brushing Coordinator, Dave Price, at 838 9184 to volunteer for a trail section.** So far, Bill and Gordie from Cross Village, the Newbury family, Billy Mac, and Joe & Julie Kuchnicki, have signed up for trail sections. We need many more if we are going to groom this season.

We would like our “group brushing” day to be October 20. Brushing should be considered a year-round, or at least, a fall activity. It can't all be done in one day. We would like to meet at the Groomer barn at 8:00 am on October 20th. You will be given instructions and trail sections that need work. Annie Curnow has offered to send each person out with a sack lunch. **Please RSVP** so she has a headcount for lunches beforehand. Maybe someone could help her with that task. Afterwards, we would like to propose a **“Welcome Back Members & Friends”** celebration at the Groomer barn at 6:30. The club will provide meat and lemonade. You can BYOB and a dish to pass. We hope you will be able to join us to welcome back the season and see old friends again. We often hear “Just call me when you are going brushing and I will come and help” That is helpful but it is difficult to get groups together as a whole on a given day.

We need more team leaders to adopt a section of trail. We have had brushing teams in the past and it worked well. We will help you get started so you know what the DNR trail requirements are. Basically we must try to provide trail clearance of 14 feet wide and 14 feet high, so the Groomer will clear tree branches that hang low with heavy snow, without causing damage to equipment.

The DNR inspection also requires proper signs and safety markers. There are strict, State of Michigan requirements for signing that have to be followed to the letter. We will have a separate team do all the signing, so that it is consistent with signing rules. If you'd like to volunteer for this call or E-mail Joe or Ric.

Bottom Line: If the trails are not brushed and signed as required by the first of November, we will not be allowed to groom this season. Frankly, we need members and friends to help get **YOUR TRAIL SYSTEM** ready for the winter season. Without the trails being groomed... well, think about it. We'll be in for a rough winter, folks.

Trail Map and Ads... At this time we have no one available to take on leadership of this task. We need a 2 or 3-person committee to put the map together, or at least one person who can take charge of keeping it all organized. We have members who can offer assistance and who will help get ads. Please call one of the officers to volunteer for this committee. HSSC officers will help but we simply cannot do it all. **If we do not put a map together we will be walking away from 2000 to 4000 dollars of income.**

Without dedication and commitment our club will fail. **We need our members and friends to step-up and make a commitment to help our club with our current situation...lack of participation.**

The Groomer Barn needs some work to be ready for the cold months ahead and we have a small addition that was started on a few years ago that would be nice to have closed in before it gets cold. We can work on it during the winter months once it's closed in. Anyone interested in helping with this project please call Ric Curnow at 548-1195.

You may contact our President, Joe Kuchnicki at (231) 529-6648, or our Vice-President, Ric Curnow at (231) 548-1195 at any time to discuss this situation or volunteer. If they cannot take your call, please leave a message and they will call you back. You may also email Joe at snosports@racc2000 or Ric at rcurnow@centurytel.com.

May Golf Scramble:

Wayne Peterson did a fantastic job of organizing the event this year. **Thanks Wayne!** We also had many sponsors and volunteers that helped to make the event a great fundraiser for the club. The day turned out to be fantastic... we couldn't have asked for anything better, but that wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of all of our sponsors. Thanks to; John Tallon, Nick Whitaker, Jason Saddison, Lois Engler, Jamie Ash, Kathy and Gordon Gould. Mike Wieman supplied the pig roaster. Points North donated ice to keep our beverages cold! Thanks to Pat Springate and Tim Hayner for their donation of hot dogs & hamburgers!

We really couldn't have done this without the teams that played that day. Thank You.

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More information and photos too, can be found on the Golf Scramble page on our website: www.harborspringssnowmobileclub.com

Meetings are held at the Pellston Airport 7PM on the first Thursday of each month:

October 4th, November 1st, December 6th, January 3rd, February 7th, March 6th, Election meeting April 3rd, and May 1st.



**2007-2008 Harbor Springs Snowmobile Club
Membership Form**

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