

Snowwarrior Nation,

As 2018 draws to a close I wanted to update members on several topics of interest.

For most of the second half of the year, your officers and board members have been hard at work bringing the club a beautiful new groomer. We have been working on our grant for \$84,000 or approximately 80% of the purchase price of groomer. With this grant secured, the actual machine, a 2013 lightly used, rubber tracked, diesel Tucker with a blade and all the comforts of your family SUV has been reserved from the manufacturer. Heck we even have heat and a defroster that works in this one! Check out our home page for a picture of this beauty. With that done, we recently sold our 1985 Tucker to a smaller club for \$18,000. Our old girl was picked up and is working trails already. Next, we secured a bridge loan from Hamilton County for the grant amount which will be paid off within the next few months when the actual grant funds arrive. Additionally, we applied to borrow \$25,000 from the Town of Indian Lake for the balance needed and expect to have this money in hand by month's end. This loan and the monies donated through our GO FUND ME campaign will enable our club to not have to draw down our cash reserves so that we can comfortably service our members and community for years to come while being prepared for any contingencies facing our club. Oh, and don't forget the work done to acquire insurance and to transport our new machine to its home in Indian Lake. So, with year-end approaching, we expect to have our new addition on the trails by mid-January. Keep an eye out on this page for further announcements as to exact timing. In lieu of our Holiday Party, we will have a party to welcome our new machine once we get a more precise delivery date. Please plan on joining us for this celebration of our Club!

Thus far we have raised over \$6,000 through our GO FUND ME campaign (<https://www.gofundme.com/snowwarriors>) which we will continue through the season. These funds will be used to pay down indebtedness to the town. Special thanks to all our financial supporters. Thus far we have been blessed with over 45 donors giving anywhere from \$5 to \$1,000 to help our club. THANK YOU VERY MUCH as your generous contributions enabled us to secure the health and viability of the Indian Lake Snowwarriors for years to come.

While I have tried to sketch out the steps we have undertaken to bring this new groomer to our trails, time does not allow thanking everyone for their arduous efforts in this endeavor. As I know I will invariably miss someone's contribution, I will not name names here, but trust in the fact that this was a team effort from the beginning and it was a wonder watching it unfold.

Before I close, let me leave you all with a sad reminder. Recently one of our members had sleds stolen from their garage. While this is not supposed to happen in Indian Lake, it just did, so I need to remind everyone of a few common sense steps to prevent this. Lets all start taking the keys out of our machines even when locked in a garage or trailer. Cable a few machines together to make moving them more difficult. Install motion sensing lights or timed lights on your property. Never buy a sled without proper title or other paperwork. Finally, let's all keep an eye on our neighbor's property and not be afraid to say something if something doesn't feel right.

So with that said, let's all have a safe, snowy and wonderful Holiday Season. Please remember to stay off lakes until we are certain they are safe and keep the rubber side down on the trails. Keep an eye out for our Snocade events and get out and support them all!!

Together we ride stronger,

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