

Snowwarrior Nation,

It is beginning to be that special time of year again, so I wanted to give you all a State of the Club rundown in anticipation of a big snowmobile season.

ILSW continue to be a strong and viable club for area snowmobilers and the Indian Lake Community. Financially we are rock solid with strong reserves, liquidity, and availability of credit. We continue to pay down our small indebtedness from our groomer purchase and will continue to look for fund raising opportunities to pay down that debt even faster.

Despite COVID, our membership numbers are on a breakneck pace and we are currently at 185 members, thereby on pace to hit 300 members this year. The pace of membership is much greater than in previous years and we continue to get new members who look to us as their primary club and often times their second club. If you ride in our area (and we know you do) why not be part of what we are doing here? For those of you that wait for trails to be open before opening your wallets, remember the club must finance its operations snow or no snow, so please help by getting dues in.

As in past years we still plan on holding Time Trials, Baked Potato Night (perhaps takeout only), and Trail Meet and Greets. In addition, we are kicking off our new ILSW sticker fund raiser so be sure to get a beautiful new sticker for your snow machine or car. Check with Darrin down at Chamber to purchase, they make great stocking stuffers. This season we will further ramp up our Fuel Tax Rebate Drive. Stewarts has already expanded their receipt collection efforts with more boxes and better signage around their pumps in Indian Lake and North Creek. Also, with pumps finally returning to the One Stop, we anticipate their participation in this effort as well. Please spread the word on this very impactful fund raiser and help us educate all riders to deposit their receipts. Remember our Club enjoys a rebate of 8 cents per gallon from these fuel purchases and that adds up quick.

Please keep eyes on our Face Book page and our Website. I am going to make a renewed effort to keep these pages current. Also, our next General Membership Meeting is Saturday night 12/12/20 at 7PM, location TBD. Please try and join us.

Now before I signoff, let me share two things on my Presidential Christmas Wish List. Please help me with one or both:

Number one: I would like the club to have a work sled like a Skandic WT or a Bear Cat along with a small drag and trailer. These would have many purposes, such as rider rescue, sled recovery, trail "touchups" (for example Lewie Lake Campsite connector) and overall help to riders on our community trails.

Number two: I would like a small shanty out on Indian Lake for members use. This would provide members with a destination on the lake to warm-up, ice fish, socialize, or go to for refuge or to resupply. Things such as emergency fuel, oil, spare belts, plugs, tools, heat packs, tow straps would be offered on the honor system to be replenished later.

These are dreams, I get it, but if anyone out there wants to help make them a reality please let us talk.

Remember mighty oaks start as tiny acorns.

Together we ride stronger, stay safe and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ed LaScala
President
Indian Lake Snowwarriors