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## **SNOWMOBILE CLUB, Inc.**

**Your club officers and Directors are:**

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<b>Trail Coordinators: Brent, 523-2320 - Pete, 628-4841</b>	<b>Vintage Club: Nick Freatman 946-7938</b>

**Welcome Back – It's been another interesting year, though it's time to start thinking about our favorite season: WINTER!!!!**

**Now is a great time to renew your membership and your registration(s)! We are happy to have you as a member, but we also encourage you to join clubs wherever you ride – you can join as many as you'd like-the first club costs \$30, then \$24 for each additional club. Joining gets much needed funds to the club much faster than trail grant money (derived from your registration(s). You can join/renew at club meetings or go to Hebelers Sales and Service and join there (these two methods save us credit card fees and saves you a \$1 service fee). You can also join by going to <https://membership.nysnowmobiler.com/clubs/0890> (joining via the online system includes a \$1 Service Fee). If you need help with the system, call Gary at 807-7002.**

**While renewing, please consider making a donation to the NYSSA Trail Defender Fund. This fund is established to help clubs fight for access to trails throughout the state and is solely used for that purpose. Keeping trails open for us and our children is worth a few bucks. You can make a donation in person at any club meeting or you can select the Trail Defender 'donation' on NYSSA's online membership site while renewing your membership or you can donate here: <http://nysnowmobiler.com/donate-to-the-trail-defender-2/>.**

**At our General Membership meeting, we will be discussing and deciding the clubs position on some statewide initiatives that will be voted on at the upcoming NYSSA/SLED-NY Annual Business meeting on October 2nd at the OnCenter in Syracuse. If approved, these will be entered into Legislation that could not go into effect until at least the 2022-23 season:**

**-A registration fee increase from \$45 to \$65 for members and from \$100 to \$135 for non-members. This is the first increase in over 16 years which will add approx. \$2M to**



the state Snowmobile Trail Development Fund to be returned to clubs all over New York State. Also adding a Vintage Sled at \$15 per registration in.

-Placing a limit of \$300K or \$500K on money held back for state snowmobile projects by OPRHP and/or DEC. The law currently allows for use of up to 30% of the funds available in the Snowmobile Trail Development Fund.

-Grant per mile for us would be \$336 per mile minimum, plus whatever additional funds (would be distributed based on all clubs over 100% costs, would be distributed evenly by percentage of available funds).

-Establishing a hard rate of \$225 per mile for trail building, groomer hours in addition, plus major projects, including emergencies, re-routes and planned major projects. This will allow clubs to receive more than 100% of the traditional Grant amount, based on available money in the trail fund.

-Lowering the documentation requirements and having the county sponsor as the certification authority, enabling a guaranteed payment of 70% of funds in November of each year and the 30% Plus additional funds paid out in August of each year.

These new initiatives will affect the costs and how we do business for many years into the future. These initiatives will be discussed at the Annual business meeting mentioned above. If you are interested in having your voice heard, please contact us to become a delegate. The cost of this meeting is \$15 per person (which will be covered by the club) and includes the Awards Luncheon (where our own Lonnie Daigler will be awarded the 2021 John Albert/Ed Dutcher Most Valuable Snowmobiler of the Year Award). Admittance includes a free ticket to the Big East Powersports Show being held down the road at the Fairgrounds the same weekend. More info available here: <https://nysnowmobiler.com/membership/sledny-forum/>.

Do you have a child that wants to ride? If they are age 10 or older, they need to attend an NYS Snowmobile Safety Course. We will be holding our annual free 1 Day course on December 11th at the Shawnee Fire Hall. We always encourage parents to attend with their children. For reservations and information, please contact Rodger at 731-2174.

Want to help out on the trails? Trail Building—Call Brent 523-2320/Pete at 628-4841. We always need volunteers to help make our trails possible. You can meet and talk to trail captains at any of our club meetings!

We are planning to have our annual Christmas Party Meeting (COVID permitting) on December 6th at the Shawnee Fire Hall – please bring a dish to pass!



Do you like smooth trails? Know how they get that way? Come and be part of our great reputation for smooth trails! We really need volunteers to help with Groomer Maintenance, Groomer Operation and Barn Upkeep – as we've lost some of our operators and maintainers. Mechanical abilities are a plus, but we will help teach anyone interested. If you have some time and/or experience, would like to help out or if you are willing to learn, please call Paul at 310-8921 or Herb at 523-1242.

Shawnee Sno-Chiefs logo clothing is available to order at each meeting - Sno-Chiefs Logo wear must be pre-ordered and pre-paid-Call Brent at 523-2320.

If you have children going to college, there are several scholarships available for children of members: Club, NYSSA, Northeast Chapter of the International Snowmobile Council, The International Snowmobile Media Council, just to name a few. Please keep an eye out for deadlines we will publish once set. For more information check out [www.snochiefs.net](http://www.snochiefs.net), [www.nysnowmobiler.com](http://www.nysnowmobiler.com), [www.Snowmobilers.org](http://www.Snowmobilers.org), [www.snowmobilemedia.org](http://www.snowmobilemedia.org). For more info contact Gary Broderick at 807-7002.

We plan to have a Club Bonfire and Hot Dog roast on the trail this winter, date and time will be determined by snowfall, watch our Facebook page/group and website!

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## **Tell A Friend**



### **Dates to Remember**

Sep 13 – Club Meeting  
Oct 2 – NYSSA/SLEDNY Annual Business Mtg (details inside)  
Oct 4 – Club Meeting  
Nov 1 – Club Meeting  
Dec 6 – Club Meeting/ Christmas Party  
Dec 11 – NYS Snowmobile Safety Course  
Jan 3 – Club Meeting  
Jan 19 – NYS Snowmobile Safety Course Part 1 \*  
Jan 20 – NYS Snowmobile Safety Course Part 2 \*  
Feb 5 – Club and Fire Company Sno-Drag \*  
Feb 7 – Club Meeting  
Mar 7 – Club Meeting  
Apr 2 – Meat Raffle \*  
Apr 4 – Club Meeting  
Apr 15 – Landowner Dinner  
\*-All Club Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. at Shawnee Fire Hall unless otherwise announced \*\* - Tentative

**Bring a Friend With You!**  
**Our Club is Always in Search of**  
**New Members!**

Stay current with Sno-Chiefs Events at [www.snochiefs.net](http://www.snochiefs.net) and our Facebook pages <https://www.facebook.com/ShawneeSnoChiefs> (don't forget to 'Like' us).

***Check out our website at [www.snochiefs.net](http://www.snochiefs.net)***  
***All Snowmobilers Welcome - Bring A Friend!***

**Newsletter Date: Fall 2021**