



POWDER MILL SNOWMOBILE CLUB

September 2023

Greetings!!

Another summer seems to have flown by as we prepare for an exciting and busy snowmobile season. Probably our biggest and most exciting news is the purchase of a new Tucker Terra 2000 groomer. Adding this third groomer to our fleet will give our riders the best possible trail conditions sooner as well as longer riding this season. We anticipate less wear and tear on our equipment as we groom over 90 miles of trails. Our directors met endlessly this summer to



formulate a proposal for the bank loan. Once it was approved, we developed a fundraising campaign designed to achieve our financial goals. The new "Sno-Cat" is scheduled to arrive sometime this fall. We have tentatively scheduled a "Meet the Groomer" Event on December 2nd, 2023 at the New Durham Parks and Rec Field. Follow us on Facebook and our website for updated details as they become available.

Our new Sponsor Tee Shirt will be unveiled in the coming weeks.

This year's shirt is a special edition. Ads on the back of the shirt will directly help defray the cost of the new groomer, while individual sales of the shirt will benefit the club's general fund. There are still a couple spots available if you are interested in advertising your business on the back. Show your club spirit and visit the store page on our website to order apparel and other snow



related items at <https://www.powdermillsnowmobileclub.org/store>.

We now have children's sizes too. It's never too early to shop for the holidays.

Sundays in October will be our scheduled fall trail work days. We kick off on October 15th at 9:00 am at the New Durham Fire Station. In an effort to give back to our community, please join us cleaning up a section of Route 11 in New Durham as part of our Adopt A Highway program. Details (trails, jobs, equipment and times) for the remaining Sundays will be posted on Facebook and our website in the next few weeks.

Of course, we can't be "all work and no play". While things are still tentative at this time, we will be scheduling our traditional winter events in February with some new twists and additions. February 17th we will host our Annual Winter Carnival in combination with the Cookout and Ray Gamble Memorial Poker run. It will be a busy day with a lot going on. You won't want to miss this one so mark your calendar now. Look for another Family Ride. Once the weather cooperates and our trails are ready we will plan another adventure over to Poor People's Pub. Last year the club added our First Night Ride to our list of events. Over 45 sleds and 50 riders met in front of Johnsons. Escorted by Fish and Game, riders made the trip up to cabin where they enjoyed a toasty fire, coffee, hot chocolate and roasted marshmallows.



We still have a few more intersection signs available to purchase this year. This has been a terrific fundraiser for the club. Signs are \$250 per family and \$300 for businesses and will be installed at your choice of available intersections on the trails. Keep an eye on Facebook to see when they will be ready. Signs go fast.

All three of our grant proposals for summer trail work were approved by the Bureau of Trails. Mother Nature kept crews working non-stop repairing major washouts in the Den. Crews addressed water issues along different sections of the trails by creating ditches to divert water into the woods while hardening some of our steeper slopes throughout our trail system. Trails in the Den have been widened & made safer & approaches along Rt. 11 will be addressed. There are a couple reroutes in the making as well.

The NHSA membership portal is up and running. It is much more streamlined from a member user perspective. You will notice we no longer have a membership form attached in this email. Follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/PowderMillSC> to directly join Powder Mill Snowmobile club and still get your discount on sled registration. It's quick, easy and fast. Once paid, you will get an email with the voucher then need to save it in some manner, screenshot or on a phone, save it as a PDF or just print it. Local businesses and our Membership Director no longer have the ability to process or look up club memberships.

We are excited to announce that we will be returning to Granite Steak and Grill in Rochester for our monthly membership meetings. We have reserved the front room starting at 6:00 pm and have access to their full menu, so come early to get your food orders in. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00.

Now we just need to think SNOW!!!

PMSC Board of Directors

WELCOME THE NEW GROOMER

HOW WILL OUR NEW GROOMER HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON YOU?

By adding a third groomer to our fleet, we will be able to assign each groomer to a specific area of our 90+ miles of trails. By operating simultaneous machines, our crews can begin grooming sooner, cover more area, create smoother and wider trails while keeping our season open later in the season. Volunteers have been out all summer long widening trails, removing rocks and repairing miles of damage from water erosion. Once the snow arrives, we hope to be one of the first clubs operating in the State. No need to drive four hours north with such terrific grooming nearby.

WHY NOW?

The time was right this year to make the plunge. Our two existing groomers are each almost 20 years old. NHSA offered clubs the opportunity to finance new grooming equipment through a program with Franklin Savings Bank. We are proud to say we were the first club in NH to take advantage of this opportunity and have been an example to other clubs. We were awarded state grants this year that may not be as available in the future. As a bonus, were able to lock in our 5yr loan at a lower interest rate back in the spring before the rate increase.

To ensure the sustainability of the Club's operations, we are now requesting your financial assistance. Please consider supporting the PMSC by contributing to the Sno-Cat Fund

Raising Campaign. PMSC has currently raised over \$210,000 for the Sno-Cat, representing a combination of grant awards and Club funding. To complete the purchase, we are seeking combined donations to fund the \$62,000 balance, thereby paying down the loan and reducing the amount of interest paid. Your donation will support the Club's continued goal of providing safe and uninterrupted access to the trails we have all come to love and enjoy. Every donation helps pay down our loan. Perhaps you and a few friends would like to pool your donations for a single monthly payment of \$1,000. It's easy to contribute to our groomer fund through PayPal, Venmo, check or cash. Thank you for your support! Here's to a great season of snow!!

CASH: Monthly meetings @ Granite Steak and Grill, 2nd Tuesday of every month.

CHECK: Mail to Powder Mill Snowmobile Club, PO Box 324, New Durham, NH 03855

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