

Tri-County Snowmobile Club News

NOTE: Newsletter Articles – Please submit to Patrick Jordan by email to pjordan57@gmail.com

NOTICES:

Elections – General Meeting, Tuesday, April 12, 2009 at 7:30pm.
Western Budget Motel, No. 3, 7712 Sparrow Drive, Leduc, Alberta.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Patrick Jordan – (780) 986-6516, pjordan57@gmail.com

We have had a terrific snowmobiling season with more snow than we have had around here for many years. By the time you receive this newsletter, our Ministik Trail System will likely be closed or soon to close. We do ask all to respect the no motorized vehicle access during the closed season.

Even through the Ministik trails will be closed, there are many other Alberta Snowmobile Association (ASA) trails that will remain open throughout Alberta until the snow is melted. I encourage you to visit some of these trails systems and experience what our sister clubs have to offer.

I would like to thank all volunteers who helped out with our many functions and maintenance items for the season as we look forward to next season being even better than this one. Try to come out for the last 2010/2011 general meeting and elections on April 12, 2011. The club will be having a yearend party at Smile's Restaurant in Sherwood Park on Friday, April 1st at 6.30 pm. Please RSVP to Jeff at jdfallis@telus.net if you plan to attend.

MINISTIK TRAIL SYSTEM is CLOSED for the Season

Well we had a good year in Ministik this season and due to the excellence snow conditions, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (ASRD) allowed a couple extra weeks of access to the trails. The time has come to close the trails down March 19, is the official closure deadline as per the guidelines and rules set out by ASRD. Please respect these rules and do not ride motorized vehicles in Ministik until the season opens again in December. Failure to comply could mean permanent closure to motorized vehicles all year...

For all acreage owners living next to the Ministik Bird Sanctuary, the sanctuary will be monitored this year for access points from acreages into the sanctuary. The Petty Trespass Act is being reviewed and may be implemented to offenders during the "Closed to Motorized" period (Mar 1 to Dec 1).

- There are only 3 designated access points into Ministik Sanctuary by ASRD. These gates will be closed during the "Closed To Motorized" period (Mar 1 to Dec 1).
- If you access through any other areas you will directly affect the Permanent Closure of all motorized vehicles in Ministik.

- If access continues during the closed period of March 1 until it opens in December - then these findings and complaints will be forwarded to Alberta Sustainable Resources for review and closure of the sanctuary PERIOD.
- NO more riding for any of us..... even the ones who obey the rules and trail regulations

Events for 2010-2011 Season

April 2011	
Fri – 1	Volunteer Appreciation\Yearend Party at Smilie's, Sherwood Park (RSVP to Jeff Fallis, jdfallis@telus.net) or 780-980-6233
Tue – 12	TCSC General Meeting and Elections
Sat – 30	Leduc Black Gold Parade
May 2011	
Mon – 23 to Tue – 24	Camrose Casino

2010-2011 Season Executive			2010-2011 Committees	
Jeff Fallis	President	980-6233	Committee	Head Executive
Bernie Kublik	Past President		ASA Rep	Brian Beebe
Patrick Jordan	Vice President	986-6516	Trail Development	Brian Beebe
Brian Beebe	Sec / Treas	437-4706	Trail Maintenance	Brian Beebe
Lyle Seipert	Director	986-2367	Ministik Rep	Brian Beebe
Tracy Fondrick	Director	941-3542	Memberships	Brian Beebe
Rudi Haak	Director	922-4225	Strathcona Trail	Tracy Fondrick
Stan Clough	Director	986-8146	New Sarepta Trail	Lyle Seipert
Eugene Sawchuk	Director	476-0168	Hay Lakes Trail	Lothar Haak
Tony Savage	Director	863-9135	Rides	Rudi Haak
			Newsletter	Patrick Jordan
			Web Site	Brian Beebe
			Destination Rides	Tony Savage

Memberships and ASA Trail Passes

Well we had another great year membership wise with 73 family memberships.

We also sold 183 Alberta Snowmobile Association (ASA) Trail Passes and 2 single day passes. Thanks to all that purchased trail passes from Tri-County. The trail pass revenue will go a long way to cover expenses.

Casino

Our next Casino dates will be Monday May 23 and Tuesday May 24, 2011.

If you have worked at a Casino previously and can help, please contact Brian Beebe at 780-437-4706 or by email. We need to have the Volunteer Worker Applications completed and into Alberta Gaming by March 23, 2011. We will determine what positions when we have enough people to fill the spots

ELECTIONS:

At the April 12th General Meeting, Tri-County will hold its executive elections. It is open to all members to attend and submit your name if you wish to be on the board of directors. If you would like to let your name stand for a position on the board please contact Brian at 780-437-4706

Positions available

President	Open to past executive members only
Vice President	Open to everyone
Secretary	Open to everyone
Treasurer	Open to everyone
Director - Strathcona County	Open to everyone
Director – Trails and Trail Development	Open to everyone
Director – Events (ASA Show, Santa’s Toy Ride, Gym Cana, etc.)	Open to everyone
Director – Rides (Local Ministik & Destination Rides)	Open to everyone
Director - Newsletters	Open to everyone
Director - Parades	Open to everyone
Director – BBQs, Socials, etc.	Open to everyone
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LEDUC PARADE:

Hope everyone can come out to either watch or help at the Leduc Spring Parade on Saturday April 30. As part of our “Community Service” TCSC assists the City of Leduc Parades by providing volunteers to help setup and road marshal the parade. If you can help please contact Brian Beebe at 780-437-4706 or your TCSC events director (refer to the results of the April 12 elections). Volunteers need to be at the staging area by 8:00 am. Parade starts at 11:00 am sharp. Quads & ATVs will be supplied for volunteers and that all volunteers will be going for a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner afterwards at Pluto’s Hope to see you there.

Gym-Cana at Hay Lakes

Lothar Haak



Gym – Cana at Hay Lakes - WOW – we had one of the nicest days this winter to host our Gym – Cana near Hay Lakes. The events were a huge success with a great turn out and several new families joining. Thanks

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for all that came out, helped with organizing and running events and with the clean-up afterwards. Some of the events were:



- **#1 Pick Up Sticks** - Ride your sled through a slalom course picking up sticks and placing in pails - great fun
- **#2 Slalom Race** - Ride your sled through a pylon slalom course competing against your fellow riders
- **#3 Barrel Race** - Very similar to the horse barrel races, you follow a marked course around large plastic barrels and compete with your friends for the best time
- **#4 Chuckboggan Race**- 4 person teams compete against other teams, 2 people carry 1 person to a sled then that sleds leaves going through a marked course , while the other 2 sleds try to catch up the first sled, lots of laughs and very competitive for the family

Now who can resist a Free BBQ burger/smoky and pop at a great event like this, especially around a Warm-up Fire. Also a relaxing social time reviewing your times and events with your friends/family. We had a huge parking lot for all trucks, trailers and even the big enclosed trailers. Do not miss this event next year – we had a super time.

Participant placements were as follows:

Best combined times for Pick Up Sticks, Slalom Race and Barrel Race	
Kids	Time (min:sec)
1. Taylor Sych	1:09
2. Laura Tufty	2:34
3. Cody Tufty	2:35
4. Katrina Tufty	2:49
5. Ethan Frigon	2:53
Teen (Males)	
1. Alex Haak	2:25
2. Jared Melnickel	3:33
Teen (Females)	
1. Alaina Leavitt	3:14
2. Jennifer Bardoel	3:45
3. Nadalie Haak (did not complete all the events)	1:25
Adult (Females)	
1. Megan Krause	2:13
2. Kerry Frigon	2:14
3. Della Tufty	3:46
Adult (Males)	
1. Allan Krause	2:21
2. Steve Towler	2:31
3. Dan Sych	2:41
Seniors	
1. Sandy Wallace	3:31

Chuckboggan Races			
Lead Driver	Out Riders	Stove	Time (min:sec)
1. Jared Melnickel	Laura Tufty Taylor Sych	Nathan Porter	1:16
2. Jennifer Bardoel	Cody Tufty Ethan Frigon	Alex Haak	1:29
Stacked Teams			
1. Ken Bardoel	John Bardoel Dan Sych	Cody Tufty	1:16

2. Cliff Tufty	Nathan Porter Steve Towler	Laura Tufty	1:16.1
Stacked Kids			
1. Lothar Haak	Alex Haak Allan Krause	Cody Tufty	1:08
2. Jared Melnickel	Alaina Leavitt Taylor Sych	Cody Tufty	1:26

Corporate Sponsors

To all of our 2010-2011 Corporate Sponsors, Tri-County Snowmobile Club would like to extend our thanks. Your sponsorship plays a key role in maintenance of our recreational trails for the enjoyment of all Albertans and tourists as well as enabling Tri-County Snowmobile Club to undertake other programs that benefit the public. We look forward to your continued support next season.

Our Corporate Sponsors receive advertising space placed on our:

1. BR180 Groomer & Drag,
2. Wells Cargo Enclosed Equipment Trailer,
3. Newsletters,
4. Website ads
5. Events