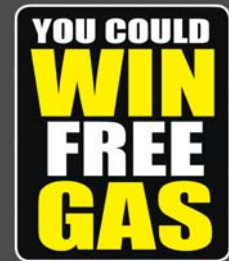


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Bill Stapleton Wins Volunteer of the Year



The Lloyd Woods Memorial Award for volunteer of the year was recently presented to Bill Stapleton, president of the Ganaraska Snowmobile Club at this years OFSC AGM held at Blue Mountain.

Bill started snowmobiling in 1968 riding a 12.3Hp Ski-doo. Over the years Bill has worked tirelessly and opened trails through the family farm in Kendal and over to the family ranch which bordered the Ganaraska Conservation land. These trails are still used today.

Throughout the years Bill has been a volunteer member of multiple Snowmobile clubs, the Twin Mountains, Port Perry, Long Sault and finally once he relocated back to the Kendal area he rejoined the Ganaraska Snowmobile Club in 1989. His commitment and dedication to the sport of Snowmobiling often found him using his own equipment for grading and bush hogging the trails. He has averaged over 400 hours a year for the past 10 years on pre-season trail preparation. This year he will break 500 hours volunteered.

In 1997 Bill retired and took a more active roll in the Ganaraska Club. Bill has held numerous roles with the Club from Treasurer, Permit Coordinator, Landowner Coordinator and Trail Patrol. In 2000 Bill was elected President of our Club.

With Bills financial skills , leadership and help from his wife Shirley the Ganaraska Snowmobile Club has been very successful. We have built new Groomer sheds, purchased 2 new groomers and arranged to donate the older ones to another district club in need.

Bill has been very active in working with the local municipalities as well as our regional government. He has 5 different municipalities to deal with as well as one regional. He attends many meetings with council to reach an agreement to use unopened road allowances and make better safer access to Rice Lake and the town of Bewdley. Bill also spends many hours with the Ganaraska Conservation Authority to make trails safe for all users. Bill was instrumental in getting a trail from Kendal through Crown land to the Ganaraska trail system.

As a result of Bill's dedication to snowmobiling all trails in the Ganaraska are much wider and safer for all riders.

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Presidents Report



Another summer season has past and we are quickly moving into the fall season where we start planning for the upcoming snowmobile season. The past summer was a hot one which sure makes you appreciate the cool fall days we are beginning to get. Let's hope mother nature is primed for a good old fashioned winter with lots of snow. Would love to take more pictures like the one above.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the club last year, Our Landowners, Permit Vendors, Volunteers, Permit Buyers and especially all the ones who signed and dropped off their Million Dollar club coupons to their local Ski-Doo dealer. Because of your support the club received a cheque from BRP in the amount of \$1070 which we will use for trail improvements. BRP has announced the program will return again this year and I'm hoping our membership will pull out their pens, sign the coupon and drop it off at their local Ski-Doo dealer. My goal is to see the club receive the maximum

\$1500 donation from this program and all we need is 150 people to fill in these coupons. More information on this program and a coupon are included in this newsletter. We could also qualify for a chance to win a new Ski-Doo for the club to raffle off. Thanks again for taking the time to fill in these coupons.

Trail work began in September with the removal of a number of stumps left behind by logging crews and of course the usual trail leveling will take place.

"New Canteen with heated washrooms"

There is a new Canteen at the Forest Center with heated washrooms, yes girls that's right heated washrooms, two inside the building and two outside not far from the sled parking area. No more holding it until you get to Bewdley. The snowmobile parking lot has also been expanded, however vehicle parking at the Forest Center remains limited to the road south of the Forest Center. We now have gas in Bewdley and also lots of parking at the station just remember to buy some gas and support this business, also, there is lots of parking downtown Bewdley on the East side for trucks and trailers.

A number of people have asked me does it matter where I buy my permit because all money goes into a big pot and is divided up among the clubs. This is not so, there is a formula using kilometers of trail, number of permits sold and number of hours groomed which decides how much money a club receives from each permit. Basically the club gets paid for the amount of work they do. So if you are riding on smooth safe trails you know the club is doing a good job and your permit dollars are being well spent. Thanks again to our permit buyers and with your continued support we will give you the smoothest trails possible.

We have a new permit outlet in Bowmanville, The Clarington Tourism office at 181 Liberty Street South.

Our fall meeting is just around the corner on Oct. 24th and shortly after that our fall work party on Nov. 7th. Please note our work party will meet at the Ganaraska Forest Center this year and lunch will be served from the new Canteen. Come out and support the club, meet some new people and swap some stories.

Let's hope for a good old fashioned winter.

Bill Stapleton
Club President

Family Fun Day (Breakfast and Poker Run)

What's the old saying, "if it aint broke don't fix it." Well that holds true here the family fun day has been building on the it's success each year and we anticipate this year will be no different

With a chance to win a guaranteed \$250 poker pot, door prizes a 50/50 draw why would you want to miss this event. If we didn't have you at the guaranteed prize pot the pancakes will surely seal the deal. And don't forget the children's hand because after

all you're never to young to play cards and go snowmobiling with mom and dad. And hey your child could just be the next Daniel Negratto.

*"Chance to win
a guaranteed
\$250 poker pot"*

Please come out and join us on January 30, 2011 at the Ganaraska Forest Center for a warm pancake breakfast with

a poker run to follow.

This is a rain, snow or shine event. In the event that trails are closed poker hands will be drawn at the forest center.



Looking for a great ride with a fun group of people, want to make a weekend out of it and help a great cause? Well the PET Sled Ride of Hope is for you. Come Join Team GSC (Ganaraska Snowmobile Club) on February 12, 2011 for the PET Ride at Kellerman's Resort in Parry Sound.

The PET Sled Ride of Hope now in it's 6th year continues to get bigger and better every year and raises approximately \$14,000 annually to assist in Prostate Cancer awareness and research programs. Prostate Cancer is the number one cancer threat to men and is as prevalent in men as breast cancer is in women. An estimated 1 in 6 men will be diagnosed with the disease within their lifetime.

The ride is not gender specific and there is even a family ride where your kids can tag along. To participate all you need is a minimum \$150 in pledges. More information about Team GSC and this ride can be found on our website or by contacting Kevin Malley at info@ganaraskasnow.ca We will also have a thread in our forums to discuss the event. Information about the event in general can be found on the PET website at <http://www.prostateextremeteam.com/sled.html>

Join Team GSC and show your support



Fall Work Party November 7th
We're building more than just
great trails!



Forest Center Canteen Update

Ross Winters returns to a new Canteen at the Forest Center this year with new amenities including heated washrooms.

Be it a snack or a full meal Ross has it covered with his hearty home cooked soups, chilies, pies and we can't forget those irresistible treats.

Stop in and grab a bite to eat, if the trails are open Ross will be there.

Quick Facts

13,226—Number of landowners with OFSC trails on their land

\$1.2 billion—Annual economic activity generated by OFSC snowmobile trails

\$22 million—Value of OFSC grooming fleet

84,781—Combined total of all permits sold last year

232—number of snowmobile clubs belonging to the OFSC

750,000+ = Total hours served by club volunteers operating the system

209,700—number of students graduated by OFSC Driver Training since 1976



Once again the Ganaraska Snowmobile Club will be in attendance at the 13th Annual Kawartha Sledarama show in Peterborough, the largest one day snowmobile show and Flea Market. You will find lots of vendors inside, including our club booth selling permits. If you like vintage this has got to be one of the best shows to pick up a new treasure. And if you have a treasure, whether it be recent or from the days of single cylinder yellow Olympics, for a nominal fee you can set up shop outside and sell your stuff too.

If you have never been to this show I highly recommend it and we can't forget, this is an excellent place to buy your permit if you didn't buy before the November 1st early bird deadline.

November 21, 2010

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Morrow Building

Corner Of George & Lansdowne Sts., Peterborough Ontario



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AT YOUR
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- YOU must use caution at all times
- Emergency and cell phone service may not be available



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Permits and How to Buy

Vendors

Note: Some distributors sell for more than one club. Please specify you wish to buy your permit from the Ganaraska Snowmobile Club.

Anchor's Bar & Grill (formerly Britt's Bar & Grill)	905-797-2771	Bewdley
Bruce Larmer Automotive	705-7454032	Peterborough
Camsport (HWY 115)	905-987-5174	Newcastle
Clarington Tourism		Bowmanville
Cooper Fuels	905-786-2502	Newtonville
Easton Trailers	905-987-2277	Newcastle
Evergreen John Deer	905-983-9119	Orono
Ganaraska Snowmobile Club	905-983-5099	Kendal
Garden Hill Store	905-797-2614	Garden Hill
Kendal Post Office		Kendal
King's Wreckers	905-728-0533	Oshawa
License Office	905-885-7400	Port Hope
Matthew's Automotive	905-885-4585	Port Hope
Snow City	1-877- SNOWCITY	Toronto
Spoiled Sports	905-436-6486	Courtice
Todd's Equipment	705-944-3333	Millbrook

Regular season permit prices are \$200 on or before December 1st, 2010; \$250 after. Purchase your permit on or before November 1st, sign up for the OFSC benefits and you'll be automatically entered for the early bird draw with prizes ranging from \$500 to \$1500 in free gas.



Regular full season permits can be purchased online but only through the OFSC. Should you choose to purchase online please ensure you are selecting the Ganaraska Snowmobile Club as the vendor club, if you use the new Online Permit link on our website this information should be filled in for you. Please be aware that there is a \$10 surcharge for online orders, if you wish to save \$10 mail or fax the enclosed permit order form to the club, permits are usually mailed out the next business day.

Regular full season permits can be purchased in one of the following ways:

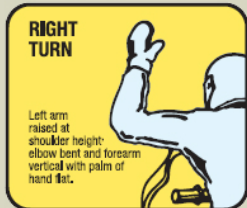
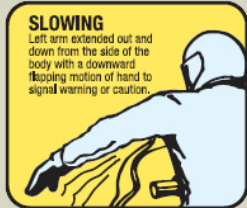
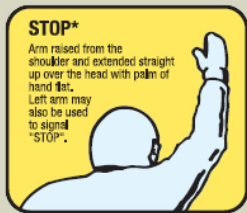
1. Through one of our vendors listed to the left.
2. Use the enclosed permit form or the one found on our website at www.ganaraskasnow.ca. Fill it out and mail or fax (905) 983-6444 to the club. If possible we would prefer payment by cheque as credit card payment cost the club an additional service fee which we would much rather be putting on the snow.
3. You can also call the club at (905) 983-5099 or 1-866-983-5099 Remember . Buy early and save.



Classic permits are \$125 all year and are available for sleds 1996 and older.

A copy of the required form can be downloaded from our website and faxed or mailed to the club office. These permits are not available at any of our permit vendors. You must include a copy of the snowmobile ownership with the application. Cash, cheque, Visa or MasterCard will be accepted however cheques must be made out to District 3. We also plan to have classic permits available at the Kawartha Sledarama snow in Peterborough in November. Please watch our website for more information on classic permits.

NATIONALLY APPROVED SNOWMOBILE HAND SIGNALS



Trail & Equipment Report

Over the past several years the club has been actively working to increase the safety of our trails and increase the rider experience. Trail widening efforts have not only provided a safer trail system along with new province wide signage rules but they have allowed us to use newer larger grooming equipment that packs and smooths out the trails better.

The club maintains a fleet of two groomers. A 2008 Massey Ferguson Tractor equipped with an MGE conversion kit and B.G. Rosasco drag combination and a 2005 Trail Boss 122 with an eight foot drag both of which are in good working order for the upcoming season.

A New Online Presence

With the increased usage of social media applications like Facebook and Twitter it begs the question why more clubs aren't using these applications, especially since they are free. This year you will find the Ganaraska Snowmobile club among others including the OFSC making good use of these applications. Visit the Ganaraska Snowmobile Club's Facebook page and follow us throughout the season and offseason by clicking on the like button. We will be posting events, trail information, photos and general club information throughout the year using a combination of Facebook, Twitter and our website.

Our website is undergoing some major changes as well with the addition of new tools, the rebirth of some existing tools and integration with social media applications allowing us to make a single update such as an event notification that will appear on all our online sources.

One of the biggest tool additions to our website will be a club hosted and monitored forum planned to launch on October 15th. This will be your place to communicate with fellow riders to discuss trail conditions, setup rides, talk shop or browse the classifieds. Also planned for the 15th is a revamp of our existing photo album which when complete will contain many new photos and provide us with the ability to share other media such as movies in the future.

Kevin Malley

GSC Webmaster

THANKS FOR SHARING

The OFSC asks everyone, especially snowmobilers and those who benefit most directly from snowmobile trails, to say a special thanks to our landowners for the use of their property again this season.

The OFSC, its clubs and volunteers, thank all landowners for the use of their land this winter.

LANDOWNER Appreciation PROGRAM

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GANARASKA SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Update from Convention 2010

The weekend events kicked off with an address by our former OFSC president Bruce Robinson who spent much of his term promoting Team OFSC which under the hood was simply a catchy way of saying we need to work together and that couldn't have been more evident in the workshops and even in the business portion of Saturday's AGM. This years convention was well attended with many new faces, new ideas and a true willingness to consider ideas that are a little out of the norm.

Friday was a return to the workshop format which we haven't seen for several years. It was a great opportunity to break out into smaller groups of 20 - 30 people and collaborate on topics such as Web Technologies, Club Services, Volunteering and Permit Sales. OFSC staff members and club volunteers drove these sessions so their concerns, issues and even accomplishments reflected those in the audience since after all we are all part of Team OFSC with a similar vision and passion.

Last year I reported on a workshop that provided early input into the Vision 2015 initiative. The completed Vision 2015 was presented to the group this year as a family oriented vision focusing on the riders experience, everything from membership privileges, volunteering, advancements in gear, district focus, partnerships and the big Team OFSC picture.

We learned of many new programs and changes to existing programs that will benefit the individual rider as well as those who work behind the scenes. A completely new OFSC website will launch in November and along with it a new trail reporting

system with integrated GPS maps which will show the trail status directly on the map. A new snow guarantee will also be available for season permits beginning sometime in October. Watch our website for more information or stop by the OFSC booth at the Toronto International Snowmobile Show on Oct 15-17.

"Ontario's only World Class Winter Tourism Product"

During the business portion of the weekend events the OFSC treasurers report was delivered on budget thanks in part by a considerable provincial and federal infrastructure funding last season which was instrumental in driving numerous trail improvements to completion across the province.

Although additional funding in the amount of 3 Million dollars was announced by the Honorable Michael Chan, Minister of Tourism and Culture at this year's convention we want to remain "Ontario's only world class winter tourism product". Provincial and Federal funding although critically important is not the only solution. We as a group must continue to foster corporate partnerships,

market and provide an exceptional product at a fair and reasonable price. With that, much of the business revolved around types of permits, when they can be purchased and where the funds from any future permit increases would go.

We could see a small increase in cost of season permits next year of \$10 to directly assist in the upgrade and replacement of the aging groomer fleet across the province. It may be important to note that our club benefited from the groomer replacement program when we purchased our last groomer. It is also likely that the classic permit will adopt an early pay incentive where the cost of the permit would increase by \$50 after Dec 1st.

As the weekend came to a close at the presidents dinner and awards Brenda Welsh our new OFSC President and former secretary/treasurer commented on the theme of her presidency term. "Get Back to Basics" Brenda has vowed to focus on the basics and making things easier for clubs and districts.

Kevin Malley

Club delegate for 2010



From left: Lisa Malley, Kevin Malley, Bill Stapleton, Randy Cunningham, Marlene Cunningham, Gail Lowry, Andrew Lowry (voting delegate)

Gas Returns to Bewdley

Gas has once again returned to Bewdley on Hwy 28. Some truck and trailer parking is also available but please support this business and buy fuel from them if you choose to park at this location.

Notables from Around District 3

The Port Perry Snowmobile Club was recently awarded the 2010 Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations Excellence Award for Outstanding Promotion and Development of Snowmobiling..

Volunteers Chad & Pepper of the Port Perry Snowmobile Club received the volunteer family of the year for District 3 on Sept 18, 2010 in Blue Mountain at the OFSC AGM.



Dates to Remember

International Snowmobile Show	Oct 15-17, 2010	Toronto International Centre
Fall General Meeting	Oct 24, 2010	7 p.m. at the Kendal Community Center
Early Bird Deadline	Nov 1, 2010	Buy before November 1 st and be entered into the early bird draw
Fall Work Party	Nov 7, 2010	9 a.m. at the Ganaraska Forest Center
Kawartha Sledarama (Peterborough)	Nov 21, 2010	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Morrow Building
Ganaraska Driver Training	Nov 28 2010	Call Marlene Cunningham for more information 905-797-2011
Season Permit Early Pricing Ends	Dec 1, 2010	After Dec 1st regular season permits increase \$50
Family Fun Day (Pancake Breakfast / Poker Run)	Jan 30, 2011	Breakfast 9 a.m. Ganaraska Forest Center Poker Run Registration 9am-11am at the Ganaraska Forest Center
PET Sled Ride of Hope	Feb 12, 2011	Prostate Extreme Team Event in Parry Sound. Watch our web-site or contact Kevin Malley at info@ganaraskasnow.ca to be apart of the Ganaraska team
Annual Landowner Appreciation Dinner	Mar 26, 2011	Doors open at 6:00pm Bewdley Arena
Spring General Meeting	Apr 16, 2011	7 p.m. at the Kendal Community Center



Back by popular demand; announcing year 3 of the Ski-Doo Million Dollar Club Support Program. Based off the huge success of the program in 2008 and 2009, BRP and it's Ski-Doo dealers will again donate up to \$1 million dollars to North American snowmobile clubs. Last year the program delivered \$720,000 to over 1600 North American clubs.

Through your support the Ganaraska Snowmobile Club received \$1070 last year, a significant increase from the first year which we received \$270 The maximum which a club can receive is \$1500 so we still have a little ways to go. All we need is 150 people to fill in the form below and take it to your local Ski-Doo

dealer. Don't feel comfortable doing that, fill in the form below and mail or fax it to the club with your permit application, we will make sure it gets to Ski-Doo. You can even drop them off at our Sledarama booth in Peterborough.

But don't assume your buddy down the street or the guy around the corner will do his part, show your appreciation and let's get some Ski-Doo money on the trails. As an added bonus should we reach the maximum of \$1500 we could also qualify to win a Ski-Doo MXZ TNT or Summit Everest E-TEC for the club to raffle off. All forms must be returned to Ski-Doo by November 15th.

There's never been an easier way to support a club.

THE MILLION DOLLAR CLUB SUPPORT PROGRAM

Drop this certificate at your Ski-Doo dealership and your club will receive \$10 Cash.

Club Name Ganaraska Snowmobile Club

Club Member Name _____

Age _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ Province _____

Postal Code _____ Phone Number _____

Which snowmobile brand do you currently own?

Ski-Doo Artic Cat[†] Polaris[†] Yamaha[†]

Other Do not own one

Which type of snowmobile do you own?

Muscle (ex: Mach Z[®]) Cross-Country (ex: MX Z[®])

Mountain (ex: Summit[®]) Sport (ex: GSX[®])

Touring (GTX[†], Legend[®]) Utility Sled (ex: Skandic[®])

What model year is the sled?

Do you plan on buying this Season? Yes No

BRP may inform you, from time to time, of upcoming promotions or new products that may be of interest to you.



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Dealer Signature _____ Dealer Number _____



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