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New Equipment on the Trails



Over the past several years we have been reporting on the progress of several trail widening projects which not only help to open the lines of sight at intersections and allow more room for snowmobilers to safely pass each other on multi directional trails but it also enables us to use larger equipment on all our trails

resulting in even more benefits to both you the rider and the club.

See our Trail and Equipment Report inside for more information about trail improvements and our new groomer a Massey Ferguson 5475 tractor conversion.

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**December 4th
 Bewdley Arena**

Register by Nov 20th
 Call Marlene (905)797-2011

Ganaraska Snowmobile Club Family Fun Day January 29, 2012



Enjoy a day of fun with family and friends.
 Explore our inner trail system and ride with
 some of our Club Members and Volunteers

**Min
 \$250
 Poker Pot**

Prizes

Located at the Ganaraska Forest Center
 Breakfast 9:00am
 Poker Run Registration 9:00 to 11:00am



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Presidents Report



I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer and are now thinking snow, yes the days are getting shorter and the nights longer and cooler, fall is here and the frost and snow are just around the corner.

By the time this reaches you the club will have a solid 2 months of work under its belt kicked off by the arrival of permits in early August, followed by the first executive meeting of the season, convention and early season trail preparation. The first order of business this year was deciding on a new venue for executive and general meetings. The newly refurbished dining hall at the Ganaraska Forest Center beside our Canteen will be our new meeting location.

We continue to have issues with the respect of our landowners. I don't know what the answer is but if we are to continue our trail system

to Bewdley then we better stay on the marked trail. That means inside the orange stakes and not cutting corners. It would be a shame to have to ride 7km of ungroomed road to bypass these fields. Please relay this to anyone you know that rides in the area. If you can't stay on the marked trail ride the road, it's that simple.

“Can't stay on the marked trail, ride the road”

A few thank yous are in order, first if it's not obvious our landowners make connecting our trails possible and without them there would be no trail system, rather it would be a bunch of trails that end abruptly in the middle of no where, secondly to all the volunteers who come out and help get the trails ready and last but not least the 60 people who turned in their BRP Million Dollar forms last year, we received \$600 from BRP and are happy to see this program return again this year. More information about this years program

can be found on the back of this newsletter.

We also received a generous grant from Research in Motion through a program which rewards their employees through a financial grant to a charity or not for profit for which they contribute a set minimum number of hours of volunteer work. This money along with that from BRP is being invested directly in the maintenance of our trails.

If there are any retired folks that would like to go out for 4 or 5 hours through the week to help with trail work give me a call and we will setup a day once a week for a few weeks through the fall. Nothing like enjoying the fall weather and accomplishing some trail work at the same time with lunch on the trail to boot.

I hope to see everyone on the trails this winter, and thanks again to all those who continue to support the club through the purchase of a trail permit.

Bill Stapleton

Club President

Family Fun Day Update from Last Season

Bruce Larmer took home the top prize for best poker hand while Carlee Gilkes took home the best hand in the childrens category. Top prize for the 50/50 draw of \$230 went to Jarrett Gagnon. Proceeds from the 50/50 draw were donated to the Prostate Extreme Team PET Sled Ride of Hope. We had many additional prizes donated by club sponsors making this hands down the best event in recent history.

Trail & Equipment Report

Very early last season when only a few clubs across the province were open Craig Nicholson "The Intrepid Snowmobiler" rode our trails and was amazed at the quality for such little snow. This is achieved in large part by preseason prep consisting of many hours aboard a bulldozer in early fall to level trails damaged by summer recreational traffic and washouts. Other factors such as trail widening and signage also help to control the traffic and reduce wear on the trail and of course help to make the trails safer. Over the past year we have upgraded signage including map boards and slow signs on our inner trail system a requirement to meet provincial signage mandates and removed even more trees and stumps from problematic areas for safety reasons.

Perhaps the more exciting item to report on is the arrival of our new Massey Ferguson 5475 groomer. We have been very happy with the 2008 Massey Ferguson and price wise another tractor conversion made more sense than a dedicated groomer such as a Husky, Tucker, etc. Another factor in our purchase was we wanted to make use of our Mogul Master 9 foot drag we have had in the groomer shed unused for the past several years, this not only kept our costs down by \$10,000—\$20,000 but puts a drag we have experience with and seen good results with back on the snow. This drag is a foot narrower than our B.G. Rossco drag attached to our 2008 Massey Ferguson groomer which will be ideal for our inner trail system and Millbrook and Kendal trails which are a little narrower. Look for our new groomer on the trails this winter. For those of us less knowledgeable in tractors you may be wondering how you will tell the difference between the groomers in our fleet, perhaps this will help, the new one will be pulling a blue drag and the old one will be pulling a red drag unless of course someone decides to paint the Mogul Master drag Massey Ferguson Red to match the tractor.

We still have some trail work to complete so come on out to our work party advertised below or call the club Bill is looking for a few people to assist during the week as well.

FALL WORK PARTY



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5th
9am at the Ganaraska Forest Center

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	905-623-4356	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
Gateway Power Sports	705-295-4283	Peterborough
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

Permits and How to

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 attached 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 1997 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 only available from our club office and Matthew's Automotive. 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.

****ORDER FORM****
OFSC Member Club



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Kendal, Ontario

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Phone (905) 983-5099
Toll Free 1-866-983-5099
Fax (905) 983-6444

Not intended to Replace Application Form

"Buy Where You Ride"



Support Your Local Snowmobile Club
Become a Volunteer!



Order Form for 2012 Seasonal Trail Permit

Name (Registered Owner) / Please complete a separate form for each owner

Address – Street No. & Name (P.O. Box) / As per vehicle registration

City, Town or Village Postal Code

Home Telephone No. Work Telephone No.
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Email Address (optional):

Vehicle Identification No. (V.I.N.) Vehicle One Office Use Only – Permit Number

Vehicle Identification No. (V.I.N.) Vehicle Two Office Use Only – Permit Number

Vehicle Identification No. (V.I.N.) Vehicle Three Office Use Only – Permit Number

Date Sold Seasonal – on or before Dec. 1/11
M | D | Y Seasonal – after Dec. 1/11

By completing this order form, I understand that I am making application for the purchase of a 2012 Seasonal Trail Permit I understand that the trail permit(s) for which I am applying is valid only for the motorized snow vehicle identified in this application and is valid only where the sticker (permit) issued under this application is permanently affixed in the required position on that motorized snow vehicle. The Trail Permit provides access to trails prescribed under the *Motorized Snow Vehicles Act*. I certify that the information contained in this application is true and acknowledge and accept the responsibilities imposed by law.

X _____

Applicant's Signature

Note: Name and address on this application form must be the same as the name and address of the registered owner.

Information in this form is collected under the authority of the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act and is used for administration and enforcement of the trail permit program only, unless consent to use this information for other purposes is otherwise provided by the person to whom this information relates. Direct enquiries to: MTO Supervisor, General Enquiry Unit, Licensing Administration Office, Bldg. A., 1201 Wilson Ave., Downsview, On M3M 1J8 (416) 235-2999 or 1-800-387-3445.



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OF
SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

**REQUIREMENTS &
TRAIL USE
INFORMATION**

By signing where specified below, I would like to access applicable OFSC Benefits and Offers. The OFSC values your privacy and the protection of your personal information. By authorizing the release of the name and address information as indicated below, I consent to the OFSC's use of this information for purposes related to the mandate of the OFSC (www.ofsc.on.ca). I further understand that any information provided to the OFSC is out of the custody and control of the Ministry of Transportation and that the OFSC will have sole responsibility of the information.

Please complete the following information:

Please use the registered owner's address on the order form for the trail permit for mailing or for OFSC purposes

Please use the following name and address for someone other than the registered owner listed on the order form for the trail permit to receive mailings or for OFSC purposes

Name (If different than registered owner previously listed)

Address – Street No. & Name (If different than registered owner previously listed)

City, Town or Village Postal Code

Home Telephone No. Work Telephone No.

Email Address:

Please do not send the member magazine (See reverse side for OFSC Terms and Conditions – "B")

YES, I am interested in learning about the club and/or helping out, please contact me by either by phone or email.

I have read, understood and agree to the Terms and Conditions on reverse.

Applicant's Signature X	Date		
	M	D	Y

PERMIT ORDER INFORMATION

Permit Quantity		1	2	3
On or before Dec. 1, 2011		\$200	\$400	\$600
After Dec. 1, 2011		\$250	\$500	\$750

Club Membership

Misc.

Trails Donation

Total Remittance **Canadian Funds**

PAYMENT METHOD

CASH CHEQUE VISA MASTERCARD

Name on Card _____

Card Number Expiry Date
Month | Year

Credit Card Authorization Signature
X _____



TERMS & CONDITIONS

The applicant acknowledges that the applicant has read, understood and agrees to the following Terms and Conditions whether or not the applicant has provided his / her signature:

1. By using the trail system, the purchaser agrees to save harmless and keep indemnified any landowners from which the OFSC's trail system operates, and the OFSC, its volunteers, members, directors, officers, employees and their respective agents, officials, servants, and representatives from and against all claims, actions, costs and expenses and demands in respect of death, injury, loss or damage to my person or property of any driver or passenger operating the aforementioned permitted snowmobile, howsoever caused, arising out of or in connection with the use of the OFSC trail system, notwithstanding that the same may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of said bodies, or any of them, their agents, officials, servants, or representatives. It is further understood and agreed that this agreement is binding upon myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns.
 2. The vendor snowmobile club or the OFSC may deny the permit purchaser or the snowmobile driver access to the OFSC trails if either fails to comply with any OFSC Terms and Conditions or Bylaws.
 3. The applicant identified on the Application for Trail Permit shall ensure that all operators and passengers of the snowmobile to which the permit is affixed are made aware of these conditions before accessing an OFSC trail.
 4. Stop when requested to do so. Report all damage to property to the nearest snowmobile club and police officer. Know and adhere to the Snowmobilers Code of Ethics.
 5. If the Trail Permit is lost, stolen or damaged and needs to be replaced, contact the vendor snowmobile club. You must present the original trail permit receipt along with the original permit, or portion thereof, if available. Additional information pertaining to a police report (incident # if available) for stolen or lost permits may be required.
- A. Where a person has accessed OFSC Benefits and Offers, report a change of address within 6 days to the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, 9-501 Welham Rd., Barrie, Ontario L4N 8Z6. Telephone: (705) 739-7669, Fax: (705) 739-5005, Email Address: permits@ofsc.on.ca, Website: www.ofsc.on.ca .

B. I understand that my OFSC Benefits include a subscription to a snowmobile magazine.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

Snowmobiling is an inherently risky off-road activity that occurs in an unpredictable natural environment, so every rider enters OFSC Prescribed trails at their own risk. Snowmobilers must know the "Assumptions for OFSC Trail Use" listed below prior to using an OFSC Trail:

1. All snowmobiles will be operated under a lawful trail use permit;
2. All operators and passengers willingly use the trails at their own risk;
3. Operators and passengers know and will obey the law, including, *The Occupiers' Liability Act, The Motorized Snow Vehicles Act* and the *Trespass to Property Act*;
4. It is recognized and accepted that snowmobiling is essentially an off-road activity taking place in the natural environment;
5. The OFSC is a volunteer-based organization with finite resources and manpower;
6. It is not practical, possible or desirable to maintain all trails uniformly or to remove all potential hazards;
7. The OFSC is providing the privilege of trail access without any guarantee of service or quality;
8. Operators and passengers will not consume alcohol prior to or while using the trails;
9. Operators and passengers will be prudent and responsible and shall ensure that snowmobiles are operated with appropriate care and control at all times;
10. Operators and passengers know how to snowmobile competently and understand that the operation of snowmobiles requires full cognitive abilities;
11. Weather conditions affect trails and snowmobile operation and they may change without warning;
12. The maximum speed on trails is 50 km/h unless reduced by law or conditions;
13. There may be permitted users on the trail other than snowmobilers;
14. Operators will stay to the right of the trail notwithstanding that there are no centre lines;
15. Operators know that there may be grooming or other maintenance activities under way at any time of the day or night which may take up the whole or any part of the trail and have the right of way;
16. Operators and passengers know that snowmobile trails are not engineered highways;
17. All operators and passengers know and will adhere to the principles published as the Safe Riders Pledge by the *International Snowmobile Manufacturers' Association*;
18. Operators and passengers are aware that emergency and cell phone service may not be available;
19. Operators and passengers are aware that there are generally no legal requirements for signage on trails and, when provided, it is only for assistance and convenience;
20. Operators and passengers know that snowmobiling on OFSC trails is regarded as a family-oriented activity;
21. Operators and passengers know the unique and particular dangers of ice crossing;
22. The grooming and maintenance of trails, when provided, is meant solely to enhance the comfort and enjoyment of the safe and prudent operators and passengers;
23. Operators and passengers will dress appropriately for all conditions and will have appropriate safety and emergency equipment at all times.

The applicant understands that they are not required to complete the OFSC form in order to get a Trail Permit but to access applicable OFSC Benefits and Offers, including a subscription to a member magazine for seasonal permit purchasers, all sections must be completed.



Once again we will be at the 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 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 20, 2011

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Morrow Building

Corner Of George & Lansdowne St., Peterborough Ontario

Update from Convention 2011

This year's convention was again well attended with more and more younger folks getting involved or perhaps I'm just getting older and my perception of young is different than it was a few years ago.

The Honorable Michael Chan Minister of Tourism and culture paid us a visit again this year this time to announce \$400,000 to assist our groomer fund across the province. This is a much needed small step to assist our aging fleet, it is not well known but much of the money the OFSC receives from partners such as the \$3 million dollars received last year is not applicable to equipment. So although not millions of dollars this time it's a victory in recognition at the provincial level that we need equipment to maintain "Ontario's only world class winter tourism product".

Friday was host to a series of forums focused on the experiences from the volunteer to the rider, club and district. With each presentation discussions generated ideas to help identify common problems and solutions that could work for others. Simple things such as communication methods with members, and expectations of the rider across

the province, did you know one club solved the yellow ring around an outhouse by nailing a urinal to a tree a few feet off the trail and periodically shoveling a path to that tree. Now that's thinking outside the box no pun intended.

Getting down to business on Saturday we had some very close votes one of which was separated by just 5 votes for and against. A few highlights of the meeting. The proposed permit increase of \$10 last year was rejected by the MTO and given the world's economic position this was probably a blessing. The floor did vote to request this same increase for the 2012/2013 permits however this time the increase will be going directly to the industrial groomer fund to assist the province in maintaining and upgrading its aging fleet of grooming equipment. Last year's proposal for the classic permits to adopt an early pay incentive which would increase the cost of the classic permit by \$50 after Dec 1st from its current price was again debated this year but was ultimately put to rest when called to vote. The issue is not dead I'm sure but it seems that enough people are content to leave the

pay structure as is until the classic permit program has a few more years under its belt so data can be analyzed over several years, allowing everyone to make a more educated decision and not make changes to a program 2 years after it was introduced. The last item of significant conversation was the Matrix this is the system the OFSC uses to distribute funds equally across all clubs in the province. Without going into great detail the matrix ultimately determines the amount of money the club retains from each permit sold which is based on the number of trails they look after, grooming frequency and types of trails. Last year a task force was formed at the OFSC level which was supposed to deliver a report for this AGM. The task force has requested additional time to review their findings and apply the previous season's matrix data against a few formulas to better determine impacts. We now expect a report at next year's AGM in Collingwood.

Kevin Malley
Club delegate for 2010



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

\$1.5 Million—Total OFSC investment in projects to improve our environment and assist clubs in minimizing environmental impacts

231—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 Train-



Dates to Remember

International Snowmobile Show	Oct 14-16, 2011	Toronto International Centre
Fall General Meeting	Oct 23, 2011	7 p.m. at the Ganaraska Forest Center
Early Bird Deadline	Nov 1, 2011	Buy before November 1 st and be entered into the early bird draw
Fall Work Party	Nov 5, 2011	9 a.m. at the Ganaraska Forest Center (Note it's a Saturday this year)
Kawartha Sledarama (Peterborough)	Nov 20, 2011	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Morrow Building
Ganaraska Driver Training	Dec 4, 2011	Call Marlene Cunningham for more information 905-797-2011
Season Permit Early Pricing Ends	Dec 1, 2011	After Dec 1st regular season permits increase \$50
Exec & Volunteer Ride	Jan 15, 2012	Ganaraska Forest Center (Watch our website and your inbox for more details)
Family Fun Day (Pancake Breakfast / Poker Run)	Jan 29, 2012	Breakfast 9 a.m. Ganaraska Forest Center Poker Run Registration 9am-11am at the Ganaraska Forest Center
Annual Landowner Appreciation Dinner	March 24, 2012	Doors open at 6:00pm Bewdley Arena
Spring General Meeting	Apr 15, 2012	7 p.m. at the Ganaraska Forest Center



BRP has continued its pledge to snowmobile clubs' volunteers and their trails for the 2011-2012 season by continuing the very popular Million \$ program.

Through your support the Ganaraska Snowmobile Club has received more than \$1600 from this program with the potential to receive another \$1500 this year. How can you help us to make this happen it's simple, just go to www.ski-doo.com click on the Million \$ Club Support icon, fill out the form and when you receive the certificate in the mail bring it into your local Ski-Doo dealer and \$10 will be donated to the club.

The program ends on November 15th so please act now as it will take some time for the certificate to make its way through the mail. You can also bring your certificates to the general meeting on Oct 23rd or the work party on Nov 5th and the club will make sure the certificates make it to our sponsor dealer. We will have internet access available at the general meeting and work party if you still need to request a certificate.

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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