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New Trail Boss 122 Groomer Arrives



President's Report

What a summer we are having! Here it is August and preparations for the 2005/2006 snowmobile season have begun. What do you think of our hot dry summer with all those 30+ degree-days? Yes folks I'm writing this newsletter report as the temperature hovers around 34^o but with the humidity it feels like 40.

Looking at the season ahead we have good news, the seasonal passes this year will remain the same price at \$180.00 before Dec 1st. The price after Dec 1st is \$230.00 so for a cost saving of \$50.00 per permit it will certainly pay to buy early. As additional incentive to purchase early the OFSC has also reinstated the Early Bird draw for permits bought before Nov 1, 2005. You could win one of three gift vouchers from Royal Distributing worth \$1500.00, \$1000.00 or \$500.00 just by signing up for the OFSC benefits (at no additional cost) on the permit application and making your purchase before the Nov 1, 2005 deadline. The permits will be available at our distributors (see the listing included) by the end of September or complete the enclosed permit order form and return to the club office by mail. If you prefer you can make your purchase by phone by calling the club office at 905-983-5099 or toll free at 1-866-983-5099. We would prefer payment by cheque or cash, but will also accept Visa through the club office and at some of our distributors. In order to offer Visa processing the club is required to pay 4.5% or over \$8.00 per early permit to Visa services. If at all possible help us keep costs down by purchasing with a cheque or cash. The dollars saved will mean more dollars available to maintain some of the best trails in southern Ontario. It's never too early to start your Christmas shopping.

The OFSC is working hard on keeping the cost of our liability insurance under control, which will hopefully keep the permit costs down. Permit prices are set a year in advance at the OFSC annual general meeting (AGM) the third weekend in September. At this year's AGM in London, Ontario, as one of your delegates, I will be voting to hold permit prices at the current price level or lower if possible.

By the time you read this trail work will have begun. We still have some trails to widen and there is always brushing to be done so if you are available to help, give the club a call at 905-983-5099 or toll free at 1-866-983-5099.

I would like to thank the members that came out to our spring meeting and especially to the two new members, Bob and Grant Hamilton, who have agreed to sit on the board of directors. A big welcome to both Bob and Grant.

Lets hope this dry summer makes for lots of snow this winter.

Bill Stapleton
Club President

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New Trail Boss 122 Groomer Arrives

Our new custom built 122 T/C Trail Boss has arrived from Bell's Welding and is ready for the snow. I had the opportunity to check out the new groomer and drag while it was on display at the OFSC convention in London just a couple weeks ago. Gord Bell of Bell's Welding has done a real nice job of this machine and everyone I've talked to that owns one just loves it. With the included 8 foot drag this little machine will fit through all our trail system with ease.

Equipment Report

With the arrival of our new Trail Boss groomer to replace our aging 362 I think we are in really good shape heading into the winter season. Our 399 groomer has been meticulously inspected by our mechanic and is in good repair for the season. Paired with our 9 1/2 foot multi blade Mogul Master drag we have a very strong groomer force this winter.

Our 362 groomer has been donated to the District to be given to another club in need of a groomer. Donating the 362 groomer allowed us to apply to the OFSC for partial funding from the groomer replacement fund to purchase the new Trail Boss.

Mike and his signage crew should be able to carry a few more signs each day with the aid of a new signage trailer.



Quick Facts

Organized snowmobiling contributed \$847.5 million to the Ontario economy in the 2004 / 2005 season.

The groomers of the Ganaraska Snowmobile club use on average 1000L of Diesel fuel per week.

The average snowmobiler travels 100-200km per day.

THANKS TO OUR LANDOWNERS

Land access for snowmobiling is a precious, irreplaceable gift. If we continue to be good stewards, land access will remain one of the cornerstones of organized snowmobiling.

A special thank you to all our valued landowners. Without your continued support there would not be a trail system.

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We need your assistance for a province-wide campaign to Protect Our Volunteers! In recent years, Snowmobile Trail Permit fees have increased due to soaring liability insurance costs. One way to make insurance affordable is for Ontario to pass a law protecting club volunteers and landowners from unreasonable lawsuits.

We encourage you to log onto www.protectourvolunteers.ca, sign the petition telling the Premier to pass the new law this fall and tell a friend. We need all 45,000 non profit groups across the province to participate as volunteer liability spans all non profit groups not just snowmobiling.

Trail Report

Most of the main trails in the Ganaraska Forest have been graded by the municipality. We received approval to widen and flatten any hilltops where visibility was poor. We also took this opportunity to remove a number of small saplings that were starting to grow in on some intersections. We hope to bulldoze a small section of our inner loop trail which will complete our trail widening projects for the year. We still have a list of fence, gate, bridge work and trail brushing to complete before the snow flies. If you can spare a few yours of your time please give the club a call at 905-983-5099. Don't forget our work party on November 6, 2005.

News from the 2005 OFSC Convention

Some exciting news came out of the OFSC convention this year, the biggest and possibly the most important is a small decrease in the OFSC liability insurance premiums. This is a direct result of volunteers across the province participating in signage, groomer logs and risk management programs. The OFSC clubs have turned our insurance problem around from a case where no broker would take us 2 years ago to where we have multiple brokers fighting for our business.

The expectation is we can reduce our liability insurance premiums again next year which will freeze the 2006/2007 permits at today's prices. That's right the price you pay today will be the same price you pay next year.

Local News



Todd equipment limited a big supporter of the club would like to invite club members and friends to their open house on Oct 15, 2005 from 9am-5pm. There will be door prizes, free lunch, lots of specials and

technicians on site to answer your questions. Stop in and have a look around at the new Polaris lineup for 2006, buy your permit or just stop in and say hi. Todd Equipment is located at 955 Syer Line in Millbrook. Visit their website at www.toddequipmentltd.com for more information.

Volunteer Corner

For those that attended last years landowner and volunteer appreciation dinner & dance or even a dinner in previous years you know what a good time they are and if your like me you remember how good the food was. These events are organized by our volunteers and wouldn't happen without them. I'd like to extend a very big thank you to last years organizers Marlene Cunningham and Jill Williams. You did a fantastic job and can't wait to see what's in store for this year's dinner.

Permit Vendors

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

1 st Place Parts	905-983-6315	Orono
Britt's Bar & Grill	905-797-2771	Bewdley
Bruce Larmer	705-7454032	Peterborough
Automotive		
Camsport (HWY 115)	905-987-5174	Newcastle
Cycle World East	416-291-9858	Toronto
Easton Trailers	905-987-2277	Newcastle
Evergreen John	905-983-9119	Orono
Deer		
Ganaraska Snowmobile Club	905-983-5099	Kendal
Garden Hill Store	905-797-2614	Garden Hill
Gary Woodbeck	905-983-6475	Orono
Howard Moore	905-797-2989	Campbellcroft
Kawartha Auto Imports	705-749-0555	Peterborough
Kendal Community Centre/Post Office		Kendal
King's Wreckers	905-728-0533	Oshawa
License Office	905-885-7400	Port Hope
Matthew's	905-885-4585	Port Hope
Automotive		
Offroad Cycle	905-885-7278	Port Hope
Roka Lumber (Hwy 35)	705-277-3381	PontyPool
Spoiled Sports	905-436-6486	Courtice
Todd's Equipment	705-932-2182	Millbrook

Permit Report & How to Buy

Great news for permit buyers this year, there will be no permit increase this year and the early bird draw has returned. Permit prices remain at \$230 or \$180 if purchased before December 1st. Purchasing your permit on or before November 1st, 2005 and sign up for the OFSC benefits and you could win one of three Royal Distributing gift vouchers valued at \$1500, \$1000 or \$500. Your automatically entered when you sign up for OFSC benefits.

We have enclosed a permit application to make it easy to purchase your permit. Why wait, take a minute, fill in the application and mail it with a cheque preferably or we do accept VISA. When you use VISA it costs the club about \$8.00 a permit. We'd sooner spend that \$8.00 on trail work rather than give it to the banks.

You can also purchase a permit in any one of the following ways:

1. Through one of our vendors listed to the left
2. Fill out the permit application in this newsletter and mail to the club with a cheque made out to Ganaraska Snowmobile Club or with your Visa #. We will immediately send your permit out by mail.
3. You can also get an application on our website at www.ganaraskasnow.ca. Fill out the application online or print and fax or mail it to the club.
4. You can also call the club at (905) 983-5099 or 1-866-983-5099 or fax the application to (905) 983-6444

Please try to buy early. Thanks

Calendar of Events

Forest Center Canteen Returns!

Ross Winters will be returning to the Forest Center this winter serving up some of his delicious homemade soups, sandwiches and treats.

Stop in grab a bite to eat, a coffee or just to get warm.

For more information visit www.ganaraskasnow.ca

Fall General Meeting	Oct 23, 2005	7 p.m.	Campbellcroft Hall
International Snowmobile Show	Oct 21-23, 2005		Toronto International Centre
Early Bird Deadline	Nov 1, 2005	Buy your permit before Nov 1, 2005 and be entered into the early bird draw	
Fall Work Party	Nov 6, 2005	9 a.m.	Campbellcroft Hall Call the club at 905-983-5099 for more information
Ganaraska Driver Training	Nov 27, 2005	Call Marlene Cunningham for more information 905-797-2011	
Peterborough Snow Show	Nov 20, 2005	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Morrow Building
Pancake Breakfast	Jan 15, 2005	T.B.A	Ganaraska Forest Center
Poker Run	Feb 11, 2005	T.B.A	TBA
Annual Landowner Appreciation Dinner	Apr 1, 2005	T.B.A	Bewdley Arena
Spring General Meeting	Apr 16, 2005	7 p.m.	Campbellcroft Hall