

WYOMING SNOWMOBILE

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MARCH 2026 SEASON WRAP-UP



WSSA President

JAY SLAGOWSKI

Hello again fellow snowmobilers,

I hope you have been able to get out and do some riding since last month's letter as many of our riding across the state have recently received some much needed and very welcome snow.

As mentioned in my last post, I was able to attend the ACSA Mountain Riding summit in West Yellowstone Montana in late February. The event included state associations from all across the snowbelt with special emphasis of promoting and developing our local club and state associations future leaders and next generation riders. The event included two full days of fully guided rides for all skill levels and a variety of presentations and riding seminars presented by some of the industries' finest such as Brett Rasmussen from "Ride Rasmussen Style" and Wyoming's own Blaine Mathews, Jay Mentabarry, and Dave McClure were all there to give presentations on avalanche safety and coach and guide us out on the mountain rides. Our Wyoming contingent also included our WSSA young adult and youth rider program ambassadors Mr. Joey Clarke and Ryan Heikes.

Joey and Ryan were able to share some of our Wyoming success stories in promoting youth participation and also represent us at the youth Round Table event where young riders from across the nation shared their perspectives and ideas on how we keep our clubs and state organizations strong and productive for the future generations. A huge thanks to all of our Wyoming snowmobilers that attended the event and oh yah... it just so happened that we rode one of the biggest storms of the year to top things off.

Our 2026 WSSA Fun Days and board of directors meeting was held on March 6th thru the 8th hosted by The Cody County Snowmobile Association. Thanks to the Cody club for putting together an awesome weekend with plenty of fun, food, and drink to go around and to all of the CCSA volunteers that helped guide the rides on Saturday. It's always a great day when we are out on the snow and I think everyone had a great time on the rides. (Best wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery for our wounded sled heads who were having a great day until they weren't) and finally, a huge thank you to all of the clubs that attended and contributed to the many fund-raising activities in support of the WSSA. The silent auction items were outstanding this year and raised a pretty penny for Access WY and a variety of other great causes and as expected we "knocked it out of the park" in raising over \$31,000.00 to provide eight student scholarships to our student members all across the state.

In closing, I can't thank all of you Wyoming Snowmobile clubs enough. For the work you are doing in your communities, forming new and exciting partnerships, Volunteering thousands of hours in service projects and always there to help others in need. All of these efforts in turn make the WSSA an organization that we can all be very proud of.

Don't forget to take a friend or family member riding next time you go and

Always look ahead

Sincerely,

Jay Slagowski, WSSA President



Our fun days guide Eric, catching some air on Saturday's ride.



Over the hood powder in West Yellowstone.



Brett Rasmussen explaining sled set up.



ACSA Youth Round Table participants.

WSSA Secretary

SUNNY MADDEN

Hello everyone! I can't believe we have made it all the way to the final Wrangler of the season. Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2025-2026 season a successful one even though we were super lacking in snow.

Fun Days was a blast and we raised over \$32,000 for the Scholarship and Access Wyoming funds. We had a great time visiting Cody and exploring the town. It was fun to see everyone and catch up. Congratulations to all of the scholarship and raffle winners! More information will be posted on the WSSA website soon. Thank you, Cody County Snowmobile Association, for hosting a fantastic Fun Days!

Thank you so very much to Blaine Mathews for all of the publicity and support that you provided to WSSA over the season. It's so exciting to listen to Blaine's ideas for growing WSSA and reaching more snowmobilers with the purpose of our association. I look forward to working with Blaine again next season and seeing where this partnership takes us.

The Fall Meeting will be held in Dubois on Sat., Sept. 19, 2026. Lodging and meeting information will be shared on the WSSA website as soon as it's available.

I hope you all have a great summer and I'm looking forward to a snowier winter next year! As always, let me know if you need anything! wssasunny@gmail.com 307-360-7609.



Mark Green, owner of Elite Oil Field Services, LLC. Mark was the 1st and 2nd place winner of the WSSA Snowmobile Raffle.

WSSA Charity

BRENDA MILLER

Of the 16 active Wyoming State Snowmobile Association clubs, only half have turned in their charity reports. Have no fear though, for the clubs that have not turned their information you can still send it via email to me.

I would like to get all our clubs reports so that I can report on the great work

we do at the national level. I would love to have everyone's report by the end of March.

By my calculations from "Fun Days", which includes the charity reports that I have received so far, we have given \$2,550 to major charities, \$273,633.97 to local charities and we have volunteered 14,990 hours or our time to charitable efforts. In addition to these fantastic numbers, we also raised \$500 for Wyoming Cares, gave out \$20,000

in scholarships and we were able to put \$7,853.75 into our Access Wyoming account.

Last year according to the International Snowmobile Congress Charity Report there are 2057 organized snowmobile clubs/associations across the Snow Belt of the United States and Canadian Provinces, and on the other side of the ocean. Of those clubs only 306 sent in any type of charity report. That is less than 7%. In the report for last year those 306 clubs

raised \$3,208,864 for local and national charities and 61,082 hours were reported to charity. Can you imagine if the number of reporting clubs was higher.

I will find out at the International Snowmobile Congress in June what the total charity efforts were for this season.

Remember to keep track of your efforts from now until Fun Days again next year.

Thank you all for your efforts. See you in the fall, have a fantastic summer!

WSSA Scholarship

SHANNON GLANDT

First, I want to send a huge thank you to the Cody Club for hosting such an incredible Fun Days event! It truly lived up to its name and was so much FUN! What an amazing group of people. Thank you as well to all our clubs and club members who donated to the WSSA's 2026 scholarship program via the Schnapps bottle auction. Because of your kind and generous support, we are providing eight scholarships this year, between \$1,000 and \$4,000, for a total of \$20,000.

Congratulations to:

- Kyenne Weeks – 307 Riders
- Koryn Heikes – Sweetwater Snowpokes

- Gracie Hardeman – Jackson Hole Snow Devils
- Kynzi Adams – Big Horn Mountain Snomads
- Dani Grooms – Big Horn Mountain Snomads
- Sara Christie – Star Valley Sno-Skippers
- Madison Smith – Star Valley Sno-Skippers
- Tara Troutman – Powder River Sno-Buffs

The first place essay, submitted by Kyenne Weeks of the 307 Riders Club, is included within the Wrangler.

We are incredibly happy and proud to announce 163 scholarships worth \$270,650 have been distributed to our students over the past 18 years that I have kept track (and many more were given prior to this as well).

Looking forward to seeing you all next year at Fun Days in Afton!

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Shredding tree lies on Two Top Mountain

Photo courtesy Jay Slagowski

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The winning essay by Kyenne Weeks

As a young snowmobiler actively involved in my local club, I have seen firsthand the strong potential snowmobile organizations have—not only in the business they accomplish, but in the sense of community they can create. These clubs play an essential role in maintaining trails, organizing rides, hosting events, and advocating for land access. Despite this importance, many clubs struggle to keep younger members consistently engaged. In many cases, this lack of involvement is not due to disinterest, but rather the way meetings and leadership structures are organized. Meetings can feel routine, overly formal, or disconnected from how younger generations are used to communicating and participating. While the business side of a club—such as trail planning, budgets, and official discussion is necessary, there are more effective ways to manage these responsibilities so meetings feel both productive and inviting.

One practical improvement involves the use of technology. Most younger members are accustomed to digital organization in school, work, and everyday life, so shifting portions of club paperwork online could greatly improve efficiency. Financial reports, trail updates, and fundraising information could be stored in shared digital folders and reviewed ahead of time rather than read aloud during meetings. This allows meeting time to be spent on discussion and decision-making instead of explanations. It also shows respect for members' schedules, which is especially important for younger riders balancing school/higher education, work, and family responsibilities.

Strengthening the committee structure is another way to improve both meeting flow and member involvement. Committees focused on fundraising, trail maintenance, events, or membership allow detailed planning to happen outside of full meetings. This prevents meetings from becoming overly long and encourages more participation overall. Giving younger members roles within committees helps them gain confidence, develop leadership skills, and feel trusted. When young riders feel that their contributions matter, they are more likely to remain active and committed to the club.

Creating an atmosphere that feels like a community rather than an obligation is equally important. Younger members are far more likely to attend meetings when there is something engaging or interactive to look forward to. Incorporating guest speakers, safety demonstrations, equipment discussions, or short videos from recent rides can make meetings more interesting and relatable. Even small changes like allowing informal discussion time or recognizing member contributions can make a noticeable difference. These efforts help meetings feel less like lectures and more like gatherings of people who share a common passion which at the end of the day is the underlying purpose.

Another effective way to increase engagement is to involve younger members beyond the local level. Allowing youth to attend State Association or ACSA meetings as delegates or participants in mentorship programs shows that their voices matter. Many young snowmobilers care deeply about trail preservation, environmental responsibility, and safety advoca-

cy. Giving them exposure to the larger organizational structure helps them understand the importance of these efforts and encourages long-term involvement in the sport.

If a club hopes to make lasting improvements, it should begin by listening to its members. Surveys, suggestion boxes, and other similar methods, allow members of all ages to share ideas in a comfortable setting. Changes do not need to happen all at once. Starting with small steps—such as digital agendas or shorter presentations—allows members to adjust gradually. Pairing younger members with experienced leaders through mentorship also ensures that knowledge and traditions are passed down while still allowing the organization to evolve.

Mentorship and hands-on learning play a crucial role in maintaining strong clubs. Experienced members possess valuable knowledge related to trail grooming, equipment maintenance, and safe riding practices. Encouraging them to share these skills with younger riders not only preserves this knowledge but also builds meaningful relationships across generations. Learning side by side on the trails creates trust, respect, and a stronger sense of belonging within the club.

Collaboration with other community organizations—not just snowmobile clubs—can also strengthen outreach and engagement. Partnering with local recreation groups or other OHV clubs allows snowmobile clubs to connect with communities that are already active and established. Sponsoring events together, volunteering on shared projects, or co-hosting fundraisers increases visibility and builds positive relationships beyond the snowmobiling community. These partnerships highlight the club's role as a community-minded organization while creating natural opportunities to introduce new people to the sport.

As a young snowmobiler, I strongly believe clubs can grow into dynamic organizations that balance effective leadership with a strong sense of community. By embracing modern tools, improving meeting structure, and actively encouraging youth involvement, and collaboration, snowmobile clubs can remain both efficient and welcoming. The future of snowmobiling depends on the next generation, and giving young members meaningful roles today is the best way to ensure these organizations continue to thrive for years to come.

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TERA ADAMS

Wind River Youth Snocross Octane Expo Event

This year the Wind River Youth Snocross Circuit was privileged to be invited to host a race at the 2026 Octane Expo in West Yellowstone, Montana. The Octane Expo is a two day event that encompasses vintage snowmobile racing, kids racing, a Snowmobile Rodeo, a freestyle show and many vendors proudly displaying their newest products and accessories. The Wind River Youth Snocross event hosted over 40 racers, the largest race of the circuit! X-Games Gold Medalist Brett Turcotte and Willie Elam were on hand to present trophies providing an extra level of excitement to the event! This was an amazing opportunity for the kids and for the future advancement of the circuit.

2nd Place - Blake Martin

3rd Place - Zeke Thomas

Congratulations to all the participants, we are so proud of each and every racer!

In addition, we want to thank SKI-DOO and Rocky Mountain Powersports, our title sponsors, for all of their support in the 2026 season. SKI-DOO and Rocky Mountain Powersports have donated a brand new SKI-DOO MXZ 200 to the circuit. We will be raffling off the machine during the White Pine Snocross on April 11, 2026.

If you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets or participating in any of our events please contact us by email at pse1271965@gmail.com. For more information regarding our organization visit our Facebook page @Snow Explorers/Altitude Off-road Inc.

2026 Octane Expo Event Results

200 Stock:

1st Place - Blake Martin

2nd Place - Ruger Binon

3rd Place - Luke Craig

120 Stock:

1st Place - Nathan Sears

2nd Place - Axel Craig

3rd Place - Brooklyn Craig

200 Open Age 7-10:

1st Place - Blake Martin

2nd Place - Hunter Klosterman

3rd Place - Zeke Thomas

120 Open:

1st Place - Nathan Sears

2nd Place - Ronan Davidson

3rd Place - Taten Berg

200 Open Age 10-14:

1st Place - Brook Martin





Lander Snowdrifters



CAL ANACKER

Greetings,

Spring is in the air in the Lander area with warmer temperatures and record lack of snowfall. Snow conditions at the higher elevations remain quite good with marginal conditions on the flanks of the southern Winds. Hopefully the trailhead snow will persist to allow access!

Several members attended the WSSA Fun Days in Cody. The following Club members received awards at the event: Male Snowmobiler of the Year – Caleb Wilson, Snowmobile Family of the Year – Bill and Debbie Forton, Youth Snowmobiler of the Year – JJ McCoy, Snowmobile Business of the Year – Auto Medic LLC, Snowmobile Groomer of the Year – Cal Anacker.

The Snowdrifters would like to thank the Cody club for hosting the event.

Other happenings with our Club include:

- At the March meeting the Club received nominations for the Secretary and Treasurer positions. Elections will be held at our April meeting.
 - We hosted a Spring Social event showing videos, pictures, movies and storytelling at the Coalter Loft on March 20. This was arranged by Caleb Wilson with the Club providing beer and pizza.
 - Our semi-annual highway clean-up will be held in May.
- Have a good summer.

Dubois Sno-Katters

TRENT SLAGOWSKI

Greetings from the Dubois Sno-Katters!

We are wrapping up our business and meetings for the year, it's always bitter sweet knowing the snow is dwindling and the temperatures are beginning to rise. This season has really been a strange one for our riding area, and I'm sure most of you guys across the state.

It feels like we really didn't get much of a snowmobiling season, nonetheless we still found loads of enjoyment out of the few times we did go play in the snow. We haven't quite called it quits just yet, many of our members and myself are still hoping for some big spring snows that might just buy us time for our season.

Our family attended Fun Days in Cody the beginning of March, I would like to thank the Cody club for hosting this year we had an amazing time. Despite the lack of snow this year I felt that Fun Days had a great attendance and it really shows how people from across the state support snowmobiling on the great years and the not so great ones. It was nice to see friends from across the state that share our passion.

With the longer days and the nicer weather I also find myself looking forward to chasing the kiddos on dirt bikes and horses. I hope everyone has a great spring and we will see you all next fall.

Big Horn Sno Goers

Happy Springster all sledders! It hasn't been much of a winter and spring is definitely right around the corner... In our adventures, we have found pockets of good snow and pockets of great snow, however, most is mediocre at best.

Our spring plans for a Poker Fun Ride have been tabled for the season. We may try a summer run ride. Will post on Facebook and social media as soon as plans begin. As you all know, it is about like herding chickens getting people together and the stars aligning to make action happen!

Upon returning from the WSSA meeting in Cody, it definitely reminds us of how important our input and dues contribute to keeping our areas open are. If Wilderness Studies and potential closure can happen in Palisades both Wyoming and Idaho, Top of the World and the Gro Ventre, it can happen in your riding area too.

Thank you, all, who support and believe in keeping "our" land open to us. Be safe in your adventures! Let it snow!!!



Doug



Mike



Great one!

Sweetwater Snowpokes

Club Representative Report

GEORGE PRYICH

Thank you, Cody Country Snowmobile Association, for hosting another wonderful Fun Days! The Snowpokes were represented by 14 members at Fun Days. Thanks to all who traveled to Cody in spite of the strong wind. Congratulations, Koryn, for receiving the 2nd place of 8 scholarships! Thanks to Cambrie, Mackenzie, and Margaret LaPorte for the safety posters and photo scrapbook. Joey made a great video that everyone would enjoy. Thank you to all who purchased the WSSA raffle tickets; the club will receive half of the amount sold. The next Fun Days will be in Afton, Wyoming; save the dates of March 5-7, 2027.



There were 8 potential winners; some aren't in the photo (yet).

Thank you to the hosts of this year's Fun Days! We sure had a good time in Cody! There was something for everyone. Fourteen of us from the Snowpokes went different directions. There was the Buffalo Bill Museum, shopping, visiting friends, sightseeing near and far, and then there was the roundabout route to the Island Lake safety shelter via Pahaska Tepee! Lesson learned? Know where to go!



Club Report

ANGELINA PRYICH

YOUTH RIDE

Thank you to all who supported the Youth Ride in any way! A big thank you to Todd Taylor, Aspen Brown and Kawner for assembling and cooking the pizzas at Blind Bull.

FUN RUN



Snowmobile Fun Run, 02/21/2026 - This year the young people suggested greasy triples! They had fun trying to start them, run a bit, stop to "fix 'em" then run a bit, and stop again and again! Finally made it to Strawberry shelter and ran drag races. Lots of fun for those who remembered the days of ride and stop to crank on the machine so they could ride again!

FUN DAYS



Snowpokes tables



Three eliminated! Spoiler Alert - The winner is wearing a cowboy hat! See the Fun Days Awards on page 11.

YOUTH RIDE: BY JOEY CLARKE



Youth ride was a success! I would like to personally thank the WSSA (Wyoming State Snowmobile Association); we put in for a grant to help make this happen and they delivered for us! Also, Pete Leibee with Rocky Mountain



Powersports for hooking us up with the Skidoo 600 sleds for the kids to ride and for cooking up some pizza! There is a lot that goes into making this happen and it couldn't have been done without everybody!

YOUTH RIDE: BY KORYN HEIKES

Our second Youth Ride was a great success. This event provides local youth who have never experienced snowmobiling the opportunity to ride, with all equipment, machines, and transportation provided by our group.

It's an honor to introduce the next generation to the outdoors, promote safe and responsible riding, and create positive experiences in the mountains.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible.

A special thank you to WSSA for providing a grant that allowed us to bring this event to life. We also appreciate Pete Leibee with Rocky Mountain Powersports for supplying the sleds and taking the time to cook pizza for everyone at the Safety Shelter.

Thank you to Joey Clarke, Ryan Heikes, and Blaine Mathews for their patience, instruction, and support while helping our new riders learn and build confidence on the mountain.

We know there were many others who volunteered their time and efforts behind the scenes. To everyone who helped in any way, the Sweetwater Snowpokes sincerely say thank you.

Rev It Up Girls

ASHLEY MORRILL

Rev It Up Girls 2026 Riding Retreat: Rev It Up Girls was excited to host our 2026 Riding Retreat in Afton, WY at Kodiak Mountain Resort. They were so accommodating, allowing us the use of many of their cabins, as well as space inside the main lodge for our evening events. If you haven't had the opportunity to stay there yet, make it a priority! It is a simply stunning resort with great prices all within a short distance of some amazing riding.

We had so many great days of riding and friendship, with up to 32 women meeting to ride together! We had many helpers/ teachers donate their time and expertise for our retreat! Cheyenne Rasmussen Hollingsworth from Ride Rasmussen Style was able to come out with helpers Lauren and Katie to help teach skills. Jadian Meagher, Kiera Fine, and Steph Smith are also wonderful, experienced riders who were able to teach skills during the retreat. Many of the women attending left better riders because of all of you who were willing to help. Thank you so much for that. We also had Dylan Davis with Black Dog Pursuits out to take action-shots of all the women, not only for memories, but to help show women how they're riding for the potential to help them improve. He graciously allowed us to use his photos for this newsletter!

Thank you to Jen from Jumpin' Jaybird Studio for hosting paint night on Wednesday night! It is certainly a challenge to come up with a different, fun, snowmobile themed painting each year, but she kills it each time. Thursday night we had Local Artisan Vendor Night at the resort, and it was so great to see everyone come together for this event. Friday night many of our local merchants allowed us to do a Dessert Crawl down Main Street, sampling many decadent treats. Our Thursday and Friday night events were coordinated by Crystal with Outlaw T's, who also created our swag bag beanies. Thank you for all your hard work! Saturday evening, we had a delicious meal provided and prepared by Ross and Kim Abraham, followed by our Awards Banquet. Thank you to Blissful Bear Spa and Ashley Call for offering massages to the girls during our stay. We can't thank each and every one of you enough who contributed and made this retreat possible.

Also, thank you to the wonderful ladies who showed up to ride! Without all the women riders, there would have been no retreat. It was wonderful to share this experience with like minded women, and to leave the retreat with more friends and treasured memories.

I, as a steward, want to give a shoutout to all the members of the board who spent countless hours putting this event together, especially Stephanie Sims Driskell. These women have wholly



separate lives, including jobs and parenting (among other things), that they are responsible for outside of this club and they still managed to coordinate all these helpers, vendors, and events for everyone to enjoy. Your hard work does not go unnoticed! Our board members include President: Courtney Bancroft; Vice President: Janice Enos; Treasurer: Cat Roberts; Secretaries: Janice, Eva, and Courtney; Social Media, Web, and Marketing Director: Eva K; and Board Members at Large: Susan Johnston, Mickey Russell, Natalie Zuech, Margaret LaPorte, and Stephanie Sims Driskell.

We would also like to thank our sponsors who donated so many wonderful items for our raffle! Thank you to T&N Performance, Helena Cycle Center, Courtney Bancroft, OnX, Brook Lynn Unger, SCS Unlimited, Most Wanted Performance, Salt River Motors, Rocky Mountain Powersports, UpStyle Wyoming, Kayla Brewer, and Island Park Adventures. We appreciate you so much!

A wonderful time was had by all, and we are already looking forward to the 2027 Retreat!

Advice for Female Backcountry Beginners: As women riders, we have an entirely different set of obstacles to overcome when riding in the backcountry. Many women ride with men because we tend to be in the minority in this sport. Because of this, we often feel a lot of pressure to keep up and not be a burden. We wanted to share some advice that many women seem to struggle with in the early stages of backcountry riding.

One of the first things a rider should do is "customize your cockpit." All of us are different shapes and sizes, so take the time to find out what is best for you! This isn't true 100% of the time, but many women need lower, narrower handlebars to have better control.

Learn your machine and throttle control. It is important to learn where your throttle engages and practice feathering your throttle without losing momentum. It is helpful to find a meadow or other low consequence area to practice this safely. Once you're comfortable with throttle control, remember, when in doubt, throttle out! Speed is your friend in this sport. I can't count the number of stuck I've had strictly due to not carrying my momentum through a maneuver or up a steep hill.

Don't be afraid to get stuck! If you

aren't getting stuck, you probably aren't trying hard enough. Be aware of where you are stopping. Stopping on an incline can make for a difficult situation when you try to start moving again. There is a tricky balance between riding at your own pace and comfort level, while still trying to challenge yourself and learn new skills. Be very cautious with unfamiliar terrain, especially when riding in low light. Ride with people you trust to help you through tough situations.

Get your sled on edge! You can practice getting your sled on edge and holding it while riding in a straight line before trying to add carving and fancy turns. Once you learn how to get your sled on edge and how to counter steer, many things with snowmobiling will "click," and your bag of tricks will increase greatly. Look where you want to go! As you turn your head, your body turns too, your weight is transferred, and your machine will follow.

Lastly, HAVE FUN. Don't compare yourself to others, don't be too hard on yourself, and grant yourself a lot of grace. This sport is HARD! When you get too stressed, too tired, or too "in your own head," your riding suffers too. Sometimes you just need to know when to call it a day. That feeling we get when we accomplish something new, challenge ourselves, or just riding with friends on a beautiful day is really why we're all out there. Never lose sight of that and keep a positive attitude!

Items That Saved the Day: I think we have all been in a position when out snowmobiling in which we've needed some additional help. We asked our members to tell us about some items that helped them out in a jam! Some items that come highly recommended to save the day while out sledding are as follows: saws for fallen trees or particularly bad stuck; pull straps for an easier and safer ski pull; heated gear, both for on the trail or on your trip home to revive your cold limbs; a Leatherman or like multi-tool; Titan Straps or ratchet straps to tie down a variety of things or to temporarily hold together imperative equipment; a Boost Oxygen Canister in case anyone gets a little too winded or just needs a boost of energy; Hot Hands for hands, fingers, feet and toes; electrical, mule, and/ or hockey tape; a tarp for impromptu shelter or a cover; emergency blankets; a first aid kit; a radio; a tow strap; and most importantly FRIENDS!



Top of the Rockies



HOLLY SINCLAIR

Hello Fellow Snow Lovers!

A crew of us rolled into Cody for WSSA Fun Days, hosted by the awesome Cody Country Snowmobile Association – and wow, did we have a blast. We may not have hopped on the official ride, but we definitely made the most of being tourists. Cody treated us right, and we've got the pictures to prove it.

One of the weekend highlights was jumping into the legendary schnapps bottle auction and throwing down \$5,000 for Scholarships and Access! That kind of generosity is only possible because our rockstar Bingo Volunteers were back home keeping things running. You're the real MVPs and we appreciate you more than you know.

We also got to hand out some of our favorite annual club awards to members who were there with us. Celebrating our people is one of the best parts of being a club — and this year's winners absolutely earned their bragging rights.

Club Award Winners

- Male Snowmobiler of the Year: Carl Corn
- Female Snowmobiler of the Year: Rei Gilcrease
- Snowmobile Family of the Year: Scott & Chris Zienkiewicz
- Youth Snowmobiler of the Year: Ginny Sinclair
- Snowmobile Business of the Year: Wyoming Gunfighter
- Snowmobile Groomer of the Year: George Bratrude

Huge congratulations to all of you – thanks for bringing the energy, the dedication, and the fun.

We can't wait to see everyone at our next Bingo night on March 20. Bring your lucky charms and your loudest cheering voice. It's going to be a good one



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Cody Country Snowmobile Association



BERT MILLER

What a great weekend for Fun Days! On Friday night we had a fun meet and greet where we caught up with old friends and met some new ones. Then we played Singo and had a lot of fun. The guy running Singo said that we were the best group that he has ever done the event for. He has never been around a group of snowmobilers before!

Just so you know, Singo was our third choice for Friday night. We started looking at a cowboy review and chuck wagon cook out. Well, that was not going to work because Fun Days was in the winter and all the singers had left town for the winter. Our next thought was we would take you all to a Hockey game to see our hometown team "The Quake" play. They had a game that weekend, but we were informed that because of their record last season they would not have many home games. So Singo it was and we are glad you all had a great time.

Saturday was ride day! Or hanging out in Cody for the day. We had approximately 71 riders; we broke up into four groups. We hit the trail after we picked up a great lunch from the K bar Z guest ranch. Thank you, Dawna Barnett, for a great lunch. Ed Higbie, we want to thank you for the delivery. We had 2 Advanced rides and Two Trail/Intermediate rides. I heard a lot of fun things about all the rides. Mother nature sure served us plenty of wind and flat light. Excitement came when one of our ride masters broke his leg. I saw the xrays! He had surgery that night and twenty-two screws later he is on the mend. Thank you all for helping the way you did. Special thanks to the Search and Rescue teams for responding to help save the day. Also, Cody Regional Health hospital for the ambulance ride. Eric is doing well and recovering nicely., but he does not like to sit still.

Then the banquet on Saturday evening. I think we all enjoyed the buffet; I know I did LOL. Jay and I enjoyed moving the evening along with all the raffles and games. The silent auction went great and how did you like your secret bidding names? I thought Brenda was out of her mind, but it was a hit. How about Ed's gun fundraiser?

That was a lot of fun and even though you may not have won the gun there sure was a lot of booze.

The Schnapps bottle auction was a little more special to us this year: Mr. Tony Simek, who started the theory of the "all-in auction", was a special guest this year. To think this started back in 1996 with the hope to be able to fund 1 Scholarship from one bottle of booze you could not drink. After all these years! 261 Scholarships have been awarded totaling more than \$310,000 and we are celebrating the 30th anniversary of the program. Also, a special thanks to all the clubs who came together and raised \$31,500 this year, happy anniversary. Plus, the thousands of dollars helping out our Access Wyoming account.

Congratulations to Tim Erz for receiving the Wyoming State Trails Ron McKinney Trails Stewardship award and to Kim Raap for receiving the Wyoming State Trails Pioneer award. You both are well deserving of these awards. Also, congratulations to all the club members and their awards they received. You are all well deserving folks.

We also want to thank Christine Jourdain the American Council of Snowmobile Associations Executive Director and her husband for joining us for their very first Wyoming State Snowmobile Association "Fun Days" event. I think they will be back.

Jeff and John from Tucker Sno-Cat Inc attended their first "Fun Days" last year and they returned again this year, we were happy to have them join us as well.

Sunday's meeting was filled with some very good information. The sled raffle and the Visa gift card raffle are both on for the upcoming season. They both performed very well. For the Sled raffle we are hoping to get a big jump on this raffle and have the tickets ready by the September meeting. The sled committee has their work cut out for them and we know they will rock.

From all of us at the Cody Country Snowmobile Association we are very proud to be a club of the year. We are also very proud to have been able to host Fun Days this year. We truly hoped you all had a great time as we did hosting you.

Thank you all! CCSA.



2026 Fun Days Award Winners

Club Awards

307 RIDERS

Male Snowmobiler of the Year	Luke Diede
Female Snowmobiler of the Year	Heidi Weeks
Snowmobile Family of the Year	Kelly and Heidi Weeks Family
Youth Snowmobiler of the Year	Kendree Oltmanns
Snowmobile Business of the Year	Platinum Diesel
Snowmobile Groomer of the Year	Rick Young

BIG HORN MOUNTAIN SNOMADS

Male Snowmobiler of the Year	Chad Adams
Female Snowmobiler of the Year	Sandi Adams
Snowmobile Family of the Year	Jim Adams Family
Youth Snowmobiler of the Year	Riley Culligan & Bobby Ratcliff
Snowmobile Business of the Year	Kekich Speed & Sports
Snowmobile Groomer of the Year	Tom Anderson

CODY COUNTRY SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION

Male Snowmobiler of the Year	Scott Lynn
Female Snowmobiler of the Year	Mercadies Zaffarano
Snowmobile Family of the Year	Fremont McCoy Family
Youth Snowmobiler of the Year	Bryan Davis
Snowmobile Business of the Year	Ace Hardware

DUBOIS SNO-KATTERS

Youth Snowmobiler of the Year	Mona Engleman
Snowmobile Business of the Year	The Rustic Pine
Snowmobile Groomer of the Year	Crooked Creek Guest Ranch

JACKSON HOLE SNOW DEVILS

Male Snowmobiler of the Year	Skinner Bell
Female Snowmobiler of the Year	Courtney Ruddat
Snowmobile Family of the Year	The Tomb Family
Youth Snowmobiler of the Year	Justin Anderson
Snowmobile Business of the Year	JH Smal Engine Repair (Jamey Hornung)
Snowmobile Groomer of the Year	Todd Taylor

LANDER SNOWDRIFTERS

Male Snowmobiler of the Year	Caleb Wilson
Snowmobile Family of the Year	Bill and Debbie Forton
Youth Snowmobiler of the Year	JJ McCoy
Snowmobile Business of the Year	Auto Medic LLC
Snowmobile Groomer of the Year	Cal Anacker

POWDER RIVER SNO-BUFFS

Male Snowmobiler of the Year	Dan Fraley
Female Snowmobiler of the Year	Ellie Wollen
Snowmobile Family of the Year	The Qualm Family
Youth Snowmobiler of the Year	Aspen Bock
Snowmobile Business of the Year	Bonds Brewing Company

REV IT UP GIRLS

Female Snowmobiler of the Year	Jadian Meagher
Female Snowmobiler of the Year	Ashley Morrill
Snowmobile Family of the Year	The Bancroft Family
Youth Snowmobiler of the Year	Kamdyn Hale
Snowmobile Business of the Year	Kodiak Mountain Resort
Snowmobile Groomer of the Year	Tim Haberberger

SNOWY RANGE SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Snowmobile Family of the Year	Madden Family
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STAR VALLEY SNO-SKIPPERS

Male Snowmobiler of the Year	Frank Hemel
Female Snowmobiler of the Year	Chris Christie
Snowmobile Family of the Year	Balls Family
Youth Snowmobiler of the Year	Hadley Clark
Snowmobile Business of the Year	Mountain Oasis Red Light Therapy and Wellness
Snowmobile Groomer of the Year	Scott Neuenschwander

SWEETWATER SNOWPOKES

Male Snowmobiler of the Year	Chris LaPorte
Female Snowmobiler of the Year	Aspen Brown
Snowmobile Family of the Year	Rhodes Family (Rand, Allyssa, Trevin, Rylin)
Youth Snowmobiler of the Year	Mackenzie LaPorte
Snowmobile Business of the Year	Kendall Valley Lodge
Snowmobile Groomer of the Year	Todd Taylor

TOP OF THE ROCKIES

Male Snowmobiler of the Year	Carl Corn
Female Snowmobiler of the Year	Rei Gilcrease
Snowmobile Family of the Year	Scott and Chris Zienkiewicz
Youth Snowmobiler of the Year	Ginny Sinclair
Snowmobile Business of the Year	Wyoming Gunfighter
Snowmobile Groomer of the Year	George Bratrude

WSSA Award

Club of the Year	Cody County Snowmobile Association
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State Trails Awards

Ron McKinney Trail Stewardship Award	Tim Erz
Pioneer Award	Kim Raap

Lincoln County Snowbears

The Lincoln County Snowbears recently wrapped up another winter season with their final ride of the year, and it proved to be a great way to close out the season. Members and guests gathered for one last day on the snow, enjoying the scenery, good company and the opportunity to celebrate another year of snowmobiling in southwest Wyoming.

Despite the ups and downs that can come with any winter season, the club was pleased to see riders come together to enjoy the trails and make the most of the remaining snow. The final ride gave everyone a chance to reconnect, share stories from the season and appreciate the friendships that make the Snowbears such a strong community.

The club's annual Polar Run once again brought riders together for a day of fun, friendly competition, and time outdoors. The Snowbears extend their thanks to everyone who participated, volunteered, donated prizes and helped make the event a success.

The Snowbears would also like to thank the many supporters, local businesses, and volunteers who help keep snowmobiling strong in the area. Their support plays an important role in maintaining trails, hosting event, and encouraging safe and responsible riding.

While the snowmobiling season may be winding down, the Lincoln County Snowbears remain a year-round club. During the summer months, members stay active with club rides using side-by-sides, four-wheelers, motorcycles, and other off-road vehicles, giving everyone another opportunity to explore the outdoors together. The club also hosts a yearly summer fun run, bringing members and guests together for another great day of riding and camaraderie on the trails.

The Lincoln County Snowbears look forward to staying connected with members



throughout the year and preparing for another great season ahead. Be sure to watch for club updates and upcoming events on the Lincoln County Snowbears Facebook page.

For more information about the Lincoln County Snowbears or to get involved, contact Ron Dillree at 307-679-4702 or Kevin Gentry at 307-723-8589.





Jackson Hole Snow Devils

COURTNEY HODGES RUDDAT

The weather gods apparently refused to listen to Punxsutawney Phil, the Weather Prophet Extraordinary, this year and our six more weeks of winter did not happen.

As many of you are aware, Mother Nature just wasn't on our side this year. Our board and our partners Snow King Mountain spent many hours meeting and discussing options for holding the greatest show on snow, however, an ultimate decision was made by the board to cancel the event. We worked hard to make it work but we could not provide the show that our spectators expect as well as ensure the safety of the volunteers, the spectators and the riders. It was an extremely tough call that came with support as well as dissatisfaction from supporters, but to protect the future of the Hill Climb as well as the future of our sport there was no way we could proceed. We always appreciate the help and support we receive for other clubs around the state and hope to outperform ourselves with next year's event.

So, while the snow lasts, hopefully we can all get out and get our last rides in. Or you are maybe the one who is hitting the golf course a little earlier this year. Whether we see you on the trail or on the course we will everyone a safe and happy spring and summer! See you all in the fall.



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Star Valley Sno-Skippers

Community, Kids and a Little Snowmobile Rescue

PHILIP HALL

Another snow season with the Star Valley Sno-Skippers is in the books, and even when the snow doesn't cooperate, the people in this club sure do.

One of the highlights this year was watching some of the younger kids get involved. Several boys from our club put together snowmobile safety poster boards for the Wyoming State Snowmobile Association (WSSA) contest. Honestly, their creativity was impressive. It's good to see kids this age already thinking about safe and responsible riding, that's exactly how the tradition carries forward.

Education continues to be an important part of the Sno-Skippers' mission, and we were also proud to celebrate two local scholarship winners this year. We want to give a big congratulations to Sara Christie (5th place) and Madison Smith (6th place). Not a bad showing at all for Star Valley. The club has been proud to support opportunities like this, and seeing local kids get recognized makes it worth every bit of effort.

Now, if you spent any time around club members this winter, you already know how most conversations went. "No snow this year!" It got to be a running joke after a while. The snowpack wasn't exactly what anyone was hoping for, but that didn't stop people from getting out and making the most of it. Members still found plenty of ways to get their sleds buried and put their shovels to good use. Some things never change no matter the snow conditions.

And then sometimes it's not the snow that stops you. Sometimes the sled just decides it's done for the day, right there, miles from the trail and even further from the trailhead. That's when you find out real quick who your people are. This season that answer was easy, Red to the rescue. We won't get into all the details, but let's just say it's real good to know somebody like Red that's got your back out there.

From kids learning safety, to students earning scholarships, to riders helping riders on the trail, the Sno-Skippers continue to prove that snowmobiling is about more than just the ride, it's about community.

Here's hoping next season brings deeper snow, smoother trails, and of course a few more stories worth telling.

Ride safe and we'll see you on the trail.
Star Valley Sno-Skippers



Weston, Teyson and Kolton proudly display their ribbons and safety posters after placing 1st-3rd in the WSSA Snowmobile Safety Poster Contest.



Big Horn Mtn. Snomads

TRACY WOHRLE



Feb 14: Poker Run



We had 44 people attend, thank you all for showing up. Met a couple from Wisconsin and took their group up to Bucking Mule Falls. We had a wonderful time!



Feb. 26 and March 1: Back Country Ride

They were able to find enough snow to play in!



March 6, 7 and 8: WSSA Fun Days



What a weekend! A lot of money was raised and fun was had. If you've never attended one, we suggest you do attend next year. The snowmobile ride was beautiful, and those who didn't ride enjoyed the shopping and driving around Cody, WY and seeing their scenic views.

Snow is starting to come down on the Bighorn Mountains, so we will get together as often as possible to enjoy the ride. Looking forward to more snow next year!

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