

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

January 6, 2023

Club Meeting
9 am – Rome Town Hall

January 13, 2024

Petenwell Palooza
Ice Fisheree & Raffle
Lure Bar & Grill

February 1 - 4, 2024

Club Snowmobile Trip
The Lodge at Crooked
Lake Hotel in Siren, WI

February 10, 2024

Club Meeting
9 am – Rome Town Hall

April 27, 2024

Groomer Shed Workday

October 5, 2024

Adams County Snowmobile
Association Power Sports Show

**PLEASE
JOIN US!**



Message From President, Tom Warner

Merry Christmas Everyone!! I hope you all had a wonderful time with family and friends!

I know the big question on everyone's mind is where is the snow?! Looking at pictures and forecasts over the last week, there isn't much snow to be found anywhere! I pray this changes quickly and there is a hope that the season will turn around soon!! Start the snow dances PLEASE!!!!

Reminder that the January meeting has been moved up a week to January 6th. It will be at the Rome Town Hall at 9 am.

The Petenwell Palooza is January 13th at the Lure Bar and Grill. This is a fantastic fundraiser and a lot of fun to volunteer at or just attend! Talk to one of the committee members to sign up to volunteer!! Check out the Rome Sno Bandit Facebook page or our website for more information.

SELL SELL SELL those Petenwell Palooza Raffle Tickets!! There are a lot of great prizes for everyone!

As always, **THINK SNOW!!!!!!**

Tom Warner
President



President, Tom Warner (center) present the Town of Rome Police Chief, Jason Lauby (left) with a check for \$1,000 and the Town of Rome Fire Department Chief, Mark Kane (right) with a check for a \$1,000.

Our club continues to give back to our community! Thank you to all the club volunteers that make this happen!

Message From Trail Boss, Jerry Wiessinger

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! It would be a happy new year if we get some snow or at least some cold weather to make safe ice on the lakes. This warm weather is good for the heating bill, but not much else if you like outdoor winter activities. Unfortunately, what we save on the heating bill may be spent on adult beverages trying to drown our sorrows. We have no choice but to be patient and hope for normal winter weather soon.

Our trails and grooming equipment are ready for snow. We spent 190.8 hours mowing, brushing, and signing the trails. THANK YOU to all who volunteered to help. We have submitted claims to the County and received approval for over \$4500 for labor and equipment use.

We received the "Ride Right" signs and they have been installed in several areas on our trails thanks to Gary Gevers, Gene Gostomski, and Scott Murphy. After we installed the twenty-five signs, we realized we could use more to promote the campaign started by the SnoEagles Snowmobile Club in Eagle River to try to get riders to be aware there may be other riders using the same trail going the other direction, so stay on the right side. We have ordered more signs to get the message out there.

DO YOUR SNOW DANCE & PRAY FOR SNOW!!!

Jerry Wiessinger
Trail Boss

Message From Vice President, Bryan Meyer

Hello fellow snowmobilers! Mother nature sure has us spinning round these days. I know I have had a lot of extra time to get that yard work in. January the cold better move in or I can see it being a really ugly season with a lot of crabby snowmobiler friends!!

The Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree, ice or no ice, the event is still a go with all the fun of 50/50s, meat raffles, basket raffles, strip cards, and let's not forget the bonus raffle Friday and Saturday only for the Garmin Live Scope, and of course the main raffle. As always, we really could use your help selling tickets. Even without the ice right now we have a good feeling about the success of this event. If you don't have time to sell any tickets, I hope we will at least see you at the Lure on Friday or Saturday. We want to pack their house with customers!! Tell your friends to save the date. Watch for updates as we get closer to January 13th.

Be safe and have a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Bryan Meyer
Vice President



Rome Sno-Bandits Ice Fisheree & Raffle

Friday & Saturday - January 12 & 13, 2024
Lure Bar & Grill - Lake Petenwell

**We won't let poor ice conditions ruin the fun!
We are moving ice fishing indoors!**



Indoor Ice Fishing Tournament

Adults \$10 - Kids 12 & Under \$5

Registration: Friday 2 pm – 8 pm &
Saturday 11 am – 3 pm

Fishing starts at 3 pm on Saturday
Fish for a chance to win cash & prizes

Adults Top Cash Prize \$1,000

Five Cash Prizes of \$375 - \$125

All Cash prizes based on 250 entrants.

The more entrants the higher the payout!

Kids 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Cash Prizes

Over 100 Door Prizes To Be Given Away

Meat Raffle

Ticket Sales Start at 12:30 pm Saturday

1st Round Drawing Starts at 1 pm

Raffle Baskets

Ticket Sales Friday 2 pm – 8 pm &
Saturday 11 am – 4 pm

Drawing Starts After Main Event Raffle

50/50 Raffles

Continuous Throughout the Event

Garmin LiveScope Raffle

Tickets Sold Friday & Saturday Only - Tickets \$10 each!

The 1st 100 People to Register for the Indoor Ice Fishing Tournament
on Friday Receive a Free Garmin LiveScope Raffle Ticket!

Drawing Saturday After the Fish Prize Presentation

RAFFLE TICKETS

1st Prize: 7 Nights Lodging with Fishing Boat at Indiaonta Resort, Calm Lake, Atikokan, Ontario Canada

2nd Prize: Traeger Pro Series 22 Electric Wood Pellet Grill and Smoker

3rd Prize: Milwaukee M18 7-Tool Combo Kit (\$1,140 Value) · 4th Prize: \$500

5th Prize: Coleman Inflatable Hot Tub · 6th Prize: Ooni Wood Pellet Pizza Oven

Tickets \$5/each 3 Tickets/\$10 7 Tickets/\$20

Christmas In Rome





ANNUAL CLUB SNOWMOBILE TRIP

February 1st – 4th, 2024

**The Lodge at Crooked Lake Hotel & Conference Center
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**Join us for our club trip!
When making reservations, call and ask for
the Rome Sno-Bandit's block.**





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Annual Membership Renewal

Rome Sno-Bandit & AWSC memberships both expire on June 30th annually.

We process membership with the AWSC monthly in the summer and weekly in winter to minimize processing fees. We encourage you to renew your membership in July or August to avoid delays in receiving your trail pass. Membership applications can be found on our website along with trail pass information.

Ways to renew your membership:

ON-LINE: Through our website: www.RomeSnoBandits.com. Click on [Membership Application](#) under the Membership Page and pay with SECURE on-line payment with credit/debit card or PayPal.

MAIL: Send completed membership application with check to:
Rome Sno-Bandits, 302 13th Ave, Nekoosa, WI 54457

CLUB MEETINGS: Bring your membership application to a meeting with your check or cash payment. Applications are available at all meetings.

Your Club Membership Includes:

- You automatically become a member of the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs. (AWSC)
- You will receive seven issues each year of the Wisconsin Snowmobile News (WSN) magazine. It includes articles of interest to snowmobilers, activities of clubs across the state, reports of legislative events and snowmobile product information.
- You will be eligible for a discount Wisconsin Trail Pass through the AWSC.
- Monthly club newsletter.
- Membership to the Adams County Snowmobile Association.
- Great way to meet and socialize with other snowmobilers.

Trail Passes

Discount Wisconsin Trail Passes for the 2023-2024 season will be available to order from the AWSC beginning July 1st, 2023.

Go to: <https://awsc.org/Trail-Pass-Registration> to order your trail pass.

Trail passes are purchased through the AWSC and are available after your membership has been processed. If you provide your email address with your membership application, you will receive an email from the AWSC confirming your membership has been processed. This email will include your membership number and directions for ordering your trail pass.

You can also find your AWSC Membership number on the mailing label of your WSN Magazine or at <https://www.awsc.org/About-Us/Membership-Lookup>. Your membership number never changes.

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Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting December 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 7 officers present. There were 34 members in attendance and two guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The club welcomed new member Jim Kruger. Thank you for joining our club.

Town of Rome Fire Chief, Mark Kane, was in attendance and received a \$1,000 donation from the Rome Sno-Bandits. The donation will be used to purchase an Emergency Plug that disables an Electric Vehicle.

Town of Rome Police Chief, Jason Lauby, was in attendance and received a \$1,000 donation from the Rome Sno-Bandits. Chief Lauby is exploring the idea of a K-9 dog. If the K-9 dog is approved, this donation could go towards the start of this addition.

Secretary's Report

There were no changes to the Secretary's report. A motion was made by John Steinke to accept the report as it was presented in the newsletter. Jim Fisher seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy Steinke reported on the checking & savings account balances. Jerry Wiessinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Bob Sweet seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trails Boss Report

Thank you to the 43 members that helped with trail brushing and signing. The trails are ready to open on December 15, weather permitting. Directional signs are installed. Ride Right signs are ordered. The overhead outlet reels were installed by Scott Murphy. More weights are needed for the New Holland tractor.

Motion by Scott Murphy to spend up to \$500 on weights for the New Holland tractor. Motion seconded by Bob Sweet. All in favor. Motion Carried.

DCM Landscaping will do trail work between Badger Ave & Beaver Ave. Thank you to Dan Irwin for doing this. Mark April 27, 2024, on your calendar. We will be working on cleaning out the groomer shed in preparation for concrete work.

The Monroe Center Winter Pals Snowmobile Club has decided not to groom trails this season. The Jack Pine Savages Snowmobile Club will groom all but a short section of trail that Dellwood Moundview Snowmobile Club will groom. Our club will take care of rolling of the trails if needed.

Tom Gabriel leveled out the trail north of Alpine. Thank you, Tom!

Social Committee Report

A sympathy card was sent to Manette Flouro for the loss of her husband Grant. Grant and Manette were long time members of our club.

No report on fund balance as Bev was sick. Get well soon Bev!!!

Activities Report

CMN Phone-A-Thon: Jim Fisher, Cathy Steinke, John & Sue Krueger answered phones on December 7th. Thank you to them for taking the time to do this. The phones were quiet. More advertising needs to be done next year prior to the event. Our club donated \$1,000.

Christmas in Rome: The event was a huge success. Thank you to all the area businesses and organizations that helped. If you get a chance, drive through the Rome Town Center Park and look at the lights display. They will be up throughout the holidays and will be part of the Let it Glow event map. If you are interested in being on the committee for this event, please let Melissa know. We are always looking for new ideas to help grow the event.

Fisheree: There are a lot of nice prizes for this year's event including a fish locator. Please sell raffle tickets and share the event with friends on Facebook. On December 16, 2023, the Lure Bar & Grill will hold a meat raffle. The proceeds will go towards the Sno-Bandits.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

Check your signs. With the ground freezing, they can move.

A Power Sports Show will be held on October 5, 2024. Several dealers have shown interest. Our club will be participating, most likely serving the food and beverages.

The Adams County Sheriff's Department held a snowmobile safety class with the last session being held today. There were 13 registrations. Food and beverages were provided by the Adams County Snowmobile Association.

Follow Next Gen Riders on Facebook. They recently helped the Mercer Snowmobile club with trail work.

The Sheriff's Department has already had a trespassing issue. Several tickets were issued to an individual. A snow emergency plan is being worked on with snowmobile assistance.

Motion by Gary Gevers to donate \$200 to the Ribbon Ride. Motion seconded by Brian Baker. All in favor. Motion carried.

AWSC Report

The Grand Marsh Pathfinders were in the last AWSC Magazine. A bill allowing informational signs on State property was passed through the senate and signed by the Governor. Agreements will be needed between clubs and the DNR.

The director's meeting will be January 5-6, 2024.

Old Business

The Snowmobile Friendly Committee is done with the application and will be submitting it. Thank you to Warren Starner for heading up the committee.

The audit is done and will be finalized this week.

\$100 was made to the MS Ride through Kurt M. from the Dellwood Club.

Melissa suggested the club donate the ISC registration our club will receive with our \$500 sponsorship to our KAOS member Brooklyn Wolfe. More information will be gathered so a decision can be made.

The Best Christmas Ever thanked our club for our donation. If you are interested in the delivery/drop of gifts, contact Gary and Debb Gevers.

New Business

Cyndee Lewis has extra apparel and car show t-shirts available. Jeff Parmeter has club tumblers available.

Motion by Jim Fisher to change the January meeting to January 6, 2024, due to the Fisheree. Seconded by Brian Bakers. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn at 9:58 a.m. was made by Melissa Rhodes and seconded by Brian Baker. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Tom Gabriel. \$80 for Tom and \$80 for the club!

Respectfully Submitted

Melissa Rhodes
Secretary

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