

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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302 13th Ave, Nekoosa, WI 54457

Upcoming Events

November 11th, 2023

Trail Brushing, Chili Dump
& Club Meet

All To Take Place At
The Groomer Shed

Trail Brushing - 8 am
Chili Dump - Noon

Club meeting to follow Chili Dump

December 2nd, 2023

Christmas in Rome

December 7th & 8th, 2023

CMN Radiothon

December 9th, 2023

Club Meeting

9 am – Rome Town Hall

January 13th, 2024

Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree
Lure Bar & Grill

February 1st - 4th, 2024

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

PLEASE JOIN US!



Message From President, Tom Warner

Happy November everyone! As I write this I am looking out over a beautiful blanket of SNOW!! It is so exciting to see but we all know that there is a lot of work to be done before we can actually enjoy it.

November 11th is our trail brushing and signing day. This is our biggest workday of the year. We will need everyone to meet at the groomer shed at 8 am. After the work is done, enjoy some great chili and a cold beverage at the chili dump. This year we will be having the chili dump and monthly meeting around noon at the groomer shed on 13th Ave. Chili can be dropped off at the groomer shed that morning. Please make sure it isn't frozen.

Don't forget to get your club membership renewed if you haven't done so already! It does take some time to get applications processed with the AWSC. You can't get your discounted trail pass until your membership is processed.

I would like to give a huge thankyou to all our wonderful volunteers that helped to put on the two Trunk or Treat events this past weekend at the Rome Town Center and at the Lure Bar and Grill. It looked like a fun time and a great way to get the Rome Sno-Bandits name out into the community!!

Mark your calendars for the Rome Bandits Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree and Raffle that will be held January 13th, 2024! It will be a great time again this year and the event committee is doing a fantastic job getting ready for it!!

I hope to see everyone at the trail brushing and the chili dump on the 11th!

As always, THINK COLD AND SNOW!!!!

Tom Warner
President



Please bring a chair to the trail brushing and chili dump event. Everything will take place at the groomer shed. More information on page 3.

Message From Trail Boss, Jerry Wiessinger

As I am writing this, we are getting beautiful snow in Rome with about three inches on our deck. This will get you excited for the coming snowmobile season. Unfortunately, it is a month too early. Let's hope we will see this again in December. Start doing your snow dance!

The Trail Committee is very busy getting the trails ready for the coming snowmobile season. We have two new groomer operators that volunteered and have gone through the equipment familiarization training with Gary Gevers. They are Jon O'Keefe and Tom Gabriel, Thank You Guys!!

We will be doing some brush cutting and mowing of the trails before Brushing/Signing day on November 11th. We can use a lot of hands that day, so bring your loopers, pole saws, and chainsaws if you have them, otherwise we have that equipment available. There will be some brushing needed along some of the road rights-of-way where we need to haul the cuttings to the Transfer Site so we will need a couple of trailers. We will meet at 8:00 am at the Groomer Shed to break out in groups with the trail section leaders and go to work. We should be done by noon and able to return to the Groomer Shed for chili and refreshments. The November meeting will follow.

Don't forget to order your Trail Pass now so you are ready when the trails open.

SEE YOU AT THE GROOMER SHED AT 8:00AM ON NOVEMBER 11TH.

Jerry Wiessinger
Trail Boss

Message From Vice President, Bryan Meyer

Hi everyone!

It is that exciting time of year. Fall colors were amazing! Now it is time to think snowmobiles and getting the trails marked and cleared for safe travels this season, and of course our famous chili dump! I hope to see you all there on November 11th, the biggest and most important day for the club to get work done! I am also hearing it is a pretty good chance we will have our new informational signs from the County for each intersection.

If you haven't got your membership renewal in, please do so. Don't wait for the snow to fall before renewing! Also, if you can, introduce someone new to snowmobiling this year. In general, memberships are down, and we need to do our part to keep our sport growing!

Be safe and think snow!

Brap!

Bryan Meyer
Vice President

Annual Trail Brushing, Chili Dump, & November Club Meeting



Saturday, November 11th, 2023

8:00 am – Trail Brushing & Signing

Meet at the Groomer Shed located at 302 - 13th Ave. (Off Alpine Drive) Bring gloves and any trimming equipment you might have. Lobber shears, chainsaws, and pole saws are helpful. We have Section Leaders and will split up in to groups to sign and brush each section. This usually takes 3 - 4 hours to complete.

If you have any questions, please contact
Jerry Wiessinger at (920) 360-6701 or jerry@wiessinger.com

12:00 Noon – Chili Dump

When the work is completed, we will meet back at the Groomer Shed for a chili dump. Please bring a half gallon or so of unfrozen chili to be mixed together. You are welcome to bring other goodies like snacks, breads, desserts, or anything you would like to go along with the chili dump. Please drop off your unfrozen chili at the Groomer Shed at 8:00 am so we have time to heat it up!

If you have any questions, email Melissa at RomeSnoBanditsSecretary@gmail.com

November Monthly Club Meeting

Following our chili dump, we will have our monthly club meeting and 50/50 raffle.

Everything will take place at the Groomer Shed.

Please bring a chair!

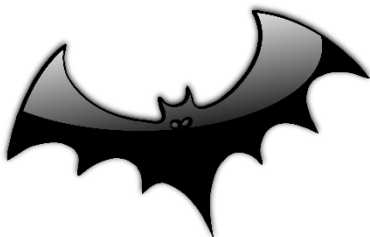
*This event has turned into a Sno-Bandits tradition kicking off the snowmobile season.
It is a great time to help your club while having fun and
getting to know fellow club members.*

Come Join The Fun!!!



HALLOWEEN FUN

Thank you to our club members that represented the Sno-Bandits at the Rome Town Center and the Lure Bar & Grill Halloween events. The booth turned out great!





ICE FISHEREE & RAFFLE

JANUARY 13TH, 2024

Lure Bar & Grill

A volunteer sign-up sheet & raffle tickets will be available at our Trail Brushing event or reach out to Melissa, Gunnar, or Bryan.

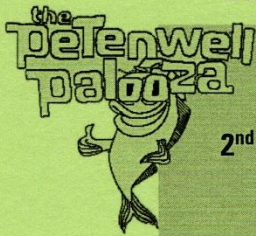
Please help our club by selling raffle tickets and signing up to help the day of the event. We always have a great time!

We are always looking for help on the Fisheree Committee. Please let us know if you want to join us!

Rome Sno-Bandits Petenwell Palooza Fisheree & Raffle

Saturday, January 13, 2024 · Raffle Drawings Start @ 4:00 pm

Lure Bar & Grill, 1735 Archer Lane, Nekoosa, WI 54457



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 Gift Card to More Freakin Power

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



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

Fisheree 7am-3pm · Meat Raffle 1:00pm · 50/50 Raffles · Basket Raffles

Facebook.com/RomeSnoBandits - Website: www.romesnobandits.com

Need not be present to WIN!

Rome Sno-Bandits - 302 13th Ave, Nekoosa, WI 54457

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ANNUAL CLUB SNOWMOBILE TRIP

February 1st – 4th, 2024

The Lodge at Crooked Lake Hotel & Conference Center

24271 WI-35 Siren, WI 54872

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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/Member-Lookup>. Your membership number never changes.

Membership Contact: Donna Bohn
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Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting October 14th, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 7 officers present. There were 39 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Welcome new member, Jeff Grimm. Thank you to Steve Ottowitz and John O'Keefe for volunteering to be groomer operators.

Secretary's Report

There were no changes to the Secretary's report. A motion was made by Warren Starner to accept the report as it was presented in the newsletter. Linda Randall seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

Linda Randall made a motion to invest \$20,000 in a 12-month CD and to have Treasurer, Cathy Steinke, look into moving the club savings account into a higher earning account. Motion seconded by Jerry Wiessinger. All in favor. Motion carried.

Trails Boss Report

The Trails Committee met and got the equipment ready for the upcoming season. The windows on the tractor were professionally cleaned to remove the haze. The trails will be looked at and a list will be made of what work needs to be done. Brushing and mowing of the trails will be done at the end of the month.

Trail brushing will take place on November 11th at 8:00 a.m. Please make sure to fill out a trail maintenance form so we are reimbursed for your time.

Jerry worked with the DNR to track down who was tearing down a gate on the Country Sports trail. The DNR was able to follow tracks to home and will deal with the violators.

Next year, Wayne Mikrut will need someone to take over Section 5. Please let Jerry or Wayne know if you are interested in doing this.

On the last weekend in April 2024, we will need volunteers to help clean out the groomer shed and move items into storage boxes. Concreate is scheduled to be installed. Hopefully everything will be done by the end of June. We energies will install gas to the groomer shed this fall or spring.

Gary is training John O'Keefe, Steve Ottowitz, and Tom Gabriel for grooming.

Social Committee Report

No cards were sent out.

The balance in the fund is 217.65.

Activities Report

Trunk or Treat: Allison Young, Lori Pritzl, and Cathy Steinke will work on the Sno-Bandit booth at the Rome Town Center and the Lure Bar & Grill.

Adopt-A-Highway: Due to the weather, road pickup will be moved to Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Fisheree: Raffle tickets are available for sale. Please take some to sell. The fisheree will be held on January 13th. Drink Wisconsinly has shown interest in attending our event. More Freakn Power is out of business so we will need to do a \$500 cash prize instead of the gift card.

Trail Brushing: Trail brushing will be held on November 11th starting at 8 am at the groomer shed. Please bring unfrozen chili to the groomer shed at 8 a.m. so we have time to heat it up. Sides and desserts are welcomed.

CMN Phone-A-Thon: Will be held again this December 7th and 8th. Please let Jim Fisher know if you would like to answer phones at this event.

Christman in Rome: The event will be held on December 2nd from 2 pm – 5 pm at the Rome Town Hall and from 5 pm – 8 pm at the Rome Town Center Park. There will be crafts, cookie decorating, food and hot chocolate during the day and horse drawn wagon rides during the evening along with portable firepits for making smores. A Rome Sno-Bandits display will be set up at the Rome Town Center. Anyone interested in helping with ideas or set up, please contact Melissa Rhodes.

Christmas Decoration in front of the Rome Town Hall will take place on Friday November 24th. Please contact Jerry W or Kathy Halverson if you would like to help with the set up. No trees will be set up this year.

Club Trip: The club trip will be held on February 1st - 4th, 2024 at Crooked Lake Lodge in Siren.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

Grand Marsh will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary and is inviting everyone to attend Connell's Cedar Shack on October 21st to celebrate. They will also be celebrating a club member receiving Groomer of The Year from the AWSC.

Sheriff York and the K-9 deputy and dog attend the last Adams County Snowmobile Association meeting along with AWSC President, Lori Heideman, and Ms. Snowflake.

Sheriff York is working on putting together a Snowmobile Safety Class and Mock Snowmobile Crash.

Old Business

Bryan Meyer is working with Tim O'Neil at County Sport on putting together a Tech session.

The audit committee is working on the audit with Cathy Steinke.

New Business

The Donation Committee presented a Charitable Giving Policy and a list of suggested donations. From that list, the following donations were recommended.

Rome Police Department and Fire Department \$1,000 donation to each. Scott Murphy made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Rome Police Department and \$1,000 to the Rome Fire Department. Lori Heideman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Angel Tree \$200.00 donation: John Steinke made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the Angel Tree program. Kathy Halverson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Best Christmas Ever \$500.00 donation. Jim Fisher made a motion to donate \$500 to the Best Christmas Ever program. Cathy Steinke seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Adams County K-9 Program: Bev Sweet made a motion to donate \$100 to the Adams County K-9 program. Kathy Halverson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Warren Starner will head the Snowmobile Friendly Community renewal application. Lori Heideman and Melissa Rhodes will be on the committee.

Lori Pritzl and John O'Keefe will help with map box and brochure maintenance over the winter. Thank you for stepping up to help!

A motion to adjourn at 10:33 am was made by Kathy Halverson and seconded by Casey Schilling. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Melissa Rhodes
Secretary

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Adams County Snowmobile Association

October 5, 2023, at Cedar Shack

The October 5th meeting was called to order around 7pm by President Steve McIntosh. There were 36 plus people present. Many Grand Marsh members were in attendance to honor their Trail Boss Dave Ferge who was awarded AWSC Groomer of the Year. We celebrated with pizza for all in attendance. AWSC President Lori Heideman and Miss Snowflake Rachel Burzinski honored Dave and awarded him a plaque. The Grand Marsh club is celebrating their 50th year and Dave has been their groomer for all of those 50 years!! Lori talked about the history of the club and all of their yearly events.

Also in attendance was Deputy Sheriff Craig Orlowski and his K9 Tekla who is 4 years old, to tell of the ATV/UTV fundraiser on October 14th.

The **Secretary** read the minutes from the September meeting. There were no changes. A motion to accept was made by Kathy Halverson and seconded by Gary Gevers. All in favor, motion carries.

The **Treasurer** was not in attendance. No checks were written so the balance is the same as last month.

Darren congratulated Dave on his award. He asked clubs to have their fall bills to him by January 1st. He has attended a county coordinator meeting today. There will be an online SNARS meeting on Oct 23rd. It will be on the AWSC website and available to watch at a later date.

Gary reminded everyone of the AWSC fall workshop to be held in La Crosse. Classes will be on trailside first aid, SNARS training, DNR safety instructor recertification class, county director responsibilities and a snowmobile friendly class. He reminded the clubs of the availability for scholarships for kids in your club or your relatives to apply for. There is about \$15,000 this year.

Recreation Deputy Graham McFarland is gearing up for the snowmobile season. If you see anything going on that shouldn't be, please notify the sheriff's department. Lori reported that the budget for wardens has almost doubled this year. He is available for snowmobile safety classes. There will be one in Adams at the community center this year, date to be sometime in early December.

Bryan introduced Megan Steckelberg the Adams Chamber executive director. She talked about all of the things that the Chamber can do.

Old Business: Steve talked about the 2024 Power Sport Show at the fairgrounds on October 5th or 6th. All businesses could be there. Clubs who have people to work at the event will receive a share of the proceeds. Talk to your club about your interest in this event. He reminded clubs to get your info sign verbiage and old signs submitted to Steve. If any clubs need more maps, they will be available at the November meeting. Trail changes will not be included until next year. Put up your own signs for these changes this year.

Club dues need to be paid now. It is \$1 per member. See Melissa or Kathy to find out what you owe. We are looking for someone to either take over or help out with the treasurer position to report financials.

New Business: Club events coming up: Oct 14th sheriffs ride, Oct 21st Grand Marsh 50th party, band 7-11 free to the public, Nov 4th Jack Pine gun raffle. Darren reminded clubs to let their landowners know when you will be out on the trails.

Next meeting November 2nd at Cedar Shack 7pm

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Schmidt, seconded by Bob Spies at 8pm. See you in November!

Kathy Halverson
Association Secretary

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