

PALMERSTON AND DISTRICT SNOW KINGS

President's message

As Mother Nature is pulling another fast one on us, the executive and the trail bosses have worked long and hard on getting ready for another season of "Organized Snowmobiling". The show must go on no matter what she gives us. The executive and trail bosses always do a wonderful job, whether it is behind the scenes with paper work or marking& setting up trails or even going to District 9 meetings. Sometimes their work goes unnoticed and we want to thank you.

Over the last few newsletters we have asked our members to come out to a meeting to see what the Snow Kings do and see about getting involved with our executive. This is an election year and we have current executives stepping down from there positions and no one to fill these shoes. I encourage you if you want to volunteer the best way is to come out to our meetings and see about getting involved.

Unfortunately January is almost over but if we think positive, and do the snow dance maybe February and March will be different.

Please send me your email address and I will send you current events

*Keep The Rubber Side Down.
President Palmerston Snowking's
Brad Scott (sbscott@wightman.ca)*

PALMERSTON SNOW KINGS 100 MILES PLUS SNOWMOBILE POKER RALLY

**Saturday, February 13th, 2010
Starts at the Palmerston Legion**

**Breakfast 8 -10
Registration 8:30a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
All hands in by 5 P.M.**

**Poker Hand \$10
Extra Hand \$5**

**1st prize - two 2009-2010 trail
vouchers**

**2nd prize - one 2009-2010 trail
vouchers**

3rd prize - \$50 cash prize

**Vehicle parking - everyone wel-
come**

**For more information
Call Brad Scott 519 343 4711
GOOD LUCK**

Message from the Trail Bosses

It is indeed frustrating that the trails have yet to be open, if only we could promise snow. Some permit purchasers have approached the executive for refunds on their trail permits due to the lack of snow, this however is not possible. It is, perhaps, more frustrating to the volunteers and executive. One must consider the cost of maintaining our 220km of trails.

The Palmerston Snow Kings have spent close to \$10,000 on excavator work, bridge repairs and grading. The stakes alone cost approximately \$3.00/stake x 200 stakes, this is only the cost of materials, not to mention the time spent on stakes (4 volunteers x 16 hours) just to paint and install reflectors. Similarly, there are always signs to replace and repair this adds up to \$1500.00 before there is even 1 flake of snow.

In addition to stakes and repairs, there is grooming costs, \$55.00 per hr to operate a groomer, which doesn't take into account repairs. We as the executive have looked at the budget



carefully and have managed to save \$20,000 by replacing grooming equipment with no available grants.

We as a club have sold 365 permits at \$200.00, of which we keep \$75.00/permit.

All we can do is hope and cross our fingers for snow, once we have snow we will try our best to have the trails in pristine condition!

Hats off to the trail bosses for an excellent job of setting up the trails! We have met the district risk management goals for another season! The new bright orange stakes look great!!! Thank you to all who worked so hard!

*Ron Ash (Groomer Coordinator)
John Landman (Trail Coordinator)*

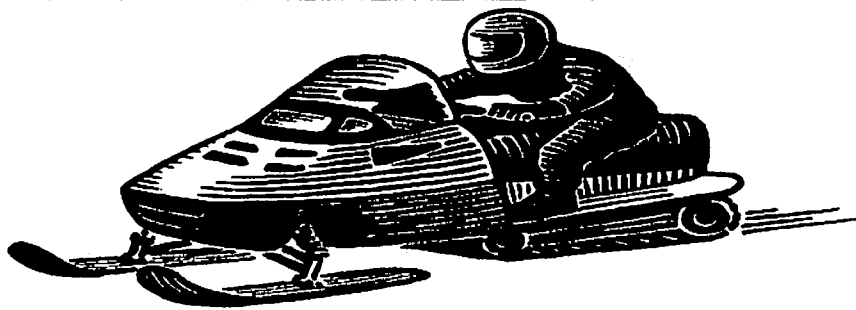


PALMERSTON
SNOW KINGS
Presents
WING NIGHT
Friday, January 29th, 2010
At the Palmerston Arena
Ready for orders at 5 p.m.
Come hungry!

Vice President's Message

Just a short note to all of us unimpressed sledders out there. I wish mother nature would just cooperate...oh well.. On that note, the volunteers have all the stakes up, trails are brushed and groomed. We just need more snow. I would like to thank all of the volunteers for their efforts. It is frustrating when we go to all of this work and don't get to enjoy it. Lets hope we have some snow on February 13th for the 100 mile run. All the best and think SNOW, SNOW, SNOW!!!

Jeff Hamilton V.P
Palmerston Snow Kings



Trail Permit Purchasers . . .

Remember, if your snowmobile
is 1995 or older, you now qualify
for a Classic Trail Permit.

For more information go to
www.ofscdistrict9.ca OR
call 1-800-387-7669.

CLUB HOUSE STATUS UPDATE...

As some of you may have heard the Palmerston Snow Kings have terminated their clubhouse, which they have had for nearly 40 years. The club stands at a stale mate on whether or not to build a clubhouse. Therefore we are in dire need of club members/ volunteers to step up with any interest or ideas or location for a future building site. Our club has agreed that by the last meeting of the season (mid-April) we will vote on either pursuing the build or discontinuing the idea. We have set up a building committee and club fundraising dollars have been set aside for the possibility that we will pursue a new clubhouse. If not a new clubhouse, the executive will need direction as to where to direct these funds. Any input from the general membership would be greatly appreciated.

Due to the expense of snail mailing a newsletter to the membership (and the fact that my lips are glued together from licking envelopes) we request that you forward your email address to

palmerstonsnowkings@tdtech.ca

***We will forward future newsletters via email
Any other inquiries, suggestions or comments can
also be forwarded to this address***