

# FRESH POWDER NORTHWEST

## Spokane Winter Knights Snowmobile Club

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### 2015-2016 Ride Season Ends

The 2015-2016 snowmobile season has come to an end. With the Tower Fire and the closing of the Baldies, the snow coming late, and all the changes to the ride schedule, this club still managed to make this another great season due in large part to a great group of volunteers that gave their time to help with grooming, rides, signs, BBQ, Snow Show, Xmas party & the Calling Committee, to name a few. Without you, what we do as a club would not be possible. Thanks for your help.

The 2016-2017 season promises to be another great season. We have a great group of new members that have already stepped up to help with rides, and have joined the Board of Directors to ensure that the Winter Knights continue to be the premier snowmobile club in the Inland Northwest.

The ride schedule for next season is out, (see inside), and

those of you that were at the last general meeting were able get a copy then. If you get email, you already received copy of the ride schedule to save as a file. Soon you will also be able to view the ride schedule on the Winter Knights website.

Depending on how Mother Nature treats us this spring and summer, I am hoping to do some unofficial, non-club sanctioned ATV rides. If you have a favorite ride and would like to share that with other club members, please contact me at [gmumm@hotmail.com](mailto:gmumm@hotmail.com), or call me to make the arrangements and get the word out.

Looking forward to next season, I'm excited to be bringing a new format to all club rides to accommodate various skill levels, help members that want to improve their off-trail skills, and have a better opportunity to get to know your fellow Winter Knights



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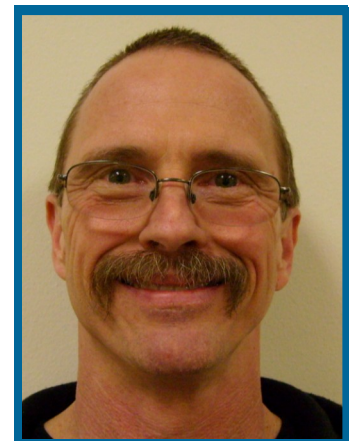
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members with more barbecues after the ride.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me. SUMMER SUCKS !

### Glen Mumm

Vice President, Ride Coordinator



## From the President



This past winter went by too fast! However, in spite of not being able to ride most of our trails at the Baldies and enjoy our Ritz warming hut, I

think we had some great rides this past year. I especially enjoyed the rides and Winter Knights members at McCall, Island Park, and Cooke City!! I think Glen Mumm did an excellent job this year of coordinating our rides and getting all of the information out on [Facebook](#) and through the club's email!!

Glen also took on the challenge of the position of Marketing Chairman. Thank you Glen!!!! AND THEN he was awarded the

“Bonehead Award” trophy at the March club meeting for his dramatic snowmobile crash this winter at McCall. We also thanked Frank Young for his service on the Winter Knights Board, and the Presidential Trophy was given to Greg Figg for all that he does for the Club.

Enjoy the spring and hope to see you at some of our summer club events!!

**Sharon Crockett,**  
President

## 2016 Scholarship Program

The Winter Knights Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that \$1,200 will be awarded to each of this year's applicants:

- Taylor Ruggles, daughter of Steve & Shami Ruggles
- Jacob Ross, son of Perry and Sandy Ross

Congratulations and best of luck on your future education endeavors!



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## WINTER KNIGHTS GOLF TOURNAMENT

CALLING ALL GOLFERS (Men, Women, & Children)

for the annual "**WINTER KNIGHTS GOLF TOURNAMENT**"

**WHAT:** FUN time of Golf (only 9 Holes)

**WHEN:** Sunday, August 14, 2016 (before the club picnic)

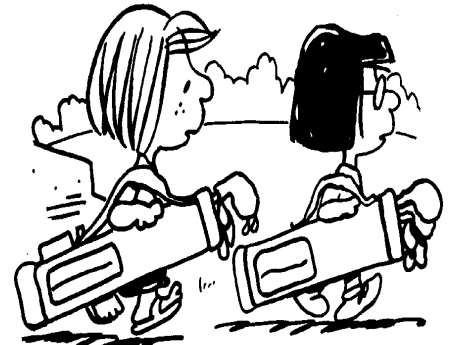
**WHERE:** The Ranch Golf Club, Priest River, Idaho

**TIME:** 1st Tee Time @ 9:00 a.m.

*Please call Sharon Crockett (484-7273) to reserve  
your spot in our "tournament."*

\*\*\*\*\*Golf reservation deadline: Tuesday, August 9, 2016 \*\*\*\*\*

**DON'T MISS THE PRIZES and ALL-AROUND GREAT TIME!**



## 2016 Summer Picnic

Our annual Winter Knights summer picnic will once again be held at Darrell and Norma Ritz's home on Albeni Cove by Newport, on Sunday, August 14 at 1:00 pm. They have a beach, lawn,

and plenty of room for our picnic. Kids are welcome to come and can go swimming in the cove so don't forget to bring your lawn chairs, swimsuits, towels, and sun-screen. The club will

provide the meats, plates, and utensils. Please bring your favorite picnic dish or dessert to add to the meal, as well as your own beverages. If you need directions, call Darrell & Norma Ritz at 509-220-2758.

We also invite you to join us before the picnic at the Ranch Golf Club by Priest River for a relaxing and fun round of golf – only 9 holes. We don't compete – just have fun in the sun (at least that's what we hope after getting soaked last year). You can golf, you can just enjoy walking with the group, or you can be a chauffeur of the golf cart!



## Search and Rescue (SAR)

“Good news....bad news”. The good news is there have been no official “call outs” for SAR since our support to Grant County last November. Apparently, even the dementia and autistic individuals had enough of their facilities to stay out of the weather this winter. Plus, with improved cellular service around Mount Spokane, potentially lost individuals are able to use GPS apps or talk their way back to the parking lot. The bad news is there have been no official “call outs”. While this sounds somewhat perverse, SAR team members go to great personal effort in time and expense to maintain proficiency skills in First Aid, GPS tracking, search protocols, land navigation, etc., and the list goes on. To be willing to commit to all of that, there has to be an underlying desire to rise up

to the challenge and demonstrate those skills to help others. When the need occurs, we currently have sixteen (16) members which includes two new (and younger) add-on’s, namely JoAnn Post, a Snow Show recruit, and Cody Christensen, a recent County SAR Academy graduate. A hearty welcome to both into Winter Knights SAR.

As previously mentioned, training has been continuous and most recently with participation in the Spokane County Mock Exercise conducted Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at Fishtrap Recreational Area outside Sprague. It started out with a hasty ATV search for three individuals “scouting for turkey hunting areas”, but was cut short approximately 5 miles later when Bob’s Razor developed a grinding noise in the rear axle. Our

involvement then shifted from search to recovery. This has not been a good winter for Bob’s toys! First, he had problems with his snowmobile after the Priest Lake ride (tether switch). Then it was his diesel truck acting up coming back from McCall, ID. Thought it was fixed after a tune-up maintenance session, however, the problem returned....only worse, which forced him to creep into Island Park. Eight (8) injectors later, Bob now has the feel of a new engine fully capable to trailer his Razor to the repair shop. Sorry Bob, but I needed something to say for the newsletter.

In closing, Winter Knights SAR will be taking its summer break always ready in the “starting blocks” and eager to pick up training activities again in the fall.

By Wayne Smith





## 2016-2017 Ride Schedule

### **December 2016:**

12-17 Tune-up Ride at Mt Spokane. 9am to 1pm. TRAIL / OFF TRAIL.

### **January 2017:**

1-7 Nordman Idaho, 302 Sno-Park to Trapper Warming Hut, 10am to 3pm. TRAIL RIDE.

1-14 Beaver Lodge to Calispell Peak. 9am to 3pm. TRAIL / OFF TRAIL.

1-21 Newcomer Ride. Starts at the Kings Lake parking lot. 10am to 3pm.

TRAIL / OFF TRAIL.

1-27 thru 1-29 Eric's Ride at Coolin Idaho. Watch Facebook for details. TRAIL RIDE.

### **February 2017:**

2-4 Frank Young's Annual BBQ and Bonfire Ride. 11am start, launch from the Kings Lake parking lot. This is a ride around the Baldies returning to the Kings Lake lot by 5pm for a BBQ and Bonfire. There will also be a night ride, weather permitting. TRAIL / OFF TRAIL.

2-11 MOUNTAIN RIDE, Time and location to be determined based on snow conditions.

2-17 thru 2-19 WSSA Winter Rendezvous: Location - 12 Tribes Casino in Omak, Washington. Contact Greg Figg for more info.

2-18 Festivus Ride, A ride for the rest of us! This ride is for those of us that can't make it to the WSSA Rendezvous. Launch location will be at 4th of July Pass. 8:30am to 3pm. TRAIL / OFF TRAIL.

2-22 thru 2-26 McCall Idaho. Trail Rides and Mountain rides. See our Facebook page in January 2017 for an itinerary of events.

2-25 thru 3-4 Island Park Idaho. Call Rob Skellenger for more details.

## 2016-2017 Ride Schedule (cont.)

### **March 2016:**

3-4 End of Season Ride, 9am to 4pm. Kings Lake to Lamb Creek

(Priest Lake) for lunch at Millie's, then ride back to Kings Lake. TRAIL RIDE.

3-11 MOUNTAIN RIDE, Time and location to be determined based on snow conditions.

Caravanning will be available for those members not familiar with these launch locations.

For more information please visit our Facebook page, or call

Glen Mumm 509-993-3159

### **Ride Definitions**

**TRAIL RIDE:** Trail Rides will accommodate riders of all skill levels. The ride will stay on groomed trails and cover 40 to 70+ miles.

**TRAIL / OFF TRAIL:** These rides will accommodate riders of all skill levels. These rides will use the groomed trail system and stop at play areas, like meadows & clear cuts, for riders in the group that would like to test their off trail skills. Off trail skills instruction will be available for anyone interested in improving their off trail abilities.

**MOUNTAIN RIDE:** These rides are for riders with intermediate or advanced off trail skills. Groomed trails will be used to access open mountain faces & large steep clear cut areas. Beacon, Probe, Shovel and basic avalanche training are mandatory. Skills clinic will be available at these rides.

**BACK COUNTRY RIDE:** Expert level mountain riding skills are required for these rides. Avalanche rescue gear and avalanche training are mandatory. Expect tree riding on steep slopes, big climbs with some vertical lips, deep snow, water crossings and long days.

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## 2016 Upcoming Events

### **June:**

17 - Spokane Indians Baseball Game (order tickets by May 25)

### **July:**

30 and 31 - Down River Days - Lone, WA

30 - Membership renewals for 2016-2017 season mailed out

### **August:**

9 - Deadline for Golf Tournament registration

14 - Golf Tournament - The Ranch Golf Club, Priest River, Idaho

14 - Summer Picnic - Ritz' home on Pend Oreille River  
(bring side dish or dessert & beverage)

### **September:**

1 - Board Meeting - Abacus

15 - General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center

### **November:**

3 - Board Meeting - Abacus

11 - Snow Show Set-up - Fairgrounds

12 - Snow Show - Fairgrounds

17 - General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center

### **December:**

10 - Christmas Party - Ramada at the Airport

17 - Tune-up Ride (trail and off-trail ride) - Mt. Spokane - 9am



### - Club Officers -

President - Sharon Crocket

Vice President - Glen Mumm

Treasurer - Greg Figg

Secretary - Ron Kelly

### - Club Chairs -

Snow Show - Dean Meakin

Search & Rescue - Wayne Smith

Membership - Al & Nellie McCarty

Marketing - Glen Mumm

### - Board Members -

Scott Ahrens

Bob Walker

Dennis Parshall

John Peterson

Steve Ruggles

Rob Skellenger

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**SPOKANE WINTER KNIGHTS  
SNOWMOBILE CLUB  
NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK**

**When:**

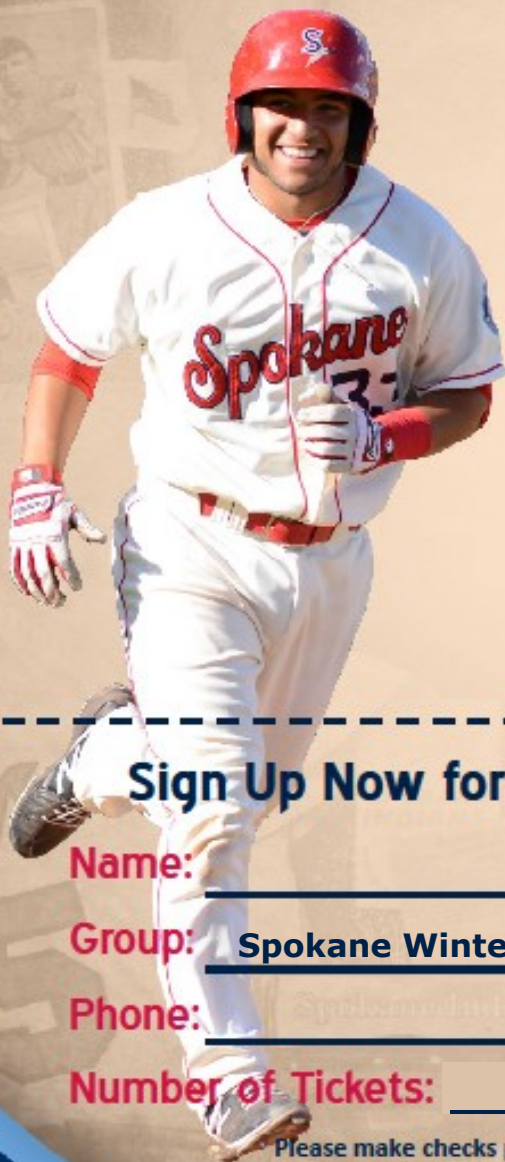
**Friday, June 17 @ 6:30pm**

**Where:**

**Avista Stadium  
602 N. Havana**

**Promotion:**

**Opening Night Fireworks**



**Sign Up Now for your Night Out at Avista Stadium**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Group:** **Spokane Winter Knights Snowmobile**

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Tickets:** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$11 = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **Spokane Winter** and return payment  
with form to Nellie McCarty.

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