

# FRESH POWDER NORTHWEST

## Spokane Winter Knights Snowmobile Club

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### 2017 Summer Picnic

Our annual Winter Knights summer picnic will once again be held at Darrell and Norma Ritz's home on Pend Oreille River's Albeni Cove by Newport, on Sunday, August 6 at 12:00 pm. They have a beach, large lawn area, and plenty of room for our picnic, so bring your lawn chairs. Kids and adults are welcome to go

swimming in the cove, so don't forget your swimsuits, towels, and sunscreen. 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.



### 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 6, 2017 (before the club picnic)

**WHERE:** [The Ranch Golf Club, Priest River, Idaho](#)

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

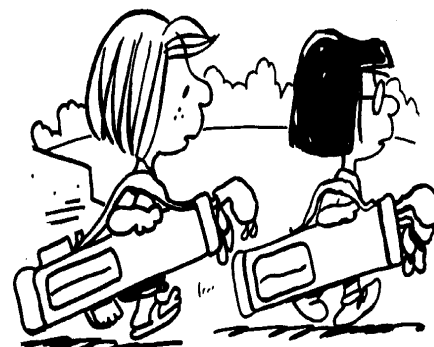
Please call Sharon (484-7273) to reserve your spot in our "tournament."

\*\*\*\*\*Golf reservation deadline: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 \*\*\*\*\*

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



SPOKANE WINTER KNIGHTS SNOWMOBILE CLUB



## From the President

Summer is here this week with warm weather and a few thunderstorms!! I hope you all had a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!

Our annual summer picnic and golf game is happening on August 6. It is always such a nice day that I hope “old” and “new” members will join us at the Ritz’s river cabin. We golf in the morning at the Ranch Golf Course by Priest River at 9 a.m. – no stress, no competition, just a nice morning of 9 holes of golf. If you are going to golf with us and haven’t contacted me yet to let me know you’re going to join us for golf, please do so by August 1. The golf course likes to have an idea of how many will be playing. It’s not a competition – we golf and have fun – and no one cares what

your score is! We then meet at the Ritz’s river cabin by Newport where they have lots of grass for us to enjoy a potluck lunch and camaraderie with other club members. So if you’re new to the club, we welcome you to join us!

Next up will be the first board meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of September and the Club meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of September. The NewTech Skill Center where the meeting is held has been renovated and has a very nice room for eating dinner served by the students before the meeting. I remember my first meeting in 2009 – walked into the dinner by myself, knew no one in the club, and look where I am now – President of the club and knowing so many more people!

The moral of the story is get involved, come to the dinner and meetings to meet other members and hear what’s happening with the club, volunteer to help at the Snow Show in November, and join us on the rides.

Enjoy your summer!

**Sharon Crockett,**  
President



## Upcoming General Meeting



Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 21, 2017 at the [NEWTECH Skill Center](#), located at 4141 N. Regal. Please arrive BY 6:00 pm, dinner is at 6:15. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Dinners are \$10.00 per person (this includes tax and tip).

We will continue to have the “Student Shoe Fund” donation jar at the check-in table to help support the students in the culinary arts program!

Next Board Meeting:

September 7, 2017 @ 6pm  
Location: Contact Sharon

## From the Vice President

Thankfully the days are finally getting shorter, summer is just not my season. Fortunately there was a cool wet start to summer, and I for one hope to see more of it. Things are starting to stir in the mod shop. Us hardcore dudes are starting to spin wrenches and add more power in anticipation of that first big dump of POW so we can haul ass to the mountains and play dodge-rock, lol.

I know everyone is wondering what in the heck is going on with the Baldies. Well, all I can tell you at this time is that the

wheels of progress at the Colville Forest Service turn very, very slow. The same goes for Mt. Spokane with the proper signing for areas open to snowmobiling. At this point I am hoping to have some info on these issues by our first general meeting. So in the meantime, I'm going to enjoy some hardcore dirt biking with Al and start packing my bags in anticipation of going back to Hay Days again with Greg and take the tour of the Polaris plant. Maybe Greg and I can give those guys at Polaris a few pointers?? See you all at the picnic.



## Snowbikes Rule !

**Glen Mumm,**  
Vice President  
Ride Coordinator  
Director of Promos & Marketing

## Message from Pamela McConkey - State Parks & Recreation

I thought I would share with you that the current SMAC (Snowmobile Advisory Committee) Area 3 position held by Dennis Parshall will be expiring this Fall. Dennis will continue on the committee through this summer's funding meeting later in July. If you know of anyone in your club or the snowmobile community that would be interested

in applying for this position, we will be recruiting soon. Applications can be found on our website at <http://www.parks.state.wa.us/139/Advisory-Committee>. New committee appointments begin October 1.



## Spokane Indians Baseball Game

Due to lack of interest, the club did not attend the Spokane Indians baseball game on Thursday, June 15. Perhaps it was the universe letting us know that it was not a good night to attend the game...because it was cancelled due to the rainy weather! We will try again next year.





## Search and Rescue (SAR)



While the Southern states bake in 100 degree plus temperatures, I still need a light jacket to sit outdoors with morning coffee. Being a Texas transplant, I feel I have a better appreciation of how great it is to be here in the Inland Northwest, a fact I keep reminding the local natives of that seem to take everything for granted. Enough said, and since this is supposed to be an article on Winter Knights SAR, I guess I should get to it.

Just when I thought there was not much to write about, it happened.....a County "call out" Monday night, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:54 pm (2154 hrs). The subject of the search was described as a 15 year-old, highly functional autistic male, who was hiking with a friend in the Mica Peak/Tower Hill area. The individuals decided to separate on different trails and

link back up later, which never happened. Wearing only shorts and a T-shirt put the subject in harms way as this just happened to be the evening when a series of un-forecasted thunderstorms with high winds hit the Spokane area. The "call out" was specific in requesting ATVs, which falls right in the Winter Knights wheelhouse. Upon arrival at the Command Post, our team was assigned the task of relocating to Stevens Creek Road trailhead and working our way up to "Big Rock". What started out as an exciting adventure soon deteriorated into an adrenaline pumping challenge. Attempting to navigate hiking paths, in the dark, busting through wet foliage in gusty winds with narrow and steep inclines soon exceeded the capabilities of our transportation.



After a few near mishaps and not willing to accept defeat, we went to Plan B....that being to dismount and hike up the remaining distance to the top. I will concede, it was a lot farther and steeper than originally thought, but the team did prevail and completed the task. No subject was found, however, we did get in a rigorous exercise in



the wee hours of the morning. Shortly after returning to the ATVs and redirecting our efforts in another search area, word was received that the subject had been located and was in good health. Turns out he was spotted next to a barn by the landowner and held until transport by Sheriff Deputies.

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## Search and Rescue (cont.)

Back in May and June, there were some requests for volunteers to conduct “evidence searches” to support major crime cases which involve a meticulous and methodical grid type search. Volunteers are not allowed to discuss the aspects of the search as the case is still under investigation.

The Winter Knights SAR team did conduct a day of training on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> involving ATV, GPS, tracking, and backboard use. Also, the team went through rope hoist recovery

techniques so if and when someone goes “over the edge”, equipment and procedures are already in place. In all, it was an informative and fun afternoon followed by a cook-out social and lots of “war stories”. There is a strong possibility this will become an annual event and potential SAR candidates are invited. Thanks to Simon Triggs for taking time to check us out.

In a few short months, Fall will be upon us....meaning September when everything kicks off again

with board, club and SAR team meetings on Thursday nights. Once again, for those individuals interested in joining the SAR team, you don’t need to wait and miss all the fun as alluded to above. As with any organization, there are administrative matters that have to be accomplished and are mostly done via the internet. Please don’t hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

**Wayne Smith**  
SAR Director





## Membership Renewal Invoices

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! Be on the lookout for your Winter Knights renewal invoice, which is being mailed separately from this newsletter, on July 15. Traditionally, renewal invoices were always attached to the July newsletter. However, members seemed to overlook the invoices when they threw away their newsletters and then claimed they never got an invoice. This would result in additional printing and postage costs to resend the invoices.

It is imperative that every member keep their contact information up-to-date. It is especially important that your email address is accurate, since this is our main form of contact with you throughout the year. Examples of important emails we send include: last-minute ride location or time changes, special events, meeting reminders, etc.

The invoices look slightly different this year. We have added a payment table at the bottom. We have pre-filled the club dues field for you. Please finish filling it out based on if you want newsletters mailed to you or not, then write in your TOTAL. **Mail your payment by August 31, 2017** so your membership does not lapse, as September 1 is the start of the new 2017-18 season for both the Winter Knights and WSSA.

Please renew your membership through Winter Knights, **NOT** through WSSA directly. Once we update our club database, we will then update the WSSA database automatically for you. It is much easier on our end this way.

### **3 ways to renew your membership!**

1. Renew On-line and pay with PayPal.
2. Renew On-line and send a check in the mail.
3. Renew by updating contact information on the invoice and mailing it back with a check.

Just go to

[spokanewinterknights.com/membership-renewals](http://spokanewinterknights.com/membership-renewals)

and follow the instructions.

**Membership Dues = \$30 this year, same as last year.**

**There is an additional \$5 annual fee for mailed newsletters via the U.S. Post Office.**

**Al & Nellie McCarty**

Membership Chairs

## Website

Have you checked out the club website lately?

Go to [SpokaneWinterKnights.com](http://SpokaneWinterKnights.com) and check it out! It is full of information, mobile-friendly and easy to navigate.

Don't forget to bookmark it for easy access in the future.



## 2017 Upcoming Events

### **July:**

28, 29, 30 - [Down River Days](#) - Lone, WA (WaterCross on 30<sup>th</sup>)

### **August:**

1 - Deadline for Golf Tournament Registration

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

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

31 - Membership Renewal Payment Due

### **September:**

7 - Board Meeting - Contact Sharon for location

21 - General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center

### **October:**

5 - Board Meeting - Contact Sharon for location

19 - General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center

### **November:**

2 - Board Meeting - Contact Sharon for location

10 - Snow Show Set-up - Fairgrounds

11 - Snow Show - Fairgrounds

16 - General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center

### **December:**

9 - Christmas Party - Ramada at the Airport

#### **- Club Officers -**

President - Sharon Crockett

Vice President - Glen Mumm

Treasurer - Greg Figg

Secretary - Ron Kelley

#### **- Club Chairs -**

Snow Show - Dean Meakin

Search & Rescue - Wayne Smith

Membership - Al & Nellie McCarty

Marketing - Glen Mumm

#### **- Board Members -**

Michelle Axelson

Simon Triggs

Scott Ahrens

Bob Walker

Dennis Parshall

John Peterson

#### **- Newsletter Editors -**

Al & Nellie McCarty

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## EVOLUTION

