

FRESH POWDER NORTHWEST

Spokane Winter Knights Snowmobile Club

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2021 Summer Picnic

Plans for our annual Winter Knights summer picnic are moving forward!! It will be held at Darrell and Norma Ritz's home on Pend Oreille River's Albeni Cove by Newport, on Sunday, August 15 at 12:00 pm. They have a beach, large lawn area, and plenty of room for social distancing, 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 or Norma Ritz at 509-220-2758.



Annual Winter Knights Golf Game

CALLING ALL GOLFERS (Men, Women, & Children)!!

WHAT: FUN time of Golf (only 9 Holes)

WHEN: Sunday, August 15, 2021 (before the club picnic)

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

TIME: 1st Tee Time @ 9:00 a.m. We will divide into groups and tee off one after the other.

RSVP DEADLINE: Sunday, August 1, 2021 Please call Sharon (484-7273) to reserve your spot.

Our annual golf game is happening on Sunday, August 15, 2021, at the Ranch Golf Course by Priest River at 9 a.m. – not a competition, just a nice morning of 9 holes of golf. We golf and have fun – and no one cares what your score is! Some of us don't golf any longer, but will walk the course to watch the great golfers play. If you need a cart, there will be carts available to rent from the course. We would enjoy having you join us! See you in August!

Sharon Crockett, Golf Coordinator



From the President

Greetings Winter Knights Members,

It is the end of June now as I write this article in the middle of a heat wave. I hope this finds you in good health despite the extreme hot weather. I guess it is a good year to own a boat or watercraft!

In regard to club activities, I am hopeful that our in-person club meetings will be able to resume this Fall with the state opening back up for business. Stay tuned, more to come on this in the following months.

In regard to the club, Bob Walker has stepped down

after years of heading up the woodcutting and grooming committees. Bob deserves our sincere appreciation for everything he has done for the club over the years. Bob is still going to be involved, but just won't be chairing these committees. We will need to fill these vacancies. If you are interested, let one of the club Board members know.

Our summer picnic should be a go this year at the Ritz's beautiful home at Albeni Cove. More information to follow on this as well.

Lastly, the Selkirk Trailblazers Water Cross in Ione should

be Saturday, July 25. This is a good way to get your sled fix in the middle of summer!!

Please enjoy your summer and hope to see everybody real soon at our upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Greg Figg,
President



Upcoming General Meeting



Our next scheduled club meeting is Thursday, September 16, 2021 at the [NEWTECH Skill Center](#), located at 4141 N. Regal. This may change, however, pending the status of the

COVID-19 situation. We will keep you informed as that date nears.

Next Board Meeting:
September 9, 2021 @ 6pm
Location: Contact Greg

From the Vice President

As I write this article, the temperature outside is breaking all-time heat records and I find myself daydreaming about a white winter free of COVID and its restrictions. I think about getting back to the regular business of the club with in-person meetings and group involvement with no masks or distancing. I imagine a Snow Show full of vendors, volunteers and attendees willing to put last year behind them. With these thoughts, I remember how things should be and how I've missed the human interactions. I get excited when thinking about the year ahead, but along with this rejuvenated enthusiasm comes a bit of trepidation, as I realize it will take an added effort on many of us to start the wheels rolling to create enough momentum to meet the expectations for our club this year. I have made a personal commitment as a club officer to work closely with all of you to achieve our goals and to help usher in a new level of normalcy as we move forward into our club year, but I can't

do it alone. We must all play a part in this journey ahead with all hands on deck to succeed!

As you are well aware, many hands make light work, so my plea at this time is for everyone to consider stepping up to take on some responsibility, small or large, that will further our efforts. Starting with wood cutting this Fall, to the Snow Show in November, the Christmas Party in December, then into the riding season, there are plenty of opportunities for you to become involved to help make this club successful and something to be proud of. Not all jobs in the club require long hard hours of toil, in fact, few of them do, and all I'm asking is for you to say "YES" when someone from leadership calls with a request. But, in all fairness, I have to warn you. Once you do say yes and become involved, it may be habit forming and you may find yourself having so much fun that you start forgetting about all the negatives in life and begin smiling more. This may

change your overall appearance and others may fail to recognize you. This can be a problem, so consider yourself warned!!!

The question then is, are you ready to get out there and get to work and have some fun? I am, and I look forward to doing so alongside all of you. All my thinking and dreaming won't amount to much if it isn't turned into action. We need each one of you, working together, to accomplish all that is possible and put this past year well behind us. Let's kick COVID in the ass on its way out and make this the best year ever! What do you say, are you with me???

Al McCarty,
Vice President



Photo and Video Request

Hope everyone is having a great summer?

Did you take pictures and/or videos while out snowmobiling this winter? Please share them with the club! They will be used in the club's yearly video. The video gets used online and at the Snow Show to promote our club and encourage membership.

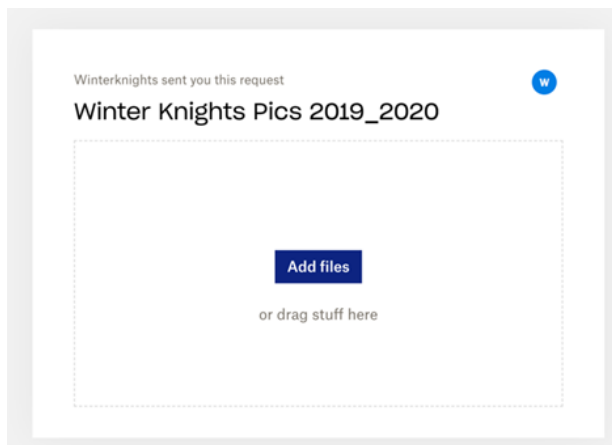
At this current time, what has been sent in by club members to create something new has been limited. So much so, I'm not sure I can create a video that will not look any different than years past. Not to mention I have been using past pictures and video that makes our club look like we still ride 2007 era machines.

This is a plea to please send in some pictures or video from the last two years of riding so I can create something new-looking to represent how awesome our club is!!

Hopefully, I will be starting to edit August 1st for the 2021-22 club video, so your deadline to upload material is July 30th. We have two winters of riding that have not been shared because of the virus and lock downs, so let's see what we can find in our galleries.

The following link will direct you to a Drop Box location for you to upload your media. Look for a club email coming soon with detailed instructions on this process. Need additional assistance? Please contact me!

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/nCMoVSVIOtxX07R7YBto>



Rick Suhr

Media Guru & Board Member

Rides

Hi everybody!! Is everyone HOT enough? As we pull out the combines for harvest season, I look over at my sled and think, "ONLY 5 MORE MONTHS!!!" It's looking like we will have a better year for riding now that things are opening back up. I will be putting together a schedule later on this Fall for rides. Hope everyone is having a great summer and stay safe.

Rene' Wigen,

Ride Coordinator & Board Member



PS...

I fell on May 5th and broke my left arm in 4 places up by the socket. I had surgery on the 13th and just started PT.

So much for summer!! Ha Ha!

2021 Snowmobile & Power Sports EXPO & Swap Meet
40th Annual Show
sponsored by: **Nov. 13, 2021**
9AM - 5PM Spokane Fairgrounds
Fun & Prizes for the Whole Family!
"Help Us Help You"



Treasurer

Hello Winter Knights (maybe we are all "Summer Knights" for now?):

I hope this summer finds you staying cool in the middle of our heat wave and enjoying the outdoors. I would be much happier riding my snowmobile than my lawn mower, but it is what it is!

Here is a shout out to all those in the club who keep our Winter Knights Club fun and enjoyable with laughter and friendship. There is endless work that happens

behind the scenes after we have summerized our sleds and tucked them away until the snow flies again. I am grateful for the uncontrollable laughter, friendships, learning new skills, and many other opportunities the club has offered me. I feel alive on my sled and enjoy the adrenaline when hitting the throttle climbing a mountain face with the entire front end of my sled in the air. Sometimes you make it, and sometimes you learn!



For now, we move ahead planning for our Snow Show and counting down the weeks until the snow drops from the sky blanketing the ground with beautiful, endless fun! Have an enjoyable summer!

Cindy Woodward,
Treasurer

Membership Renewal Invoices

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! Be on the lookout for your Winter Knights renewal invoice. It is being mailed on July 15.

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.

Mail your payment BY August 31, 2021 so your membership does not lapse, as September 1 is the start of the new 2021-22 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

Membership Dues = \$30 per year

Newsletters: They are emailed to our membership for free. If you want yours mailed via the U.S. Post Office, there is an additional \$5 annual fee.

Al & Nellie McCarty

Membership Chairs

Website

Have you checked out the club website lately?

Go to 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.



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2021 Upcoming Events

July:

- 15 - Membership renewals for 2021-2022 season mailed out, renewal deadline is August 31
- 25 - Down River Days Water Cross - Lone, WA

August:

- 1 - Deadline for Golf Tournament registration
- 15 - Golf Tournament - The Ranch Golf Club, Priest River, Idaho
- 15 - Summer Picnic - Ritz's home on Pend Oreille River

September:

- 9 - Board Meeting
- 11 & 12 - Hay Days, North Branch, Minnesota
- 16 - General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center

October:

- 14 - Board Meeting
- 21 - General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center

November:

- 11 - Board Meeting
- 12 - Snow Show Set-up - Fairgrounds
- 13 - Snow Show - Fairgrounds
- 18 - General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center
- 26 - CDA Christmas Parade - Come see our club float!

December:

- 11 - Christmas Party

****All dates and events subject to change due to COVID-19.****



- Club Officers -

President - Greg Figg
Vice President - Al McCarty
Treasurer - Cindy Woodward
Secretary - Shami Ruggles

- Club Chairs -

Snow Show - Dean Meakin
Search & Rescue - Bob Walker
Membership - Al & Nellie McCarty

- Board Members -

Simon Triggs
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