

FRESH POWDER NORTHWEST

Spokane Winter Knights Snowmobile Club

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2022 Summer Picnic

We look forward to seeing you at our annual Winter Knights summer picnic! It will be held at Darrell and Norma Ritz's home on Pend Oreille River's Albeni Cove by Newport, on Sunday, August 21 at 12:00 pm. They have a large lawn area and beach, so bring your lawn chairs. All 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 21, 2022 (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: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 = Call Sharon (509-484-7273) to reserve your spot.

Our annual golf game is happening on Sunday, August 21, 2022, at the Ranch Golf Course by Priest River at 9 a.m. It is not a competition, just a nice morning of 9 holes of golf prior to the picnic. 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

I hope everyone is enjoying their summertime. It sure seems like it took longer than usual for the warmth to arrive, but I'm certainly not going to complain about the needed rainfall, and snowfall in some places, that we've recently received. Hopefully more showers will continue to fall to help clean the air, reduce the amount of dust on the trails, and keep the wildfire danger to a minimum. I keep seeing Facebook posts of people still riding snowmobiles all over the place, which kinda makes me jealous and a bit anxious for next season to roll around. I'm looking forward to meeting more and more of you on our Club rides, both on and off the trails.

Our enthusiastic Board members have met a couple of times over the past few months to brainstorm ideas for the upcoming season and to take care of some lingering administrative duties. Please be on the lookout for an email invitation to complete a brief interest survey that the Board has been working on. We'd like to find out what is important to you and to solicit some participation in club activities beyond the basic Winter season rides. We believe getting our name out in the community is essential to the long-term survival of the Club. We plan to organize a

few events aimed at reaching out to provide assistance to those in need, and we're hoping you'll want to opt in and help us out. More information will be coming your way, so please check your email regularly and respond to the survey invitation when it hits your inbox. There will even be some gift-type incentives to do so!

During our recent research into insurance policies and coverages, we learned we've been acting a bit behind the times when it comes to making people aware of the inherent risks of riding off-highway vehicles (snowmobiles, snow bikes, ATV/UTVs, etc.) during sanctioned Club events. In other words, signed liability waivers for ride participants during Club rides are becoming somewhat of a norm nowadays and we need to take that step moving forward. So, along with the annual dues billing sent out this July, a copy of the waiver for all members intending to participate in Club rides will be included in the mailing and I encourage you to sign and return it so we can have them on file for the season. Otherwise, we'll have to worry about who did and didn't have one signed every time we have a Club ride. If you take care of it during the billing time, it's done and filed away

until next season. Please help us with this effort. Thank you.

Lastly, I would like send a big "shout out" to Rene' Wigen and a couple others who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to get our financials in order, our insurances researched and paid, and a host of other things that add up to a large amount of time and effort. Rene' and husband Kevin, along with some help from Sharon Crockett, have spent their own time working together to handle the mountain of paperwork and record keeping chores so our Club can move forward with things all tidy and in order. I appreciate them for working diligently and hope you will thank them when given the opportunity.

We will have a full report of all our doings this Summer for all of you at our first General Meeting in September. I hope to see many of you there!

Al McCarty,
President



Photo and Video Request

HELP!! 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. I need both trail and off-trail media desperately. **Deadline to upload material is July 30th.**

The following link will direct you to a Drop Box location for you to upload your media.



Need assistance? Please contact me!

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5deezrr1nfb44r9/AAAhUH0OmwTOrTkqiQevzryua?dl=0>

Rick Suhr

Media Guru &
Board Member

Rides

Hi everyone. It looks like Summer has finally arrived!! As everyone is getting out and enjoying Summer, I am already thinking about this Winter's snowmobile schedule. I am looking into some new places to travel to, along with new spots to ride. With the increase of families/young kids on the rides, I will be making changes to how we organize rides so we can accommodate ALL riders and their skill levels at any time. I am also working on making changes, with the help of Matt Johnson and Al McCarty, to the "Ride Definitions" on our website so everyone will understand what each ride will entail.

I am always trying to improve the rides, so if you have any questions or ideas, please contact me personally or send an email to the club at spokanewinterknights@gmail.com and it will be forwarded to me.

I have good news. We can now have "club sanctioned" rides with ATV's, 4-wheelers, side by sides, dirt bikes, mix & match this summer. So, if you would like to do a ride, please contact me or just post it on the club's private Facebook page.

As ALWAYS, have a fun and safe summer and I will see everyone this Fall!

Rene' Wigen,
Ride Coordinator
& 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.

Membership Dues = \$30 per year

Mail your payment BY August 31, 2022 so your membership does not lapse, as September 1 is the start of the new 2022-23 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. However, for those of you that belong to other snowmobile clubs, feel free to check the box at the bottom of the form telling us that you don't want us to renew WSSA for you since you will be doing that on your own or through those primary clubs.

2 Ways to Renew your Membership!

1. Renew by updating contact information on the invoice and mailing it back with a check.

OR

2. Renew On-line and pay with PayPal.
(convenience fee will be added)

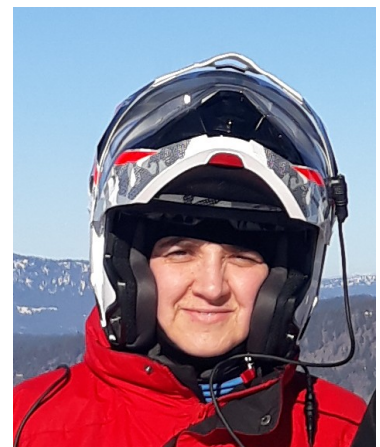
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and follow the instructions.

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.

Liability Waiver: Included in your invoice envelope, you will find a copy of the new liability waiver for you to sign for each member of your household to have on file. If you could please return it with your renewal payment, then I will have it on file and you won't need to worry about it the rest of the riding season!

Nellie McCarty
Membership Chair



2022 Upcoming Events

July:

- 15 - Membership renewals for 2022-2023 season mailed out, renewal deadline is August 31
- 31 - Down River Days Water Cross - Ione, WA

August:

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

September:

- 8 - Board Meeting
- 15 - General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center

October:

- 13 - Board Meeting
- 20 - General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center

November:

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

December:

- 10 - Christmas Party



- Club Officers -

- President - Al McCarty
- Vice President - Bret Uhlich
- Treasurer - Rene' Wigen
- Secretary - Brenda Major

- Club Chairs -

- Snow Show - Dean Meakin
- Search & Rescue - Greg Figg
- Membership - Nellie McCarty

- Board Members -

- Matt Johnson
- Rick Suhr
- Guy Peacock
- Simon Triggs
- Kevin Major
- Brandon Propeck

- Newsletter Editors -

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