

FRESH POWDER NORTHWEST

Spokane Winter Knights Snowmobile Club

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2023 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 20 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 20, 2023 (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 15, 2023 = Call Sharon (509-484-7273) to reserve your spot.

Our annual golf game is happening on Sunday, August 20, 2023, 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

With Summer well underway, I'm reminded of why I prefer the colder wintery months. I suppose if I had some jiffy type of watercraft to spin around on at the lake, the heat wouldn't get me down so much, but my 3-car garage is already chock full of stuff and I couldn't imagine fitting in more toys. Instead, I'll just think cool thoughts and reminisce about the awesome rides we shared this past season and the comradery among us. After all, joining this club so many years ago was really about learning new riding areas and seeking out the enthusiastic energy of like-minded people, and for the most part, that's what it has been. As I age and see that the end is much closer than the beginning, I desperately want to enjoy myself more and more and be surrounded by the positivity of healthy friendships. Winter is that time for me when I look forward to riding each weekend, with the warmth of good people sharing a common experience.

Life is very precious and can be cut short way too soon. As I'm sure you are aware, we lost Karla Freeman a few months ago and it pains me to

admit that I never took the time to really show her my full appreciation for all she did for the Club and for her life-leading example. She will be missed by many, and her passing is a reminder to cherish those around us and to thank them in person before the chance is gone. Good, solid and meaningful relationships have kept me grounded each time I've found myself getting caught up in all the negativities and losing perspective of what is real and important, and it's people like Karla that I owe gratitude to for providing that needed form of stability when I lose my way.

I'd like to throw out a plea for help to everyone that responded to last year's survey with new riding area ideas. Our ride coordinators are hoping to use your information to enhance the upcoming ride season with a few new spots on the map and they may be reaching out to you for details. Also, we are

looking for some fresh faces to host and lead rides this year. We already have a great group of volunteers ready to go, but it sure would be nice to see some untapped talent step up to join the ranks, both on weekends and weekdays. There's no need to be intimidated or daunted by the task, as we have a reliable format established and are simply asking you to take interested club members to your favorite riding place and show them around. As they say, variety is the spice of life, so if you're bored with all the usual riding locations, consider offering the Club some of your time to help open up some new possibilities.

Thanks a lot for everyone and for everything, and I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

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.

The following link will direct you to a Drop Box location for you to upload your media. Need assistance? Please contact me!

Deadline to upload material is July 30th.

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/LKVoCJX8iXYgAq1fNGxw>

Rick Suhr, Media Guru & Board Member

Upcoming General Meeting

Our next business meeting will be Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 7pm at the NEWTECH Skill Center, located at 4141 N. Regal.

Join us at 6pm for dinner, prepared and served by the culinary students for \$16 per person (this includes tax and tip). An RSVP for dinner is REQUIRED by Sunday, September 17, either by responding to the email that will be sent or by letting your Calling Committee member know. We will continue to have the "Student Shoe/Coat Fund" donation jar at the check-in table to help support the students in the culinary arts program!



2023 Snowmobile & Power Sports EXPO & Swap Meet

42nd Annual Show
sponsored by:



Nov. 11, 2023

9AM - 5PM Spokane Fairgrounds

Fun & Prizes for the Whole Family!



Info: winterknights.org & spokanewinterknights.com

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. There are **2 NEW** pieces of information needed.

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, 2023 so your membership does not lapse, as September 1 is the start of the new 2023-24 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)

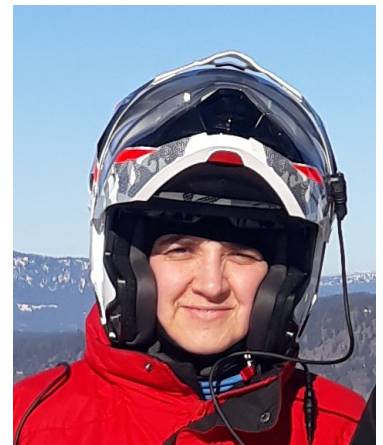
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and follow the instructions.

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 Liability Waiver to be signed and dated by each member of your household. 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! If renewing online, please scan the completed waiver and email a scanned copy of it to: spokanewinterknights@gmail.com. Unfortunately, the insurance company is requiring that a new Liability Waiver be re-submitted yearly by each member. It applies to club rides and events/functions.

Nellie McCarty,
Membership Chair



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2023 Upcoming Events

July:

- 15 - Membership renewals for 2023-2024 season mailed out, renewal deadline is August 31
- 30 - Down River Days Snowmobile Water Cross - Ione, WA

August:

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

September:

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

October:

- 12 - Board Meeting
- 19 - General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center

November:

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

December:

- 9 - Christmas Party



- Club Officers -

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

- Club Chairs -

Snow Show - Dean Meakin
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Membership - Nellie McCarty

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