



PLYMOUTH SNOW RANGERS

JANUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER

January club meeting is on Tuesday the 11th at 7:30

Hello Rangers,

This definitely has been an eventful time of year again, I'm really glad that we decided to move the race back a month just to elevate some time for the holidays, possibly a weather warm up and personal reasons. For me personally, this year has been very busy with planning for the 2011 races as we've done in years past but also by taking on a small section of our West Cascade trail. A lot of credit goes out to the trail captains that this club has and I truly believe more credit should come their way as well. Being new to this part of the clubs activities, it was very interesting to meet and talk to the landowners on my section of the trail. After getting their consent to go on their property again, it was then that I asked of them, if possibly we could make the trail a little wider and taller to accommodate our new tractor. With permission granted, the entire trail system (not just mine) was brushed. With the bigger tractor, it also meant rebuilding or reinforcing the approaches to almost every bridge on our trails. With no serious re-routes on my trail other than crossing a field in a different location, I was able to mark everything in an afternoon with the help of my sons and a few of their friends.

Then we waited for the first snowfall and we got a very good one except for the wind. High winds meant going back out checking the trails for downed trees and other problems that may have developed. Luckily for me I had only three trees that had been blown over and were small enough that I could just pull them out of the way until next year when I can cut them up. Another area where I'm starting to get my feet wet is with the grooming of our trails. Now granted I'm very new to this and by that I mean I've only groomed a few times, but I've had the experience of grooming in both the 1800 and the Kubota. Let me tell you, I was originally not in favor of purchasing this tractor because of the repairs we had just made to the 1800, but after grooming in it, I don't think I would go back in the 1800 unless Frank tells me I have to. In my opinion, it simply does a better job and is more user friendly, there is no doubt our club made the right decision when looking into the future with this purchase. The last thing I did with my trail and the rest of our trail system was to finally go out and ride them and did I ever enjoy that. So when you get the chance just let the trail captains know how much you appreciate their efforts because it does reflect on how good our trails really are and how they are compared to by others.

Thanks
Tim McMullen

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like to thank everyone that brought toys for Toys for Tots to the December meeting. The season started out good with a huge snowstorm. I hope everyone had a chance to try our trails. I did get out a few times with the new groomer, and it worked great. Ryan Erickson is training people to operate the new groomer. If anyone is interested in being a groomer operator, please contact Ryan.

Now on to the race, the tent will be put up on Wednesday, February 2nd, that evening, we will start getting the inside of the tent ready to go. The club meeting will be on Thursday, February 3rd, at the clubhouse. Friday, February 4th, we will do final set up of the tent, put up fencing and clean out grandstand (bring plastic shovels, gas powered leaf blowers or push brooms). On Saturday morning at 8:00 am, we will do the final setup. The races will be starting earlier on Saturday and Sunday, due to the number of racers expected, so watch for changes in work times. Please contact Leif Erickson (893-8733) if you can help or just show up.

At the February meeting, I will be looking for volunteers for the Nomination Committee.
At the March meeting, we will be holding the elections. There will be a newsletter again in March.

Leif

Just reminder if you would like to attend the Plymouth Snow Rangers 2011 club trip. It will be in Eagle River at the Super 8 (same as last year) Feb 17-18-19 2011. I will need you're 50 dollar room deposit by the Feb club meeting, you can get you're deposits to me before or after any monthly meeting.

Joe H

We are in need of an ice shanty for the water truck volunteers to use. Contact Tim McMullen (920-893-8283)

In order to conserve postage and paper, if you have an email that we could send the newsletter to instead of mailing one, it would be greatly appreciated. Please forward your email address to ryanerickson@frontier.com

2010-2011 SNOW RANGERS CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETING LOCATIONS

Tuesday	01/11/11	Club Meeting	Building	7:30 PM
Thursday	01/27/11	Board Meeting	Building	7:00 PM
Thursday	02/03/11	Club Meeting	Building	7:30 PM
Fri.- Sun.	02/04-06/11	Races	Sheb. Co. Fairgrounds	
Fri.- Sun.	02/17-19/11	Northern Club Trip	Eagle River	