



ROLLING HILLS

Snowmobile & ATV Club
WASHBURN COUNTY WISCONSIN



February 2025

From The President

In last month's newsletter, we outlined a change in our club meeting locale and time in order to have one combined meeting per month of the General members and Board of Directors. That meeting was held on January 8 at The Station Bar and Restaurant in the Spooner Civic Center. During the course of that meeting, a discussion was initiated on how folks wanted to proceed going forward. Both the board of directors and the general members in the audience participated in this very thoughtful and productive discussion which resulted in yet another change effective immediately. To summarize:

The Board or Directors will continue to meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 5:30 at The Station. As always, general membership is welcome to attend if they have an interest.

The "General Meeting" will not be part of the board meeting. Instead, on a quarterly basis, the club will organize and publish details of a "club event" on a Saturday giving all members the opportunity to participate. This will generally occur at a sponsor's establishment and will coincide with a club sponsored activity such as a "Meat Raffle". The idea is that we will encourage the general membership to attend, enjoy camaraderie and share drinks and food for a couple hours before the raffle. If necessary, pertinent information will be shared by the club, but this will not be a "meeting format". It's more a social event. Typically, these events will be at a sponsor that is easily accessible from our trails, snow and ATV, depending on the season, so "Saturday ride" groups can ride there if desired.

Everybody in attendance was in agreement with this change, so we'll try it!

- Next board meeting is on Monday Feb 10 at 5:30 at The Station in Spooner Civic Center
- First Quarterly Club Event is at Tony's in Spooner, Saturday March 8 starting at noon. A club Meat Raffle will begin at 2 pm. Plan on coming out and having a bite and a beverage or two and hang out with the club!

We haven't given up on the snow, just yet. Perhaps February will be the month!!

~ Randy

Officers:

President: Randy King
Vice President: Jim Heim
Secretary: Julie Ringlien
Treasurer: Gwen Welter

Board of Directors:

Jim Dienstl
Lee Norton
Jim McDowall
Doug Bruner
Jeff Wensel
Randy Vincent
Ed Slaminski
Jeff Peterson
Mark Scott

AWSC Director:

Gwen Welter

AWSC Rep

Julie Ringlien

WATVA Rep:

Jim McDowall

Trail Boss:

Jim Dienstl
Randy King

Sunshine:

Joan Dienstl

Membership Chair:

Jim McDowall

Fundraising Chair:

Jim Heim

Activities:

Vacant

**WELCOME
TO OUR CLUB!**

A Special Welcome to our New Members

Ken Asplund - Spooner WI

Jim Mcgrath - Houlton WI

David Berg - Savage MN

Shawn and Jill Mechelke - Sarona WI

Scot Boutwell - Trego WI

Jeffrey Mortensen - Spooner WI

Carla and Dean Chester - Oak Grove MN

Gregory Moyer - Spooner WI

Robert Darwin - Trego WI

Douglas Peterson - New Richmond WI

Michael Decker - Shell Lake WI

Frank Puschnig - Spooner WI

Charles Everett - Spooner WI

Chuck and Fran Rieckert - Spooner WI

Terry Goveronski - Spring Valley WI

Jerry Ruegemer - Plymouth MN

Joanie Griffin - Amery WI

Jeff Sandstrum - Wabasha MN

Cathy Gryzmala - Spooner WI

Tom Sarne - Spooner WI

Jeff Gutzmer - Trego WI

Joe Scheel - Springbrook WI

Jeffrey Hawes - New Richmond WI

Suzanne Schroeder - Chippewa Falls WI

Brian Kapeller - Greenwood MN

Richard Thone - Spooner WI

Todd Kirchgatter - Trego WI

Mike Weber - Andover MN

Michael Masterjohn - Spooner WI

Club Snowmobile Trip

Club trip will again be at Lakewoods Resort since last year's trip booked there never happened.

If you had a deposit from last year it will be honored for this year. Trip is scheduled for 2/11, 2/12, 2/13.

Block of 10 additional rooms will be held until Jan 9.

Quoted rates are :

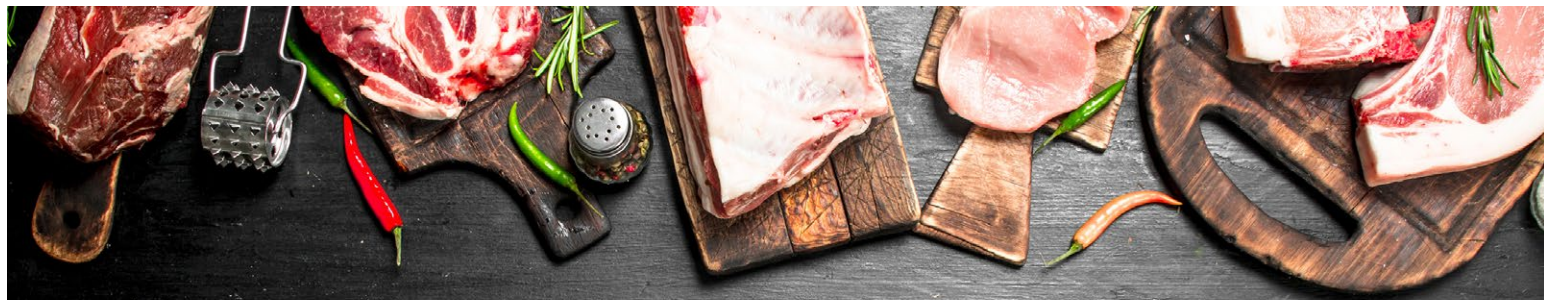
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2/12 - 104.30

2/13 - 89.40



Lakewoods Resort number to call - 800-255-5937



Meat Raffle News



Mystery Cooler Winner



Sharon Farrey won the 50/50 and donated it back to the club!



50/50 Winner

Upcoming Meat Raffles

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| • Feb 8th | Rummels | Sarona | 2:00 pm |
| • Mar 8th | Tony's | Spooner | 2:00 pm |
| • Apr 12th | The Getaway | Sarona | 2:00 pm |

Mark your calendars and please attend the raffles!

We need help from our members to pull these off! If you're interested, please text 715-520-1690 with dates you are able to help volunteer. The raffles only take a couple hours and any help is needed and greatly appreciated!



A big thank you for those that have donated time & money in the last month to the club.

In particular both Jim McDowall and Mike Weber for their volunteer participation in changing the tires to tracks and not accepting the \$100 stipend but giving it back to the club!

The \$100 donation the club received online - Kenneth Lom.

Thank you to Ryan Gramberg - making 65 + map boxes and donating them to the club.

We know that many of our members are donating their time and talents and as always, we couldn't do it without you!

A \$50 donation from Vanessa Whitehead.

Polaris Donated to the club a check for \$500

In Memory of club member and groomer Van Peterson:

\$50 – Vanessa Whitehead, Medinah MN

\$50 – Shaunna Peterson, Wesley Chapel FL



Nick, the owner of The Still, presents a donation from their gun Raffle, over \$2000!



Dean and Karla Chester donated \$400 in memory of their dad Van Peterson. Van was a member of the club and a groomer.

One of former club members
has passed...Van Peterson

We received a generous donation from the
friends and family of Van, and they have written
a nice letter about Van..

Dear Rolling Hills Snowmobile & ATV Club

*It is with great honor that we make this monetary donation in
memory of Van Peterson. While he may not have been a longtime member
of your club, we want you to know that he has given many friends and family
members countless memories on the trails of Washburn County and beyond.*

*Van Peterson was born and raised in Trego, later moving to the Twin Cities where he and
his late wife, Wendy (Hanson) Peterson, raised their family. After retiring, Van and Wendy
returned to their family land in Trego, where they built their retirement home. Van was an
exceptionally skilled craftsman, meticulously milling each log from the trees on his land to
build their beautiful log home.*

*So many of us had the pleasure of spending weekends at the Peterson home in Trego.
Much of that time was spent kicking up dust on our UTVs or enjoying the snow-covered
evergreens while snowmobiling. It was always a joy to have Van with us on those rides.
He knew the trails like the back of his hand – and the fire roads, too!*

*We will forever be grateful for the memories made while riding with Van, whether it was
traveling from one establishment to another or simply stopping along the trail to take in
nature's beauty. Van always had a story about where we had just been or where we were
headed. Though our "leader" is no longer with us, we will continue to make lasting
memories on the trails, in honor of our beloved friend, Van Peterson, or "VP."*

*Please accept this donation in memory of VP. And the next time you stop by The Prime,
raise a glass in his honor. Cheers!*

Sincerely,

Friends & Family of Van Peterson



TRAIL CONDITIONS

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

ATV/UTV Trails:

All Washburn County ATV/UTV Trails remain open for the season until conditions allow for winter grooming activity. There is continued trail maintenance throughout the season to keep all trails in good riding conditions so ride with caution, tread lightly, and stay on designated trail surfaces.

CLOSURE: Reported Wednesday, January 22, 2025 Trail 25 South off of Birchwood Fire Lane is closed due to a washout. To stay up to date on the current WI Fire Danger postings, please [click here](#). Should you encounter any trail washouts, downed trees, or other trail issues please report those to Washburn County Forestry at 715-635-4490.

For Current Trail Conditions, click here



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 10

Monthly Board Meeting
Spoooner Civic Center 5:30 p.m.
301 Walnut St, Spooner, 54801

FEB 11-13

Club Snowmobile Trip
Lakewoods Resort, Cable

MAR 8

Quarterly Club Event
Tony's, Spooner Starting at 12:00 noon
Meat Raffle to follow 2:00 pm



***FOR THE LOVE OF ALL THAT IS HOLY -
PLEEEASE SNOW ALREADY!!!***



Sponsor Spotlight



Located in beautiful lake community of Shell Lake. We proudly provide the highest level of amenities, starting with quiet rooms and a variety room types, including suites with whirlpools and fireplaces, that are perfect for business or leisure travelers. Welcome to a warm smile, great service, an inviting pool, free breakfast, and quiet nights! We are an ideal getaway when looking for down-home hospitality and Northwoods appeal.



RE/MAX

With the limited number of homes on the current U.S. market, you need an agent with the right connections, technology and strategies to achieve your home buying or selling vision. Whether you're feeling overwhelmed and want someone to take the wheel, or you just need a second opinion and you have it covered, you can be rest assured a RE/MAX agent is the right agent for any level of service, in any market condition.



Located on the Wild Rivers State Trail, Silver Lake Saloon is the perfect stop when you're out on the trail.



Small family cafe. Homemade cinnamon and caramel rolls. Great food and service. Clean dining room. For good eats and good times, dine at The Red Brick Cafe off of trail 39 in Barronett.



Since 1934 the Shell Lake State Bank has been providing financial services to the residents and visitors of Northwest Wisconsin. Complete banking services are available at the Main Office in Shell Lake as well as the branch offices located in Spooner, Minong, Hayward and Stone Lake, WI. The Shell Lake State Bank is committed to offering the most complete line of financial services both conveniently and with the highest level of customer service.



Come and see us! Whether it's to savor our food, sip signature cocktails at our full-service bar, or take in our spectacular view, you're sure to want to stay awhile. Our staff is passionate about creating a great experience for everyone.