December 2025

From The President

#### TRIBUTE TO DOUG BRUNER

Doug Bruner, a very dedicated member of our Club, has been taking care of our expensive equipment used in maintaining our trail system for over 15 years. Doug was recently diagnosed with ALS and will no longer be able to service our equipment. A new member, Greg Moyer, who has an extensive background in equipment maintenance, will assume Doug's duties.

Doug is a lifetime resident of the area having been employed for over 33 years as a Heavy Equipment Operator with Washburn County.

Doug and his wife Marsha were married over 54 years ago and have a daughter, 2 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

One trait really stands out about Doug's tenure with our Club, If you needed his help when grooming or grading our trails, he would always be there. All you needed to do was call Doug and he would be there as soon as he could get there. In addition, his dedication to taking care of our expensive tractors, groomers, graders and other equipment has saved the Club countless monies over the years.

Doug was truly a very dedicated member of our Club. For that - we will always be very grateful!



~ Randy



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## A Special Welcome to our New Members

Dana Heller - Rice Lake WI Rebecca Smallwood - Trego WI Gregory Thompson - Shakopee MN
Kirsten & Matt Decker - Lakeville MN

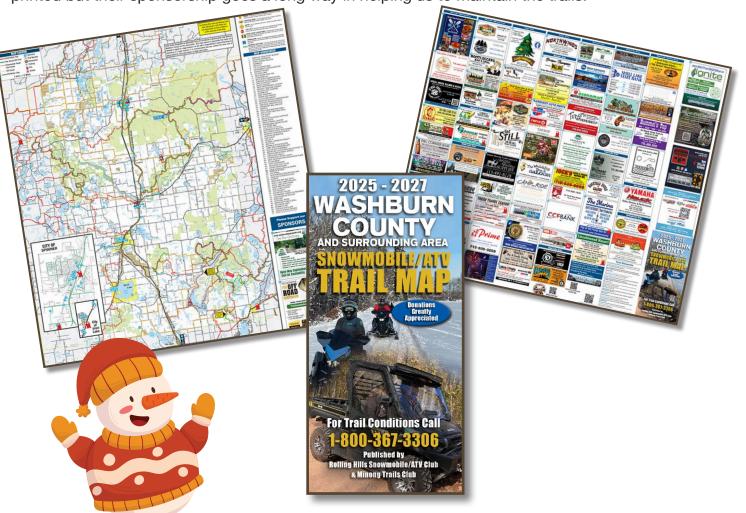
#### Thank you from Doug Bruner:

Thank you for the club's get-together on my behalf on 11/09/25. We were impressed by the attendance and the heart-felt speeches. It was my pleasure volunteering for the Rolling Hills ATV/Snowmobile Club. I enjoyed the comradery even in difficult situations. As I turn over the keys to Greg Moyer, I'm confident that he is your man! I hope to remain on the Board as long as I can. Remember my phone number or come visit. We can hash over the "blue" headache Although I would not have chosen this road to travel, I intend to make the best of it, one day at a time. Thanks again for the wonderful send off from volunteering in Maintenance for Rolling Hills. It meant a lot!



### New 2025 - 2027 Trail Maps Are Printed!

Be sure to grab the new 2025-2027 trail map! You can find them at many of our club sponsors as well as the Washburn County Visitor Center. There's a few new trail changes as well as many new sponsors in the latest edition. Please make sure to patronize our great sponsors as they help not only on getting the map printed but their sponsorship goes a long way in helping us to maintain the trails!



## News from the Trail Boss

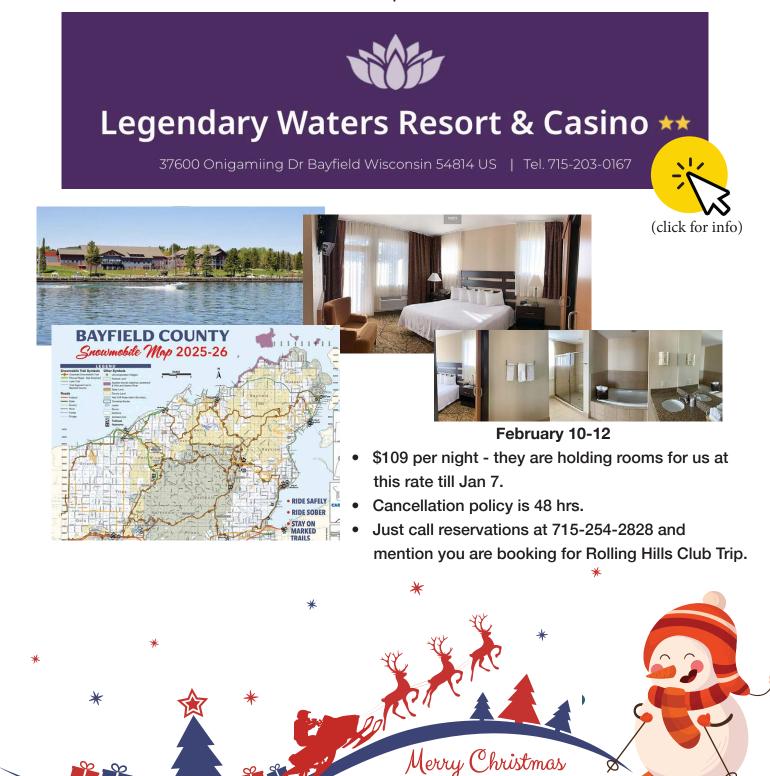
Groomer Operator Meeting: Our annual meeting/training will take place on December 9th at 5:30 pm at the shed. Refreshments at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. Everyone interested in helping out this winter is welcome. If you are interested but can't make the date call Jim Dienstl at 715-416-2971 or 715-635-8661.



## Winter Club Ride

This year we're riding up to the Legendary Waters Resort and Casino in Red Cliff, Wisconsin.

Located just north of Bayfield. Ride or drive up and plan on a fun couple days of riding with your fellow club members. Details to come on the ride up.







All Washburn County ATV/UTV Trails are open for the season. Please note a few trail cautions as you prepare to head out on the trails. Just north of County Rd B, the East side of Trail 35 shoulder has started to wash out. Both areas have been barricaded and flagged to push trail traffic over to avoid the hazard. Both of these locations will now be one lane, so please use caution. We will be monitoring both of these issues.

Be aware that gates for a few trails that cross private property are closed as of 10/21/2025. These closures include the section of Trail 25 from Dalen Road north to County Road D and the section of Trail 26 from Nick Road southwest of Spider Lake to the county forest gate north of the Trail 25 intersection. These trails will reopen in May 2026.

As a friendly reminder, there was a reroute placed along Trail 39, south to Shell Lake. A new section of trail is now located south of "The Y" - Intersection #5 on the map - off of the Wild Rivers Trail (Trail 35). Signage has been placed and flagging is up to block off the previous section of trail. Please follow the new signage to be directed to the new section of trail. This new section of trail will be a permanent change due to land ownership/private property.

Per Washburn County Ordinance (Sec. 50-25.), when the fire danger reaches VERY HIGH or EXTREME, all trails including the Wild Rivers State Trail (Trail 35) and Shell Rail Grade (Trail 39 South) close immediately. It is the responsibility of the rider to know if the trails are open or closed due to the status of the Fire Danger. To stay up to date on the current Fire Danger please visit WisBurn or call 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876)

If you encounter any wash outs, downed trees, etc. please report that information to the Washburn County Forestry Department, 715-635-4490. Please Note, the Washburn County ATV Trails do not have a formal closure date with the exception of a small section of trail South of County Highway D near Birchwood, which closes the 3rd Sunday in October. All other trails will remain open until there is a significant amount of snowfall to begin grooming for the snowmobile season. Enjoy the trails!

#### For Current Trail Conditions, click here





UPCOMING EVENTS

December 15th - 5:30 pm

February 10-12

Club Holiday Party Spooner Golf Course

Board Meeting
Tony's Riverside
All are welcome to attend

Winter Club Ride Legendary Waters Resort



Weekly atv/ utv ride every Tuesday Meets at Economart in Spooner. Leaves 9:00am

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