



ROLLING HILLS

Snowmobile & ATV Club

WASHBURN COUNTY WISCONSIN



April 2026

From The President

Club Election Information

On Monday, May 11th at 5:30pm the club's Annual Meeting will be held at the Shell Lake Community Center.

Elections will be held for the *President*, *Secretary* and *three Board of Director* seats.

The nominations committee will contact each of those presently in office to determine if they are running again.

At the Board's April 13th meeting at Tony's Riverside, those running again as well as other nominations, including self-nominations, will be received. Nominations are then closed as of the end of the April 13th meeting and bound over to the Annual Meeting on May 11. If you would like to nominate yourself or somebody else for one of these positions, please contact one on the committee members below or simply shoot an email to rollinghills.info@gmail.com, prior to the April 13th board meeting.

All current members are invited and encouraged to join us at Shell Lake Community Center on May 11th at 5:30pm to vote and celebrate. If you'd like, please bring a favorite side dish or dessert. Burgers and brats will be provided.

Election nominations committee:

Mary King

Carol Heim

Gwen Welter

~ Randy

Officers:

President: Randy King
Vice President: Jim Heim
Secretary: Julie Ringlien
Treasurer: Mike Keefe

Board of Directors:

Jim Dienstl
Jim McDowall
Gwen Welter
Ed Slaminski
Jeff Peterson
Mark Scott
Ron Wickboldt
Craig Hanson
Greg Moyer

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:

Rita Governoski

News from the Trail Boss

ATTENTION ALL TRAIL MAINTAINERS:

We will meet at the shed on Tuesday, April 21st at 6 PM. This event will be fairly important as we will review this past winter's grooming and discuss ways to improve and also organize the grading/mowing program for the coming season. If anyone is interested in participating in either part of the program you are encouraged to attend. Pizza and beverages will be provided. If you are interested but can't make that date please call Jim at (715) 416-2971



Trail Status: The clearing of trees and brush from this winter's ice storms has been completed. There are severe berms on trails 7, 7B, and 39N. The County will take care of those in the coming months.

Trail Boss-Jim



Doug Roose is currently running to be a director on the board. Here is his bio/information..

Doug Roose

- I grew up in Iowa and was introduced to snowmobiling at age 7 with a 74 Yamaha 338 then a 76 Yamaha GP 440 - We also had motorcycles, three wheelers and four wheelers.
- I've operated a lot of ag equipment such as tractors, skid steers, straight trucks with and without trailers and some semi
- Kept the 76 Yamaha and moved many times for various job transfers to new locations until 1993 when it was sold
- We bought 2 used Ski Doo's in 2005 when we moved to Minnesota when our kids were small and introduced them to snowmobiling by age 10 - they both ride and we've been snowmobiling ever since traveling all over MN, WI, and MI
- In 2019 we bought a cabin in Trego and retired in 2024 - since then have been an active member of Rolling Hills doing things like signing, brushing, tractor mowing, grooming and any other trail related things that come up that need attention.
- My wife (Pam) and I are both from Iowa (Pella and Granger) but have moved 13 times since we've been married for job transfers - we are DONE moving and Trego Lake is our home!
- We enjoy our pontoon all summer
- Pam spent her career in the IT space with emphasis in Agriculture and Sustainability
Doug spent 35 years with Cargill and ADM in the agriculture space of commodities like corn, soybean, and wheat working with farmers directly and indirectly for 35 years to purchase their crops for export and processing.
- I am committed to keep snowmobiling and ATV/UTV alive and well for future generations to enjoy
I am also quite interested in making Rolling Hills a key part of my retirement activities year around aside from some domestic travel we do with our travel van and 2 dogs.
- I'm especially interested in building relationships with club members and becoming more and more a part of this community after years of constant relocation.
- Our kids are in White Bear Lake and Cape Coral, FL, each are married and each have sons (our grandsons) who are now 2 and 1 - they are going to be snowmobilers too, we hope!
- added highlight - This year we did our 18th annual father/son trip with 2 other dads and sons who first went on a trip when they were 12 and 13 years old



FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE

FROM THE SOCIAL DEPARTMENT...

CLUB HAPPENINGS

Time is fast approaching to hit the trails!

We can't wait, how about you?

April doings:

We are going to have a summer kick off at the Shell Lake Community Center on April 18 10 am - 2 pm. WATVA NW Regional Rep Greg Olson is scheduled to speak at the ATV Kick off meeting. A Washburn County Rec officer will be there as well. Meet the board, ask questions and hopefully get answers, hamburger & hot dog lunch and meeting other club members. Hope you can make it, we'll learn, and get ideas for the club.

May doings:

The Annual meeting with the elections of officers will be May 11 at 5:30 and will be held at the Shell Lake Community Center. The club will be serving Hamburgers and Brats, please bring a dish to pass.

June doings:

Due to an unforeseen circumstance, I have not gotten the ride finalized yet. We will send out a letter to all with the information with the next two weeks.

Group rides weekends and/or weekdays.

July doings:

Group rides weekends and/or weekdays.

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE HAVING A POKER RUN ON JULY 18, OUR ENDING POINT WILL BE AT THE STILL BAR AND GRILL. FULL DETAILS COMING IN THE NEWLETTER OVER THE NEXT COUPLE MONTHS.

We have our spot reserved in the Rodeo parade. Keep an eye open for us!

As always, if you'd like to help or have any ideas on activities, please reach out to:

Rita at rgoveronski@yahoo.com 715-308-5509 or

Craig at craighanson28@gmail.com 715-520-0551



Meat Raffle News





Monday March 30, 2026

Snowmobile Trails:

Effective 2/19/2026 - All Washburn County Trails will be closed effective immediately, except for the Wild River Trail (Trail 35) and the Shell Lake Grade (Trail 39S). This closure will include Snowmobiles, ATVs and UTVs and will remain closed until further notice.

Please be advised that ice conditions continue to vary and traveling on any lake is never 100% safe. Washburn County Forestry does not maintain anything past the high ground point. Please use caution if you are out on any lake.

Winter ATV Use:

As a rule, all official Washburn County ATV trails are considered open to year round use unless otherwise noted, with the exception of the spring closure from April 1 through the first Friday before Memorial Weekend. Most snowmobile trails, on Washburn County Forest lands, are open for motor vehicle use under 900 pounds from December 1 through April 1. This means that ATV's are permitted on snowmobile trails that are not on private lands, during the winter months. UTV's are allowed on these same trails ONLY during non-groomed conditions. The Washburn County portion of the Wild Rivers Trail and the rail grade to Shell Lake are open for UTV use during snow groomed conditions; These are the only trails open to UTV use once trail grooming is commenced. Please note that the April 1 closure is flexible; Trails may close earlier depending on conditions. Land use agreements with private landowners for snowmobile trails do not permit the use of ATV's at any time of the year.



For Current Trail Conditions, click here



April 13 - 5:30 pm

Board Meeting
Tony's Riverside
All are welcome to attend

April 18

Club Meeting
Shell Lake Community Center
10 - 2 pm

May 11

Annual Club Meeting/Elections
Shell Lake Community Center
5:30 pm