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Spread the Word to Join a Club

Hello, Iowa snowmobilers.

Many of us are getting ready for the season to get underway. The big kick-off for a lot of us starts with Hay Days, looking at new sleds and all the goodies to go with them.

Hopefully with the good snow we got late in the season sparked some interest in riders who may have put riding on the back burner for a while. We all need to get everyone with sleds to get in a club and a state association. Our membership has been down for a couple years so let's get the word out.

The ISSA Annual Convention is another good start and lots of fun to attend. The committee is also planning on a snow show and will have vendors and new sleds.

As you get sleds out and get ready for the white gold, remember to do a once over to avoid down time when the snow hits us in full force.

Hope to see you on the trail!

From the President's Desk



Brian Carmichael
ISSA President

Stay Up-To-Date on Legislation

Greetings, fellow snowmobilers. As we kick off another season of publishing the *Iowa Snowmobiler*, I would like to remind all snowmobilers that the ISSA Board of Directors is again working on legislation to combine the registration and trail pass sticker into one sticker for Iowa residents.

Vice President's Message

This legislation will leave the separate trail pass sticker in place for out of state visitors. The largest benefit of this bill is that it will provide a more even and predictable income flow to the Review and Selection Committee account for distribution to the clubs for equipment, operation of that equipment, and trail maintenance.

I understand that this is starting to sound like a case of preaching to the choir, but I do believe that it is worth mentioning so that you will keep this issue in mind early in the season. When the time comes to get in touch with the legislators from your area, this issue will be fresh in your mind.



Scott Nauman
ISSA Vice President

So, please stay tuned for further updates and information on this and other issues as they are available.

Hope to see you on the trails this winter.

Yellowstone Lottery Deadline Aug. 31

Snowmobilers have until Aug. 31 to enter the 2019-2020 winter lottery for permits to snowmobile in Yellowstone without a commercial guide.

Authorized in 2013, the non-commercially Guided Snowmobile Access Program allows one group of up to five snowmobiles to enter Yellowstone from each of its four winter entrances per day.

Successful applicants will be notified in mid-September. Unclaimed or cancelled permits will be made available via www.recreation.gov on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Oct. 1. There is no waiting list. Cancellations may occur throughout the winter season, so check the website often for openings. Trips can be for a maximum of three days, and permits cost \$40 per day with a \$6 application fee.

Permit holders must be at least 18 years old. All snowmobile operators must have a state-issued driver's license and successfully complete the free online Education program. All snowmobiles must meet the park's New Best Available Technology standard.



Former Region 12 Director Strothman Passes Away in July

by Cameron Hanson

Former Region 12 Director Fred Strothman passed away July 6, 2019, at his home in New London. He was 85. His death comes nearly two years after the passing of another past board member from that area, Jim Pickle of Mount Pleasant, in August of 2017.

For almost 20 years, Strothman and Pickle represented snowmobilers from the former Region 12 on the ISSA Board of Directors, with one either serving as the director and the other as his assistant. Both were charter members of the Southeast Iowa Ridge-Blasters snowmobile club, formed in 1980.

Normally accompanied by their wives, Marilyn and Ann, respectively, Strothman and Pickle were close friends and regularly attended ISSA functions across the state together. Driving from the southeast corner of Iowa, they often earned the "furthest travelled" distinction at most events.

In 2017, Strothman attended his last state snowmobile convention in Cedar Rapids, where he and his wife received the ISSA's highest honor with the Lifetime Achievement Award. The couple became just the 10th members to receive that prestigious accolade.

"Winning this award gives me a lot of pride," Strothman said at the time. "It's been a great ride, and I've enjoyed every minute of it. I have a good snowmobiling family, and they take good care of me. We've had so much fun with all of the things I've done in my life, but snowmobiling and winning this award have been some of the greatest."

In 2000, the couple won the ISSA's Family of the Year Award and were later named the American Council of Snowmobile Associations' Family of the Year as well. They regularly accompanied each other to club meetings, and according to fellow club member Aaron Dorothy, "Marilyn always made sure Fred was where he needed to be

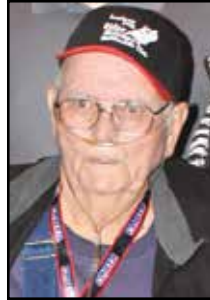
and made sure he got there on time."

Three years ago, the ISSA combined regions in southern Iowa. As a result, Regions 10 through 12 were merged into one Region 10 with part of the former Region 12 joining Region 9. Dorothy was Region 12 Director at the time and agreed to assume responsibility for what became the largest region for the ISSA geographically.

Dorothy, who also serves as president of the Ridge-Blasters, said he appreciated Strothman for his guidance and leadership both locally and on the state level. Much like he did after Pickle's passing, Dorothy credited Strothman's drive and "never-back-down attitude" for building organized snowmobiling in and around Henry County into what it is today.

"Over the past eight years, Fred had taught me a lot about snowmobiling and dealing with the public on topics from getting trails where we need them to promoting the sport itself," Dorothy said. "We lost a great snowmobiler when Fred passed, years of knowledge and experience...and stories you know were true because there's no way they could have been made up."

Strothman was a lifelong farmer and served on his county fair board for 25 years and on the state fair board for eight years, including a three-year stint as state president. In addition to snowmobiling, he enjoyed tractor pulling and was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is survived by his wife and three children and their families.



Strothman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- Hay Days Sept. 7-8.
- Driftrunners Membership Drive and Steak Fry Sept. 15.
- ISSA Board of Directors meeting Sept. 15 at 9 a.m. at Comfort Inn and Suites, Cedar Falls.
- Iowa Snowdrifters annual golf outing Sept. 21 at Airport National Golf Course.

October

- Iowa Snowdrifters Membership Drive and Tailgate Party Oct. 5 at 11 a.m.

November

- ISSA Annual Convention and Snow Show Nov. 22-24 at Pzazz Resort Hotel, Burlington.
- ISSA Board of Directors Meeting Nov. 24 at 8:30 a.m. at Burlington.

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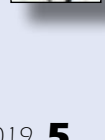
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Snowmobile Sales Outperform Economic Growth Worldwide

A long-lasting cold and snowy winter in much of the snowmobile community, and continued enthusiasm and interest in snowmobiling powered snowmobile sales to increase worldwide to 133,081 new sleds sold this past year.

This is an increase of over 8,275 units, which is a seven percent gain from last year.

Guest Column

Sales in the United States grew to 55,025 new snowmobiles sold—a 3.7 percent gain from last year—while sales in Canada fell 0.1 percent to 46,784 new snowmobiles sold.

The sales increase wasn't confined to North America. Sales increases were realized in Norway, Sweden and Finland. Sales in Sweden increased 17 percent to 11,956 new snowmobiles sold, and increases of 15 percent were reported in Norway and 26 percent increase in Finland. The largest national increase was in Russia, where sales increased 88 percent over the previous year.

The snowmobile community is optimistic following the above-average late snow fall throughout most of North America this past season. The 2019 manufacturers' spring snowmobile shows reported increases in attendance. In many of the spring shows, attendance was up over 20 percent. Spring orders were strong and that points to a good 2020 sales year.

The snowmobile industry reports that registered snowmobiles in North America totaled 1.85 million registered snowmobiles. Increased registration in northern Europe continues.

Tourism on the Rise

Snowmobile-related tourism also increased in North America and beyond. This can be seen in economic impact studies conducted throughout North America by major business colleges and universities. Miles ridden by snowmobilers (which is always predictive of economic impact) showed an increase of over 15 percent this past season versus 2018 season. This is a result of riding



Ed Klim
ISMA
President

conditions and improved and expanded riding areas and trail systems.

The average age of a snowmobiler this past season was determined to be 45 years of age. Snowmobilers are active, outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy snowmobiling with family and friends.

Surveys conducted by ISMA have shown that 75 percent of first-time buyers in the snowmobile market purchased a used snowmobile. Many of them are young adults, and they move on to purchase a new snowmobile later in life.

The majority of snowmobilers in North America are club members and/or Association-Federation members. These active, involved, outdoor enthusiasts build the trails and support snowmobiling access. Snowmobilers are also active charity fundraisers who raised over \$3.5 million dollars for national charities last year.

Online Impact

The Go Snowmobiling website serves as another strong indicator for the interest in snowmobiling. This year, the Go Snowmobiling site received more than 2.34 million hits. Forty percent of those visitors to the website were new snowmobilers or indi-



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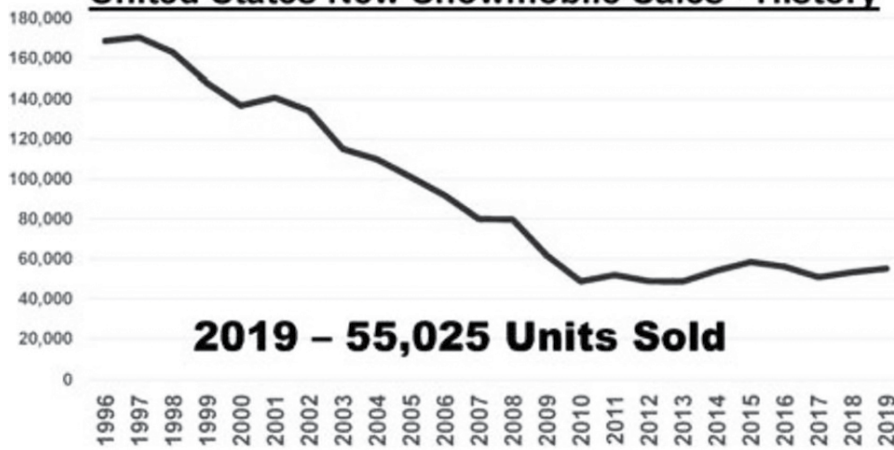
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United States New Snowmobile Sales - History



viduals who do not own a snowmobile but are expressing a great deal of interest in owning a snowmobile and going snowmobiling. Twenty percent of the visitors to the site visited the rental outlet pages of the site. Indications are that many of the individuals visiting the rental site do not own a snowmobile but want to rent one during their winter vacation. This high level of interest in renting bodes well for future sales and the growth in the snowmobile rental market.

Additional surveys have found that snowmobilers are active in many outdoor activities. Snowmobilers are also boaters, motorcycle riders, camping enthusiasts, ATV and UTV riders, hunting enthusiasts and general outdoor recreationists.

Many families have discovered that snowmobiling is a great winter recreational activity. Research shows people go snowmobiling for reasons such as viewing the scenery, be with family and friends, to get away from the usual demands of life and be close to nature.

Many organizations report that new trails

are being developed to support the positive economic impact of snowmobiling and job growth for the rural community. Economic impact studies generated by universities in North America show that snowmobiling is growing in importance as part of the overall economic engine and job growth for winter tourism. Studies show that snowmobiling now generates more than \$30 billion of economic activity in North America. The economic activity generated by snowmobiling provides many jobs and investment opportunities and generates considerable tax revenue for local governments which eagerly support snowmobiling.

Snowmobiling is a most important segment of the Outdoor Recreation Economy which overall generates over \$887 billion of economic activity in the United States alone, as reported by the US Department of Commerce and the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR). Coalition members of the ORR generate over 7.6 million jobs. Snowmobiling is a vital component of the Rural America Development effort.



Ed Klim makes his annual address at the 2019 International Snowmobile Congress in June at Grand Rapids, Mich. Photo courtesy Matt Mead/International Snowmobile Media Council.

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SPINA BIFIDA GROWS UP

SIXTH IN A SERIES

Editor's Note: The Spina Bifida Association of Iowa has been the ISSA's official charity since 1982. Last November, we began this series profiling adults living with the condition. This month, we meet Gerene TeKippe.

by Diane Glass

SBAIA Board Member

If there's an obstacle in the path of Gerene TeKippe, 23, she will find a way around it.

"I'm outgoing and outspoken, and not intimidated," she said in describing how she maneuvers through her education, her relationships and her job search. The fact that she has spina bifida introduces unique challenges but rarely gets in her way.

When she could not travel in her wheelchair from one college classroom building to another and be on time for class, she talked with the person charged with disability affairs.

"They moved the entire class so I could still attend," she said. "That showed me the power of speaking up."

Gerene works as an addictions recovery counselor at a residential drug and alcohol treatment center in Des Moines.

"When I interviewed for the job, the supervisor gave me an opportunity to say whatever I wanted about my disability. I explained what my capabilities were and said that I was more than willing to try some things out if there was any doubt I could complete part of the job," she said.

Gerene was offered the job on the spot. Following the interview, the supervisor had her simulate job duties to make sure that everything was physically possible for her.

"If there were issues, we brainstormed ways around them. It was so validating," Gerene said.

Learning to move forward is one of her

many strengths. "I learned the importance of that from my parents and from an aunt who died from breast cancer. During the year of her treatment, she never lost her poise, her sense of humor or her spirit. I want to live my life that fully."

Gerene was active in sports, especially in soccer, until she started using her wheelchair at 11. "Then in middle school, I took wheelchair track, but the girls I wanted to make friends with never accepted me," she said. "I love being around people. I learn about myself by making friends."

Her focus now is on "trying to find my place, my piece of a larger puzzle. I know that my puzzle piece is a little different from others." She writes to help her "get these pieces out of my brain" and aims to write a book. "Once I can put the pieces in order and see a pattern, I will know the life I want to create."

Gerene said her journey with spina bifida has been a "whole family" commitment. "My younger brother had to be a big brother at times, as he helped me out. My father is a logical, linear problem solver. My mother is a sensitive person who supports me emotionally. Together we have made this work," she said.

Her decision to take a semester off from her master's degree study of social work allows time for writing and for addressing some feelings of anxiety and depression. "I am a big believer in therapy," she said.

She also volunteers for the Spina Bifida Association of Iowa. "Adults with spina bifida need more support in transitioning to education after high school and in finding good jobs that take advantage of their skills," she said. "Too many adults with disabilities are stuck in routine jobs."

Expect Gerene to speak up about that.





Jourdain Named to Snowmobile Hall of Fame

For her tireless devotion to the snowmobilers with the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA), Christine Jourdain is being inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame (ISHOF).

Induction ceremonies for the Class of 2019 are planned for Sept. 20-21 at the ISHOF headquarters in Eagle River, Wis. Jourdain, from Howell, Mich., is being recognized in the 'Program Developer and Club Organizer' category.

ACSA was formed in 1995, and Jourdain was chosen as its executive director, a position she continues to hold 24 years later. During that time, she has provided "dedicated and tireless leadership to the advancement of snowmobiling through the state associations, development of leadership skills, advocating land use and access and the creation of national partnerships with numerous other outdoor land use groups," her ISHOF bio reads.

She has created and organizes the "ACSA Fly-In" in Washington, D.C., that each year brings snowmobilers from across the nation to meet face-to-face with over 250 of their legislators. She schedules all of these meetings, along with additional seminars with U.S. government agency officials to educate snowmobile association attendees.

Another one of her programs is the "Enlightenment Rides" that take members of the U.S. Forest Service on rides to educate them about snowmobile issues affecting the national forests.

"There are numerous other programs she oversees along with her skillful management of the daily duties of ACSA. Whatever they are, Christine can be found not only in the middle but also front and center of the action. ACSA has since grown to become known as the voice of snowmobiling in the U.S.," according to the ISHOF.

Watch Inbox for Grant Awards, Cooperative Agreements

by Cameron Hanson

The Review and Selection Committee (RSC) of the Iowa State Snowmobile Trail Grant Program met June 27 in Thompson to sift through applications from more than 50 snowmobile clubs in Iowa. By the end of the afternoon, close to 83 percent of the funds desired for the upcoming season was approved.

Of the \$272,000 requested by the May 1 application deadline, \$224,000 was awarded to clubs for their trail grooming and development needs for 2019-20. This amount includes \$22,400 in replacement tracks which are anticipated to benefit up to four Tucker groomers in Iowa.

Individual club contacts should receive their grant award notification and cooperative agreement letters by email this month. They are asked to sign and return the letters in a timely manner. The committee is also investigating ways to digitally sign the forms to expedite the process.

"Clubs can spend up to their awarded amount this season, and with proper documentation, they can get reimbursed after the season is over," explained Past ISSA President Chris Willey, program co-administrator. "This is a spend-it-and-get-reimbursed type of program. We normally have to remind clubs of this process when they get new people involved."

According to the RSC, placement of new groomers in Iowa remains on hold as the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT)--which oversees funding from federal grants through the Recreational Trails Program--makes sure grooming equipment complies with the Buy American Act.

"We are working closely with the IDOT on this issue," Willey assured the ISSA Board of Directors Aug. 11. "New groomers have not been assigned yet, but we're going to try and move several at once if and when we can."

Entering Year Three

The RSC began voluntarily managing state snowmobile trail grants in 2017. The program receives 70 percent of the annual funding from snowmobile registration and trail pass receipts. The remaining 30 percent balance stays with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for safety, education and law enforcement.

The IDNR continues to collect the fees through county courthouses and licensing agents and then makes quarterly payments to the RSC for its portion. Before the transition from the IDNR to the ISSA, total grant awards to clubs hovered around \$160,000 annually. Since then, the amount has climbed higher than \$220,000, the difference being attributed to the reduction in administrative costs.

Besides groomer purchases and trail grant funding, the RSC uses its share of the proceeds to purchase trail insurance and trail signs. Trail insurance remains a \$50,000 annual expense, whereas sign orders from clubs have been trending downward lately. For the 2019-20 season, only \$15,000 in new signs were ordered, a \$7,000 decrease from the previous winter.

"Most clubs are getting caught up on signs," reported Region 5 Director Matt Miner, trail sign coordinator.

Clubs are asked to bring any unused and

Iowa State Snowmobile Trail Grant Program Review and Selection Committee

Permanent Administrative Positions

- Chris Willey, Past ISSA President
- Terry Durby, Past ISSA President

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- Brian Carmichael, ISSA President
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Please communicate with the committee via email at ISSA.RSC@gmail.com.



surplus signs to the 2019 ISSA Convention in Burlington this November so the sign committee can update its inventory list and reassign those extra signs to clubs and regions in need.

Also at convention, the RSC is expected to provide its annual update on the financial health of the state snowmobile program, showing how and where funds are spent. Through last February, \$611,000 was collected in fees by the IDNR for the 2018-19 season, of which the RSC received \$427,000.

Inventory Liquidation

At its June meeting, the RSC also decided to sell the Bobcat Toolcat it inherited when the IDNR shifted management of the trail program to the ISSA. The utility vehicle came equipped with a front-mounted flail mower and was planned to circulate around the state to clear trails.

However, the unit suffered a major breakdown last fall and did not benefit the clubs as intended. The Toolcat has since been repaired through a dealer and is now deemed by the RSC too great of a liability to continue to maintain and keep in its inventory.

"We have found that the Toolcat is just not designed for this type of mowing. It can handle finish mowing but not what we were asking it to do," explained Past ISSA President Jim Willey, who is coordinating the sale.

The Toolcat currently shows 1,085 hours. The sale price has been set at \$26,500. Interested parties can contact Jim Willey at (563) 920-0911 or james.willey2019@gmail.com. The unit is currently located in eastern Iowa. Proceeds from the sale will be used toward future purchases of snow grooming equipment.

The Bobcat sale does not include the flail mower attachment. The committee plans to retain that unit and make it available to clubs to use this fall, provided they supply a suitable power unit



Following a costly breakdown last season, the RSC has decided to part ways with the Toolcat utility vehicle the program inherited in 2017. The RSC will keep the front-mounted flail mower for clubs to use this fall with their own power unit.

with standard flow hydraulics. RSC members ask that it not be used for ditch mowing but for trail clearing only.

"This works well for small saplings but is not designed for grass cutting," Chris Willey said.

Clubs can be reimbursed for the fuel when using the mower but not for renting a skid steer. A tractor-mounted brush mower is also available for clubs to use this fall. The trailer donated last year to transport the Toolcat will still be used to haul the mower attachment.

The RSC is also looking to liquidate a handful of out-dated groomers located throughout the state. Some are more than 30 years old, and all come with various maintenance issues. For complete details, contact the RSC via email at ISSA.RSC@gmail.com.

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Meeting with New IDNR Director

On Sept. 9, members of the RSC will head to Des Moines to meet with new IDNR Director Kayla Lyon. The Decorah native was appointed to the post by Gov. Kim Reynolds in June, becoming the eighth person to head the department and its first female director.

"We want to get to know her better and explain what we do and where we want to go with our program," Chris Willey said, explaining the purpose behind the trip. "We want to get started out on the right foot and open the lines of communication."

Lyon replaced Bruce Trautman, who had served as acting director since May of 2018. She previously served as Reynolds' legislative liaison and lead policy advisor on agriculture and natural resources, monitoring such IDNR operations as regulatory permitting, conservation efforts and wildlife issues.

"I appreciate the governor for providing me a new opportunity to serve Iowans," Lyon said in a press release. "In this role, I will continue the IDNR's mission to protect our natural resources, state parks, landscapes and improve the quality of life in Iowa for generations to come."

ISSA Lobbyists Mike Heller and Paula Feltner said they were familiar with Lyon and "have a good working relationship with her."

Prior to joining the governor's office, Lyon spent her career in government affairs working on agriculture, renewable fuels, water quality and environmental policy while representing farmers and agribusiness.



Lyon

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Findings Stress Importance of Adequate Gear, Training

Avalanche expert Mike Duffy of Eagle, Colo., recently reported on the number of snowmobile deaths by avalanche during the winter of 2018-19. All eight victims were from western states, including three each from Utah and Wyoming and one each from Montana and Idaho.

Duffy founded Avalanche1 training in 2005 and travels across the Snow Belt to increase awareness and offer survival skills to mountain riders. He visited Iowa six times last winter to host safety classes in Independence, Mason City, Grimes, Algona, Spirit Lake and Remsen, according to his Facebook page.

An ambassador for Backcountry Access, Duffy said 32 percent of all avalanche fatalities in the U.S. last winter were snowmobilers. Almost two-thirds of them did not carry transceivers, and their bodies—all “single complete burials”—were recovered by people outside of their riding group.

“It was an interesting year for snowmobile avalanche fatalities,” Duffy said in his report posted on the American Council of Snowmobile Associations’ website. “Twenty-plus years ago, most of the fatalities were due to not having avalanche gear. Avalanche transceivers, shovels and probes were not used by many riders.

“Today, if you ride without avalanche safety gear, you have very little chance of surviving a full burial or being able to pull off a successful rescue,” he continued. “Unfortunately, this was the problem that led to most fatalities in the U.S. last winter. Most of the fatalities may have been preventable if they had avalanche gear and avalanche training.”



Avalanche expert Mike Duffy of Colorado led safety training at the 2018 ISSA Annual Convention in Okoboji. The Friday night session was one of six classes he taught in Iowa last winter. Visit Avalanche1's Facebook page for more on Duffy or to find training near you.

Not Giving Up

ISSA Officials Regroup After Second Failed Attempt to Merge Registration Fee, Trail Pass
by Cameron Hanson

ISSA officials are regrouping this fall after a second attempt to merge the snowmobile registration fee with the optional trail user permit fee in Iowa failed to emerge from the Senate Ways and Means Committee for the second year in a row.

Unanimously approved by the Iowa House of Representatives last session, the bill—which combines the \$15 registration fee and the \$15 trail pass into one \$30 sticker—remains alive this January. A previous version of the legislation introduced in 2017 perished in 2018.

Past ISSA President Jim Willey, chair of the ISSA’s Legislative Committee, said the organized snowmobile community is not giving up on this opportunity to increase revenue for the state snowmobile program. By merging the two stickers, they hope to boost annual funding by 20 percent to help offset rising costs in grooming equipment, maintenance and fuel.

Due by the end of December, registering a snowmobile in Iowa presently costs \$15 plus writing fees. To legally ride on snowmobile trails, in ditches and on public ice in Iowa, a resident also needs to purchase a \$15 user permit plus writing fees. The fine for failing to display either on a snowmobile is \$127.50 plus court costs.

Workaround from 2013

Also applying to non-residents, the trail pass program began in 2013 as a compromise to a registration fee increase. Currently, the permit is optional, and snowmobilers ride at their own risk when deciding not to purchase one. In-state compliance since the permit’s inception has declined from around 75 percent the first season to roughly 65 percent last year.

Excuses for not buying the trail pass vary, but according to ISSA officials, the two most common reasons heard are the lack of snow in Iowa and sled owners—mainly mountain riders—who claim they do not ride in the state.

With a third of the registered snowmobilers in Iowa not buying trail passes in 2018-19, close to \$74,000 was not collected to offset trail expenses, most of which are incurred regardless if it snows in Iowa or not, Willey pointed out. Presently, the ISSA shares program revenue with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources at a 70-30 split respectively.

At last year’s convention, ISSA members in attendance overwhelmingly approved a resolution to move forward with the merger, otherwise known as the “single-sticker bill.” A new sponsor for the legislation was secured in the Iowa House, and after sailing through that chamber, the legislation was sent over to the Senate, where it stalled in the Ways and Means Committee as it had in 2018.

Despite ongoing efforts from ISSA Lobbyists Mike Heller and Paula Feltner as well as ISSA leaders to get the newest version of the bill to the Senate floor for a full vote, then-committee chair Randy Feenstra, R-Hull, declined to bring it up for consideration. The bill never saw the light of day in the Senate as the legislative session ended in Des Moines last April.

“We believe that our bill would have passed the Senate had it made it out of committee,” Willey said.

In June, Feenstra announced he was stepping down as chair of the Ways and Means Committee to devote more time to his congressional primary campaign in Iowa’s Fourth District. Sen. Jake Chapman, R-Adel, has been named his successor, and Willey said the ISSA is seizing this favorable change to advance the merger

bill.

"The bill remains eligible in the Senate this year, and with Sen. Feenstra leaving his position to attempt to take his politics to Washington, D.C., the chances for success improve next year," Willey said. "It will take an increased commitment from Iowa snowmobilers to educate legislators and communicate their support of the legislation much more effectively than we have the last couple of years."

Getting a Head Start

In July, Heller met with Sen. Chapman and other Des Moines area legislators and brought them up to speed on the bill and on the history of the snowmobile program in Iowa. Perceived as a positive move was the ISSA taking control of groomer portion from the IDNR two years ago and voluntarily managing 70 percent of the program's total revenue.

"We had a great meeting with Sen. Chapman, and I was very encouraged by it," Heller said. "He really wasn't aware of our bill and could not explain why there wasn't any movement on it the last two years. He did like how the program has transitioned from the IDNR to becoming a joint partnership on allocating the money."

Heller said he wants to get the ball rolling early when legislators convene this January. He said convincing Republicans will be the toughest hurdle as they will likely not support any bill perceived as a fee increase, especially with 2020 being an election year. The ISSA's strategy there is to illustrate the number of snowmobilers who support the merger and to show how there will be one less writing fee to pay if the legislation passes.

"We can't take anything for granted," Heller said. "We really don't want to wait until the end of the session. This bill has already unanimously passed the House twice in the last two years. All in all, we need to focus on the central Iowa area and get the thing moving as quickly as we can. We don't want to get caught up in the elections."

"We obviously don't want this bill to drag on anymore," Willey

added. "We've been working on it for the past two years already and three times in the last 10 years. We want to move forward."

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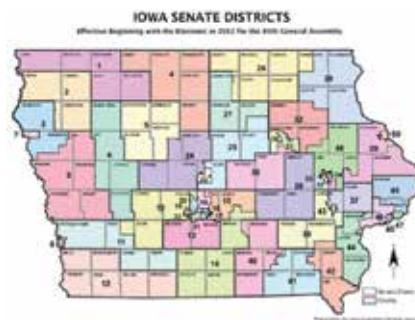
In August, the ISSA Legislative Committee recruited region directors to begin making contacts with clubs and legislators in their areas to get a head start on the lobbying front. As Heller indicated, winning central Iowa and the Des Moines area in particular will be key to victory as not only Sen. Chapman is located there but also Senate leadership, including President Charles Schneider, R-West Des Moines, Pro Tem Jerry Behn, R-Boone, and Majority Leader Jack Whitver, R-Ankeny.

"Republicans around the Des Moines area are the ones we need to convince," Heller said. "If we can get them to go along with it, I like our chances. I just hate

to see this thing go to the wayside again. We want it to have broad-base support and get the thing done. There really haven't been very good objections to it, so I think our bill has real potential this year."

"Just as we've said countless times before, Iowa needs this legislation to support winter recreation and the ability for our volunteer clubs to have the resources to continue to provide and maintain the 8,800 miles of snowmobile trails in Iowa," Willey said. "We are user-supported and receive no tax dollars. We need this legislation to keep our program viable."

Please note the trail pass would remain the books for non-resident snowmobilers if the single-sticker proposal passes during the 2020 legislative session.



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Ishoel Sweeps Dubuque in March

Norwegian Takes Care of Business in Eastern Iowa En Route to First Series Championship

by Cameron Hanson

Norwegian superstar Elias Ishoel swept both Pro Open Finals at Theisen's Snocross National in Dubuque the second weekend in March en route to the 2018-19 Amsoil Snocross Championship, his first title since joining the elite series three years ago.

Sponsored by Jimmy John's, Ishoel, 21, a Ski-Doo rider for Boss Racing of Winnipeg, went wire-to-wire last year, grabbing the points lead after the season opener at Duluth Thanksgiving weekend and never relenting through the series finale in Lake Geneva, Wis, March 15-17. The red plate designating his position in the points each weekend became a badge of honor to him and a bullseye for his competition.

"This season, I've been able to stay out in front, and I've had the red plate from the first day," Ishoel said after his dominating performance in Iowa. "I'm just trying to do my own thing and just have fun every time. Don't think and just go out there and race."

According to the International Series of Champions (ISOC) sanctioning body, Ishoel was the "most consistent and successful pro for the first two months of the season, and his success in Iowa was the type of racing points leaders look for when trying to close out the competition." In addition to earning two victories, Ishoel also finished first or second in his heats at Sundown Mountain Resort.

The weather was a major factor across all of the racing action March 8-9 at the eastern Iowa ski run, which was hosting its third straight national snocross event. Rain, sleet and fog dampened the region, making it tough for the racers to see, and track conditions deteriorated quickly on the tight downhill course.

"As if the track wasn't challenging enough, a storm front brought all-day rain to Saturday's races, hampering visibility and making the track highly unpredictable, not only from race to race, but from lap to lap," reported Hentges Racing, team owner for 2016-17 series champ Kody Kamm.

The weekend sweep at Dubuque was Ishoel's third and fourth wins of the season. He was able to increase his points lead over Kamm and



Ishoel's fourth win of the season March 9 was a boost to his championship run. Adam Renheim's second-place finish was his fifth podium of the year, and Tim Tremblay made it another all-Ski-Doo winner's circle at Dubuque as the Canadian overcame a mid-pack start to finish third. Tremblay has since retired from professional snocross competition.





Adam Renheim (311) closed the gap Saturday night but a Lap 11 bobble kept him from overtaking Elias Ishoel at Dubuque.

Photo courtesy Gary Walton/Action Graphics.

secured the title the following weekend at Lake Geneva, northwest of Chicago. There, he nabbed his fifth Pro Open Final, bringing the total number of podium finishes during 2018-19 campaign to 11 across 17 rounds.

"I had the championship wrapped up before the final, so I didn't need to be smart and safe. I could just go for it," Ishoel said. "It was really fun out there, and the championship feels really good. I took the red plate from the first race, and it was really fun to race this season."

Two years removed from a serious leg injury which temporarily sidelined his racing, Ishoel said the series title was exceptionally satisfying. At the season-ending ISOC awards banquet, he was also honored as a Fan Favorite with the Pirtek Performance Award, and his team—fueled by Ishoel's championship run—was named Team of the Year. Ishoel said last season's accolades and hardware made the recovery process worthwhile.

"It was really hard to be gone that year," he said of his broken femur in July of 2017. "I just tried to do everything I could this season to be the best I could. When I saw where I was after the first race in Duluth, I knew I was going to have a chance at the championship, and I needed to do something different. Before, I was just always going for the win, but this year, I had to be smarter. The team has just been so good and worked so hard. It just feels really good."

Kamm finished second in points for the season and won one

of the three Pro Open Finals at Lake Geneva. Hentges Racing said Kamm's season "definitely had its ups and downs," and while he entered the last weekend within striking distance of the championship, "sled gremlins" kept him from overcoming the points deficit.

"I can't thank everyone on the team enough for all the hard work they put into our season," Kamm said of his runner-up performance. "It was great to be part of it, and I can't wait to come back next year!"

This season's ISOC schedule had not been released as of press time, but the series is not expected to return to Sundown Mountain. Requests for additional information from race officials and the title sponsor went unanswered.

Mark Gordon, general manager at Sundown, could not elaborate much on the issue but indicated the circuit wanted his venue to change dates to separate their event from the season-ending races at Lake Geneva.

"I know it is not going to be at Sundown this year as we are not renewing," Gordon said. "I know they are looking at other locations, and that's all I can say. They were kind of concerned with the proximity to the Geneva race and where we fell on the calendar."

"They wanted to move our race up earlier in the season, but that would have made it tough for us as that is our prime ski season. We just couldn't do it," he said.

Gordon said he had no regrets about hosting professional snocross racing the last three seasons and was content knowing



2017 points champion Kody Kamm (53) was perfect in heat racing at Theisen's National Snocross earlier this year in Iowa, but the best he could do in the Pro Open Finals was ninth place the second weekend in March. He did, however, finish second in points at season's end.

Photo courtesy Crystal Wallem Photography.

he could bring this level of excitement to eastern Iowa. He admitted last March's weather made their final event a little more challenging, but overall, the three-year run was good for business.

"It's too bad," Gordon said. "Our guys really liked working with their guys. But the new time slot they were looking at would have been problematic for us. The last three years were great. It was neat we were able to get an event of that caliber here in Iowa, and absolutely, no question, I'd do it again."



by Cameron Hanson

Following the triannual rotation of host sites, the ISSA's fall convention returns to eastern Iowa this November and, with it, another opportunity to attend an in-state snow show.

The 2019 ISSA Annual Convention is planned for Nov. 22-24 at the Pzazz Resort Hotel in Burlington, IA. The facility is adjacent to the Catfish Bend Casino, and the three-day event is being hosted by the Southeast Iowa Ridge-Blasters.

Club president and ISSA Region 10 Director Aaron Dorothy is chairing the 2019 Convention Planning Committee. He said they are looking to sponsor a snow show on Saturday and hopes his fellow snowmobilers across Iowa will make the effort to drive down to his corner of the state.

"I really want to push so people come to this year's convention," Dorothy said. "Yes, I know it's in far southeast Iowa, but it should be an easy drive for most people to come down here. We are really working hard to to give them something to come for!"

The ISSA began rotating convention sites after its 40th Anniversary celebration in 2013 in Altoona. The logic behind the move was to bring conventions closer to members and snowmobilers in each region of Iowa. Board members hoped the reduced travel time would increase attendance locally.

The rotation moves from west to east. This year's convention should have been located in central Iowa but when no bids were submitted by the deadline last fall, the ISSA board accepted the Ridge-Blasters' offer to host, and the site leapfrogged to Burlington.

A tentative agenda for this year's convention appears on page 16. Dorothy said they are planning fun events and activities for the

entire family. The committee is also looking to print commemorative T-shirts so attendees have something to remember the weekend by.

"The only thing missing this year will be the snow...and that's not totally out of the question," he said. "Trust me when I say it will be worth the trip this year. The convention is going to be like no other."

Snow shows are not required for convention weekend but are considered by many as a way to increase attendance and promote snowmobiling in Iowa. The last time a snow show happened was in 2017 in Cedar Rapids, so Dorothy said he wanted to take another shot at hosting one this year.

"We are really trying to push to have people there for the snow show," he said. "We are working with vendors to have displays so people coming have something to look at and, more importantly, something to buy. We don't want people going home thinking that was just the same old convention."

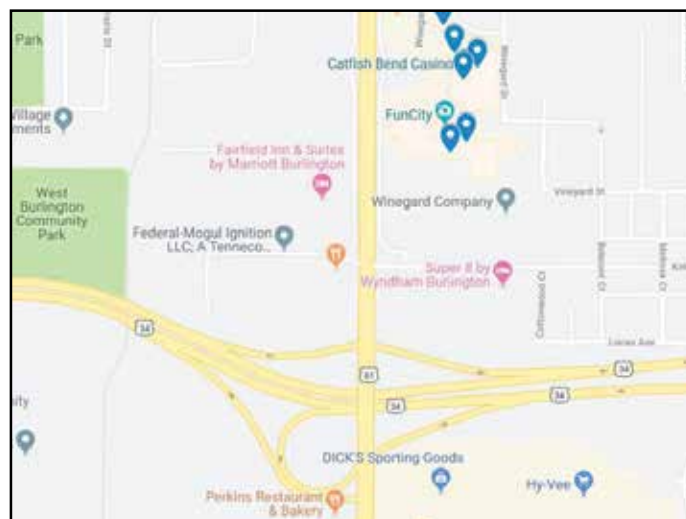
Dorothy said he has invited dealers and groomer manufacturers to set up displays and also plans to have representatives from the Polaris Ride Command trail map app on hand. Dorothy is also encouraging ISSA-member clubs to set up booths for the annual Snowmobile Iowa showcase. Clubs can reserve space by filling out the form on page 16.

The snow show is open all day on Saturday, and there is no admission fee. Full convention registration, on the other hand, costs \$60 before Oct. 15 and \$70 thereafter. Daily registrations are also available. Please see the registration form on page 17 for more information.

Please note registration fees do not include lodging. Three hotels are connected to the convention center, but to receive the \$79 group rate, attendees must book rooms at Pzazz. In order to stay at the casino hotel, Catfish Bend Inn, guests need to be 21 years or older. For complete hotel information, visit www.thepzazz.com.

Convention weekend begins Friday night with snow show set up and entertainment in the hospitality room. Besides the snow show, activities on Saturday include women's and youth events, region meetings and elections, seminars, raffles and the evening awards banquet. The schedule ends with an ISSA board meeting Sunday morning.

More convention details will appear in the next two issues of this magazine. The planning committee is also looking for convention sponsors. See the form on page 17 for more details. Anyone with questions can contact Dorothy at (319) 217-6361 or email him at aarond65@hotmail.com.



This year's convention site is just north of the Highway 61/34 interchange in Burlington.

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Snowshow/Club set up
Hospitality Hour/Entertainment

Saturday

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Region 4

Bremer County Sno-Knights

by Hope Balvanz, Secretary

Hello, everyone. This spring and summer has been a busy one for us. In the end of April, we voted for new officers. They are President Jeremy Happel, who is also our long-time trail director, Vice-President Denny Koehler, Treasurer Bob Juhl, and Theresa Pothast is our new activities director. Hope Balvanz has agreed to continue as the Secretary.



We had a booth this year at the Bremer County Fair where we also served adult beverages at two of the main events as a fundraiser. We have lots of work to be done before the season starts, including several bridges that we need to replace this year. We are in the process of fixing our groomer after transmission failure this past winter. We are looking forward to the new season and hope it is just as good or better than last season.

Happy trails!

Region 5

Cresco Driftrunners

by Bob Martinek, Treasurer

"FYI...There isn't any snow in Copper Harbor" was a text message I received from a friend of mine on July 24! It proves that some of us are always looking (dreaming) forward to the next ride.

With that in mind, our annual Steak Fry Meeting and Membership Drive is Sunday, Sept. 15 at the Featherlite building at the Howard County Fairgrounds in Cresco. Social time starts at 11 a.m. Meeting at noon with steaks on the grill at 1 p.m. The club provides the steaks and beverages for a small fee. Members and potential members bring a dish to pass and their own eating utensils. Lots of food and fellowship. All are welcome. Please bring the kids as they are the future of our sport.

Not much else going on now so I hope to see everyone on the 15th. Thank you.

Region 9

Iowa Snowdrifters

by Ron Roe

Hello, everyone, I hope everyone has had a good summer. I have done a lot of fun things this summer. I have ridden the ATV and my trike motorcycle every chance I could.

We just finished an ATV trip in northern Wisconsin with seven other people. Donnie Miller was the planner for this trip. Thanks Donnie. He took care of the reservations and planned our days. We rode six days and had a different plan each day. We rode almost 600 miles.

My wife and I are taking the bike to the UP Aug. 18 for a week. I am putting it on a trailer, so on rainy days, I'll have the truck to get around. We are not sure where we are staying other than I would like to spend two or three days in an area and then move on to another spot. Should be able to see a lot of Lake Superior and some of Lake Michigan. Hope to have a relaxing week.

Now back to real time. Our snowmobile club is planning our annual tractor pull, which will be in Palo on Aug 17. We lost our spot at Hawkeye Downs so we had to build a new track in Palo. I realize

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If your club has elected new officers or if you have an address change, please email ISSA Membership Chair Brittany Paulus at bepaulus@outlook.com so we can keep our Club Directory current. Thank you.

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the event will be over by the time this magazine is out. Hopefully we will have a good turnout.

We are also planning another golf outing on Sept. 21. It will be at the Airport National Golf Course. More info is on the Snowdrifters website. Then on Oct. 5, we are having a membership drive tailgate party at 11 a.m. to watch the Iowa Hawkeye football game. Watch the website for the location and details.

We have started talking about bridges that need some work and some that need to be replaced. The rainy weather in the spring put everything to a test for staying in place and for strength. We have to do some reroutes on some of the trails this year.

Well, that's all I have for now. Enjoy what is left of summer.



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