



Northwoods Riders Snowmobile Club

Supporting the best snowmobile trails in and around Tomahawk, WI!



February 2025 Newsletter

Next Meeting:

2/23/2025

Twin Bay Pizza & Resort

Food served at 6:15pm

General Meeting at 7:00pm

Board Members

Officers:

President – Greg Johnson

Vice President – Dale Elliott

Treasurer – Kay Collom

Secretary – Lisa Elliott

Membership Coordinator – Chetek Wenker

Directors:

John Collom

Thor Gilbertson

Mark McDonald

Aimee Merkel

Gary Waters

Newsletter - Mallory Gilbertson

Membership

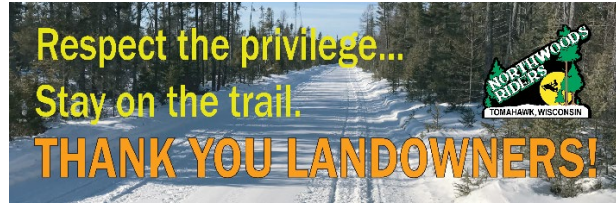
We currently have 461 memberships in our club with 34 new memberships this season. There were 42 members at the January meeting. No new members attending the meeting. Several current members attended their first meeting including Dave Walsh. Landowners attending were Dave Walsh, Lori Rogney & Jim Hanson, Dale & Lisa Elliott. Welcome to these folks and thank you to all of the current members attending our meetings. It is great to see all of you at the meeting!

Trail Updates

As always, stay between the blazers on the marked trails on land, and stay near the barrels when trails cross waterways.

Thank you to the many members that help clear trails after the wet snow and ice in January. Thank you to Gary & Cal Waters and Mike Wick for re-routing the trails on Lake Nokomis between Y and Boomba due to an open water area.

Groomer activity can be found on the [GTS Trails](#) website and app. Note: there is an 8 hour delay.



Club News

Destination Ride Jan 30 – Feb 1, 2026

We had another fabulous destination club ride! 36 riders left with their saddlebags packed on Friday morning and we returned Sunday afternoon. Enjoyed 275 miles of trails in Manitowish Waters, Presque Isle, Land O'Lakes, Boulder Junction, Mercer, Lac du Flambeau, and Hazelhurst areas, in addition to our own Tomahawk area club trails. The trails were fabulous everywhere. And as you can see in the pictures, the fellowship amongst members was even better! Thank you to The Lodge at Manitowish Waters, Goochs 2, White Oak Grill Manitowish Waters, Bents Camp, Boulder Beer Bar, Home Slice Pizza, Harrison's Pub & Grill, and Hazelhurst Pub for your awesome lodging, food, and service. Thank you to all of the clubs, members, groomers, and landowners for the work you put in to make this sport enjoyable for all riders. Looking forward to our next club ride! Special thanks to the organizers Dale and Lisa Elliott.



Other Club Updates at our January Meeting

Knight Owls – Gary Hilgendorf

- Nancy Swan raised \$7000 for Star Foundation Winter Splash and Knight Owls received \$4500. Thank you for supporting Nancy!
- Ride with the Cup grants will be distributed shortly.
- AWSC Bills SB 700 and AB 704 are to increase registration and trail pass fees and are currently waiting to be scheduled for vote by the Wisconsin State legislation.
- AWSC \$3000 AD&D insurance benefit was discontinued. Working on a new program with an investment group.

Northern Trails Unlimited – Darren Merkel

- Fundraiser is 2/15/26 at The Loop Hole – tickets available yet at Willow Haven, Willows End, Little Rice, Pickles.

Northwoods Passage – Andy King

- Oneida County inspection of funded trails was done. Three corrections were made within two hours. Trails are currently in excellent condition. Groomers are scheduled and running daily again starting today after the cold weather break.
- Northwoods Passage Winter Celebration is 3/14/26 at Inshalla – Lori Rogne has forms to purchase tickets. Sled raffle tickets available at the meetings and at the bars.

Upcoming Club Events

Other Club Events

- 2/14/26 Northwoods Passage Pizza Feed at Twin Bay.
- 2/14/26 Knight Owls Valentine Community Ride starting 10:30 from Rivers Edge.
- 2/15/26 Northern Trails Unlimited Equipment fundraiser at The Loop Hole.

Charitable Giving

The Northwoods Riders are very fortunate to be giving and receiving donations this season!



We received a donation from the Tilted Loon from their round-up your bill campaign. Thank you to Nate and Holly Carr for this donation.

We also received another donation from the Kracker Barrel from their Pump #4 sales. Thank you to Jim and Audrey Charles from the Kracker Barrel. Fill your sleds and vehicles up at Pump #4 whenever you can.

Meeting Winners!

\$25 Gift Certificate to Boomba Bar was won by Myra Ross, the birthday girl!

50-50 Drawing of \$110 was won by Dennis Wenker.

Tickets to represent Northwoods Riders at the Northern Trails Unlimited fundraiser on 2/15/26 won by Mallory Gilbertson.

Thank you to Amiee and Darren Merkel from Boomba Bar for hosting our meeting tonight!

2025-2026 Area Club Events

All Northwoods Riders club events and meetings are listed on our website under Events & News> [Northwoods Riders Calendar](#) and on our Facebook page.

A comprehensive list of events for all area clubs can be found on our website under Events & News> [Area Clubs Event List](#) and in the chart below.

TOMAHAWK AREA SNOWMOBILE CLUB EVENTS 2025-2026				
Date	Time	Event	Club	Location
2/7/2026	11:00 AM-3:00 PM	NWR Trailside Cookout	NWR	NWR Club Shed
2/7/2026	3:00-5:00 PM	Meat Raffle	Har Wanderers	Stars & Stripes
2/7/2026		Gun Raffle & Cash	Knight Owls	Sure-Wood Forest
2/8/2026	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	NWR Member Breakfast	NWR	Billy Bob's
2/14/2026		Pizza Feed	NWPSC	Twin Bay
2/14/2026		Community Ride	Knight Owls	
2/21/2026		Maday's Fisheree	NWPSC	Maday's Fish Trap
2/21/2026		\$100 raffle	Knight Owls	Nut-Zee's
2/15/2026		Equipment Fundraiser	NTU	The Loop Hole
2/28/2026	2:00 PM	Sled Raffle	NWPSC	Somo Lake Resort
3/7/2026	3:00-5:00 PM	Meat Raffle	Har Wanderers	Willows End
3/14/2026	5:00 PM	Winter Celebration	NWPSC	Inshalla
3/28/2026	3:00 - 5:00 PM	Fun'd Run and Meat Raffle	Har Wanderers	My 10 Point Bar
4/25/2026		Spring Hoot	Knight Owls	Inshalla
5/24/2026		Beer Raffle	Knight Owls	Castaway's
7/18/2026		Pontoon Palooza	NWR	The Landing