



Northwoods Riders Snowmobile Club

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



March 2026 Newsletter

Next Meeting:

3/23/2026

Holly's Bar

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 478 memberships in our club with 34 new memberships this season.

There were 28 members at the February meeting. No new members attended the meeting. Landowners attending were Dan Johnson and Dale & Lisa Elliott. Member Mike Dahmen attended his first club meeting, and Wayde, Dawn, and Scott from Ride with the Cup were visiting guests. Thank you to all of the current members attending our meetings. It is great to see all of you at the meetings!



Trail Updates

Lincoln County trails are closing for the season on Tuesday, March 3rd at 4:00pm.

Warm temperatures are causing rapidly changing trail conditions. Currently trails are icy with some bare spots and most roads are bare. Watch the area grooming clubs Facebook pages for updates on their grooming plans, trail condition updates, and trail closures for the rest of the month. Ride safe and ride right.

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

Northwoods Passage trail boss, Dan Hoover, will be coordinating volunteers to remove barrels and markers from the lakes. Call or text Dan at 715/966-4008 if you would like to help and he will contact you when they are ready to do this.

Club News

Wayde & Dawn Kreager from the **Ride with the Cup** organization attended our meeting. Their mission is to promote safe snowmobiling in central and northern Wisconsin. They represent 16 clubs from Wausau to Eagle River. This year they are able to sponsor 330 kids for snowmobile safety classes with 14 grants. They presented the Northwoods Riders with a \$300 grant to support our snowmobile safety class held in December.



Trailside Cookout

Thanks to Dennis and Chetek Wenker for organizing this year's trailside cookout again on February 7th. We extended invitations to attend to the local landowners

that grant trail access. It was nice to get a chance to meet those that attended the cookout. We had a nice display of vintage sleds at the event and are planning next year to encourage riders to bring their vintage sleds to display. Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped make this a great event!



Member Appreciation Breakfast

137 members attended our Membership Appreciation Breakfast on February 8th. Thank you to Lisa Elliott for organizing the event. Billy Bob's cooked up a delicious brunch for us and we look forward to working with them next year. New this year we had a Northwoods Passage and a Northern Trails Unlimited groomer on display. News Channel 12 interviewed several board members regarding our club mission and support of the local trail system. Next year we plan to invite all three grooming clubs to bring their groomers for display and we will extend invitations to the landowners of all three local clubs to attend also. We hope you enjoy this membership appreciation event. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make this day a success also!



Northern Trails Unlimited Winter Fundraiser

Northwoods Riders donated \$1500 in prizes and the Northern Trails Unlimited Club was able to generate over \$5090 from our donations, a 340% return on

investment. They had their most successful fundraiser yet! Thank you to all that attended their event at The Loop Hole Bar and supported the NTU club.



Club Board Nominations

Nominations will be open at the March general meeting for: Vice President (Dale Elliott), Treasurer (Kay Collom), and two Director positions (John Collom and Mark McDonald).

We are looking for members interested in serving in various board positions as some of the current board members are ready to step down and are not planning to run for positions next fall. Greg Johnson has shared that this is his last term to serve as President. Per Greg, "it has been a great five years and I'm sure I will enjoy my last year. New blood and new ideas are needed to continue to make the Northwoods Riders Snowmobile Club prosper."

Consider serving the club by nominating yourself or accepting a nomination and running for a Club Board position in next season's elections this October. All board position terms are two years.

Groomer Appreciation Gifts

The club approved giving \$75 Tomahawk Chamber Bucks to each of the groomer operators and maintenance workers for the Knight Owls, Northwoods Passage, and Northern Trails Unlimited clubs. The cost will be approximately \$1700. We appreciate the many hours they spend grooming trails and keeping equipment running all season.

Pontoon Palooza Organization

Pontoon Palooza planning will begin shortly. The palooza will be on Saturday, July 18th this year.

Volunteers are needed for food service, beverage service, ticket sales, set-up tear down, boat and costume judging. If you can help or would like to be involved as a committee lead or member, please contact any board member or email info@northwoodsriders.org. We have everything organized and laid out in spreadsheets and are looking for your help. For members that live out of town, we could use your help on the day of the event. Thanks for considering helping the club at our biggest event of the year.

Upcoming Area Club Events

- March 7th - Harshaw Wanderers meat raffle at Willows End.
- March 14th - Northwoods Passage Winter Celebration at Inshalla Country Club. [Registration form at the end of this newsletter.](#)
- March 28th – Harshaw Wanderers Fun'd Run and Meat Raffle at My 10 Point Bar.
- April 15th - Knight Owls Spring Hoot at Inshalla Country Club. [Registration form at the end of this newsletter.](#)

Charitable Giving

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

- We received a \$300 grant from **Ride with the Cup** (see details above).
- We received \$500 from Al Hanley from 5 Star Marketing in Tomahawk at the member appreciation breakfast.
- Northwoods Riders donated \$1500 in prizes to Northern Trails Unlimited (see details above).
- Thank you to Jim and Audrey Charles from the Kracker Barrel for donating a percentage of their Pump #4 sales to our club. Fill up there when you can!

Meeting Winners!

\$25 Gift Certificate to Twin Bay Pizza won by Wayde Kreager.

50-50 Drawing of \$97.50 won by Andy Schaper.

Thank you to Kiersten and John Litzau from Twin Bay for hosting our meeting tonight. The pizza was delicious!

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Location</u>
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

Knight Owls Snowmobile Club

We are pleased to announce we will be holding our 6th annual Spring Hoot Banquet on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Inshalla Country Club. Tickets will be \$55 per person, which provides a family style dinner, raffles, and a chance to win cash prizes of: 1st=\$500.00, 2nd=\$250.00, 3rd=\$150.00, & 4th=\$100.00. There will only be 200 tickets sold.

We are in search of sponsors to help support this event. For those of you looking to help the club, now is your chance. Your contribution will help cover the cost of the raffles and prizes that will be given away. There will be four levels of sponsorship: Platinum=\$1500.00, Gold=\$1000.00, Silver=\$500.00, and Bronze=\$250.00. This may be in the form of items, cash or combination of both. Your name will be mentioned during the event and will be listed in our program book. For those choosing the Platinum level you will receive 4 free tickets, and Gold level will receive 2 free tickets.

We would like to thank you in advance for any way you can help out. If you have any questions in regards to this event, please contact Nancy Swan at 715-966-0308 or email: knightowlsnowmobileclub@gmail.com.

Our trail system includes corridors 15-16-17-19 running from the City of Tomahawk, East to the Harrison Hills area, South to Gleason and Irma and West to Spirit Falls. A total of 120 miles, all groomed with one Prinoth groomer and a 9'6" drag!!!

KNIGHT OWLS SNOWMOBILE CLUB – SPRING HOOT COMMITTEE

ORDER FORM FOR DINNER TICKETS

Name: _____ Phone# _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Dinner tickets @\$55.00 each _____ Amount Due _____

SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT

PLATINUM - \$1500 _____ (Receives 4 Free Tickets)

GOLD - \$1000 _____ (Receives 2 Free Tickets)

SILVER - \$500 _____

BRONZE - \$250 _____

OTHER - \$ _____

Items _____

Name: _____

*** Please respond by April 1st to give the committee the time needed to make this event successful.

VOLUNTEER

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return form & money to: Knight Owls Snowmobile Club, C/O Nancy Swan, W2335 County Rd D
Omaha, WI 54487