



Millstream Valley Snowmobile Club

A Member of the N.B.F.S.C.—#66

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2008/2009 Season Is Fast Approaching!

It's that time of year again when we start to get our 200kms of trails, bridges, buildings and grooming equipment ready for the upcoming snowmobile season. Starting early saves a big rush in the cold and snow (save that for snowmobiling!). There is lots to do: trail brushing, sign posting, sign brushing, field staking, bridge repairs, shelter cleaning, shelter firewood, etc. We are a club with 289 members and volunteers are needed to maintain this trail system. Remember: "Many hands make light work".

If you would like to help out please:

1. Do so (Thank You)
2. Contact one of the Directors (see elsewhere)
3. Contact the club at: contactus@millstreamvalley.com

There is still much to do. Any help is greatly appreciated!!



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President's Message

This is shaping up to be another exciting year of change for our club of 289 members starting with our new newsletter format created by Scott Fillmore and our new updated web site featuring trail conditions, club events, etc. (www.millstreamvalley.com). More trail expansion to snow destinations, restaurants and lodging and connecting with Chipman and Goshen are on our focus list for this year. We now have a agreement with Chipman to cost share some of the trail development and also grooming mileage. Our club is in excellent financial condition and is anxious to explore any new opportunities to improve membership value and participation.

We are continuously working to improve our mailing lists and ask that any of you that have e-mails please forward to one of our club executive. Your club executive has been active the past month getting ready for our annual meeting on October 22 and looking at new opportunities for this upcoming season. I encourage you to attend the meeting and help insure the future of the groomed trails in our area. With out you we can't exist. See you on the trail!

Peter Pope , Club President

New Club Website

Last year we built a club website, www.millstreamvalley.com. We are getting about 200 hits a week. Check it out! Some of the features:

1. Dial up friendly.
2. Printable trail map (8.5"x11").
3. Trail Conditions (posted weekly).
4. Trail Forum (intended to supplement the Trail Conditions).
5. Pictures.

Many thanks to Sheila Black on this one!

Please look here for other club information. We are considering posting our newsletters in the future on the site to save money and time. Please have a look, your comments are appreciated (contactus@millstreamvalley.com). We also still use voice mail to contact members for upcoming events. If you are not receiving voice mail please contact Janice Bates at 485-2497.



Richard Boyd - Groomers/Grooming

Scott Fillmore -Trail Maintenance

Scott Fillmore/Sheila Black -Website

Scott Fillmore - Newsletter

Shannon Boyd / Daryl Kieth -Fundraising

Chris Spencer - Map/Mapping

You will notice all the phone numbers and e-mail addresses are available to allow you the opportunity to voice any concerns and offer your assistance where you can. If the club is going to exist, grow and meet your needs we need **YOUR HELP and SUPPORT** to help put up signs, sell tickets etc.. As you well know fund raising continues to be necessary to support the grooming and maintenance costs of our club.

**Club Meeting: Wednesday Oct. 22,
7:30PM, Belleisle Hall
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Focus 2008

We will need lots of help with these initiatives!

1. Reconnecting the provincial trail to Chipman Club via Forks Stream (trail 820) while reducing plowed road travel in the area. Agreement is in place with Chipman Club to groom half way.
2. Connecting trail 824 (Sussex) to the Goshen Snowmobile Club trails.
3. Beaver dam issue in the Cambridge Narrows/ Big Cove Area. This will require some work to be passable this winter.
4. Increase member participation. We usually have @20 regular volunteers doing the work for a club with @289 members (6.9%).
5. Trail signage, trail destinations.

Club Fundraising

Your Snowmobile Club couldn't operate without the various fund raising and the countless hours our volunteers put in.

NBFSC 2008 Provincial Lottery Tickets: Members are selling them for \$10.00 and \$7.00 from each ticket stays with the selling club. If every member bought one it would mean \$2500 for the club! If you can sell some tickets please contact Howard Gillies.

The Annual Moose Draw:

First Prize - All expense paid trip for two to Newfoundland and \$1000 spending money this includes accommodations and guide (or the winner can take \$4000 in cash). Second Prize - \$500. Third Prize - \$200. **Only 300 Tickets will be sold @ \$50 each.**

Last season's Moose Draw took place at the Fairway Inn and was a great success. Also great to see more ladies there!

Trail Passes

A current trail pass is required by law to ride on NBFSC trails. You can purchase trail passes at any local SNB office or at www.snb.ca. For your application—**OUR CLUB # IS 66**. Remember, a large portion of the trail pass money goes back to the club (hence the club #) for infrastructure and grooming operations.

Season Permit \$200 + HST (\$150 + HST before Dec. 15)

Family Permit \$75+HST

Classic Permit \$75+HST

Antique Permit \$35+HST Go to www.nbfsc.com for more details.

Please remember a lot of time, money and effort has gone into preparing our warming huts, bridges, signs, trails and trail surface for EVERYONE'S ENJOYMENT. Please help maintain them and please do not tear up the trails.

Thank You!

Have fun, ride safe! See you on the trails!

Volunteering

Everyone can help in some way: installing signs, cutting or piling bushes, marking dangerous spots with flagging tape or filling in a wet spot with brush and snow, selling tickets, providing lumber or saw logs for bridges, culverts, equipment (backhoe, bush cutter, front-end loader, bulldozer, excavator, chainsaw etc.) for trail expansion or repairs, doing the ground work for a new trail or becoming active in the Club Executive. Many hands make light work, the more volunteers we have the better our trails will be.

Ski-Doo Promotion



BRP (Ski-Doo) has a promotion celebrating its 50th anniversary. Until Nov. 15 you can fill out a coupon and bring it in to your nearest BRP dealer and they will give \$10 to your club. You can do it online (www.ski-doo.com) or submit a card that you may have received in the mail or found in a snowmobile magazine

This is one of the easiest fundraisers where everyone can participate. Please help our club by filling out and submitting a card. It is a great chance for everyone to contribute to the club!

What's Going On....

Pearson Brook Hut—leveled up, wood shed added, ceiling finished.

Pearson Brook Bridge—re-decked

Miller Brook Bridge—replaced with forestry bridge.

Trail 820 (Dubee Road)- signs brushed and added/replaced some.

Trail 830 (Fire Road)—signs added and brushed.

Trail 822/824 (Snider Mountain)—signs added at intersection.

Trail 830 (Dickie Road) - road rebuilt and brushed.

Belleisle Area—sections brushed in March.

