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Iowa Program Changes Catching National Attention

Fall is here, and it's a great time of year. The temps start to drop. Friday nights are spent under the lights watching high school football, and clubs start to meet and get ready for another snowmobile season. No matter how the previous season went, every club I talk with looks to the coming season with hope and excitement.

I'm looking forward to the coming winter with even more excitement than any year before. We have made some very historic and ground-breaking changes in snowmobiling, not just for Iowa but in organized snowmobiling as a whole. We have accomplished something never before done and have set an example for snowmobile associations, both in the U.S. snow states and internationally to follow. We thought outside the box and didn't just follow the "this is how it's always been done" mentality.

We sought out a better way that benefited all snowmobilers. What we have accomplished is getting noticed all across the Snow Belt. In the last few weeks since we have completed these changes, I have received calls and emails from other state snowmobile associations like Michigan and Illinois and national organizations like the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA).

They want to know how we did it and details on the way our program is set up. They see what we have accomplished and the benefits it has and better opportunities it will bring to snowmobilers. We are having a better say when the decisions are made on

where our money is spent.

In Iowa, we may not lead the snowmobile world in the amount of snow we get or the number of months we get to ride in our state, but we do lead in ground-breaking ideas and getting things done. I am very proud to be a part of the team that achieved



Chris Willey
ISSA
President

these accomplishments. We still have a lot of work to do, but we are on the right track, and I know we have great clubs and a state organization ready to make it all work.

I have been visiting as many clubs as possible to answer questions and see what specific challenges

they face. There is one challenge every club has: Membership is a topic at every meeting I attend. Every club and the ISSA as a whole are seeing a decline in members. I know this isn't a new problem, but we need to find some new ideas and a new approach to solve it. There are other states looking at different ideas to boost membership and involvement. I would like to hear from people on ideas they have. Please come to an ISSA meeting or get ahold of me with your suggestions.

Don't forget we have convention coming up in November. The convention committee is doing a great job getting things put together, and there will be some great seminars and informational meetings along with the fun we always have at convention. I hope to see everyone there.

Never Too Early to Get Sled Out, Check Things Over

Greetings, Iowa snowmobilers. The season is rapidly approaching so it's time to start thinking about good times with good friends. Plan a trip to a different place this year. Iowa has excellent riding when the snow is good, and this is going to be a great year for all of us in Iowa!

There are some really good events across the state put on by hard-working clubs. Plan to help them out by participating so get your sleds out and check them over well. It's always



Brian Carmichael
ISSA Vice
President

better to fix the little things now before they become bigger problems later.

The state convention is also coming up so mark your calendars. This event is always a great time to meet new people who love the sport like we all do. In short, I hope to see you all there.

Think snow!!

From the President's Desk

Vice President's Message



# Iowa Snowmobile Dealer Earns National Recognition

by Cameron Hanson

For the seventh time since 2002, a snowmobile dealer from Iowa has earned national recognition at the International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) by becoming the American Council of Snowmobile Associations' (ACSA) Snowmobile Dealer of the Year.

At the 49th Annual ISC in Winnipeg, Canada, in June, J&K Snowmobiles of Estherville from Region 2 was announced as the 2017 ACSA winner, following up its state award a year earlier and recognizing the dealer's commitment to organized snowmobiling in northwest Iowa.

Past ISSA President Bruno Andreini accepted the plaque on behalf of J&K as owners Kenny Hanson and son Cory Hanson were unable to attend the ceremony.

## ACSA Dealer of the Year Winners from Iowa

- 2002: Myers Polaris, Fairbank
- 2005: LeRoy's Repair, Nashua
- 2009: Kuennen's House of Power, Maynard
- 2010: Mid-States Powersports, Grimes
- 2013: Leer's Cycle Center, Waterloo
- 2016: Fast City, Inc., Oxford
- 2017: J&K Snowmobiles, Estherville

From their dealership on the east side of Estherville in September, Cory Hanson said they were honored to receive the award.

"This was quite a surprise, really," he said. "We would like to thank everyone who nominated and voted for us. We feel honored to win this great award."

Opened in 1969, J&K bills itself as the oldest Arctic Cat dealer in the state. Kenny Hanson founded the business with partner Jerry Johnson, and in addition to Cat, they also sold Polaris and Scorpion sleds over the years. In 1993, Hanson became sole proprietor, and the business began selling the Cat line exclusively. In 2007, a new shop was built.

J&K won the ISSA's Dealer of the Year Award in November of 2016, and their nomination was automatically forwarded to the national competition by the ISSA's Awards Committee. The Dickinson County SnowHawks of Region 1 nominated the dealership for the state award and, in the process, highlighted the Hansons' support of local clubs.

"J&K Snowmobiles not only cares about snowmobiling in their own county, but in their state and neighboring states as well," the SnowHawks' nomination form reads.



Accepting the dealer award on behalf of J&K Snowmobiles is Past ISSA President Bruno Andreini, left. Presenting the plaque is ACSA President Bob Kirchner.

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“They don’t look at boundaries when it comes to supporting the sport and even work harder to make sure members and clubs are working together and not against each other.”

Besides the SnowHawks, J&K also works closely with the local Emmet County Driftbusters of Region 2. In addition to attending club meetings and supporting club functions, the Hansons have attended city council meetings to discuss trail development and have also donated equipment for trail clearing.

Last December, when the Emmet County club needed to replace the engine in their groomer, J&K opened up its shop for club members to complete the repairs, including time spent wrenching on Christmas Eve.

“Now that we have our groomer going, we’re going to try to get some easements

in place to get a cross-country trail system in our area,” said Cory Hanson, noting the local snowmobile trail runs within a block of the dealership. “Hopefully, we can get some snow this year to use it.”

Over the years, J&K has donated items to local clubs for raffles and fundraisers and has also hosted membership drives at the dealership. Always looking for ways to promote the sport and attract new customers, they have also supplied new sleds for demo rides at club events.

“The biggest thing for us over the years is treating our customers well and being honest with them, pricing sleds fairly and getting involved with the local clubs as much as we can.” Cory Hanson said. “We need to promote snowmobiling, offer events to keep people involved in and keep the interest level going.”



Photo courtesy Mary Anne Grabow, South Dakota Sno Plainsman

Iowans at ISC

Representing Iowa at the 49th Annual International Snowmobile Congress were, from left, Judy and Bob King, Dick Melick and daughter Cindy Johnson, Bruno and Marilyn Andreini, Merv Hoermann, Jim and Becky Willey and Robert Ruetter.

ISSA Members Interact with Counterparts from Across Snow Belt at Winnipeg Event

by Cameron Hanson

A modest faction of Iowa snowmobilers, including four past ISSA presidents, travelled north of the border in June to participate in the 49th Annual International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) in Winnipeg, Canada.

Hosted this year by the Snowmobilers of Manitoba, the four-day event began June 7 and, through meetings and educational seminars and presentations, brought snowmobile association members together with their counterparts from across the Snow Belt in North America and abroad.

At ISC, the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) held chapter meetings and full board meetings and also

interacted with, among others, the Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations, the International Association of Snowmobile Administrators and the International Tourism Council. Snowmobile leaders from Norway were also on hand.

The ISSA belongs to ACSA’s Midwest Chapter, and in the absence of ISSA President Chris Willey, Past ISSA President Jim Willey represented Iowa during the ACSA meetings. Also at Congress, Jim Willey completed his two-year term as vice chair of the Midwest Chapter but did not pursue the office of chair after Bob King of Council Bluffs completed his service in that capacity.

Past ISSA President Bruno Andreini was



elected to the board of directors for the Iron Dog Brigade, and Judy King of Council Bluffs assumed the position of secretary/treasurer for that prestigious society. The Iron Dogs is an elite group of volunteers, administrators and industry leaders who have worked tirelessly over their careers to promote and protect the sport of snowmobiling. Membership is by invitation only, and the organization currently stands at 115 inductees.

In addition to meetings, attendees at Congress had the opportunity to network at special off-site activities, and volunteers were recognized at the Saturday evening Awards Banquet. In a report to the ISSA Board of Directors, Andreini said Iowa's participation at Congress each year is important because it provides participants with the platform to "discuss, monitor and voice our opinions to keep our sport at its best."

"It is also important to keep in mind that your interest in snowmobiles are being represented every year in a series of meetings aimed at improving, growing and defending your sport," Andreini said. "Additionally, if you have a topic that is important to you or want your voice heard, our representatives have the chance to make your opinion count."

Besides listening to industry leaders and guest speakers, the delegation from Iowa also participated in several break-out sessions at ISC. Topics ranged from groomer

engine emissions and GPS trail mapping to avalanche awareness, ice safety and winter survival. Seminars also discussed the importance of youth involvement in organized snowmobiling.

"Presenters stressed that young people are the most important asset for our clubs and associations," Andreini reported. "Our support via education to teach them how to become leaders within clubs is of the greatest importance for generations to come."

Also of note, snowmobile administrators did toss around the idea of eliminating the finger-count hand signal when snowmobilers encounter each other out on the trail, but the measure failed to gain any traction.

Ed Klim, president of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association, provided his annual address to Congress participants, updating audience members on annual snowmobile sales, threats to snowmobile access and other areas of interest.

ISC Charity Chair Len Neisler from the Indiana Snowmobilers Association reported 1,981 snowmobile clubs raised more than \$2 million for charity last season, and volunteers donated more than 200,000 hours to the sport of snowmobiling and to their local communities.

In 2018, the ISC moves to Nova Scotia and returns to the Midwest at Michigan in 2019. The ISSA has hosted the Congress twice: 1995 at Cedar Rapids and 2010 at Coralville.

## Walk-N-Roll for Spina Bifida Oct. 7 in Des Moines

The ISSA is inviting snowmobile clubs in Iowa to participate in the Spina Bifida Association of Iowa's (SBAI) Walk-N-Roll fundraiser Oct. 7 at 1 p.m. at Principal Park in Des Moines.

"The Walk-N-Roll is a family-friendly, non-competitive, one-mile walk and educational resource fair that raises awareness of Spina Bifida and celebrates the accomplishments of the over 166,000 Americans living with its challenges," according to the SBAI's website at [www.sbaofia.org](http://www.sbaofia.org).

The SBAI is the official charity of the ISSA. There is no fee to enter, and anyone who donates \$100 or more will receive a commemorative t-shirt. Proceeds will be used to support local community programs and services for all affected by Spina Bifida.

"The name Walk-N-Roll was selected because it embodies a sense of inclusiveness and invokes the sense of empowerment which the Spina Bifida community embraces in all that it does," the SBAI said. "A belief in a better tomorrow is our vision, and the steps taken in this walk represent steps on a path to realizing that dream."

Participants are encouraged to form teams and to show their spirit by wearing coordinating apparel and carrying signs.

If you are unable to attend, donations are being accepted by mail to Spina Bifida Association of Iowa 8525 Douglas Ave. Suite 39, Urbandale, IA 50322. Please specify if your check is a general donation or if it should be applied to a team.



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## 2017 ISSA Annual Convention Nov. 17-18 Cedar Rapids, IA

### Tentative Agenda

#### Friday, Nov. 17

2 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Convention Registration Snow Show Set-up "Snowmobile Iowa" Set-up
7 p.m. to 11 p.m.	Hospitality and Games Raffle Prizes

#### Saturday, Nov. 18

8 a.m. to Noon	Convention Registration
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	ISSA Snow Show
8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.	Opening Remarks
8:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Region Meetings/ Director Elections
9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.	General Membership Annual Meeting
11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Brunch w/Lobbyist Update
1 p.m.	Silent Auction opens
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
3 p.m.	ISSA Grant Program
5 p.m.	Social Hour
6:00 p.m.	Silent Auction Closes Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Guest Speaker
7:15 p.m.	Awards
	Raffle Prizes
8:30 p.m.	Entertainment

# Program Transition Forum Planned

## Stakeholders Invited to Saturday Afternoon Q&A Convention Weekend

by Cameron Hanson

ISSA members and snowmobilers in general with concerns or comments regarding the transition of power over the state snowmobile program in Iowa are invited to attend a question-and-answer session at the 2017 ISSA Annual Convention in Cedar Rapids Nov. 18.

Moderated by ISSA officials, the forum will begin at 3 p.m. in the two-hour agenda slot previously occupied by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). The convention will be located at the Hilton Hotel Cedar Rapids Convention Complex in downtown Cedar Rapids.

On Sept. 11, the ISSA signed a cooperative agreement with the IDNR to assume control of the snowmobile trail grant process and the distribution of more than two-thirds of the snowmobile registration fees collected annually.

The contract also transferred ownership of the groomer fleet to the ISSA, and administration of the program now falls on the ISSA's Review and Selection Committee (RSC) for approving grant requests and on the ISSA's Emergency Funding Committee (EFC) for issuing payments. ISSA President Chris Willey and Past ISSA President Terry Durby will assume permanent positions on those subcommittees.

"With this contract, we have reached a historic point not only in Iowa but in organized snowmobiling as a whole," Willey said. "The ISSA is now fully responsible for the administration and grooming of snowmobile trails in Iowa. We have accomplished something never before done and have set an example for snowmobile associations across the Snow Belt to follow."

"After spending 15 years trying to convince the IDNR that the ISSA is a credible ally for them in all respects, I believe we have accomplished a great milestone in signing this contract, giving us full control of the local side of the funds and the entire trail maintenance inventory," said Durby, who was elected ISSA vice president in 2003 and has been involved in the groomer program ever since.

### Bipartisan Support

This transition was made possible by the unanimous passage of a bipartisan bill earlier this year in the Iowa Legislature. Looking to gain more control of the program, the ISSA had requested up to 80 percent of the funds but, through concessions and negotiations, ended with up with 70 percent, still up significantly from the standard 50 percent since the program's inception in the mid-1970s.

"The ISSA worked with Iowa legislators and the IDNR to ensure that your snowmobile registration and trail pass user fees are getting to where they are needed: to maintain your local snowmobile trails," Willey said. "We want to take even greater responsibility for the Iowa snowmobile program."

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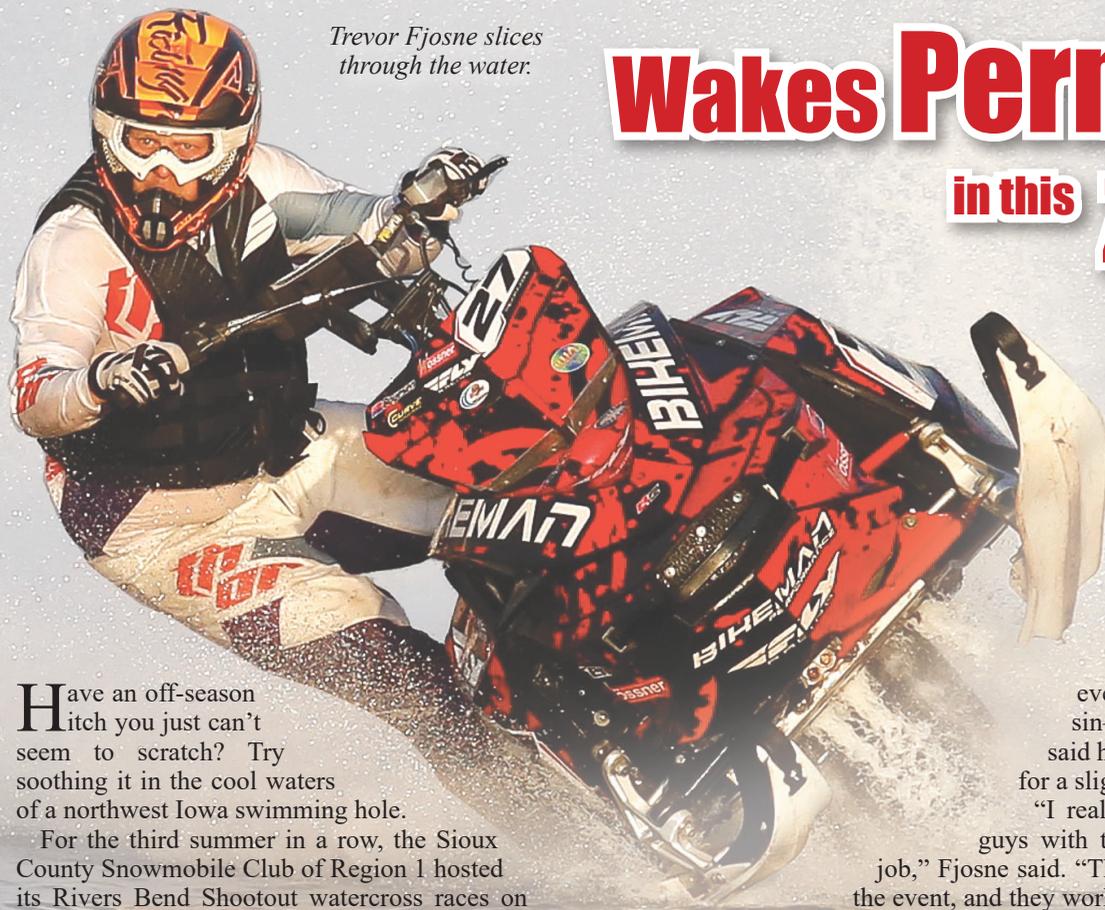


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Trevor Fjosne slices through the water.

# Wakes Permitted

## in this Zone

### Sioux County Club Hosts Watercross Races for Third Straight Summer

Photos courtesy Eric Sherman Images

Story by Cameron Hanson

Have an off-season hitch you just can't seem to scratch? Try soothing it in the cool waters of a northwest Iowa swimming hole.

For the third summer in a row, the Sioux County Snowmobile Club of Region 1 hosted its Rivers Bend Shootout watercross races on one of three ponds at the Rivers Bend Campground in Rock Valley the last weekend in July.

Complete with cascading rooster tails and the occasional sunken sled, the unique attraction continues to draw a sizeable crowd to this corner of the state. Here, modified snowmobiles double as personal watercraft, and staying dry is an unlikely option for the competitors.

"This is the fastest show you'll ever see on water," explained sophomore racer and club vice president Jesse Wynia of Sioux Center. "Some of the pros out there this year were travelling 80 mph down the straightaways. It's just insane, and you really need to come see it in person."

Featuring drag and oval racing on a two-thirds mile pond, the shootout was once again sanctioned by the International Watercross Association (IWA). This season, the July 28-29 event served as the fifth stop on the organization's seven-race circuit.

Trevor Fjosne, 34, of Willow River, Minn., southwest of Duluth, is in his first year as IWA president. With most of his organization's

events in Minnesota and Wisconsin—including two at Brainerd—he said he enjoys travelling south to Iowa for a slight change of scenery.

"I really like racing in Iowa, and the guys with the club down there do a great job," Fjosne said. "There are usually no hiccups with the event, and they work really well with myself and the rest of our staff. They are all great club members, and they all care about what they are doing. They obviously care about snowmobiling; otherwise, they wouldn't be doing this."

#### Goal Remains the Same

According to president Kelly Roder, the Sioux County club became interested in hosting the event several years ago when members began identifying revenue streams to help finance a new groomer. A few members had been following the watercross circuit and suggested the club host a race when another venue dropped off the IWA schedule. So far, so good.

"Our number one goal with this event is to get an updated groomer at some point for our club. That has always been the plan," Roder said, referring to the 10 percent voluntary club match recommended toward a new groomer purchase in Iowa. "Maybe if we make enough, we'll just buy our own."

Relying on sponsorships and proceeds from gate admissions, Roder said the club continues to make a profit with its watercross weekend. Based on advice from organizers from other promotional events in their neck of the woods, he expects the event to really start paying dividends within the next few years.

"We're still pretty optimistic about this event and are still looking forward to next year," Roder said. "This is only our third year in, and everyone around here who holds big events like tractor pulls say you need to commit to five years before it really takes off. It's definitely been getting easier the more times we put it on. Things are definitely flowing a lot better as far as organizing the event and securing more and more sponsors."

#### Friday Night Shootout

Spread throughout the campground and encircling the pond, spectators at Rivers Bend watched 45 racers compete in five oval classes and three drag classes. With the event held on a Friday and Saturday, the club offers a special \$750 Rivers Bend Shootout race Friday evening to help bring the crowd and racers in early. This



Side-by-side racing action

shootout is unique to Rock Valley on the IWA circuit and allows racers from different classes to compete against each other.

“We do our entire drag show on Friday and then do a head-to-head oval shootout that night,” Fjosne explained. “That’s a lot of fun because you usually don’t get to race that many guys at once. It’s usually only three or four at a time. The shootout is a chance to win some extra money, and it’s a chance for Semi Pro guys to race against Pro Open racers where they would normally have to bump up a class to do that. It helps them see where they are at competitively in the sport.”

To date, Wynia is the only competitor from Iowa on the IWA circuit. Everyone else pretty much hails from Minnesota and Wisconsin. Wynia, who owns Project Mayhem Power Sports, ran a limited schedule in the Semi Pro class this season and made his first drag final at Rock Valley. He hopes others from Iowa will follow his lead and get involved in the sport.

“If anyone wants any insight or needs any assistance getting into this sport, I would be very willing to help them at my shop at a very discounted price,” said Wynia, listing his number at (712) 441-0934. “I believe it would be huge if we had more local people involved. It would definitely help our attendance, but our turnout was still pretty good this year.”

“This competition allows snowmobilers to enjoy their sport all year round,” Fjosne added. “If you love snowmobiling, you’ll want to do something that keeps you interested all year. If you didn’t do something like this, your sled would just sit in the garage all summer long.”

### Varying Levels of Investment

Depending on who you ask, novice rid-



David Fisher of Eagan, Minn., won the Friday night shootout at Rock Valley July 28.

ers can be competitive in watercross racing with as little of an investment as \$3,000 to as much as \$6,000. The price tag climbs even further in the modified Pro Open class. A stock snowmobile can simply be converted into a watercross sled by sealing up the engine compartment and installing crank drain plugs in case it sinks out on the course.

Per IWA rules, each sled is equipped with a marker buoy to aid in the recovery process, and all pre-mixed gas is contained in a small, leak-proof container to prevent water contamination. Wynia said the quantity of gas for each sled is limited to eight laps so the environmental risk is “very minimal.” Other modifications to a sled can include shorter skis and narrower suspensions, but those adjustments are not necessary to

compete.

“If you have the right sled and enough people to help you, it doesn’t take too much to get set up,” Fjosne said. “You could use your stock sled and switch it back and forth if you wanted. It can be done. We’ve thought about creating a novice class to get more people interested in the sport, but if you’ve been around it for a while, you can usually make it to a few finals relatively quickly.”

### Sport Gaining in Popularity

While fairly new to Iowa, watercross racing has been around for more than 40 years. The flagship event occurs at Grantsburg, Wis., each July, and features competitors from the IWA as well as the Eastern Watercross Association and Canada. The World Championship Watercross there enters its 42nd year next July. Fjosne lives near Grantsburg and therefore was aware of the sport long before joining its ranks six years ago.

“Even though most people have never really heard of it, the sport of watercross racing is a little bit bigger than people realize,” he said.

Prior to watercross, Fjosne said he spent most of his youth racing motocross and riding ATVs in northern Minnesota. He said he grew up on snowmobiles but lost interest when the weather did not cooperate enough during the winter months. He now finds most of his time on a sled during the summer, when it’s definitely warmer outside and a little easier on the anatomy.

“I’ve raced everything you pretty much can, including more than 15 years on a dirt bike,” he said. “Motocross is really hard on you. Racing snow-

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Note the marker buoy strapped to Jesse Wynia’s handlebars.



### Trail Profile

# Come Ride the Trails in Floyd County this Winter

*Editor's Note: The following trail profile is a joint promotional effort among the host club, the ISSA Communications Committee and the Iowa State Snowmobile Program. For \$500, your club's trail system can be featured in future issues of this publication. That cost is reduced to \$350 if your club is a Platinum Sponsor of the ISSA.*

The members of the Floyd County Groomers Association of Region 4 invite their fellow snowmobilers from across Iowa to explore the snowmobile trails of Floyd County this winter.

As detailed on the map printed on the subsequent two pages, the club boasts 190 miles of trails, nearly all of which are cross-country thanks to the generosity of 204 landowners—a ratio of more than one lease per mile of trail.

The Floyd County trail system serves the communities of Colwell, Charles City, Floyd, Rudd, Rockford, Marble Rock, Greene, Aredale, Rockwell and Nora Springs. The club also connects to five neighboring clubs at eight different intersections.

Besides the trail map, all of the club's trails are available digitally on the Polaris Ride Command trail app, and current groomer reports and trail conditions are regularly posted on the club's Facebook page or website at [www.floydcountygroomers.webs.com](http://www.floydcountygroomers.webs.com).

Weather and trail conditions permitting, the club hopes to host one of the ISSA's Ride Iowa weekend trail events this season. As listed on the trail map, trailheads with trailer parking are located in Floyd and Greene.



Additional locales are also being scouted. Lodging is available in Charles City, Nora Springs and Marble Rock.

Please note in Charles City, the bridge on the Charley Western Recreational Trail (a former railbed pictured above) is currently closed due to structural issues. The club is working with local officials to maintain snowmobile access to this bridge once the repairs have been made as it provides a safe crossing over the Cedar River. Despite dead-ending on either side of this bridge, the club plans to maintain its through-town trail to provide access to services.

As pictured at top and at left, the club's trail system in western Floyd County has followed the Shell Rock River from Nora Springs to Greene for more than 30 years. Extending north with the North Iowa Snow Seekers and south with the Butler County Snow Snoops, the trail along the riverbottom provides plenty of scenery and wildlife viewing.

Down from a high of 114 in 2012, club membership currently stands at 46 members, a reduction directly linked to the recent lackluster snowmobile seasons. As with most snowmobile clubs, a dedicated core group of volunteers keeps the club going, many of whom are now second-generation members.

Founded in 1981, the Floyd County Groomers Association is a 100 percent member of the ISSA and supports many of the state organization's initiatives. Three club members presently serve on the ISSA Board of Directors as secretary, treasurer and Region 4 director, while another is a past president.

So stay close to home this winter and plan a trip to Floyd County. With 18 certified groomer operators, the club works hard to manicure its trails for your riding experience. For current conditions or for more information, please contact club trail coordinator Steve King at (641) 330-9755.







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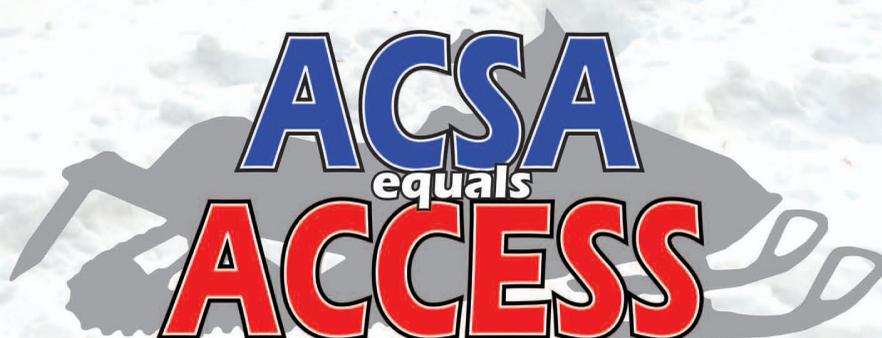
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we can do a better job is more of the monies are going to local trails and equipment, and we can streamline much of the process that restricted the IDNR as a state agency,” Durby said. “There are clear paths we can take to make the process, over time, much more user-friendly.”

Also overseeing groomer placement and operator training, the ISSA’s two committees will likely adopt the guidelines already set in place by the IDNR to administer the program. The IDNR will procedurally have that criteria removed from Iowa Administrative Code as that section “is no longer applicable to the grant program,” explained IDNR’s Rhonda Fowler.

“The ISSA is tasked with developing its own rules, policies and procedures for managing the grant program in the cooperative agreement,” Fowler pointed out. “The ISSA will be the primary point of contact for communication regarding grants, but I will share that they have maintained a desire to keep the program familiar to the clubs.”

With its 30 percent share of program revenue, the IDNR will continue to collect the registration fees and user permit fees and also provide law enforcement and safety education oversight. Fowler will serve as the IDNR’s lone representative on the RSC, and the funds will be transferred quarterly to the ISSA with an independent auditor reviewing the books each fiscal year.

“The audit is required because the IDNR is passing money from the state treasury to a third party and to ensure compliance with the terms of the agreement,” Fowler explained.

### Contract Delayed

While the change in percentages and control of the program took effect July 1, the cooperative agreement was delayed because 16 pieces of grooming equipment were tied to federal funds and their transfer had to be cleared by the Iowa Department of Transportation, which oversaw the grant process that helped fund their pur-

chase.

Within four days of signing the contract, the ISSA received a check from the IDNR for \$310,363.35. According to Durby, that amount is what the department determined to be 50 percent of the funds received last fiscal year, including balance adjustments, and de-obligated funds from this fiscal year.

“This was determined to be 50 percent because it was tied to the last fiscal year when the percentages were still 50-50,” Durby said. “Going forward, we are excited knowing that the quarterly transfers of revenue will happen with our portion now going to 70 percent.”

With the contract now signed and funds transferred, the ISSA’s special subcommittees can begin the process of paying the state’s trail and equipment insurance, finalizing grant requests from Iowa snowmobile clubs and ordering trail signs for the upcoming season.

Meeting since July in Story City, the team is working with a total budget of \$339,574. In addition to sign orders estimated at \$25,000, this breaks down to \$160,748 for fuel, maintenance, groomer leases and trail development; \$100,000 for emergency repair, administrative costs and auditing; and \$53,825 for insurance.

“These figures may alarm some since the total is larger than what we have in the account, but we do have further revenues coming in to us well before much of this budget will be expended,” Durby clarified.

### Communication Pledge

In addition to the upcoming seminar at convention, Willey, Durby and other RSC members have been making the rounds to various clubs around the state this fall to explain the program changes. Among others, they included meetings in Regions 2, 4, 5 and 10. More visits are expected as the **turn to page 19**

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### Official Notice of ISSA Elections & Proposed By-Law Changes

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ISSA General Membership Assembly  
ISSA Annual Convention, Nov. 18

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**Region 1**

**O'Brien County Snowtrackers**

by Zelda Buse Christensen, Reporter

It's fall: Kids are back in school, the Clay County Fair is ending this weekend, many bean fields are nearing harvest and snowmobiling is entering riders' minds.

How much snow will Iowa get this winter? Hopefully, much.

How much success will the new operation change have for ISSA this year? Again, hopefully, much. Probably more than ever, clubs, and individuals who make up the clubs, need to support the ISSA.

**Region 3**

**Worth County Fence Stretchers**

by Nicole Knudson, Secretary

Greetings from the Worth County Fence Stretchers! It is hard to believe that summer has slipped away already, and fall is here. With fall's arrival, the kids are back at school, harvest preparation is underway and we are preparing for another snowmobile season.

What is on our agenda here in Worth County? Well, we will be hosting our annual membership drive, which includes a meal, raffle and a social for members and families. This is a fun evening that we use as our "kick-off to winter," which is a night of food, socializing and gathering of our memberships for the year.

Sounds like lots of changes going on at the state level which are exciting. Lots of hard work has gone into making successful changes, and we thank our leaders at the state level for that! We look forward to the future!



**Region 5**

**Cresco Driftrunners**

by Bob Martinek, Treasurer

Hi from Cresco. Harvest has started and so has our new "season." Between our steak fry meeting and the ones coming in the mail, we have over 50 renewals/new memberships so far. If you are one, "Thank you". If not. Why? Fill out the form, write a check and mail it back. It takes lots of members to keep this club going!

At our annual meeting, we had three board members who completed their terms. Big thanks to Dan O., Christy S. and Dean Z. for all their dedication and hard work. Welcome to the new board members. (This is written just before our election so I can't tell you who they are.) Anyhow, our next event coming up is our annual Toys for Tots Drive and Kickoff Dance on Nov. 25. Details are still being finalized and I will report more on that later. Until next time, thanks.

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*Snowdrifters members help prep the track at Hawkeye Downs in Cedar Rapids for the club's Big Town Showdown truck and tractor pull in August.*

## Region 9

### Snowdrifters, Inc.

by Ron Roe

Wow, last month flew by. Lucky I picked up the last magazine to read and saw the deadline for the October issue.

I don't have a lot to write about yet. We had a good turnout with our tractor pull in August. Thanks to all who helped in putting this on, not just our members but everyone who donated time and equipment. It takes a lot of effort from a lot of people. Thanks again for that.

We had our monthly meeting Sept. 14 and had a good turnout of members plus our Region 9 Director Tim McPherson and his wife, Jean. Tim talked about things he would like to do in Region 9. Jean talked about the convention in November. We would like to thank them for attending our meeting.

I went to Hay Days the second weekend in September and saw tons of people. There were a lot of vendors and swappers. It just gets bigger every year. We had real good weather for the weekend. That Monday, my wife Chris and I went to Spooner, Wis., with our ATVs and had some good riding for three days. The trails were a little dusty but not as bad as I have rode on. The best part was after riding about an hour one day, I came to a road intersection and pulled up to stop and looked to my left and a black bear was crossing the road also. We watched him, and he just crossed the road and went down into the ditch and minded his own business. We were happy for that.

I don't really have a lot more for now. Next month, we will start working on the trails and then there will be more things happening.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October

- Spina Bifida Association of Iowa Walk-N-Roll Oct. 7 at 1 p.m. at Principal Park, Des Moines.
- ISSA Board of Directors meeting Oct. 8. Location TBD.
- Southeast Iowa Ridge-Blasters Inaugural Snowmobile Show and Swap Meet Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. Mount Pleasant

### November

- Trails Unlimited chicken dinner fundraiser Nov. 3 at The Zipper, Festina.
- 2017 ISSA Convention and Snow Show Nov. 17-18 Cedar Rapids.
- Driftrunners Toys for Tots Drive and Kickoff Dance Nov. 25.

### December

- ISSA Board of Directors meeting TBA.

## ISSA to Raffle Off Grizzly Cooler at Convention

The ISSA will raffle off a Grizzly Cooler at its annual convention in Cedar Rapids Nov. 18. Tickets cost \$5 each and can be purchased convention weekend or by contacting your region director.

The ISSA's Raffle Committee chose Grizzly Coolers for its prize this year for two reasons. First, the company is based out of Decorah, and they wanted to buy local. Secondly, Grizzly has partnered with the American Council of Snowmobile Associations to raise funds for the national non-profit organization.

The convention cooler will be purchased through this program and will feature ACSA's logo. For more information on the ACSA promotion, visit [www.snowmobilers.org](http://www.snowmobilers.org).

A smaller cooler was raffled off at the ISSA Summer Campout in August as part of an Early Bird drawing to help kickstart ticket sales.



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season progresses as the ISSA makes good on its August pledge of improved communication with its membership.

"I look forward to working with all the clubs to serve their needs and expand snowmobiling in Iowa," Durby said. "I believe we have set a precedent in these actions and look forward to helping other states as they look at possible changes to benefit their programs as well."

While admitting the program is forced to play a little catch-up with the contract delay, Willey said he anticipates the transition will bring positive changes to the sport. Officials from other state associations have already taken notice of the so-called pilot program in Iowa and have reached out to Willey for advice on how to take control of their own programs.

"We may not have the registration numbers other states have or get the snow totals they get, but we still like to think we have a strong leadership role in the organized

snowmobile community," Willey said. "I would like to thank everyone involved in this process. We have ensured that the future of snowmobiling in Iowa is in the hands of its stakeholders."

### More to Come

The Q&A session with the ISSA anchors the Saturday afternoon seminars at convention, additional break-out sessions include an update on the ISSA's youth program, and the Saturday evening banquet will feature entertainment and a special guest speaker. More on those attractions will appear in the November issue.

Now entering its 44th year, convention weekend will also include a snow show Saturday as well as board elections Saturday morning and hospitality Friday evening. Convention forms appear on page 16 and can also be printed off the ISSA's website at [www.iowasnowmobiler.com](http://www.iowasnowmobiler.com). Full registration costs \$75 and does not include lodging.

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The beach at the Rivers Bend Campground in Rock Valley doubles as the starting line on race weekend.

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mobiles on water is much better for your body. Plus, with watercross, you're not out on your snowmobile when it's cold; and if you get hot in the summer, you can always cool off in the water because you are always wet. You get wet no matter what."

### Longer Travel Time to Iowa

This season, the Rivers Bend Shootout was scheduled the weekend after Grantsburg. Working on a short week, race teams had to recover in a hurry before travelling south to Iowa. Based on feedback from race teams, Roder said the IWA is looking at another weekend for next year's Rock Valley event to ease transportation issues; therefore a date for 2018 has not been set yet.

"That was a long haul for a lot of our guys, and a lot of racers had to take off from work two Fridays in a row," Fjosne said of the scheduling conflict. "Coming to Iowa is a bit more expensive just due to transportation costs. Hopefully, we can continue to work with Kelly and the club down there, and they continue to make money so we can keep moving forward. Rock Valley is

one of the cleanest and nicest places we visit. The place is just awesome."

Despite not allowing racing on Sunday, Roder said the city of Rock Valley works well with the club to provide a race venue for the IWA. The community also supports the event through sponsorships, attendance and volunteers on race day.

"We have a core group of 10 or so club members who take care of all the planning, and then when it comes down to the event, we have probably 60 to 70 volunteers which help us out throughout the weekend," he said. "Most of them are not club members. They are part of the community. They like the racing side of it and help us out as a club. It's pretty awesome to see that support."

Citing a limited advertising budget, Roder said the club promotes the event through social media and by word-of-mouth. The reviews from racers and spectators alike remain positive, and the club plans to continue the event for years to come.

"Over time, word will spread, and hopefully, this event will really take off one of these years," he said. "It's a lot of fun to watch."

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