

## Trail Conditions In Chautauqua County New York

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## 2015-2016 Season is HERE! Work Parties!

Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 9:07:11 AM 

Trail work parties this Saturday and Sunday (9/19 & 9/20). Meet at the clubhouse at 8:30 AM. Bring chainsaws, 4-wheelers or yourself with work gloves. We need to re-deck a bridge in Hartfield, and widen the C-4 trail from "divided" to "single wide" not far from the clubhouse. We will probably not work past 1:00 PM either day for you sports fans unless you want to. Thanks !!

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## Last Call For Golf Outing 6/6/2015

Monday, June 01, 2015, 10:28:58 PM 

Golf outing is this weekend and we are still looking for 2 teams of 4 and two players to join another twosome. This yearly event will be held at Chautauqua Point on June 6th @ 1PM. This is a 4 person per team 9 hole event that costs \$130.00 per 4-some. Price includes Golf, Cart, Beverages, BBQ Lunch and prize tickets. We are also looking for sponsors for each hole! Please contact Marcus at [clsevents@chautauquasnow.com](mailto:clsevents@chautauquasnow.com) ASAP if you would like to book a spot or sponsor this event. Local business as well as businesses from other locations always welcome as sponsors.

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## June 6th Annual Golf Outing

Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 10:01:00 PM 

Mark your calendars! The yearly golf outing at Chautauqua Point will be held on June 6th @ 1PM. This is a 4 person per team 9 hole event that costs \$130.00 per 4-some. Price includes Golf, Cart, Beverages, BBQ Lunch and prize tickets. We are also looking for sponsors for each hole! We already have 4 spots filled, please contact Marcus at [clsevents@chautauquasnow.com](mailto:clsevents@chautauquasnow.com) if you would like to book a spot or sponsor this event. Local business as well as businesses from other locations always welcome as sponsors. We will post more details about this event as we have them...

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## TRAILS CLOSED FOR THE SEASON - ELECTION RESULTS

Friday, April 03, 2015, 8:00:00 AM 

Thank you for a wonderful season and to all those who elected the new officials. Below are the election results for the 2015 - 2016 season, please support anyway you can as we look forward to next year! President: Andy Szewczuk Vice-President: Rodney Sandberg Secretary: Paul Weatherlow Treasurer: Bob Perry (Clymer) Activities Coordinator: Marcus Maloney Membership Coordinator: Matt Terrill Fund Raising Coordinator: Jeff Richards Landowner Coordinator: Kelly Perry Safety Coordinator: Scott Shapert Board of directors: Jeff Richards, Mark Kawski, Rick Syper, Chris Jaynes, Steve Burmaster, Rick Barnes and Jason Donato

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## TRAILS CLOSED - WARM WEATHER/RAIN

Friday, March 13, 2015, 8:00:00 AM 

Trails are closed at this time do to warm temperatures and rain. Forecast doesn't look good for the rest of the season because

of the ground softening. It has been a great season with over a month of outstanding riding conditions. Thank you to all the members for supporting the club over the year and the volunteers who donate their time to keep the trail system open and functional. We also appreciate the landowners for being so gracious and letting us use their land each year.

## TRAILS OPEN - CONDITIONS DEGRADING

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Monday, March 09, 2015, 8:00:00 AM →

Well this weekend turned out to be a great one for riding! 40 degrees and slushy snow made for some great trails in spots and not so great trails in others. We were out grooming where we could but with slush it gets beat up very quickly with traffic. We heard of multiple groups getting 200+ miles on their final day of riding which is outstanding for being so late in the winter. All in all, a very good last day of riding for most of us. We will continue to monitor the trails and close them down after the warm weather this week eats away at the base. Please keep an eye on the website/facebook/twitter for the trails to close as it can close at any time.

## TRAILS OPEN - CONDITIONS VERY GOOD

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Wednesday, March 04, 2015, 8:00:00 AM →

Trails are still in great shape after the warmup early in the week. The expected rain fell south of our area and we are still setup with colder temps going into the weekend. Temps will get near the above freezing mark this weekend and climb north next week. This could be the last real good weekend for riding so be sure to get out enjoy while we still have base! Because of some thawing, corners may be icy so use caution this weekend. There will be lots of newer people on the trail system because of the registration free weekend.

## TRAILS OPEN - CONDITIONS VERY GOOD

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Monday, February 23, 2015, 8:00:00 AM →

Trails are open and in very good condition with an outstanding base over most of the trail system. Groomers are working very hard to keep everything groomed and the equipment running. We have had multiple groomers break down over the busy month, but things are finally getting back to normal. Temps are forecasted to stay cool for the foreseeable future so get out and ride and stay safe!

## TRAILS OPEN - CONDITIONS VERY GOOD

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Monday, February 16, 2015, 8:00:00 AM →

Trails are in great condition with good base and drifting snow in places. The colder temperatures are keeping the base around but do not allow for the groomed trails to freeze how we'd like them. Below normal temps are expected through this week and we will be out grooming to smooth things where we can. Once the temps warm up a bit the groom will hold a little longer and conditions will improve in the rougher locations. Some trails around Mayville can be rated a 10 so get out and ride and enjoy! While CLSC holds a position of never riding on the lake due to unforeseen dangers, there has been an advisory issued for all sleds to stay off the lake. Due to the heavy amounts of snow, ice conditions are poor in spots with very deep snow and slush. We have already lost multiple sleds so please don't let it be a life we lose next!

## TRAILS OPEN - CONDITIONS VERY GOOD

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Thursday, February 12, 2015, 8:00:00 AM →

Trails are in GREAT shape and the colder temps are back and expected to last through the weekend. We have a good base with more snow in the forecast and some icy spots so use caution around corners as it will be a busy weekend. This weekend

we are having our annual Spaghetti Dinner at the clubhouse from 12-6PM on 2/14 which is the same weekend as the Chautauqua Winter Festival, be sure to stop by for this fun event! We are always looking for volunteers to work the parking lot, if interested please contact us to setup a time. We will also be selling 50/50 at the clubhouse on 2/14. 1 for 2, 3 for 3 and 8 for 5. Winner does not need to be present to win! The annual poker run benefiting StartFlight will be held on Sunday 2/15 with registration starting at 11AM. Check out our website for a flyer as well as starting locations.

## TRAILS OPEN - CONDITIONS VERY GOOD

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Sunday, February 08, 2015, 8:48:00 PM →

Trails are still in good shape following the warmup with temps in the 40's and some freezing rain. Grooming will be more productive once the temps go back down later this week. Temps are expected to be cold and a few snow days are in the forecast so conditions should improve once we can smooth things out again and get a little fresh snow. Use caution around corners as they may be icy. This weekend we are having our annual Spaghetti Dinner at the clubhouse from 12-6PM on 2/14 which is the same weekend as the Chautauqua Winter Festival. We will also be selling 50/50 at the clubhouse. 1 for 2, 3 for 3 and 8 for 5. Winner does not need to be present to win! The annual poker run benefiting StartFlight will be held on Sunday 2/15 with registration starting at 11AM. Check out our website for a flyer as well as starting locations.

## TRAILS OPEN - CONDITIONS EXCELLENT

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Thursday, February 05, 2015, 7:00:00 AM →

Trails are in excellent condition and groomers are doing their best to take care of 200 miles of trails in our county. We have nearly 2 feet of snow in most of the trails system and plenty of base for some of the best riding conditions we've seen in a while. Because of all the new fluffy snow and wind you will see some moguls in spots but we are out grooming to try and take care of problem areas. Please remember to treat lightly on newly groomed trails and keep tracks from spinning. The better you treat the trail, the better it will stay until the next groomer visit. Remember this the next time you running over moguls asking yourself where the groomer has been! Stay safe and stay right! This weekend is the All Club Ride-In at the Stockton Fairgrounds from 11-3 on 2/8. Be sure and stop by to enjoy one of the best events of the year. 3 Seas in Mayville is also hosting Polaris Demo Days on 2/7 from 1-4PM at the lakefront for those of you who want to try a new sled demo ride!

## TRAILS OPEN - CONDITIONS GOOD

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Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 8:00:00 AM →

Conditions continue to improve as of 1/28 with the cold temps and grooming work. Trails are in good to very good condition now. Temps are expected to stay cold for the foreseeable future and we even have a little snow in the forecast. Should be a great weekend for Winterfest in Bemus point and the 4th of July Picnic in French Creek, be sure and come out to enjoy these yearly events.

## TRAILS OPEN - CONDITIONS FAIR/GOOD

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Monday, January 26, 2015, 7:00:00 AM →

After checking the trails on 1/25 we have decided to upgrade conditions to Fair/Good. Even with minimal base our groomers have done an outstanding job at bringing the snow to the trails. Trails around Sherman and the west side of the lake are especially good. ALSO, C-4 and C-4E are now OPEN to Ellery's system since they opened today (1/26). Gates are all unlocked and mostly swung open. We will get the groomer through as soon as possible. Get out and enjoy the trails! Temps are expected to stay cold for the foreseeable future and we even have a little snow in the forecast. Should be a great weekend for Winterfest in Bemus point and the 4th of July Picnic in French Creek, be sure and come out to enjoy these yearly events.

## TRAILS OPEN - LIMITED CONDITIONS

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Friday, January 23, 2015, 2:00:00 AM →

CLSC trails will open Friday 1/23/15. Conditions LIMITED. Low base with ice and some fresh snow over the ice. Ride with CAUTION. Trail C-4 from junction 104 headed toward Hartfield & Stockton is closed because Ellery's trails are still closed. Please respect Landowners

## TRAILS CLOSING 1/18 - LITTLE TO NO BASE

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Saturday, January 17, 2015, 10:49:00 PM →

Chautauqua Lake trails will be closed Sunday 1/18 due to warm temps and possible rain. Trails were ridden hard today and not much remains of the base. It appears all clubs will be closed Sunday until cold and snow returns. Please respect the landowners and stay off the trails until they are opened once again.

## TRAILS OPEN - CONDITIONS MARGINAL / FAIR

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Thursday, January 15, 2015, 3:24:00 PM →

Because we haven't had any additional snow in the past few days the trails are starting to show their age. We still have just under a foot of snow and small base but with warmer weather coming we are uncertain of the trail status from day to day. As of now the hot dog roast is still on for Saturday so come out to S47 at 12:30-2:30 in Mount Pleasant State Park for a bite to eat! We are also having a 50/50 and bonfire at this location. 1 ticket for \$2.00 or 2 tickets for \$3.00. Winner need NOT be present to win. See you there!

## TRAILS OPEN - CONDITIONS FAIR

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Monday, January 12, 2015, 5:20:59 PM →

Trails are still open with a more than a foot of snow in most spots. We received another much needed 6+ inches of fresh snow on 1/12 and will begin building a bit of base should the weather hold up. There are still early season hazards such as water and rough wind blown fields in some spots so use caution.

## TRAILS OPEN - CONDITIONS FAIR

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Saturday, January 10, 2015, 9:16:00 AM →

Chautauqua Lake Trails are now open with a little more than a foot of snow in most spots. Be aware that there is a lot of water in spite of the cold temps. If you find a field with questionable snow cover that potentially could cause surface damage, please turn around! Ride with caution as early season problems exist. Grooming tonight.... Please yield to all groomers. Be safe and enjoy!

## As of 1/7 8AM Trails Are Still Closed At This Time

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Wednesday, January 07, 2015, 8:00:00 AM →

All trails in Chautauqua county are closed at this time. Please respect our landowners and stay off the trails until we have posted an open message on our website. As of 1/7 we have around 4-6 inches of snow in most of the area but not enough to open the trails just yet. Most of the area is blown over with the high winds making many bare spots. We received a lot of rain over the weekend so there are a lot of wet spots but they will freeze up quickly. We have lower temps in the forecast as well as lake effect snow. We didn't get the lake effect they called for last night, so hopefully over then next couple of days something falls so we can open the trails.

## TRAILS CLOSED - NO BASE

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Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 9:58:00 PM →

Due to no snow and little base trails will not be opening as scheduled. Please respect landowners and stay off the trails until we open them via our website.

## TRAIL WORK PARTY - CLUBHOUSE MEETING

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Monday, December 15, 2014, 8:35:00 AM →

CLUBHOUSE MEETING - 12/17NOTICE, Our envelopes did not arrive in time to be stuffed at the meeting. We will have a stuffing party this Saturday at the clubhouse before the trail work begins. We still welcome you to attend the meeting as always!TRAIL WORK PARTY - 12/20/2014 @ 8:00AMWork party Saturday 8:00 am @ the clubhouse. Prior to trail work we will be stuffing membership envelopes. Please stop by the club and help out with this and finish signing the trails. The more people we have the faster things will go, hope to see you there!TRAILS CLOSEDTrails are closed and do not look like they will open on 12/17. Please respect landowners and stay off the trails until an open message is posted on our website.

## TRAIL WORK PARTY - 12/13/2014 @ 8:30AM

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Wednesday, December 10, 2014, 8:07:44 AM →

Work party Saturday 12/13 @ 8:30 am at the clubhouse. We need to finish signing & fix decking on a bridges before we can open trails. Hope to see you there!!

## Groomer Operator Class - 12/06 @ 9AM

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Sunday, November 16, 2014, 10:14:00 PM →

On Saturday, December 6, 2014 the Chautauqua Lake Snowmobile Club and Webb's Captains Table Restaurant hosted a 4-hour Groomer Operator Training Course in their big banquet room. Chautauqua Lake Snowmobile Clubs' Safety Coordinator, Scott Shapert had contacted Jim MacFarland of OPRHP's Snowmobile Unit to arrange for a course to be held in Chautauqua County before the 2014-2015 season could begin. Scott along with Club President Chris Jaynes contacted the other clubs in the area and invited them to send people who might want: a refresher course; to become new groomer operator; to become the assistant operator and ride shotgun; to just learn and understand how it all works. Webb's Captain's Table Restaurant provided the podium, projector screen, plus coffee and danish for all in attendance. The course had 72 people register for the course ahead of time. After losing a couple registered people and gaining some last minute attendees, the total remained at 72 present for the course. Attendees came from: Alleghany State Park, Chautauqua Lake Snowmobile Club, Ellery Sno-Cruisers, and Lake Effect Trailbreakers. Some of the extra interest is due to two of the clubs expecting (hoping) to take delivery of brand new groomers via the RTP grant sometime during the 2014-2015 season. There are currently 24 large tracked groomers operated by the 100% all-volunteer clubs in Chautauqua County. The two new groomers will bring the total up to 26 large tracked groomers, primarily Tucker Sno-Cats, Bombardiers, and Prinoth brand machines. Most of our groomers go out after 10:00 pm and return from their routes after 2:00 am (and sometimes 4:00 am or longer). Very few of us ever really get to see what goes on back in the drag that the groomer pulls. Somehow it just magically makes the trail smooth again. Both the groomers and the drags that do their magic on the trails are becoming more sophisticated. Almost all are drags are 8 feet wide or wider with most employing as many as 11 cutting blades before the pan in back smoothes everything out. The science behind the groomer and the drag pulled along the snowmobile trails needs some explanation. OPRHP's Jim MacFarland taught those present about mogul formation, mogul removal, types of snow, times for trails to setup after grooming, best temperatures, best grooming speeds, things to watch out for on the trail, fallen branches and trees, narrow bridges, safety out on the trail, etc. Jim left training materials plus DVD visual aides to distribute among the different organizations after the course. In addition to the Groomer Operator Training Course that is held every couple of years, there are the annual Snowmobile Operator Safety Training classes for new or younger riders, there are the annual Trail Signing classes too, and plans are in the works to include First Aid classes too. Groomer Operators tend to be the first to find somebody who has had

troubles out on the trail late at night. All the participants would like to thank Webb's Captains Table Restaurant for helping host the course.

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### **Snowmobile Safety Course 11/29 @ 8AM**

Monday, November 10, 2014, 8:12:50 AM →

Snowmobile Safety Course for ages 10-adult (must be at least 10 yrs old the day of the class) NO EXCEPTIONS Sponsored by Chautauqua Lake Snowmobile Club Saturday, November 29, 2014 at the clubhouse 8am - 4pm NO CHARGE Must bring parent to sign permission slip, but you don't have to stay (You are welcome to stay, but it's not required) Pizza available or Bring a packed lunch Please pre register or call with any questions with Bob or Kelly Perry at 716-355-6321.

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### **Trail Work Parties 11/8 & 11/9**

Wednesday, November 05, 2014, 7:00:00 AM →

URGENT ! Work party this weekend Saturday and Sunday 11/8 & 11/9. Meet at the clubhouse at 8:30 AM. This is the LAST weekend before shotgun season. If we don't finish the trails before, they may NOT be able to open in time for the start of the season (12/17). We need help mostly with signs.

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### **Trail Work Parties 10/25 & 10/26**

Friday, October 24, 2014, 4:58:55 PM →

Work Parties this weekend..... Saturday and Sunday Morning.... Bridge in Sherman and pipe work on the Beck Road..... Meet at Club House at 830 both Days.... Contact William Ottaway with questions...

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### **Groomer Operator Training Class - Need Reservations**

Tuesday, October 07, 2014, 8:18:21 AM →

Safety Coordinator for Chautauqua Lake Snowmobile Club, Scott Shapert has spoken with Jim McFarland of OPRHP (Parks) about coming to Chautauqua County and putting on a Groomer Operator Training Class. No date or location has been picked at this point. We need about 30 people interested and willing to attend this class before we ask Jim McFarland to come. He will not come for just a couple people. Anybody who attends can get a Groomer Operator Training Certificate. We always seem to be adding new people as groomer operators and a refresher would not hurt for those who have already gotten a certificate. We would like all groomer operators to attend if possible. We would like the class to be scheduled for late October or November if possible. If you are interested in attending this class please contact Scott @ [clscsafety@chautauquasnow.com](mailto:clscsafety@chautauquasnow.com).

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### **Signing Class - 10/15 @ 6:30PM**

Tuesday, October 07, 2014, 8:17:49 AM →

Signing Class @ 6:30 PM Oct. 15th at the clubhouse on Hannum Rd. Ray Head will be conducting this refresher course. We would like all groomer operators and anyone who helps sign to attend. The class will only be about 45 minutes long. The regular meeting will commence at 7:30 PM. Thanks !

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### **CLSC Bylaws Update - Vote Nov 5th**

Saturday, October 04, 2014, 5:36:09 PM →

We have updated our club bylaws in preparation for a vote on Nov 5th. Please review the updated document and vote with us on Nov 5th. [Click Here To Read The CLSC Bylaws](#)

## WORK PARTY - SEPTEMBER 27 & 28

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Wednesday, September 24, 2014, 8:03:00 AM →

Trail Work Parties both Saturday and Sunday (9/27 & 9/28) this weekend ! Meet at the clubhouse on Hannum Road in Mayville at 8:30 AM. This is the last weekend before Deer season starts. We are clearing and trimming trails. Bring saws, 4-wheelers, work gloves, etc. Hope to see you there !

## WORK PARTIES SEPTEMBER 20 & 21

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Tuesday, September 16, 2014, 10:33:00 PM →

CLSC Trail work is scheduled for both Saturday & Sunday (20th & 21st). Meet at the clubhouse on Hannum Rd. both days at 8:30 AM. Bring chainsaws, 4-wheelers, work gloves & boots. Winter is coming ! See you there !

## WORK PARTY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14

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Friday, September 12, 2014, 8:06:00 AM →

FINALLY ! Trail Work Sunday (9/14). Meet at the Clubhouse at 8:30 AM, depart in groups at 9:00 AM. We will be trimming trails in the Mayville area. Bring chainsaws, work gloves, boots (it's wet), 4-wheelers if you want. Bow season starts October 1st and we need to get through hunting areas first. Later, we have some bridges to re-deck. See you there !

## Web Camera Sponsors

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Thursday, September 11, 2014, 5:27:00 PM →

We are currently looking for web camera sponsors for the web cameras through our trail system. The cost of these cameras and maintenance has become a burden and we need some sponsors. For \$100, each sponsor will be a listed advertiser on the webcam selection page and may also have rotating banner ads throughout the website. Contact Us today if you are interested.

## TRAILS CLOSED - SEASON STARTS 12/17

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Thursday, September 11, 2014, 2:09:00 PM →

Trails Open Dec. 17th weather and conditions permitting. We need to have at least 3" compacted base so as not to disturb the ground surface. TRAILS ARE CLOSED UNTIL A MESSAGE IS POSTED ON OUR SNOWPHONE OR ON THIS WEBSITE. PLEASE RESPECT LANDOWNERS AND STAY OFF THE TRAILS UNTIL THEY ARE OFFICIALLY OPEN. WE LOSE MILES OF TRAILS EACH SEASON BECAUSE OF A FEW BAD APPLES. PLEASE DONT BE THAT PERSON WHO RUINS THE TRAIL SYSTEM. WE ALL WANT TO RIDE SO PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL AND WAIT WITH THE REST OF US.

## 2014-2015 President's Message - Fall Newsletter

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Thursday, September 11, 2014, 9:00:00 AM →

Dear fellow club members,I can't believe how fast this summer has gone by. Winter will be here before you know it. Long range forecasts indicate another cold winter. I'm hoping for more snow and the Lake Erie snow-making machine to stay open longer than last year. We are making some trail changes for this season that we hope will help in some areas. Several fields that we have typically crossed through the middle will be moved to the edges to protect spring grass growth. There will probably be some other small trail re-routes that should benefit Landowners as well as the trail system. As always, please follow the marked trails and do not wander outside the stakes onto private land.[Click Here To Read The Entire Newsletter](#)

## ATTENTION: NO CLUB RENEWAL AT THE DMV.

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Wednesday, September 10, 2014, 8:18:00 AM →

There will be NO CLUB RENEWAL at the DMV anymore. The DMV is no longer able to handle club funds. We had a representative at the DMV last year to help with the transition. To avoid a delay, fill out this application and send it with a check ASAP. We will process and return it. Then you can reregister at the DMV at your convenience and have all the paperwork you need. If you come in from out of town, you will have to pay full price for each sled without a voucher unless you can find internet access. On the application, update your email address and verify whether you are able to print your own voucher upon renewal. NYSSA will send a welcome email to you that has your voucher attached. One will only be sent by mail if it is requested. To automatically renew go to [www.nysnowmobiler.com](http://www.nysnowmobiler.com) and register. You will be able to download and print your voucher immediately upon completing that process. There is a number on top of the bar code, upper right of last years voucher that is your membershi ...

## 2009-2014 Season Summary & News History

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Friday, December 31, 2010, 11:16:00 PM →

Below are PDF documents of the entire season's trail updates for historical/legal purposes containing open and close dates. [CLICK FOR 2009-2010 SEASON SUMMARY.](#) (OPEN: 67 Days, CLOSED: 31 Days) 224 Inches [CLICK FOR 2010-2011 SEASON SUMMARY.](#) (OPEN: 54 Days, CLOSED: 45 Days) 218 Inches [CLICK FOR 2011-2012 SEASON SUMMARY.](#) (OPEN: 03 Days, CLOSED: 99 Days) 110 Inches [CLICK FOR 2012-2013 SEASON SUMMARY.](#) (OPEN: 43 Days, CLOSED: 56 Days) 142 Inches [CLICK FOR 2013-2014 SEASON SUMMARY.](#) (OPEN: 34 Days, CLOSED: 69 Days) 186 Inches