BDSC

Fall 2011 Buckhorn District Snowmobile Club

President's Greetings:

We had quite a bit of luck on our side this past summer as our area missed the powerful wind storms that blew down so many trees in other areas. This fall we are re-decking one bridge and adding railings to the new steel bridge that we installed on E108 last December. We also plan on repairing a couple of major water crossings. There was a lot of Backhoe work completed on the 508 trail along with seasonal brushing. The old Irondale Railway Bridge at Gooderham was stripped down to the steel beams and completely re-decked along with new railings. The Haliburton ATV Association was a great help as they took charge of stripping all the old lumber and hauling it away.

Got an ATV? looking for something to do some Saturday or Sunday this fall? give us a Call. We would love to have you join the other Volunteers that make these projects possible. If you see a Volunteer out there on the Trail be sure to thank them as it's because of them that we have the Trail System we do.

We will be doing more brushing and general Trail maintenance this October and we're always looking for help. If you're interested in helping please call Pat Wade at 705-748-3437 or email pwade44@cogeco.ca

We hope you have an enjoyable time on our Trails this coming winter.

Ken Swift

Landowners Appreciation:

We can enjoy our great BDSC trails due to the gracious cooperation of local landowners that provide access through their properties. Please exercise care when traveling the trails over their private property, remain on the trails and clean up any debris or garbage left behind by less considerate snowmobilers. Access to our trails is dependent upon our respect for the landowners that support the BDSC. Thank you to all the landowner supporters.

PERMIT FEES	
Full Season:	$250.00
On or before December 1st	$200.00
7 Day Permit	$140.00
3 Day Permit	$100.00
Classic Permit (available for sleds a minimun of 15 years old)	$125.00
Special Events Permit (available only for club sanctioned events)	$35.00

Permit Sales Locations:

Apsley:
Anstruther Marine

Buckhorn:
Accelerated Technologies
Buckhorn Country Mart
Buckhorn Garage/JAG Equipment
Buckhorn Home Hardware
Buckhorn Sand & Gravel
Buckhorn Small Engines

Buckhorn North:
Flynn's General Store
Little Gull Marine

Bridgenorth:
Bridgenorth Home Hardware
Bridgenorth Sports & Marine

Ennismore:
Wallbridge Mechanical

Lakefield:
Kawartha Home Hardware
Lakefield Chamber of Commerce

Peterborough:
Heming Ltd. Power Equipment
Gateway Power Sports
MC Power Sports

Toronto:
Central Outboard
Snow City

Purchasing your seasonal permit from BDSC is easy and can be completed by one of the following methods:

1. *Purchase at one of our Club Vendors listed above using Cheque/Cash/Visa/Mastercard*
2. *Complete your application and fax it along with Visa/Mastercard number and expiry date to (705) 657-1296*
3. *Complete your application and mail it along with Cheque/Money Order (payable to Buckhorn District Snowmobile Club) to:*

   BUCKHORN DISTRICT SNOWMOBILE CLUB
   P O Box 7
   Buckhorn ON
   K0L 1J0
4. *Contact the Club by phone and leave a message at (705) 657-1296 (your call will be returned within 24 hours)*
5. *Go On-line to* www.**bdsc**.ca *to download a Trail Permit Application.*

YOUR SNOWMOBILE TRAIL PERMIT WILL BE MAILED WITHIN 5 BUSINESS DAYS TO THE ADDRESS ON YOUR APPLICATION.

If you have questions regarding your trail permit or the purchase of a trail permit please contact us

Replacement Permits

Available by contacting the Club at (705) 657-1296 using Visa/Mastercard

Permit Placement

The Trail Permit is valid only when permanently affixed in the approved areas so that it is fully visible to a person standing 10 metres in front of the machine on its centerline.

Applications for Special Event Permits may be obtained by contacting the Club at least 2 weeks prior to the Event.

TRAIL PERMIT DOLLARS

Where does the Money go?

When you purchase your annual Trail Permit from a Buckhorn District Snowmobile Club Permit Issuer, you are putting your money into BDSC snowmobile trails. Your dollars are used by the BDSC and the OFSC to improve and promote the trails that we all ride. None of the Trail Permit Fee goes to the Government. Please be aware that neither the BDSC or any other OFSC Club retains all of the dollars that are paid out for Trail Permits. Factors such as the number of kilometers of Top Trails, the number of kilometers of Club secondary Trails maintained, the number of Industrial Groomers the Club operates, the number of hours spent grooming, etc, etc in each season are used in a formula that calculates how much of each permit sold by the club that they get to keep. This varies from Club to Club based on the factors mentioned above, it's an attempt to make sure that all the Clubs are treated fairly. Many of the dollars that go to the OFSC are re-invested by the OFSC in broad provincial trail related programs that benefit Clubs and Permit holders alike. Listed below are areas where your Trail Permit dollars are spent.

Trail Funding Disbursement Program

The OFSC makes annual grants to Clubs to assist in the purchase of new grooming equipment and bridges, as operational assistance for TOP Trails, for subsidized signage and for trail related emergencies.

Trail Operations Development

The OFSC mandates that your Club spends all Trail Permit dollars on trail operations. Expenses ranging from fuel, insurance, bridging, bulldozing, signage, grading, equipment repairs, trail brushing, grooming and the purchase of new grooming equipment that may cost a minimum of $130,000 per unit.

Trail Insurance

The annual premium costs paid out of the dollars received from the sale of Trail Permits keep Ontario snowmobiling Trails open for Snowmobiling. This Third Party Liability Insurance Policy is required to protect your Club, the volunteers and landowners from liability arising from incidents on OFSC Trails. These premiums have continued to increase substantially putting upward pressure on the price of a Trail Permit.

Safety Campaign

The SledSmart Safety Programs, which promotes responsible Snowmobiling to make our trails safer and to improve the image of our sport, are supported by Trail Permit dollars.

OFSC and Club Operations

As non-profit organizations, the OFSC and your BDSC Club Executive and Board function year round to support, promote and sustain your Club and organized snowmobiling.

Environment Fund

In addition to all the above, one dollar from every permit sold is dedicated to the OFSC Environment Fund to help the OFSC and your Club keep trails open by protecting our Snowmobiling environment.

Trail Patrol

Recertification of Trail Patrollers for 2011 – 2012 season plus training for new patrollers will take place this Fall. Notification of date and location will be posted on the BDSC web site once it is finalized.

Back in February some of us spent a few hours with a couple of OPP officers doing Trail Patrol duties. The officers were very professional, had a great sense of humor and were out there with us because they love the sport of snowmobiling. It was quite interesting watching them do their job and how they interacted with the snowmobilers. It was very rewarding to see that everyone that was stopped had a valid Trail Permit attached to their sled. I realize that most people don't like being stopped by the police but we have to remember that they are performing a service to the Clubs and snowmobilers in general. They are enforcing our rule, that you don't ride OFSC Trails without a permit, that you must have valid insurance, which covers the other party in case of an accident, that you have proof of ownership which helps to prevent the theft of our Sleds and as important as all these other reasons, that you are not impaired while operating a snowmobile.

Anyone interested in becoming a Trail Patroller please contact the club by email: bdscsnow@yahoo.ca or by phone 705-657-1296.

Each Club is expected to have Trail Patrollers out on the above three weekends. You can volunteer to go out for one day or for a 3 – 4 hour shift and training is provided by the Club.
If you are interested in becoming an active Trail Patroller please contact the Club by email: bdscsnow@yahoo.ca or by telephone: (705) 657-1296

Trail Grooming

It was a very slow start this past year with serious grooming not starting until February. We just starting packing the trails when we had major problems with one of our two groomers. A crew of volunteers spent the day in the bush patching the groomer back together. Many hours later we were able to walk it out to a waiting float on Highway 507. With the generous help of Twin Mountains and the Paudash Snowmobile clubs doing some of our grooming and our remaining groomer doing double duty we were able to maintain our trails. We spent a lot less money on fuel this year as compared to the past but it seemed to be the year of breakdowns on both the groomers. The club spent a considerable amount of money and countless volunteer hours on the equipment this year.
Fortunately most of our bridges have been re-decked in the last two years, leaving only two small ones to be done this fall. We should be in good shape this coming winter, the equipment is ready to go, all the major bridge work has been completed, we just need it to snow.

Did you know? before any work can be started on a bridge or culvert a permit has to be applied for and the work approved. Both the MNR Minden office and the Federal Department of Oceans and Fisheries are involved extensively with site reviews, recommendations and final work permits. This means that someone from the Club has to take the Ministry representative to the job site and explain what needs to be done, draw up diagrams of the proposed work along with filling out the applications.

Updates from the Club:

The OFSC informs us they will have the Trail Maps available for GPS units this winter. Please check the OFSC Web Site for additional details.

NEW: See us on Facebook, search for Buckhorn District Snowmobile Club

A BIG Thank You to the Kawartha ATV Association:

President Bruce Watson and V.P. John Hymus from the Kawartha ATV Association presented a cheque to the BDSC for $2,500.00 to be allocated to the new bridge at the E108 and Moose junction trail. Ken and the board members thanked both of them for helping out our club with this kind donation. Bruce and John mentioned when we need help to let them know and they will be there to help out.

New Steel Bridge:

Last year saw the installation of a new all steel decked bridge which replaced two 4 foot culverts near the intersection of the E108 and Moose trails. The cost of the bridge, transportation, and installation was close to $27,500 of which $18,000 came as a grant from the OFSC, $2,500 from the Kawartha ATV Association and the rest being paid from BDSC club funds.

Irondale Rail Bridge at Gooderham:

This bridge was re-decked at a cost of $5,200 to the Club not counting many hours of free labour supplied by BDSC volunteers and the generous help of **Haliburton ATV Association**.

Last Seasons BDSC Family Fun Day – February 19th, 2011

Our Family Fun Day with a pancake breakfast, prizes and a guided trail ride was ***very well attended***, despite a few other special events in the Buckhorn area that day and less than ideal weather and sledding conditions.

Thanks to everyone who came out to have fun and support the BDSC!!!!

Door Prize winners:

Barb	Becky
Benjamin	Brad
Brian	Dave
Don	Eve
Jacki	Jim
Loretta	Lucas
Melissa	

Many thanks to Rich, the winner of our 50/50 draw, for donating his prize money back to the club!

Thanks also to 3 of our newer volunteers: Cathy, Gord and Mark for their much-appreciated assistance at the event!

Sponsors of this event included:

John Sharrard, Accelerated Technologies
Buckhorn Home Hardware
Buckhorn Small Engines
Cycle Salvage
Gateway Powersport & Marine
Kawartha Winery
Lakefield Home Hardware
NAPA, Lakefield
Paul Wright
Bridgenorth Home Hardware
Peterborough Powersports
Sobey's, Towerhill, Peterborough

Expect the Unexpected

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2010 Volunteers:

We were very grateful and fortunate to meet and have the help and support of approximately 12 new volunteers during the 2010 season.

These volunteers did everything from joining the Board to brushing, bridge building and trail patrolling, as well as helping to plan, organize and assist at our club's special events.

A little bit of History

The clubhouse is on County Road 36, one kilometer east of Buckhorn, and is situated on Crown Land that is leased yearly from the Ministry. The plans for the building, erected in 1988, were drawn up by Frank Heming. Jim Fawcett donated his time as a general contractor and was assisted by many volunteers. The porch was added in 1990 which is soon going to need replacing or at least some major repairs. The Maintenance Shed which was built in 1998 was built for summer storage of the groomers and to have a heated place to do repair work on the equipment.

The BDSC received an Award from the OFSC at this year's Annual General Meeting in recognition of **35 years** since joining the Provincial organization.

DRIVER TRAINING SESSIONS

BDSC is proud to offer the OFSC Driver Training course for students 12-15 years of age or adults who do not possess a driver's license. Andy Moore, our Driving Instructor is in charge of the course. These courses are offered at the BDSC Clubhouse located on Hwy 36.

Pre-registration is required.
Cost of the course is $40 (payable upon registration).
Please bring a lunch and Proof of Age such as a Birth Certificate or Passport. Also note that a parent must sign the application form.

Please **contact Andy Moore** at
(705) 292-6726 for details and registration.
ajmoore@pipcom.com

Dates for the Training are: Time: 9:00am both days.
Saturday December 10, 2011 to be held at the Buckhorn Community Centre.
Saturday January 14, 2012 BDSC Clubhouse located on Hwy 36 just east of the village.

CALLING ALL BDSC VOLUNTEERS:

Club success and strength are sustained by volunteers who have lent a Helping Hand. We thank these men and women who have helped out in various capacities to make the Sport of snowmobiling so enjoyable even though Mother Nature doesn't always cooperate. Even if you're not a snowmobiler, BDSC invites you to come out and participate for whatever amount of time you can give. Your expertise, interest, and participation will make a difference.

Volunteer(s) of the Year: Doug Black
Volunteer Family of the Year: Jim & Pat Wade

Please call our Volunteer Coordinator: Pat Wade 705-748-3437 or email pwade44@cogeco.ca

ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEART OF YOUR CLUB
PLEASE JOIN US!
MARK THE "VOLUNTEER"
BOX ON YOUR PERMIT APPLICATION.

Trail Conditions:

Trail conditions are updated daily as changes occur.
Please check our website at www.bdsc.ca or www.ofsc.on.ca

Events:

Please check our website for updates or visit us on Facebook

Sunday, November 20, 2011 – Mark this date on your calendar to attend **Sledarama.** This snowmobile show, sale and Flea Market is held at the Morrow Building, which is beside the Peterborough Memorial Community Centre on Lansdowne St., Peterborough. BDSC will have a booth for permit sales.
See you there!!!!

Saturday, November 26, 2011 – Gateway Power Sports is holding an Open House from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Come and see the new Line-up of Ski-Doo's and have a Hot Dog and refreshment. It's also the perfect time to drop off your Million Dollar Club Support Program certificate. For each certificate submitted, Ski-Doo will donate $10 to your local club, see the Ski-Doo web site for more information. Snowmobile club membership registration (Trail Permits) will also be available.

Sunday, November 27, 2011 - We are holding an Open House at the Club House from 11 – 3:00 for those interested in coming out to see the Groomers, visit the Club House, talk to the Directors and get excited about this winter. For those interested in swapping/selling your snowmobile/parts and related items like clothing and helmets, that have been kicking around the garage, bring them out and sell/trade them from your trunk, truck or a table (you supply) at no charge to you.
Any future details will be entered on the Club's web site under the Club Events tab. The Club House is located on Highway 36 just a couple kilometers east of the village of Buckhorn.

Saturday, December 3, 2011 - SANTA CLAUS PARADE – PETERBOROUGH
The Club will be entering a float in the parade. Please contact Ken at (705) 292-5658 or Laura at laura@kawarthacapital.com if you would like to assist.

Saturday, January 28, 2012 – Outdoor Barbeque
Head for the intersection of E108 and 509 also known as the Good-pen corner for a barbequed Hamburger and hot or cold refreshment. Meet some of the Directors from the Club and hopefully some other hungry snowmobilers.

Monday, February 11, 2012 - FAMILY FUN DAY – take your family for a guided snowmobile tour after enjoying a great pancake breakfast. You might even win a door prize or two? Check website for future updates.

Directors and Mandates

President	**- Ken Swift**	Vice President	**- Scott Boon**
Adopt-a-Trail – **John & Jen Sharrard**		Clubhouse/Grounds	**– Doug Black**
Webpage	**- Matthew Westcott**	Treasurer	**- Wayne Eastabrook**
Driver Training –	**- Andy Moore**	Equip/Maintenance	**– John Sharrard**
Grooming Operations	**– Ken Swift**	Incidence Response	**– Laura Swift**
Landowners Relations – **Ken Swift/Scott Boon**		Newsletter	**– Wayne Eastabrook**
Shows/Displays– **Laura Swift/Frank Heming**		Trails	**– Ken Swift**
Trail Permits	**– Bill Harnden**	Trail Patrol	**– Paul Wright**
Trail Signage **(**Regulatory)	**- Scott Boon**	Trail Signage (Destination) – **Doug Black**	
Volunteers in Action	**– Pat Wade**	Special Events	**- Pat and Jim Wade**

(Directors can be contacted through the Club e-mail or phone) bdscsnow@yahoo.ca or By Telephone: (705) 657-1296

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