



October 2017

Riverside Snowmobile Club

www.RiversideSnowmobileClub.ca

Winter Is Coming!!

Although you might be hard pressed to convince a lot of people summer is over, it's time to start thinking snowmobiling. And to borrow a phrase from Game of Thrones, "***WINTER IS COMING!!***". In the off season your Riverside Executive have been busy on many fronts. By the time you read this, the first 2 meetings of the season will have been held and our club execs have attended the OFSC AGM where some important changes were made. More on that later.

The biggest change you will see this season is the upgrade to our grooming fleet. After 17 seasons of reliable grooming we say good bye to our New Holland TS110 and Mogul Master Drag and welcome our new-to-us 2013 Prinoth Husky with MTN drag.



The acquisition of this grooming unit was made possible through a cooperative effort with our neighbour clubs Carleton Regional SC and Rideau SC and with additional financing provided by District 1 S.A. The lighter ground pressure of the Prinoth will allow us to get some of the wetter trails open earlier.

At the OFSC AGM in September a revised funding formula was implemented and transitioning into the new organizational structure was confirmed for May 31, 2018. This will see several club accountabilities move to the District level. The intent of these changes are to generate internal efficiencies so permit dollars will go farther and remove some administrative duties from club volunteers.

The most exciting news at the AGM was the announcement of Riverside's own Barb Rabideau as winner of the 2017 District 1 Outstanding Snowmobile Promotion Award and to Les Johnston and Valerie Flay as 2017 District 1 Snowmobile Ambassadors. Barb, Les and Valerie are tireless contributors to Riverside SC and we thank them for all their efforts and congratulate them on the well-deserved recognition.

The 2017-2018 season planning is well underway. First, On-Line Permit sales commenced October 1st. A Full Season Permit will cost \$190.00 (plus \$7.50

shipping/handling) and a Classic Permit (for model years 1999 and older) will cost \$150.00 (plus \$7.50 shipping/handling). Make sure you get your permits on or before November 1, 2017. Full Season Permits increase to \$220.00 plus S/H on November 2nd, 2017 and then to \$270.00 plus S/H on Dec 2, 2017. Classic Permits increase to \$180.00 plus S/H on December 2nd, 2017 also.

From a Trail perspective we do not anticipate any major changes this year. Thanks to the efforts of our Trail & Signage Workers and the generosity of our Land Owners, we have worked hard to secure land use permission this year. The critical factor to maintaining our network is respecting the wishes of our landowners by STAYING ON TRAIL!!.

Our in-season events will include our ever-popular Wing Days which are the first Saturday of the month from 12:00pm -5:00pm (January 6th, February 3rd, March 3rd) and our Riverside Breakfast Club occurring every Sunday from 8:30 - Noon commencing January 7th when trails are open.

So it's time to get the sleds out of storage and get them shined up and serviced. Make sure you get your trail permits before the price increases on November 2, 2017 and save some money. Mark your calendars with the pre-season event dates and come on out for a good time and support your club.

See you soon and Let It Snow!!!!



Driver Training

Les Johnston and Valerie Flay are continuing as Driver Training Instructors this year. A Driver Training Course will be held Saturday December 9, 2017. To be eligible participants must be 12 years old at the time of the course. See the enclosed flyer for registration details.

District Raffle-2017

Tickets are now available for the District Raffle. This year's prize consists of two 2017 Yamaha SRViper RTX and a 2017 Triton 11 foot fully enclosed double trailer. Total prize value is approx \$29,500. Tickets are \$5 each and are available at numerous locations in the area. Draw date is December 21, 2017. Better yet, why not help the club with fundraising by taking 2 or 3 books to sell on behalf of the club. **Riverside Club keeps \$2.50 from each ticket, so why not help out with this easy fundraiser.** Contact Barb Rabideau at 613-543-3114.

Trail Report

Some good news and some bad news on the trail front. First the good news. Plans are in place to repair and widen the steel bridge over the Black River on Trail A104 where we meet Seaway Club. This will involve lifting the bridge off the crossing so we can do the necessary work (straightening/reinforcing the beams, raising the cribbing to prevent the ice from damaging the beams and re-decking the bridge including new railings.) The bad news is this is a huge undertaking and we will need all the help we can get. Exact dates are TBD depending on when crops come off the fields but if you can spare some time, we could use the help.

The annual signage installation will start shortly. This is a "MUST DO" activity that has to be completed before we can open any trails. There is core of excellent volunteers that handle this critical job but extra hands are always welcome. If you have a few spare hours and want to help, drop us an email at info@riversidesnowmobileclub.ca and we will contact you.

Watch our Facebook Page for updates.

Club House

Riverside Paint Night- December 4, 2017

To be held at O'Neills's Pub, Long Sault. Cost is \$45.00 with \$20.00 going to support Riverside programming. See flyer attached

Riverside Breakfast Club (Sunday)

Jan 7, 2018 Feb 4, 2018 Mar 4, 2018
Jan 14, 2018 Feb 11, 2018 Mar 11, 2018
Jan 21, 2018 Feb 18, 2018
Jan 28, 2018 Feb 25, 2018

Riverside Wing Day (1st Saturday of each month)

Jan 6, 2018 Feb 3, 2018 Mar 3, 2018

Opening Day Wings (Saturday)

Watch for the announcement on Facebook for the first Saturday that trails are open.

Club Meetings

The General Monthly meeting is held on the 1st **Wednesday** of the month at 7:00pm at the clubhouse.

The schedule for the 2016-2017 Season is:

October 4, 2017	February 7, 2018
November 1, 2017	March 7, 2018
December 6, 2017	April 4, 2018
January 3, 2018	May 2, 2018 (AGM)

Club Executive 2017-2018 Season

President	Les Johnston
Vice President	Rodney Van Allen
Secretary	Jessie Boals
Treasurer	Peter Asquini
Trail Boss	Gerry Gurnhill
Signage Coordinator	Cole Veinotte
Volunteer Development	Les Johnston
Social Director	Barb Rabideau
Trail Patrol	Peter Asquini
Driver Training	Valerie Flay/Les Johnston



And Now For Something New!

Do you have friends or acquaintances that would like to get into snowmobiling but are not sure of the experience. Wouldn't it be nice if there was a way they could try it before they buy it. Or maybe you are looking to extend your snowmobiling touring into a multiday tour but not sure what's involved in planning and organizing such a trip

Long time motorsport enthusiast, motorcycle racer and strong Riverside SC Club supporter Tom Irwin has recently opened Tom Irwin Adventure Tours. Located in Ingleside, Tom will be offering fully



guided snowmobile, ATV/UTV and motorcycle tours in Ontario and Quebec. All the equipment is included in your tour price. Half day, Full Day and Multi day tours are available. Check out www.TomIrwinAdventureTours.com for details or call Tom at 613-362-2670 for details.



2017/2018 TRAIL PERMITS

<u>Permit Type</u>	<u>Cost**</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Availability</u>
Full Season	\$190	Nov 1, 2017	Online
	\$220	Dec 1, 2017	Online
	\$270	After Dec 1, 2017	Online
Classic Permit*	\$150	Dec 1, 2017	Online
	\$180	After Dec 1, 2017	Online
Visitor Permit	\$35/day	Minimum 2 days	Online

*Classic Permits are available for model year 1999 or older snowmobiles.

** Full Season and Classic Permits are subject to a \$7.50 shipping and handling charge. Tracked shipping is available for an extra fee.

To purchase permits Online:

1. Use the Buy Permits Online button on our website www.riversidesnowmobileclub.ca



2. Go to the OFSC website at www.ofsc.on.ca and follow the links to purchase your permit. **Don't forget to Select District 1- Riverside Snowmobile Club for your permit purchase.**



DEC 4TH, 2017
RIVERSIDE SNOWMOBILE CLUB

PAINT NIGHT

Start the Holiday Season with Style

Join us for an evening of fun and entertainment and let loose your creative talents creating this wonderful winter scene. All materials and equipment are included in your ticket price. No previous experience required. The winter window scene will compliment any holiday décor.



O'Neill's Pub
Long Sault, On.

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Start: 6:30pm

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Tickets: \$45.00

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Artist:

Lise Vivarais

—
\$20 from each ticket
goes to support
Riverside
Snowmobile Club
programming

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT

www.riversidesnowmobileclub.ca

Or Call

613-360-2319



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A SNOWMOBILE SAFETY COURSE

We've trained over 200,000 STUDENTS AGES 12-15

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!



GET YOUR MTO SNOWMOBILE LICENCE TODAY!

LEARN THE RIGHT WAY

The OFSC Driver Training Course is designed to emphasize the safe operation of motorized snow vehicles.

- ◆ Understand safe riding techniques and tips
- ◆ How to prevent problems and avoid environment hazards
- ◆ Learn Motorized Snow Vehicle Laws
- ◆ Practical video demonstrations
- ◆ Gain confidence and a safety focused attitude

GET TRAINED NOW!

A snowmobile safety course taught by Community based, MTO certified instructors.

- ◆ Students must be 12 years of age or older
- ◆ Course Fee: \$40.00
- ◆ Course length is a minimum of 6 hours
- ◆ Course contents approved by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation.

LOCAL COURSE INFORMATION:

Sponsor: Riverside Snowmobile Club
 Date: Saturday December 9, 2017
 Time: 8:30am to 4:00pm

Location: Riverside Snowmobile Club House
 13125 Riverside Drive, Morrisburg, ON

Please enter your contact information here:

Eligibility: Student must be 12 yrs old on date of course.
 Birth certificate required.

Registration: Email student name/contact info to:
 info@riversidesnowmobileclub.ca
 Confirmation will be issued.
 Limit 25 students

Cost: \$40 payable at course by cash/cheque

FOR MORE COURSE DATES AND LOCATIONS VISIT: www.ofsc.on.ca