

FLEA CALLER

IN MEMORIAM

It was with great sadness that we share the news that an original Club member and long-time Club officer, Gail Woods passed away due to Alzheimer's Disease in late January. She was the wife of former Club President, Leon 'Woodie' Woods and held several other positions in the snowmobile community over the years: VAST Treasurer and Windsor County Treasurer. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Woodie and their family.

VAST President Tim Mills unexpectedly passed away at the end of February from complications related to COVID. Tim served as VP of his snowmobile club and Trails Coordinator for his county. He was VP of the VAST Trails Committee, VP of VAST in 2015 and was elected President of VAST in 2016 where he continued to serve.

The VAST Board of Directors appointed Jeff Faye as President and Mark Reaves as Vice President. Regular elections will occur at the VAST Annual Meeting.

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SPRING IS COMING

And we have the perfect SPECIAL ORDER spring clothing – embroidered fleece shirts, vests, and jackets. We will be sending in an order to our supplier on **April 4TH**.



A copy of the order form is included with this newsletter or by following the link to the Club Store on our website www.Cavendishsnowfleas.com.



2022-2023 CLUB OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The following have been nominated for Snow Flea officer positions for 2022-2023:

President & Trail MasterJoe Marini
Vice President & Trail MasterDan Tiernan
Vice President & Fundraising Frank Companik
Vice President & Landowner LiaisonTim Rowe
Secretary Kelly Weymer
TreasurerWayne Wysocki
Trail Signage CoordinatorRuss Walsh
Cook Shack CoordinatorJared Wilson

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WINDSOR COUNTY OFFICERS

At the Windsor County meeting on March 2nd, the following were elected officers for the 2022-2023 season:

President Patty Companik
Vice PresidentDick Jewett
TreasurerJeffrey Hermanson
SecretaryMike Coleman
Director Doug Jacobs
Alternate Director Stan Choiniere
Trails CoordinatorBarry Messer
Assistant Trails CoordinatorGreg Fullerton
Executive Board MemberMark Walker
Executive Board MemberGreg Riveiro

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CIRCLE THE DATE

April 9 - April Club Meeting 4:30 pm Tim Rowe's Barn - 1997 Twenty Mile Stream Rd, Proctorville VT (please bring a chair) - Officer Elections will take place at this meeting Hope to see you there!

Sept. 10 - VAST Annual Meeting, Essex, VT

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TRAILBLAZER - JARED WILSON



Our favorite chef, and the man who made the Snow Fleas famous for their cheeseburgers! Thank you, Jared Wilson, for your years of dedication to our Club and to snowmobiling in our area!

Weather permitting, Jared manages the Club's Cook Shack every weekend during our season! Jared started out by volunteering with trail work.

When he became aware of the Club's Cook Shack, he found a way to combine his love of cooking and volunteering. He was a frequent volunteer on weekends, cooking and serving food alongside the then Cook Shack Coordinator Jennifer Stowell. In 2008, when Jennifer retired, Chef Jared took over the Cook Shack Coordinator position and the rest, well, is history.

He locally sources the meat and other items (Singletons is a must for our hamburger meat), which allows him to serve the freshest items at the Cook Shack!

This VAST award recognizes those individuals who have actively served for 25 years or more. It celebrates all long-term volunteers, not only those involved in trail work, but in all aspects of organized snowmobiling such as Club, County and VAST officers.

Thank you, Jared, for all you have done and continue to do on behalf of the Cavendish Snow Fleas!



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SUCCESSFUL ST PATRICK'S DAY RIDE IN EVENT

Thank you to all who helped, joined us that day, or donated in order to make this a successful event! We hope this will be the first ANNUAL event, and plan to hold it for years to come. We had "enough" snow on the trails for folks to ride-in, and you did not disappoint! We were overwhelmed with the attendance and support.



Congratulations to Bernie Ellison who won \$100.00 on the 50/50 Raffle!

Merchandise was a hot commodity. Janet did an outstanding job keeping up with all the requests. The Club sold over \$500 in merchandise at the event! How about those burgers and dogs - with several topping options! Patty and Frank donated the Hummel hot dogs, buns, grilled onions and sauerkraut. Kelly made corned beef soup - which was a hit and she donated Gatorade. Famous Neil Donuts from Meriden, CT were flown in (driven but flown sounds better) by Sandy and Glenn. Janet made rice krispy treats and her famous oatmeal raisin cookies! EM&M made the snowmobile themed sugar cookies - which were "almost" too beautiful to eat.

Deep River Chips were donated by Lee Whiting. Gatorade and Hot Cocoa were donated by Tim Rowe. Patty and Frank donated the Snowmobile Blessing and Annual St Patrick's Day signage.



All these donations are appreciated so much, but without all of you who attended and generously donated to this event, it would not have been a success - THANK YOU!

We would also like to thank fellow snowmobile leadership who came out to support us for this event. In addition to their own Club activities and responsibilities, they have leadership roles within the Windsor County snowmobile community.



Doug Jacobs - Windsor County Director
Barry Messer - Windsor County Trails Coordinator

A good time was had by all! Thank you from the top two guys of the Club: President/Trail Master Joe Marini and VP/Asst Trail Master Dan Tiernan



SNOW FLEA'S STEEL TRACK TUCKER



Peter and Vinny Rappoccio from Sign Pro USA install a graphic wrap on the Cavendish Green Mountain Snow Fleas' new groomer.

As many of you are aware, the Club purchased a "new to us" Steel Track Tucker in preparation for this season! We were able to do this with two loans: one from Windsor County and the other from a local bank. Your support of our fundraisers helps us make the necessary payments for this machine and we can't Thank You enough!

Joe Marini and the other groomer operators have been trained and have been using the machine this season (when we have enough snow to groom). It's been an adjustment (rubber tracks on the old machine - steel tracks on the new machine); but it handles our steep terrain like a champ!

There are several "enhancements" that will be added before next season: the installation of carbide studs on the steel tracks which will enhance the performance of the machine on ice, and the installation of a cat walk on both sides of the machine to protect the machine from rock and snow kickback as well as provide better rear visibility for the operators (prevents snow from kicking up onto the mirrors).

A special thank you to Pete Rappoccio from Sign Pro USA. Pete not only donated the very cool wraps for the groomer, but he and his son, Vinny, did the installation! We greatly appreciate your generosity, creativity, and community minded business culture!



Be sure to check out photos and updates on our Club Website: www.Cavendishsnowfleas.com