

Happy Holidays Nightriders!

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and a happy New Year. All I wanted for Christmas was a foot or two of snow but I must have been bad this year. At the last meeting our groomer insurance needed to be renewed. It cost \$1000. The Mullan groomer had tiller problems and needed some help to get it back on the trail. We donated \$1000 to the Shoshone groomer fund. Mullan is now fixed and back out on the trails. A group of representatives from Superior wanted to see if it was possible to groom about 13 miles in the Hoodoo area. They would transport it, we would operate it. The decision was passed on to the grooming committee and will be discussed at the next meeting. Linda Baird has also graciously agreed to take the Secretary position. THANK YOU, LINDA!!!

Trails, trails, trails? People have shown a lot of enthusiasm for riding and have been going out wherever they can find enough snow to ride. Our groomer is now fixed and out on the trail. Parts took longer than expected because of some issues with a credit card but Rainy/Dominion and the main loop will be done by New Years. The weather here has been cold, dry, and cold. As soon as we get more snow the eastern trails will be groomed. The grooming committee should have some sort of a schedule hopefully by the next meeting. We have a committed bunch of guys ready to keep our trails clean, smooth, and fun. Bring on the snow!

- **SAFETY NOTE**

With the weather that we have had in the area it has created an ice layer in the snow. This creates an avalanche possibility. If you are out boon docking, climbing, or in the area of a possible avalanche, make sure to have the necessary equipment. Shovel, probe, beacon, etc. Even though you might not be the one that caused one, you might come along an avalanche and be able to help. If you are watching friends or family climb make sure to stay clear of possible avalanche run out areas. Carole Johnson does an avalanche report in the St. Regis Basin every Thursday which is posted at the Silver \$ and Silver Express. If any business owners would like to have this information please contact Brooke and she will set you up. For current avalanche reports you can also call 1-208-765-7323. Thank you Carole for your excellent presentation at the last meeting. An avalanche chart is attached to this newsletter. **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!!!!!!**

If you haven't yet done so, don't forget to pay your dues. They were due December 1. If you need a new form, let Brooke know and she'll get you one.

Poker Ride News: The theme is "Wild Deuces" and you all are encouraged to dress wildly. There is a poster attached to this newsletter. Would everyone please hang up at least one in a local establishment? For those of you receiving the newsletter via e-mail, the poster looks best if you print it on colored paper. If you have not yet signed up: PLEASE DO SO. If any of you "old heads" don't want your spot, please let Brooke know. Otherwise, she will assume you are going to be on deck. There are lots of spots open for registration, first card draw, and fifth card draw at the Silver \$. For those of you who haven't done this before, you are encouraged to do so. This is our biggest fund-raiser of the year to supplement the entertainment budget. And we all know how well we like to be entertained...

Speaking of entertainment: There will be a fun poker ride following the meeting and I think Robin has a silly game to go along with it, so plan on riding. Following the ride, the club will be burning burgers at the Silver Express from 5:00-7:00. Bring something potluck to go with it. If you want, you can bring your stuff to the meeting and we'll make sure it gets over for the party. Also, the club will be providing two free drink tickets for each attendee. We'll set up the karaoke machine and just have some Club fun to kick off the season. There also will be a drawing for door prizes and a prize for best rendition of a snow dance (HAH)!!

TURN PAGE OVER FOR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.....

- \*Meeting Jan 9<sup>th</sup> in Haugan at the Silver \$ 10:00 am MST**
- \*Burger Burning at Silver Express Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00**
- \*Vintage Race JAN 23<sup>rd</sup> in Haugan**
- \*22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wild Deuces \$1,000 Super Poker Ride JAN 30<sup>th</sup>**
- \*Trout Creek Poker Ride FEB 13<sup>th</sup>**

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, please feel free to contact me at 406-544-5416 or 406-678-0110 or [bteeters42@hotmail.com](mailto:bteeters42@hotmail.com). Hope for snow and happy trails! Brennan