

Manitoba's Snoman REPORT



THINK INTEGRATION THIS YEAR

SNOPASSES ON EVERY SNOWMOBILE IS THE PROGRAM'S GOAL
BY ERNIE SMELSKI, President

The first thing I need to do is to thank a number of people.

This past snowmobile season was the longest operational season in Snoman Inc. history. Snowmobile clubs maintained designated groomed trails starting in early December and ending in April in some areas of the province. Therefore, to all the club volunteers and their executive, a huge thank you for your contribution to the snowmobilers of Manitoba. Your commitment has not gone unnoticed as many compliments were heard throughout this past season. These compliments were not only from snowmobilers, but Snoman partners, business communities and government officials. This is due to your dedication, volunteerism and hard work.

On behalf of Snoman Inc. I would like to thank Lora Beddall, Snofund administrator, for her dedication and support to our organization. Lora left our organization for other opportunities this past season. Lora provided over four years of service to Snoman Inc.

Michelle McKnight, our part-time administrative assistant, left our organization this past spring to pursue full-time employment. Thank you for your service to Snoman Inc.

A special thank you to our office staff: executive director Ken Lucko, administrative co-ordinator Carol Mikula and Trackstick administrative assistant Noel Martens for continuing to meet commitments as well as program deadlines. Despite the extended snowmobile season and staff shortages, our organization was able to meet administrative targets in most areas. As well, they stayed on track with the new initiatives for the 2011/12 snowmobile season set by the board of directors. The office staff have exceeded our expectations and have had projects completed ahead of schedule in order to provide earlier payouts to the clubs this year. They have provided information for our discussions with our membership, Snoman partners, supportive businesses and political individuals. This information includes ratification of the Trackstick program by the end of July, map revisions for 2011/12, financial club analysis, budget revisions for 2011/12,

excellence awards, mentorship program commitments, CCSO commitment followup, website modifications, lottery revisions, kiosk modifications, AGM, banquet preparations, integration post-season review, and strategic planning followup with set commitments, just to name a few.

To our board of directors and executive, thank you for placing your trust in my leadership. I was re-elected as your president for one more term at our annual general meeting (AGM) in May of 2011. This will be my last term of office, as I feel that after three terms, this organization needs new revitalized energy to continue to move this organization forward. As your president, the time commitment to provide continued followup, direction and guidance varies from one to several hours a day, all season long. Our next AGM is set for October 28, 2011, and will be part of our first annual Snoman Inc. Congress.

I would like to welcome our newest employee, Snofund administrator Christy Wiczorkiewicz. Christy, along with her husband and their family, are members of the Whiteshell Snowmobile Club and Springfield Pathfinders Club. Christy brings very positive enthusiasm and administrative skills to our organization—welcome.

As well, I want to thank Paul Burch, who was the vice-president for this past year, for his service to the Snoman Inc. executive, and Tom Schindel, who was the secretary for the past three seasons. I would like to welcome Alan Butler (Western Region director) as vice-president and Albert Wyborn (past president) as secretary to the Snoman executive. Gentlemen, thank you all.

Well, where are we with the most difficult challenge which Snoman Inc. faced in recent years—integration!

We have experienced almost two complete seasons with the sale of Snopasses at Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI). The first year was done manually by MPI vendors. This year, it was done electronically. Now you can purchase your Snopass year round along with your snowmobile registration. Our Snopass numbers have slightly increased from 16,255 in 2009/10 to approxi-

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mately 17,474 this past season (7.5 per cent increase in Snopass sales). The last number provided was Snopass purchases under the new electronic system. We need to go through another full year to fully determine the purchase trends and final numbers. Therefore we need to be cautious in our financial approach. The concern is that we have 29,477 registered snowmobiles as of March 2011, which means only 59 per cent of snowmobiles are Snopassed. What does this tell us? To confirm this information, the Snopass compliance surveys were done by snowmobile clubs this past February. The surveys indicated 65 per cent average compliance throughout our designated system in Manitoba. So does integration work?

Well, we all agree that MPI outlets are providing a great service to us so that volunteers are not tagged with the countless hours of selling Snopasses.

In terms of compliance, I would suggest not, and that is affecting our club operational budgets, especially with this past year's long operational season. We need to remember that, along with the MPI initiative, the province had provided a commitment to enforce the legislation to ensure Snopasses are on every snowmobile throughout the entire province. We understand that the province is still working on the interim legislation, until a Snowmobile Act is developed. This commitment has been outstanding for two years. We are awaiting their followup. This is a priority; we will have further discussions at your fall regional meetings and at our president's meeting at the first annual Snoman Inc. Congress held in October.

Our strategic planning session resulted in a number of new initiatives such as the Risk Man-

agement program, the Mentorship program and our Marketing program. As a result of these initiatives, our liability insurance premiums have been reduced, thus increasing payouts to the clubs—a positive step forward. These programs, along with integration, will continue to be our focus until our next strategic planning session.

There are many benefits from recreational snowmobile activities—these can be in the form of both economic and social advantages. One only has to travel in rural Manitoba to see the economic benefits, with busy restaurants and service stations during a traditionally slow time of year. The service that our members provide is directed to the recreational, family-oriented snowmobile community. A visit to one of the many shelters throughout the province will soon provide you with an understanding of the social benefits. You will soon see that there are many families involved with snowmobiling and the fellowship that exists with groups of riders.

We realize that there is frustration for volunteers throughout the snowmobiling season, considering volunteer time requirements, meeting risk management needs, spending countless hours on the groomer, readjusting our signage or meeting administrative requirements (i.e. trail condition reporting for one) and so on.

We need to focus on how to further reduce our volunteer time, either mechanically—on the equipment—or by program sharing with others. There may be ways you are doing this within your club; please share with our organization.

Rewards sometimes go unmentioned but are noticed and this year many individuals were very pleased with the service in our province. I have heard them, as have board members, so to all the volunteers of all the snowmobile clubs—a very good job! Be proud to be a part of your club as others are pleased with your work.

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hopefully lead to premium reductions.

Since our Snopass sales do not cover all of the expenses of providing a designated trail system, alternative means of revenue are very important. Advertising for the kiosks, ads on the maps and links to our website help to raise much needed funding. We also administer a raffle draw for a new snowmobile and directly share the proceeds with the clubs.

We are currently redesigning the website and developing a new membership program to bring more members into our clubs, which we hope will, in turn, lead to more volunteers.

Last year we were awarded a grant from the federal government for a seniors/youth mentorship program that is being finalized as I write this article.

We have advertised a Request for Proposal for a live tracking system for our groomers that will help not only track time and distance, but also provide for a safer work environment for our volunteers.

The Snoman board of directors will also be hosting the annual general meeting on October 28, 2011. This will be in conjunction with our first annual Snoman Congress, which is slated for October 28 and 29, 2011. Work has already begun to plan the printing of this report. The Congress will also include a groomer workshop, presidents meeting and awards banquet. The planning for this event, which will be held at Canad Inns Destination Centre Club Regent Casino Hotel, is well underway.

We are also working on the Excellence Awards and they will be presented at the banquet.

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Summertime at Snoman

AS ONE SEASON ENDS PLANNING FOR THE NEXT ONE BEGINS
BY **KEN LUCKO, Executive Director**

Everyone asks us what we do during the summer at the Snoman office. Well, one might think that a snowmobile organization would not be that busy in the summer; however, that certainly is not the case. Even before the season ends we are already planning for the following season. Once the riding season ends we begin reconciling the Trackstick information to verify the kilometres groomed as this is the basis on which clubs are paid.

All of the club's information—such as expenses, equipment costs, fuel, insurance and assets—is also compiled. This information is used to justify future fee increases and is shared with

other snowmobile organizations. We also have next year's budget to prepare along with providing information for the annual audit.

New maps have to be prepared, checked and printed. This year we have redesigned our maps with less advertising on the map side and this has enabled us to increase the size of the provincial map by 40 per cent, thereby making it more user-friendly. We produce a special map for all of the snowmobile dealers to display in their showrooms.

There are insurance policies to renew as well as risk management protocols to investigate that can

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First annual Snoman Congress

BY ALAN BUTLER, Vice-President and Event Chairman

On October 28 and 29, 2011, Snoman Inc. will hold its first annual Snoman Congress. The congress will be held at the Canad Inns Destination Centre Club Regent Casino Hotel in Winnipeg. The congress will be composed of three sessions—the 2011 Snoman annual meeting, workshops, and the Snoman annual awards presentation and banquet. On Friday, October 28, the Snoman 2011 annual general meeting will be held and all member clubs are invited to attend. The 2010/2011 annual general report will be presented and the Snoman election will take place.

On Saturday, October 29, there will be a trail grooming workshop. Kim Rapp, owner of Trails Consulting, will be the workshop presenter. Mr. Rapp has been involved in snowmobile trail grooming since 1978 and developed the International Association of Snowmobile Administrators (IASA) Guidelines for Snowmobile Trail Groomer Operators Training Manual. Mr. Rapp will cover all aspects of trail grooming; this workshop will prove informative and beneficial to all groomer operators. The workshop is open to all Snoman member clubs.

In addition to the grooming workshop on Saturday, October 29, there will be a club presidents workshop. This workshop is open to all Snoman member club presidents or their delegates. A

number of key topics will be reviewed and discussed. The topics reviewed will provide club presidents the opportunity to review Snoman programs and provide input and direction to the Snoman board of directors.

The first annual awards presentation and banquet will be held Saturday evening and is open to all those that wish to attend. Excellence awards for 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 will be presented. Also, presentations will be made to the four immediate past presidents in recognition of their contribution to the Snoman organization.

A number of manufacturers and dealers have indicated they will be present; this includes groomers, drags and sign companies. Club reps will have the opportunity to ask questions about their equipment and about equipment they may be looking at purchasing.

Snoman is working hard to ensure this congress will be beneficial to clubs and members. Attendance is expected to be high with most clubs having delegates attending. This event will provide an opportunity to work together for the betterment of snowmobiling in Manitoba.

For more information, banquet tickets and registration applications, please contact the Snoman office at 1-204-940-7533 or send an email to info@snoman.mb.ca.

New membership program

Snoman, in conjunction with the snowmobile clubs of Manitoba, is pleased to announce a new Snoman/club membership program for the start of the 2011/2012 season. The new membership program will allow for the continuation of the Snofund Partner Program.

Under the new program all Manitoba snowmobile club members will also become Snoman members by virtue of their club membership. By simply filling in a Snoman/club membership card you will become members of Snoman. Clubs will set their own membership fees and criteria for membership. Club members will receive a Snoman/club membership card; the membership card will entitle all holders to all Snoman and Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations (CCSO) benefits. In addition to the membership card all members will receive a membership brochure listing the many benefits they are entitled to through Snoman and the CCSO.

Benefits of the program:

- The membership program will replace the Snopass card and will allow for the continuation

of the Snofund Partner Program. The Snofund Partner Program can provide discounts of up to 15 per cent from the many businesses registered as Snofund Partners.

- The membership program provides the opportunity for clubs to tell prospective members the advantages/benefits of becoming a club member (discounts received would easily exceed membership paid).

- The Snoman membership list will identify those who are eligible for Snoman liability insurance when performing club work.

- Reduced rates at many hotel/motel chains.

- As a result of having a Snoman member database all Snoman members will receive four editions of *SnoRiders* magazine.

- Volunteer recognition programs at the provincial and national levels.

- Help with recruiting new club members and retention of existing members.

This new program will require you to first be a member of a Snoman member club before you

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season we were short-staffed and have now hired a new Snofund administrator. We would like to welcome Christy Wiczorkiewicz to the Snoman team. A special thank you goes out to Carol Mikula, administrative co-ordinator, and Noel Martens, Trackstick administrative assistant, for taking on many new tasks this past season.

We have a great working relationship with Manitoba Public Insurance and meet with them on a regular basis to ensure that we can provide the best service possible for our Snopass purchasers.

There you have it—a brief overview of some of the projects that the Snoman office is working on. It certainly is never dull and we are looking forward to this coming riding season.

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can become a member of Snoman. It is hoped that Manitoba snowmobilers will recognize the many benefits of being a member of Snoman and join their local snowmobile club and in this way help with the growth of Manitoba snowmobile clubs. It should be noted that purchasing a Snopass does not provide you with a Snoman membership; it entitles you to use the Snoman designated trail system. Join a Snoman member club and become a member of Snoman!



Considering drinking & riding?

Consider this . . . Manitoba Conservation and RCMP officers are stepping up their on-trail presence . . . working to keep our trails safe.



Trilake Trail Busters

BY BRIAN DOWNIE

The Trilake Trail Busters groomer headed out to do the trail north of Ninette on December 18, 2010. Things were looking good until about two miles in, when they reached the swamp area. Unfortunately, the weather had contributed to less than ideal conditions.

We had a significant heavy snowfall before it turned cold so the ground never froze. That, in combination with the high water levels and moving water, all contributed to the difficulty for clubs to prepare the designated trail system for the up-



coming season. Some trails were never even opened last year. Thankfully, the groomer operator was able to walk out without any trouble.

The groomer was extracted in three separate pieces, which were initially thought would be nothing more than scrap metal. The pieces were transported by flatbed to the local Hutterite colony where they were thawed and re-assembled. Three weeks later the groomer was up and running again and showed no effects of its dunking.

New Snofund administrator

BY CHRISTY WIECZORKIEWICZ

Hello all you fellow snowmobilers, my name is Christy Wiczorkiewicz. I live in North Kildonan in Winnipeg and have been a member of the Whiteshell Snowmobile Club for over 15 years. I have been involved with our club's fundraising efforts and have volunteered at many of the functions that they have held.

My husband and I, along with our two children, snowmobile as often as we can whether it's a ride to Selkirk for dinner or off to Anola for coffee. Our weekend rides usually take us east to Whiteshell, where we meet up with family and friends for a day of sledding. I have a passion for this sport and I feel I have found a position that will be fun and exciting, as well as being



Snoman welcomes new Snofund administrator, Christy Wiczorkiewicz.



Alexa (left) and Zbig Wiczorkiewicz take part in the Chicken Daze Parade.

very rewarding.

We have more recently become members of the Springfield Pathfinders Club. We look forward to supporting them with their fundraising efforts as we are using their trail system more and more.

Recently my husband and my daughter participated in the Chicken Daze Parade in Oakbank, on the Springfield Pathfinders float. This float showed the new versions of Ski-Doo, Polaris, Arctic Cat and Yamaha sleds as well as the old models.

I am thrilled to have been offered the position of Snofund administrator at Snoman. I am looking forward to learning many new things in the weeks

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to come. I am also looking forward to meeting snowmobilers from all parts of Manitoba both in the office and out on the trail. I sincerely hope you all had a wonderful summer and look forward to a nice long winter of sledding.



Mooswa Lake Snoriders Club —by Audrey Mulla

As snowmobilers we are keenly aware that we get a precious amount of time to pursue our favorite recreational activity each season, which means even when Mother Nature does not co-operate, we are the dedicated bunch that still heads out for a day of riding in less than ideal conditions.

However, this gives us something to talk about when we meet up with fellow sledgers at a shelter or restaurant— about how crazy the weather was, but we rode anyway. This is just the nature of the Manitoba sledder.

So on a bitterly cold January morning, this group of hardcore riders hit the trails. We were prepared for whatever was ahead of us. We travelled north to the Belair, Grand Beach and Victoria Beach

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Coast to Coast by Dennis Burns

CCSO Excellence Award winners

In June the Alberta Snowmobile Association (ASA) hosted a very successful International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) with representatives from four countries in attendance. With 400 snowmobilers from the U.S., Sweden, Russia and Canada talking snow, the antique sleds throughout the Calgary Hyatt Regency Hotel and the groomers lining Stephen Avenue, tall tales and fun were had by all as plans were discussed for the 2012 season. Well done, ASA!

CCSO Excellence Awards were presented at the President's Awards Banquet Gala on Saturday night at ISC. Congratulations to all the nominees and a special thank you to all for your efforts to highlight the many success stories. The award winners in each category were:

Outstanding Snowmobile Dealership: the 2011 CCSO Snowmobile Excellence Award goes to Enns Brothers from Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Outstanding Snow-Related Company: the 2011 CCSO Snowmobile Excellence Award goes to SnowandMud.com from Alberta.

Outstanding Snowmobile Promotion & Development: the 2011 CCSO Snowmobile Excel-

lence Award goes to Cycle Works West from Alberta.

Outstanding Snowmobile Club: the 2011 CCSO Snowmobile Excellence Award goes to the Wasaga Snowmobile Club from Ontario.

Outstanding Snowmobile Family: the 2011 CCSO Snowmobile Excellence Award goes to the Byman family - Greg, Barb and his son Bryce from Revelstoke, B.C.

Outstanding Snowmobiler: the 2011 CCSO Snowmobile Excellence Award goes to Laurent Caoutte from Quebec.

Outstanding Youth - The Pete Greenlaw Award: the 2011 CCSO Snowmobile Excellence Award goes to Blake Schofield from Gravenhurst, Ontario.

CCSO Environmental Recognition Award for 2011 goes to the Alberta Snowmobile Association (ASA).

The Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations would like to thank everyone for their nominations and wishes to congratulate all of this year's winners of the 2011 CCSO Excellence Awards.



The CCSO would like to thank our sponsors for the 2011/2012 season . . .

Please support businesses that support the CCSO—the national voice of organized snowmobiling!



Dennis Burns

Trails survey seeks your input

Trail leaders from across Canada met in Banff last fall. A report and followup survey have been compiled and are now ready for your input.

Go to the CCSO website at <http://www.ccsso-ccom.ca/>, enter the main site, then read the report and complete the survey—we need your help. The survey can also be directly accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NTR> survey.

Please offer your feedback to the National Trails Roundtable Working Group.

Election allows for long-term planning

The CCSO is working on behalf of organized snowmobiling in Canada to partner with the newly elected Harper government.

Look for more information after the summer break as the newly appointed ministers get up to speed with their portfolios. The Conservative majority will allow for longer-term planning as the next election is likely four years away.

Volunteers and snowmobile trails create over \$6 billion of economic activity for Canada. Speak to your MPs directly and ask them to support the snowmobile grant programs—the groomer fleet alone is estimated to be worth over \$180 million. Imagine the total investment in the 104,000 kilometres of trails when including initial construction, annual maintenance and operational costs.

The grant programs recognize the work and effort by the thousands of volunteers and landowners who give so much to the sport they love.

Springhill Trailblazers

BY SUSAN ROGERS

Picture this—sitting on a dock, the waves gently lapping at the shore, the temperature about 33°C and guess where the conversation goes: the day I went sledding at -33°C. Oh wait, that was the day I refused to go.

I sure am enjoying this beautiful summer weather but more often than not my thoughts and our family conversations are about snowmobiling trips this past winter or winters. It is hard to believe that in just a few weeks the club will gather for its annual corn roast and start planning our weekend away and when the members will get together to prepare the groomer for the 2011/2012 season.

We ended off the sledding season with a “Groomer Rodeo.” It was held at the groomer location and all members were invited to sit behind the controls of the groomer and take it for a spin. Just to make you aware, the head of the grooming committee was sitting right next to the “wannabe groomers” for safety reasons. I’m sure I heard that the women did a better job at running the groomer than the men. They had a bonfire, with hotdogs, hot chocolate and birthday cake for Pat Neskar, our new club president. The members thought it was a great afternoon and we’ll probably try it again next year.

In April we had a very successful bingo bowl at the Selkirk Bowling Lanes with many club members in attendance. Once again, without the volunteers to arrange these events they wouldn’t happen—thanks to all who helped out.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank club member Louise Machinski for welcoming

the club to her home on the Red River for our summer barbecue. It turned out to be a beautiful day, and there were over 40 members enjoying the festivities, good conversation and great food. I would also like to thank Angela, Pat, Bridget, Al and Darrell for helping Louise make the afternoon such a success.

I would like to tell you a little about the club, which has been in existence for over 40 years. The club has weekly organized rides starting as soon as the trail conditions permit, a weekend away to different locations in the province, monthly meetings, and the Todd Stabner Memorial Ride. We hold special events during the off-season such as a fall corn roast, Christmas party, bowling or golfing in the spring and the barbecue in the summer.

We are also a grooming club that involves many hours of volunteer time from an elite group of members who are willing to spend their valuable time keeping your trails in as good a condition as Mother Nature will allow. It requires a great deal of money to keep this groomer on the trails and without the sup-

port of monies from the purchase of Snopasses this would not be possible.

If anyone out there reading this article is interested in becoming a member of the Springhill Trailblazers we are always welcoming new members. You can contact us through our website at springhilltrailblazers.ca or the Snoman website. You can also contact me at 204-896-4807 for club information.

In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the hot weather—it will be over before you know it.



Whiteshell Snowmobile Club

BY PAT LEDINGHAM

On March 5, 2011, the Whiteshell Snowmobile Club held its first (and possibly annual) poker derby.

As the weather goes, we couldn’t have asked for a nicer day. We noticed that a lot of our participants were families with little people. This was a great day to be out on the trail with family and friends.

Our start and end checkpoint was at Brereton Lake Resort. We registered approximately 150 hands and about 100 riders to travel the Beau-

chemin Loop of our trail. This loop was about 75 kilometres in length with checkpoints at Beauchemin Shelter, White Lake Resort and Red Rock Shelter where lunch was served—pulled pork on a bun with baked beans and coleslaw. I am told that approximately 130 lunches were served and it was delicious.

Our first-place winner came in with a hand of four eights and went away with \$1,100 in cash.

Our second-place winner drew a flush and won

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areas. We then stopped to warm up and have a spectacular lunch at the Birchwood Motor Hotel.

Our second largest ride in January still had Mother Nature frowning upon us. We headed out first thing in the morning as we were not about to let blizzard conditions stop us. By mid-afternoon the blizzard had dissipated and it had dumped a fresh, powdery six inches of snow. It was a wonderful time in Manitoba’s great outdoors and we look forward to the next opportunity to ride and share each other’s company.



Snoman welcomes Crystal Cann

Hello, my name is Crystal Cann and I am the new administrative assistant at Snoman Inc.

I have lived in Oakbank, Manitoba all my life and one of my favourite memories growing up was snowmobiling. Each year, my brothers and I would pray for the first snowfall and then beg my father to take us out. The wait was unbearable but eventually everything came together and we would rush outside and hook a toboggan to the back of the snowmobile. Rule of thumb was the more bruises we got from falling off the more fun we had. Of course, we would wear our helmets.

This summer I was able to take an opportunity to travel to St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador. It was quite an experience. From kissing a fish,

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a set of snowmobile dollies donated by the Specialty Tire Group (Kyle Allan), and a gift certificate donated by Brereton Lake Resort along with a few pieces of club outerwear.

Our third-place winner came in with three queens with king high and took home a beautiful long-sleeved Ski-Doo shirt and toque donated by Enns Brothers, a gift certificate donated by Brereton Resort, and some club outerwear.

We also had prizes for eight other participants who came in with hands varying from three queens with four high down to two pairs with fours and nines. All of these people went away with items of club outerwear, gift certificates from Brereton Resort and/or Ski-Doo toques from Enns Brothers.

We would be remiss if we didn't give a huge thank you to all of the participants who came out to support our efforts. We are also grateful to Brereton Lake Resort and White Lake Resort for

their hospitality in allowing us to use their premises as checkpoints.

Many thanks as well go to all of our volunteers who assisted at the checkpoints—Barb Albinet, Jenny Jones, Jordan Ferguson, Wayne Erickson, Wayne Kulczycky, Roger Hogue, Les Starink, Pat Ledingham and our co-ordinator of this event, Kris Mutcher. Well done Kris.

Finally, thanks to our crew that was stationed at Red Rock Shelter to make sure everyone got fed—the Jones and Ferguson families. They orchestrated the lovely meal that all of our participants enjoyed. It is a huge challenge to prepare all of the food, haul it all the way to the shelter and

bring in all of the equipment necessary to pull off this kind of event—especially if you want a hot meal. Well done folks.

In closing, thank you again to all of our donors, volunteers and participants. Without your help we would not have been able to boast of this huge success.

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eating fresh lobster and listening to fiddle music on George Street—I had a wonderful time. However, it was nice to come back home to the Prairies where the ground is flat. I still have nightmares of walking up all those hills.

Presently, it has been very busy for Snoman Inc. There is a lot to do and already there is a buzz of excitement for the upcoming snowmobile season. I look forward to helping out and getting to know all of the people who work hard to make each snowmobile season a success.

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1st Annual Snoman Congress Awards Banquet

Saturday, October 29, 2011

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