

# Saskatoon Snowmobile Club Newsletter

## March/April 2008

Good day!! Well, there you have it, another great snowmobiling season!! Our trails are closed and all of the signs have already been taken down, but rumour has it that there is still some sledding to be had at various places throughout the province. All in all the SSC had another great year.

The SSC was please to provide an excellent location for Proline Motorsports' Demo Days in February. According to Proline's records there were 48 riders that attended this event. On top of this number there were a few more people who came out to take a peak and have a coffee, but who never signed a waiver or took a sled for a spin. The Proline staff was very happy with the results. There were a lot of compliments floating around on the good job Proline's staff did. We hope that with the very positive results Proline will be encouraged to continue hosting this event at the Penner School Clubhouse.

Mother Nature was not that helpful to the SSC for the first scheduled Rally Day. Due to the very cold temperatures, the Rally was postponed one week. The weather was slightly better and the SSC enjoyed a moderate showing at the Rally. There was approximately 50 riders at the event. The winners of the Rally Hands were:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Cam Reddekopp**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Steve Angelinas**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Trevor Large**

It also appeared to be Trevor's lucky day as he also came away the winner of the 50/50 grid.

A big thank-you must be extended to all those who volunteered at this event, either on the trails, at the Clubhouse, or in the Warm Up Shelter. The following people also were kind enough to donate door prizes for the event:

<b>Oakwood Nissan</b>	<b>( Bob Nicol )</b>
<b>Duck Lake Hotel</b>	<b>(Lance Grosco)</b>
<b>Tim Horton's</b>	<b>(Dale Martin)</b>
<b>Home Depot</b>	<b>(Roy Ell)</b>
<b>Innovation Place</b>	<b>(Rob Trimble)</b>
<b>Saskatoon Coop</b>	<b>(Jim Puckett)</b>
<b>Coca Cola</b>	<b>(Howard Hiebert)</b>

Here is an interesting little tidbit that was shared with me by Marcel Voyer, the SSC Safety Director. A fall off a 6 or 7 foot high shelf onto a concrete floor or a blow of some kind into a sharp metal edge or corner (example: a trailer bed edge) or a fall off the sled into a tree or even into hard frozen ice is enough force to warrant replacing your helmet. The safety experts say if the helmet protected you from injury by accepting a hard blow it did it's job by starting to crack (perhaps small microscopic cracks) and it should be replaced as it may be weakened if it is struck or damaged again. Did you know that the life expectancy of a helmet is a bit over 5 years? This is because the fibreglass can deteriorate with age and weaken. These things are a guideline, as only you know the history of the helmet, but please keep these things in mind when preparing for next winter's riding season - maybe a new helmet is in order.

The SSA Provincial Festival was held in Hudson Bay this year. It was a huge sold out success with 326 registered attendees. The major highlight was the First Annual Premier's Snowmobile Ride. In addition to Brad Wall, there were also three other cabinet ministers involved. This group was joined by members of the SSA for a 50 mile ride on excellent groomed trails. The hope is that this ride will help them understand how snowmobiling is now done in the province. This was history in the making as no other provincial premier has had this opportunity, and Mr. Wall has committed to making this an annual event. The winner of the SSA Sled Raffle was Harry Matzner of Chitek Lake. Next year's SSA Festival will be in Nipawin - if you plan on attending, book rooms early as this promises to be another sold out event!!!

Well, I guess that wraps up another SSC season. Thank-you to all those who took the time to volunteer their services throughout the year, no matter how small a part that might have been. A huge thank-you to John Popoff and Jim Puckett, our two groomer operators - without them the SSC would not have had any trails this year!!! We look forward to the 2008/2009 season with much anticipation. Happy wrenching to you over the next few months - enjoy the summer. We hope to see all our 2007/2008 members return in the fall. All the best!

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