

# Nickel Belt Snow Spirits

SNOWMOBILE CLUB INC.



## 'MEMBERS NEWSLETTER'

### Calling All Riders!

That's it everyone. Time to start digging the sleds out of the storage area and thinking about all the great sledding we are going to have starting in just a couple of months or so.

It's time once again to bring everyone up-to-date on the key events and activities that have been going on with NBSS and the STP club areas around us.

We can't possibly give you all the details here, but we will hopefully give you an appreciation of the effort it takes to be the successful club we are.

So let's catch up and start looking forward to another great sledding season.



Trail C105 – Nov 27, 2010

### 2011 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

In April at the STP volunteer appreciation dinner, the following people were recipients of awards based on their volunteer work with the club.

**Cecilia Ross** – Volunteer of the Year  
**Charlie Hinds** – NBSS Ski Skin Award  
**Ray Landriault** – Rookie of the Year  
**Al & Cecilia Ross** – Family of the Year

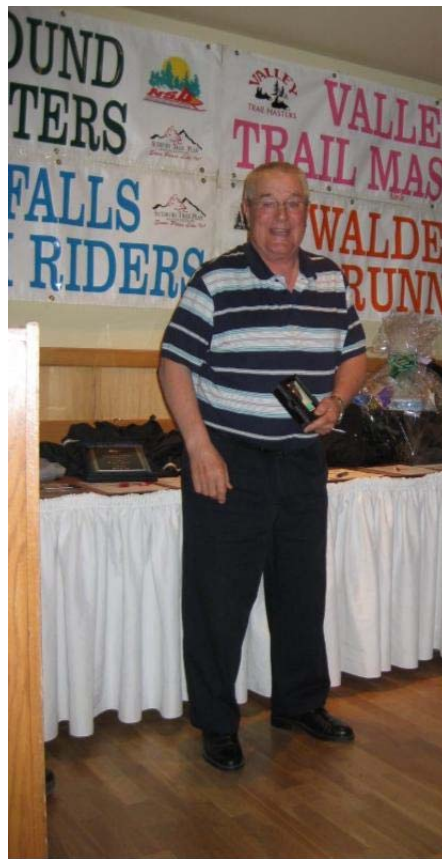
We also have number of dedicated individuals that make up the NBSS Board of Directors. Ranging between

15 and 20 members the board makes the decisions for the club related to trails, events, fundraising, etc. They are the core group who direct the volunteers that do the work.

We are fortunate to have a number of long-term Board members but always welcome new faces and new ideas. The awards noted below are for consecutive years of service.

Recipient of a 10 year Director Service Award was **Al Ross**.  
Recipients of a 15 year Director Service Award were **Kevin Campbell & Richard Riach**.

Recipient of a 20 year Director Service Award was **Hearley Hinds**.



October 2011

Another award presented that evening was the **Easter Seals Snowarama Top Fundraising Club Award** presented to NBSS President **Al Ross**



NBSS also took the time to honour a local business with our Special Recognition Award. Presented only a limited number of times, the Board felt it important to recognize **Royal Distributing** for their support as a permit retailer for NBSS selling over half of our total permits for the past few years.



## BRP CLUB CASH DONATION



BRP (Ski-Doo) has announced the 4th round of their Million Dollar Club donation program for Canadian snowmobile clubs. Last year we doubled the previous year's results and earned \$580 of **a potential \$1500 and a chance to win a new sled.**

This year BRP has revised the program slightly to reduce the likelihood of clubs stuffing the ballot box with duplicate names.

To enter please go online to Ski-Doo.com and follow the links to the Ski-Doo Millions promotion. Enter your details and Ski-doo will send you an official ballot. Please complete the ballot and return it to your local Ski-Doo Dealer (**Algonquin Equipment – Lively**) to **earn a \$10 donation for NBSS.**

Go to [www.skidoo.com](http://www.skidoo.com)  
**Hurry the DEADLINE IS NOV 15<sup>th</sup>**

### 2011 SUDBURY TRAIL PLAN AGM

Sudbury Trail Plan held their Annual General Meeting on Sept 13<sup>th</sup>. A review of the previous year's activities was held followed by elections of the executive.

**Dave Bolton** from NBSS was re-elected as President. Returning to their positions as well were **Richard Bleskie** – VP Operations & **Don O'Connor** – Secretary Treasurer.

Overall STP faced a financially tough year. This was in part due to the continued transition from the regular full season permit to the Classic permit by eligible buyers. Overall sales were fairly stable but the Classic

permit now makes up almost 20% of total sales.

All permit sales are welcomed but it's the full season permits that provide the additional funds necessary to maintain the high level trail conditions we all desire.

### 2011 OFSC CONVENTION & AGM

This year clubs across Ontario gathered in Markham from September 15-17 for the 44<sup>th</sup> OFSC Annual General Meeting. Representing NBSS were **Al Ross** (President) and **Cecilia Ross** (Director).

One of the highlights for NBSS came Saturday morning when we were presented with a plaque recognizing our 25 years as a member club of OFSC. Congratulations go out to Broder Dill (BDSA) for their 35 year member award, and to a select group of 3 clubs that celebrated 45 years of membership.

Other highlights included discussions on permit prices, revenue distribution, and of course volunteer recognition awards. Full details on these items will be provided at the October meeting.

### 2011 NBSS AGM

NBSS will be holding our AGM and 1<sup>st</sup> general meeting for the month on **OCT 5, 2011**. At this meeting we will hold a review of the club's activities over the past year, discuss plans for trail work and events for the upcoming year, and hold elections for the members of the Board of Directors. Looking to add your input to the trails or events in our area? Come on out and let your voice be heard.

### PERMIT PRICES for 2011-2012

Good news for riders hoping for a bit of a break in costs this season. We can't control the price of gas but permit prices remain as follows for another season:  
Full Season - After Dec 1st- \$250  
Full Season Dec 1<sup>st</sup> or before -\$200  
Classic Permit – 1996 or older - \$125

**Local Permit Outlets:** While some of these locations are still to be confirmed, it is expected that permits will return to all of our previous year outlets. Thanks again to our past and hopefully current vendors: Royal Distributing, Rocky's, Sportsman's Lodge, Welcome Convenience, STP, Algonquin Equipment (Ski-Doo), Mid-City Motorsports (Polaris), and Sudbury Boat and Canoe (Arctic Cat).

**Online Permit Sales:** OFSC is again offering the convenience of online permit sales for those of you who just can't make it to one of our local outlets. Just remember to assign your purchase to Sudbury Trail Plan under District 12. NOTE: There is a handling fee of \$10 for online sales.

Go to [www.ofsc.on.ca](http://www.ofsc.on.ca) for more details.

Once you have your new permit please ensure you affix it to your machine and in the proper location



This will help ensure a hassle free time when passing through Trail Patrol, STOP, or Police spot checks.

### MEETING INFO:

Club General Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday from October to March

**Next General Meeting / AGM / Elections are Wed October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Downstairs @ the Falcon Hotel – Garson (use back entrance)**

**Start Time 7:00 PM.**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**



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