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# Lake Effect Trailbreaker's SNOWMOBILE CLUB NEWSLETTER

The million dollar Trail Fund sweep noted in the Governor's proposed budget is still up in the air, as there is still no approved New York State budget available, we don't know if the sweep of our trail funds is in it or has been removed from it. In the meantime, state legislators, on behalf of snowmobilers, have introduced and are trying to usher through the committee approval system, several bills that will make it harder for the dept of Budget to take the trail funds in the future. But, there is still no guarantee that this will work, as any and all funds or accounts that are maintained by the state can be "swept" at the discretion of the budget office to pay the bills...no fund is immune.

One bright spot is that...thanks to the strong snowmobile registration levels in January and February..." the NYS OPRH Parks announced an additional \$500,000 will be added to local trail grants this season. Those monies will be included in the 30% Phase III awards, and will be based upon the current trail mileage rate breakdowns. Registrations this year had been running behind last season, but thanks to widespread snow cover that hit the state during the holidays, the numbers have caught up with last season's tally." This additional registration money will be paid out to the clubs in the September 2010 reimbursement payment from the trail fund, but the state snowmobile association is not yet sure if the funds will be dispersed based upon trail mileage or not. These extra monies will be gratefully welcomed by our club, as our fund balance has dropped significantly, due to the purchase of the club's third groomer last season and there are several significant trail projects to be completed before the start of next season.

April's club meeting included elections of new officers and board of directors, but the voting resulted in no change to the roster. The club members currently filling these positions kindly agreed to continue in them for one more season. If you would like to become a club officer or member of the board of directors, now is the time to get involved and learn from our current and highly experienced folks, as they will be more than happy to show and explain the details of the positions. Of particular note, our club president, Doug Mann, has been in the position for four years now and has said that he plans to step down from that office at the end of the upcoming season. It is always a good thing to have new ideas and input into the club officer and board of director positions, so if you have interest in any of the positions in the club, please make this known to any of our club officers or other club members or attend a club meeting, it's a great way to start.

Speaking of the Board of Directors of the club (their names are listed on the club's website, on the "About Us" page), they have been working on the annual budget for the club and as a result of several meetings on the subject, they will be presenting the budget plan for member's review at an upcoming club meeting.

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# Events Calendar 2010

**Club and Federation meetings are open to all who are interested in attending.**

Tuesday, June 8th - County Federation Meeting - Stockton Fire Hall - 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, August 4th - Club Meeting - Backyard Bar & Grill at 7:30PM**

Tuesday, August 10th - County Federation Meeting - Stockton Fire Hall - 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, September 1st - Club Meeting - Backyard Bar & Grill at 7:30PM**

Tuesday, September 14th - County Federation Meeting - Stockton Fire Hall - 7:00 PM

**Saturday, September 18th - The Lake Effect Trailbreakers Second Annual Groomer Support Golf Tournament** at the Breezewood Golf Links on Dean Road (between Falconer and Ellington) - Four Person Scramble - Shot Gun Start at 10:00am (Registration at 9:00am) - \$50.00 per person or \$200.00 per four person team, price includes golf cart and dinner at 4pm. Hot dogs, refreshments, etc. will be served during the tournament. \$10.00 per person for Pig Roast only, please contact; Dianne Cornell or any club member to make your dinner-only reservation. Raffle drawing will be held during dinner. Sponsor a hole at the Groomer Support Golf Tournament - only \$50.00 Please contact Dianne Cornell for more information at: [dcornell@windstream.net](mailto:dcornell@windstream.net)

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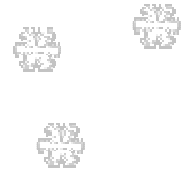
Our club has really terrific landowners! We've got landowners, who aren't even snowmobilers, that have taken on the responsibility of signing their own trails, maintaining bridges on their property, etc. because they want to help and because they like having the trail on their property, as they know it is insured, plus many landowners like having the bridges on their properties, so they use them for access during the off-riding season. So, thank you to our landowners!

#### NEW TRAIL:

The club will also be working on creating a new trail from Cockcaine Ski Area over to Trail #1 at intersection of Swanson Rd. and Thornton Roads. The great folks at Cockcaine have opened up the big parking lot at the old Granary Restaurant, across the street (Thornton Road) from Cockcaine's parking lot and have been plowing it out regularly during the season for snowmobile trailers. And we noticed that it is being used by lots of folks, so to make things easier for everyone, especially the neighbors that own property surrounding Cockcaine, our club is going to work on making an access trail that would tie into Trail C1. We would love to have it connect into C1 at more than one spot, but that might be a project for the following season. For this upcoming winter, we'd like to get just at least this one connector trail signed and permission obtained, so that we can keep the snowmobilers away from the road and away from houses. Then once we start grooming it this winter...then everyone will be happy...☺ If you would like to help with this project, please contact one of our club officers!

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The Lake Effect Trailbreakers would like to thank all the clubs in our county for doing such an outstanding job with grooming and signing of the trails this past season. The trails were the best they've ever been!

A huge THANK YOU to all the landowners that allowed us the use of their property and, as always, thank you to all the dedicated volunteers that made it all happen (you know who you are...)

Our club has lots of trail projects we're getting lined up to start working on this spring and summer (bridge repair, trail pruning, etc.) if you would like to help, there's no special training needed and kids, as well as adults, are encouraged to participate. If you would like to help, just stop in at a club meeting or contact one of our club officers. Our goal is to keep improving the trails and the riding experience in our area and we would welcome your help. Please feel free to email us at:

[info@trailbreakers.com](mailto:info@trailbreakers.com)

**Lake Effect Trailbreakers Snowmobile Club Officers 2010-2011**

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