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- Kids' Ride
- Upcoming Ladies' Ride
- BCSF Raffle Tickets

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SURVIVAL TIP

You'll never be lost if you remember that north always flows on the north side of your compass.



May the holidays bring a smile to your face and good friends to your side. Merry Christmas and all the best in 2007 from your VSA Directors.

President's Message

It is SO nice to see new people joining the Club! It's also great to see the returning members... membership is the backbone of any Club, so without you there would be no VSA. We're currently at 20 signed members, and climbing. This helps us make a statement to the two big organizations on either side of us — we're still here! We have a long way to go...but we're coming along.

The VSA had its first (hopefully annual) Kids' Ride on December 2. There were 14 children plus 4 adult chaperones—all from, or through the auspices of, the Salvation Army. Dianne and I had a

December 2006 great time organizing, then helping out on the day of the event.

My personal and heartfelt thanks go out to all the volunteers (members and non-members) who helped make the day the huge success it was: Ellie, Sue, Rick (aka

Santa), Tom, Dave, Brian, Jerry, Mike, Taylor, Doug, Kristy, and Dianne. I would also like to thank all the businesses who gave so generously—from organizing a toy drive, supplying the touring snowmobiles and shuttle buses, giving discounts on crazy carpets, gift certificates, and cash donations; to donating toys, hot chocolate, doughnuts, and the makings for hot dogs (see page 3 for their names). (NB from Dianne: a big thumbs-up to Gord himself for giving up his lunch-hours in order to request donations from said businesses).

The day made me feel that we were instrumental in giving 14 kids—and 4 smiling chaperones!—some happiness and joy at Christmas. I think we gave them a day that they'll always remember. I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season and health and prosperity in the new year.

Carol Cassara, President

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2006 Kids' Ride

The children had a terrific time...you can tell by their beaming faces!



418 Friday, December 1, 2006 - The Morning Star

NEWS

Club rallies behind kids

BY TYLER OLSEN

Morning Star Staff

It will be a white Christmas party for a group of less fortunate kids Saturday at Silver Star.

The Vernon Snowmobile Club and Aberdeen Wellness Clinic are teaming up to give 35 kids between the ages of eight and 14 a party they won't forget.

"We're taking them snowmobiling, we've got crazy carpets and we've got Santa coming," said Kristy Fisher, a registered massage therapist at the wellness clinic and also a snowmobile club member.

"It's going to be so much fun. We've got great support from the community and we're going to give the kids a good

time."

Snowmobiles have been donated by Silverstar Adventures and transportation is being provided to and from the hill by All Canadian Escapes Shuttle Services.

In addition, businesses have also stepped up to the plate with donations of food, stocking stuffers, crazy carpets and even cash for presents.

Kids will also receive a present and the clinic is still accepting donations of presents.

There are about the same number of boys and girls at the party and the participants were all chosen by the Salvation Army. Gifts can be dropped off at Aberdeen Wellness Clinic at #203 2903 32nd Ave.



Special thanks go out to these local businesses. Their generosity made our Kids' Ride a huge success.....

ABERDEEN WELLNESS CLINIC and Kristy Fisher, Massage Therapist

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DOUG FOEHRLIG (formerly Silver Star Adventures)

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Marketing Report

The VSA marketing program is proving to be a great benefit for the 2006/07 season. Consistent hits on the website from visitors downloading maps, viewing reports and all in all checking us out, are all signs of a great first year for the website.

As you all probably know by now, the "Kids Ride" was a huge success. With a lot of exposure once again in the Morning Star, the Club is definitely on the right track when it comes to "spreading the word". Businesses all over Vernon responded generously by providing numerous goodies for the kids. Everything from Vernon Vipers tickets to movie passes to Barbie dolls were donated for this year's event. It sure was an amazing sight to see nothing but smiles on the hill that day!

All in all, I would like to give everyone a big pat on the back for all of their efforts thus far this season. I am confident that with continued enthusiasm, additional events and increased marketing, this club will be at its full potential in no time at all.

I wish everyone the best holiday season and a responsible New Year's.

Tigger Assidy, Marketing Director



NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Please have your pictures, articles, news, classifieds, safety tips, (relatively tasteful) jokes, etc. to Dianne Evans by the 10th of each month for inclusion in the next edition of the VSA Newsletter

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Treasurer/Membership

Seeing as Doug stole the bottle of white ink last month, looks like I'll have to use the black ink.

Not a lot to report since last month. We now have all the money from the sale of the old groomer, as well as a couple of outstanding bills for the new one (for a new flexlam and a hose couple!)

I don't have the bills in yet for refreshments, etc. for the Kids' Ride. Many thanks to all the business and individuals who contributed to Santa's bag and put in their time and efforts to make this day such a success. It all went well — everyone seemed to have a great time.

The Club's entitlement to a free turkey from the Vernon Credit Union was donated to the Salvation Army this year.

Now memberships have been quite slow coming in up to this point — so far, only about half of the total for last year. For those who have not yet rejoined, please put it on your Christmas list.....without new members we have no Club.

Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and hope to see you up on the trails.

Merry Christmas!

Susan Corke, Director, Treasurer/Memberships

Upcoming Meetings

7:00 PM

Wed. Jan 24, 2007
Wed. Feb 28, 2007
Wed. March 28, 2007

The People Place
3402—27 Ave, Vernon



(across from the Real Canadian Wholesale Club)
Please have agenda items to Dianne by the Monday prior to the meeting. Thank you

FART FOOTBALL — An old married couple no sooner hit the pillows when the man passes gas and says, "Seven points." His wife rolls over and says, "What in the world was that?" The man replied, "It's fart football." A few minutes later his wife lets one go and says, "Touchdown, tie score."

After about 5 minutes the man lets another one go and says, "Aha, I'm ahead 14 to 7." Not to be outdone, the wife rips out another one and says, "Touchdown, tie score." Five seconds go by and she lets out a little squeaker and says, "Field goal, I lead 17 to 14."

Now the pressure is on the man. He refuses to get beaten by a woman, so he strains real hard. Since defeat is totally unacceptable, he gives it everything he's got, and accidentally poops in the bed.

The wife says, "What the hell was that?"

The old man says, "Half time, switch sides."



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" ODE TO WINTER "

A poem by Abigail Elizabeth McIntyre



"SHIT, It's Cold!"

The End

PUN INTENDED.....

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and
were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tour-
nament victories. After about an hour the manager came
out of the office and asked them to disperse.

"But why?", they asked, as they moved off.

"Because," he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in
an open foyer."

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Grooming Report

Amazing amounts of snow— that's all I can say! In all the years that I've been grooming the snowmobile trails— I don't ever remember having this much snow this early. We groomed the trails for the *third* time on Wednesday December 13th and made it out to the Armstrong Chalet, finishing off most of the Passmore Trail and all of the Ganzveld Trail. Some of the side trails— like Alpine, Blizzard, Frost, and Glacier were also groomed. In some areas the snow was so deep that the tracks on the groomer were completely under the snow! Dave Smith and I had to take advantage of the trails and go for a ride the following day. Nothing better than cruising a smooth highway to get you out to where the powder is— it was a great ride!

The groomer needed a few parts (expensive ones) and a little TLC in order to get it into working condition. Thanks to Brian Corke and Dave Smith for their help with maintaining and retracking the groomer. It's a big job looking after the Snow Cat— but after you ride trails like we did on Thursday— it's all worth it!

Over the last season or so we've established a great working relationship with the Sovereign Lake Nordic Club. Our Club is very thankful for the opportunity to store and work on our groomer at the SLNC maintenance site.

One last thing (and I mention it every year in my grooming report)— while we were unloading our sleds in the parking lot on Thursday, I had a good chat with a few other snowmobilers. As I always do, I asked if they had purchased their trail passes. A few had— and a few hadn't. Those that hadn't seemed reluctant to the concept of paying— "*pay for what?*" you could see was going to be their next question. Well, I never let people get that far because I'm already explaining that the night before the Club spent \$750 grooming the trails (5trcs @ \$150/tr).... and who knows how many cumulative thousands of volunteer hours are involved to buy the groomer, then to look after it, and then to operate it!!! \$0.....\$6 for a trail pass is the *least* they can do! As Club members I think we should *all* make the effort to get this message across to other snowmobilers while we are out riding. The VSA is one of the oldest and most established snowmobile clubs in the province— we should be proud to be part of it.....and proud to promote it!

Thanks everyone— have a great holiday season!

Doug Koshig, Grooming Director

THE IMPORTANCE OF PROOFREADING....

A young monk arrives at the monastery and is asked to help the other monks copy the old canons and laws of the church by hand. He notices that all of the monks are copying from copies, not from the original manuscript. So, the new monk goes to the abbot to question this, pointing out that if someone made even a small error in the first copy, it would never be picked up. In fact, that error would be continued in all of the subsequent copies.

The abbot says, "We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point, my son". So he goes down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscripts are held as archives.

Hours go by and nobody sees the abbot. So, the worried young monk goes down to look for him. He sees the abbot banging his head against the wall and wailing, "We missed the 'R', we missed the 'R'!" He is crying uncontrollably.

The young monk asks the old abbot, "What's wrong, father?"

In a choking voice, the abbot replies, "After all these years.... the... word.... was.....

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WHAT WAS PLAN B?

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BCSF

British Columbia Snowmobile Federation



The Ladies Weekend Ride

The Ladies Weekend Ride is scheduled tentatively for January 19-21, 2007.

This weekend will provide ladies with a great mountain (Fly Hills, Salmon Arm) that caters to the novice rider as well as more aggressive riders. We will be offering a fun (and short) Safety Course as well as some entertainment.

The object of this weekend is to introduce ladies to each other from different regions and to create a cohesive network. Ladies from the entire membership of the BCSF are welcome.

If you are interested in attending this fabulous weekend, please call:

Carrie Weber @ 250-838-0563 or email rendrweber@telus.net.

Prices and a schedule of events will be forwarded once they are solidified.

BCSF Raffle Tickets are NOW ON SALE!

The Raffle committee has been hard at work securing this year's prizes and we think most everyone will be pleased. Last year's prizes were awesome and this year's are even better! We feel that since life is full of choices and many people have chosen snowmobiling as their favourite sport for various reasons, we too, want you to have choices:

1st Prize is your choice of:

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2nd Prize

- Fishing Excursion at Harrison's Cove Lodge, valued at \$9,500

3rd Prize

- Boatlift Snowmobile and Quad Deck from Hi-Life Truck Accessories, valued at \$2,499

4th Prize

- Alaskan Cruise for 2 (travel voucher) from Murrayville Travel, valued at \$2,000

5th Prize

- Avalanche Gear donated by Survival on Snow, valued at \$700

6th Prize

- 2 nights accommodation for 4 at Windsor Hotel, Toot Lake, valued at \$350

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GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS!

This Month's Safety Tip

Not Drinking and Driving: Alcohol magnifies and distorts challenges and can quickly turn an enjoyable outing into a situation that's hazardous for you and others. Alcohol and snowmobiling, simply, do not

mix. Forget that myth that alcohol warms up a chilled person. It opens the blood vessels and removes the feeling of chill, but it does nothing to increase body heat. Instead, it can increase the risk of hypothermia, a dangerous lowering of the body's core temperature. With alcohol, you may only feel warmer, while your body chills dangerously. Alcohol increases fatigue, fogs your ability to make good decisions, and slows your reaction time. It's part of a formula for disaster. And don't forget – Most states and provinces have laws prohibiting the operation of a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol.

