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## DECEMBER 2009/JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

NEXT MEETINGS - 12/17/09, 1/21/10, 2/18/10, 3/18/10

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Honeoye Fish & Game Club @ 7:00 p.m.

**TRAILS ARE CLOSED UNTIL DEER HUNTING (MUZZLE LOADING) SEASON ENDS ON 12/22/09  
TRAILS OPEN ON 12/23/09 - CONDITIONS/WEATHER PERMITTING  
CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR TRAIL UPDATES BEFORE YOU HIT THE TRAIL**

### HARRIET HOLLISTER SPENCER PARK TRAIL NEWS:

This past summer brought HVR a major trail change for the better at and around Harriet Hollister Spencer Park. This trail change is not at its full completion as HVR and HHSP will have some dozer work to do but this will be fully complete for the 2010-2011 season. For this season HVR riders will get to enjoy about 90% of the new trail.

### PAY ATTENTION AND SPREAD THE WORD!

If you are riding from Honeoye south you will enter the park at the north end and use the existing trail system; then as you begin to exit the park (as we have in the past) you will see the C4 trail continuing south. A sign will be posted that this is under construction. At this point riders are to exit the park as we have in the past and continue south down Canadice Hill Rd. about 1/4 mile following the **Nichols Trust** trail signs. Riders are then to follow Pepper Hill Rd. to the Nichols Trust property as marked. This will take you back onto the park property to pick up the C4 trail again. **Riders are not to venture off the Nichols Trust access in anyway!** HVR has permission to utilize only this access to the Nichols Trust. Once back onto the park property, you will see that C4 continues south and riders are to follow the signs fully! Riders will then exit the park onto Burch Craig's property and then run through the woods and exit into a field. This field is double staked to The Nature Conservancy that is also double staked. HVR will be permitted to run only on the posted route. If riders fail to stay on the posted route this trail will be closed. If riders fail to stay on the posted route through Burch Craig's property this will also be closed off. **If any of these trails are closed, snowmobilers will have to ride approximately 4+ miles of road to get to the next trail.** The completed park section will remove 1.5 miles of existing road riding. **Also due to this change no riders are to ever access the trail from the Canadice Hill Rd and Town Line Rd. intersection at all! If riders are not obeying then this new trail will be closed!**

The entire route is designed to be a Class A Corridor Trail and this means it will be groomed to a minimum width of 8'. Tree to tree width will vary from 12' to 16' and will run from HHSP north all the way to Dutch Hollow Rd. It is critical that riders stay on the trail. Signs will also indicate where one is in either the Park or The Nature Conservancy. Riders are encouraged to help police the properties as well. If you find some one off the marked trail, flag them down and report them to the authorities. Ontario County Sheriffs will be asked to patrol this route as well. If we lose this trail, it will be a major loss for HVR and our area.

This route may have snowshoers and cross country skiers on it. They are allowed to be there by both state agencies and Burch Craig. If you see anyone, please stop and talk to him or her, as it may be a state official or the property owner.

As for the Nichols property snowmobilers are the only ones allowed there. If some one is there, snowmobilers are asked to contact an HVR officer so HVR can contact the proper authorities.

### TRAIL MAP:

If you have already renewed your membership for this season, you will find enclosed the 2009-2010 trail map. If you have not renewed your membership yet, there will not be a map enclosed and this will be the last newsletter sent to you until you do renew your membership. Membership forms were sent to all 2008-2009 members in August. If you need a form, one can be downloaded from our website. You can also join our club by clicking on the link that takes you directly to NYSSA. Instructions are detailed on our main page. Please do not contact the Secretary to make special arrangements to join the club.

HVR trail maps are for your use and are to be used as a *GUIDE* for trails. By *GUIDE* we mean that, unlike a typical map where roads run through the area and are established, changes can happen based on club, landowner, county,

state, location, and rider issues. Some changes that occur are due to a landowner selling his property or there could be a hazard on the trail. A landowner could also close a trail due to people riding off the marked trail and by abusing the privilege of the trail or using it off-season. All of these factors play a major role in trail development and continued use. Accordingly, HVR demands that club members abide by the signs posted. Remember!! Even if the map shows a trail route going from point A to point B but you see a sign marked "TRAIL CLOSED" while riding; DO NOT GO BY THE MAP, AS THERE IS A REASON FOR THIS SIGN!!

Also be aware when you leave HVR's marked trail system. You ARE trespassing unless you have express permission from the landowner whose property borders HVR's trail system. If a landowner stops you for trespassing or for damaging their property, be respectful and accountable for your own actions. Don't blame the club or tell the landowner that the club will pay for damages or that the club is accountable in anyway for the decision you made to trespass. Unfortunately poor judgment and irresponsible actions directly influence the entire sport of snowmobiling and impact each and everyone who loves the sport. So please, be responsible and stay on the marked trail.

#### **HONEOYE FISH & GAME CLUB SNOWMOBILER POLICY:**

As per HFGC Membership Meeting (minutes) on 12/2/09 - "A question was raised about snowmobilers having to be members to frequent the Club. The liquor law is the law. You must be a Member or a Guest. No discussion was held."

#### **TRAILS/TRAIL WORK/EQUIPMENT**

This year a lot of new work has been done to trails within the HVR riding system and to our grooming equipment. Here are some of the accomplishments this year and the people who helped make it happen. Without membership help, many of these things would not have happened. As you read this, please consider yourself volunteering to help make a section of trail better for the upcoming season(s).

1. Culvert repair on upper South Hill Rd. Wohlschlegel Const./Scott Wohlschlegel and pick up of old 10'X14" dock sections for quick bridges on the trail system.
2. Widening and culvert work on the Hemlock trail to the Sportsman Club. Rich Kraft.
3. Harriet Hollister Spencer Park Trail. Widening of the trail and extension south to connect into the Nature Conservancy Property (formally Jack Bishop's property). Work completed by Clint VanDewark, working with private landowners between the Park and the Nature Conservancy. Thank you Dwight Slocum for helping Clint work through the park issues, signing trails, etc.
4. Thank you Dave McMillan for the special signs for the club for unique areas on the trail system.
5. Bridge repair work on various bridges on the trail system. One on the Bristol trail to Morrow Hill Rd. and the other on the Kip Gillen trail. Thank you Bob Gray, Doug Kraft and Denis Bruce.
6. New sign replacement in the Naples area. Thank you to Mark Russell for making up new treated lumber type signs and posts.
7. New section of Hemlock trail made to bypass Purcell Hill Rd/and riding along 20A. Thank you Dave Arnold for working with the landowners to secure the trail and to Clint VanDewark for signs for this trail.
8. Range Runner motor replacement and other upgrades. Thanks Tim Baker.
9. Bombi upgrade and Skandic repair. Thanks Clint VanDewark.
10. Naples snow cat (Bombardier) and groomer. Thanks Garry and Bruce Wohlschlegel..

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

As you can see in this newsletter there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes, which is true for almost every type of club. As we approach this season I would ask that we establish new candidates for all positions within the club. Please consider getting involved. The term of service is up to 4 years, maximum.

Currently, the HVR Secretary role is being filled partly by Vickie Wohlschlegel and some by Vicki Bruce. We need to establish a full time secretary during next years March elections. Guys can perform the role as well, so it is not limited to just ladies of the club.

So, don't boycott the March meeting. Please attend and strongly consider stepping up and becoming an officer of the club. Our club functions very efficiently and effectively. It almost runs itself, so learning and being part of it is not all that difficult. The group has a lot of fun and it's a great way to make new friends. To keep our club viable, improving and not become complacent, it's important to get new blood in the leadership roles. Thanks and have a safe riding season.

#### **EVENTS:**

Winter Party at Roy & Jean White's, Saturday, January 23, 2010.

The Steak Roast is planned for Saturday, February 6th and will be at the American Legion in Honeoye. This event is geared toward adults and is a nice way for the grown-ups to get out for an evening of fun. We have great door prizes, 50/50 raffles and a lot of laughs. Pray for snow so we can ride to this event. Details to follow.