



President's Pondering—Bryan Meador

Hello Fellow Sledders,

Great job team! You did enough snow dancing to get a good snow fall this month. Don't stop dancing now, we need more powder days. I need more great riding days! Travis and a slew of volunteers groomed a few of the trails, while we had snow in the lower elevations. The snow on the road to West Mancos was extremely thin, Travis was pulling snow out of the ditches to cover the bald spots in the road. West Mancos takes over 14 hours to groom both loops. We must groom both loops per our Forest Service Contract. It also helps with our hours of grooming.

Club members are club volunteers. Most of us have full time jobs. We volunteer because we believe in the sport of snowmobiling. We want to stay involved to keep our accessibility open for our future kids, grandkids, and young snowmobile enthusiast. I strongly encourage everyone to recruit new members, the best way is to have them fill out the membership and mail it in. Then encourage them to come to a meeting. Learn about what we do by attending meetings and through the newsletters. The team that works diligently to provide the newsletters, is a huge wealth of knowledge about the club and the happenings in the San Juan Mountains. Don't believe me just ask me. But please, our volunteers that work on a full time or part time basis at a regular job. Can get into trouble when someone is interrupting their normal work. So please keep it short and simple if you must talk to someone about club items during their workdays. Call me if you have questions, I may not answer, but I will call you back. Don't have my number? Look in the back of the newsletter, it is there.

Happenings in the San Juan Mountains? Oh, there is a lot of that. We are still working with the Forest Service on the Beaver Meadows trail head and the Purgatory bypass. We are still looking for volunteers to help on our trail clean up days at Echo Basin (Call me). Silverton Snowmobile Club will be hosting Radar run Saturday March 8th and Drag races Sunday March 9th. Yes, you can run against your buddy for bragging rights, on a safe closed off track. Molas Lake parking. Food will be available. For more information call William Hall Silverton Snowmobile Club President.

Elections were held during the February meeting. Congratulations to Chris Hinds Vice President, Morgan Hott Secretary, Curt Larsen CSA Club Representative, Dianne Larsen Club Reporter, who does this awesome newsletter. I would change the name of a position in the March meeting. I would like to change Facebook administrator to Digital Media Specialist. Thanks Amanda!

I hope to see all of you in the March meeting, if not see you on the mountain,

Bryan Meador

President

San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club

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Club Officers

- President—Bryan Meador
- Vice President—Chris Hinds
- Treasurer— Kristina Blumenauer
- Secretary— Morgan Hott
- CSA Representative—Curt Larsen
- Grooming Foreman—Travis Leonard
- Club Reporter—Dianne Larsen



Editor's Note—Dianne Larsen

- The March meeting will be held Tuesday the 11th at the Fun Center. Dinner at 6. Meeting at 6:30.
- WOW! When we have snow the newsletter practically writes itself! Folks have been taking great advantage of our Facebook page ([San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club | Facebook](#)) posting their awesome snowmobiling adventures! You will recognize some of those photos in the newsletter.
- Our embroidered SWAG is in and it turned out FANTASTIC! It will be up for sale at the March SJS meeting at the Fun Center! Caps, fleece beanies, and a few vests and jackets. Logo embroidery colors of royal, orange, turquoise, pink and purple. Beanies \$10, caps \$20, vests \$25, jackets \$35-40.
- Our huge snowstorm let our grooming team finally work on our trails. This month Purg to Barlow, Mancos, Beaver Meadows, Echo Basin, and Middle Mountain were groomed! Thanks to our grooming volunteers: Travis Leonard, Chris Hinds, Bryan Meador, Amanda Williamson, and Kevin Walters.
- As always, please submit stories and pictures to a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com.



Beaver Meadows—Travis and Amanda



Echo Basin—Travis and Chris



Bolam Pass—Travis and Kevin



Bryan Meador accepts "Charity Club of the Year" award at the CSA Convention Banquet! Way to go SJS!!!



February Club Ride—Chris Hinds

The Barlow ride 2/22 went really well. We had a total of 13 people on 12 sleds, with Hannah Stroud coming on her first club ride as Hope's passenger! Other attendees: Jay & Hope Stroud, Dave Sanders, Lance Blair, Trevor Pauls, Lee Souders, Jason & Rachel Gurr, Tyler Heckenlively, Gary Smith, Chris & Steph Hinds.

Travis and Kevin had groomed over to Barlow from Purgatory on Thursday, so the trail was set up well for the ride. It appeared that all of the major slide paths either slid early this year, or were kept relatively bare by the sun and warm weather of this "winter".

It was obvious from all the tracks that the time to ride was the day or two after the last storm, and everyone in the area was likely up there!! This ride being a week later, it was still possible to find untracked snow but conditions were pretty settled overall. There was a hard layer that made it possible to ride around gently, but as soon as you cut through that hard layer, there was 4' or more of sugar snow that provided no hope of traction. We had a couple stuck over the day as we figured out how to ride the snow conditions, but then a lot of fun hitting all our favorite places!

We had one snowmobile casualty on the trail when Tyler's sled broke the chain tensioner, but it did it right on the trail instead of off in the deep, which was nice! Some creative tool use got the cover off and the chain out so it would roll, and he enjoyed a nice 6 mile tow back down to the parking area. For a guy loading the second of two broken sleds on his trailer, he was still in good spirits, and I'm sure he'll be back for more fun in the future!

We spent a little time taking pics of people launching off a nicely drifted ravine, and then a bunch of us got stuck in another ravine where the wind had drifted a bunch of snow. After the ride, we hung out in the parking lot to catch up on the latest news in our lives while Hannah got out her tube and rode it down the snowbank repeatedly! Hopefully we get another big dumping soon and we can all meet up for more good times!!!



Hope & Hannah Stroud



Trevor Pauls



Rachel Gurr & the gang



Black Betty, Jay Stroud, Jason Gurr



Chris Hinds



Lee Souders burying it!

February 11th 2025 Meeting Minutes—Morgan Hott

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by President Byran Meador at Fun Center - Durango

Member & new guest introductions

Motion: Minutes from January 14th, 2025 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Travis Leonard; 2nd Richard Hott

Treasurer's Report - Kristina Blumenauer

- Members : 108
- Bank Balance as of today: \$29,049.31
- Expenses – \$ 130.06 TRUCK AND CAT OIL, BASIN COOP \$255.16, CSA DUES \$620.00, SWAG \$2,014.28, \$22.77 STATE FARM
- Revenue – \$230 SWAG SALES
- Paypal \$998.51
- **Motion:** Accepted Treasurer's Report as presented - Richard Hott; 2nd Morgan Hott



Committee Reports

Grooming - Travis Leonard—Nothing to report, we need snow!

Unfinished Business

- No club rides until we have snow
- Echo Basin Clean Up - Will schedule a date in April or May as we get closer.
- Beaver Meadows Parking Lot - Jeepers Creepers support, we need culvert, silt fence, and equipment. It is going to take a lot of work. Maybe we can move it closer to the subdivision? Still in discussion.
- SCCORR - had a meeting at Purgatory. Ken is working on GIS mapping and Bryan talked with Nick with the Forest Service about setting up a plan to meet to discuss the parking lot plans. We will most likely start with a bypass route. This will include widening the road and fencing it off for snowmobiles and the groomer.

New Business

- Elections
 - Vice President - Chris Hinds
 - Secretary - Morgan Hott
 - Club Reporter - Dianne Larsen
 - Elections accepted - Roger Pennington; 2nd Richard Hott
- CSA - Bryan attended to represent our club
- We won Club Charitable Participation of the Year for 2025!
- Expense reports for travel must be turned in. It was discussed to cover Bryan's expenses of \$700 and increase the nightly limit on the expense report from \$100 to \$150 per night.
- Approved - Roger Pennington; 2nd Richard Hott
- For new members, we talked about sending out club stickers in the mail with an application form to help promote the club.
- Todd is also willing to put handlebar tags on all sleds for promotion
- Ken sent out the district 9 newsletter today (02/11). He will need to send an amendment out about the elections. He also asked that someone else start taking over managing the website and club gmail account. He is still working on the GIS mapping to track motor vs non motor wildlife needs.
- Winter grant money is due in April - We probably won't apply for money this year.
- 2026 Registration stickers will increase to \$50.25

The meeting was adjourned - accepted by Travis Leonard; 2nd Kristina Blumenauer

Respectfully submitted by Morgan Hott, Club Secretary

Committee Chairs & Volunteers

- **Bryan Meador**, Safety Instructor
- **Dianne Larsen**, Rides Chairperson
- **Ron Corkish**, Search & Rescue Liaison
- **Dianne Larsen**, Newsletter Editor
- **Ken Hilfiker**, Website Administrator
- **Amanda Williamson**, Facebook Administrator

The March meeting will be at the Fun Center Tuesday the 11th. Dinner 6pm, Meeting at 6:30pm

Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call / Introduction of Guests
- III. Reading of Minutes
- IV. Treasurers Report – Kristina Blumenauer
- V. Committee Reports
 - Club Rides - Dianne Larsen
 - Equipment/Grooming/Truck To Do List– Travis Leonard & Kevin Walters
 - Membership – Kristina Blumenauer
- VII. Unfinished Business
- IX. Motion to Adjourn



Club members enjoying February SNOW!

Club Rides

- If we get enough snow to ride from one of our trailheads we will announce a ride at the last minute!
- Silverton Club is having radar run & drag races at Molas March 8&9th. Contact William Hall for more info.
- Call Dianne Larsen at 970.946.3107 if you want to lead a ride

***All rides may change subject to snow conditions. Notification will be provided via Facebook and email ASAP if a ride changes.**



Members

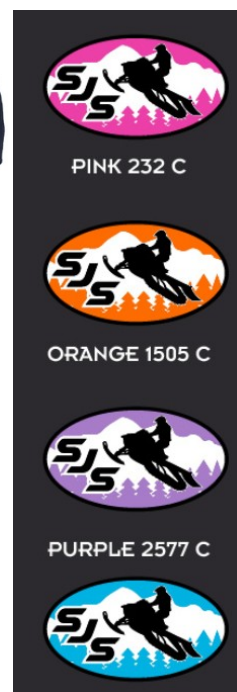
Stuart Allen	713-574-0646	Doug McCormick	970-946-6857
Nadine & Drew Barber	970-759-1732	Nic McDonald	970-749-6841
Matthew Basham	970-708-0130	Lyle McNight	970-759-1021
Earl Bell	505-330-6512	Bryan & Melanie Meador	970-946-5775
Robert Bisinger	970-749-2194	Duane Meador	505-386-6707
Lance Blair	970-946-0034	Gilbert Meador	505-793-4353
Kelly Bleck	303-642-6448	Lance Meador	505-801-8613
Lyndsey Blouin	970-759-2179	Drew Mitchell	970-946-0784
Karl Blumenauer	631-281-6289	Robert Moore	970-844-0944
Kristina Blumenauer	970-884-4633	Mark Nelson	651-253-4722
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Larry Chapman	970-560-1910	Dennis Overly	970-729-0575
Cameron Chimenti	307-790-9953	Lynn & Lee Parks	970-903-7340
Robert Coln	970-247-8648	Baylen Patcheck	970-749-1971
Ron Corkish	970-946-4437	Glenn & Dianne Pauls	970-318-0113
Jim & Tana Creek	970-232-6639	Trevor Pauls	970-946-6355
Ben Cross	970-903-7916	Evan Pedersen	719-322-4313
Tyler Day		Roger & Debbie Pennington	970-884-2101
Doug Dean	970-596-7472	Kreg Polzin	505-360-8478
James Dempsey	972-256-6570	Delbert Raney	505-320-1314
Dean Despalmes	970-744-9446	Robert Remley	505-326-4142
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Jason & Rachel Gurr	970-799-4671	Pete Tabor	970-259-1070
Richard Gurr	480-202-0066	Landon Tate	505-327-0320
Tom Gurr	970-759-0366	Chris Taylor	970-501-5225
William Hall	970-759-2466	Christopher Trullaz	970-317-1421
Chris Hansen	480-580-2237	Austin Twedt	970-385-4143
Tom Hansen	623-703-1845	Terry Vitrano	504-418-1403
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Ryan Hentz	970-946-1667	John Wallace	970-259-9549
Ken Hilfiker	907-240-3788	Kevin Walters	970-884-4662
Chris Hinds	517-242-1878	Joe Washburn	970-259-1070
Max Holmes	970-769-4723	Jeff Welch	303-249-5177
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Julie Howard	970-759-1362	Scott West	928-205-5031
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contact Dianne at 970.946.3107 or
A.Dianne.Larsen@Gmail.com for cor-
rections

New Embroidered SWAG

Items and embroidery colors shown below.
Gray women's jacket, black men's jacket.
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307-790-9953—Cameron Chimenti



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970-335-9311—Chuck Schultz



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Carli Harriman



Snowmobile Adventures
970-903-7916—Ben Cross



Spellbring Construction
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970-259-0694—Greg & Gretchen Dubit



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Glen & Dianne Pauls



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970-759-1995
Travis Leonard



Wagon Wheel Liquors
972-256-6570 - James Dempsey



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FUN CENTER

Fun Center, Inc
970-259-1070—Joe Washburn & Pete Tabor

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Mailing Address:

San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club

PO Box 591

Durango, CO 81302

New Member _____ Renew Member _____ Business Member _____

Single Membership \$43/Year _____

Family Membership \$48/Year _____

Business Membership \$68/Year _____

CSA Right to Ride Donation _____ (Optional)

CSA SEEDS Donation _____ (Optional, SEEDS—Support, Education, Events, Development, and Safety)

Total: _____

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