



President's Pondering—Bryan Meador

Hello Fellow Sledders,

31 days down in 2025 and Florida has more snow than Durango Colorado. Hello Mother Nature, don't forget about us, we need some of that pretty white stuff here. As you can imagine, grooming is not going so well. It is really hard on the groomer when you have to groom a mile or more of gravel road to get high enough in elevation to find snow. Well honestly, we just can't do it. Funding is going to be tight for a while, unless we get snow. If you know of anyone or a company that needs a tax right off, San Juan Sledders is a 501 c3 not for profit organization. We would be grateful for donations to come our way.

Hey, If you are receiving this newsletter, thank you for renewing your membership. Do us a favor, print it out and hand it out. Give it to another sledder on the trailhead or your neighbor that has snowmobiles. Tell them about San Juan Sledders. Explain to people, we don't just groom, we fight to help keep the back country open to everyone. Numbers matter when we ask for grant money, or when people say, there's not that many of you, so go away. 1.27 million registered snowmobiles in the United States. 29,600 in the state of Colorado. Only 100 registered San Juan Sledder Snowmobile Club Families. Help me get those numbers up.

It is going to snow someday soon. When it does, the avalanche danger will be in the extreme range. Check out this video, <https://vimeo.com/113677686> copy and paste into your browser. You can also find it on the Colorado Snowmobile Association web page, Knowledge is Powder. This is a really cool video. Be safe out there. Never ride alone. There is a list of phone number in the back of this newsletter, call someone, it may take a few phone calls, but someone might be willing to go out with you.

February is election month for Vice President, Secretary, CSA Representative, and club reporter. If you are interested in a position, make sure to attend the meeting, February 11th at Fun Center.

Snow dance must happen, I am going through severe withdrawals. Help me....

See you on the mountain,

Bryan Meador, President, San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club

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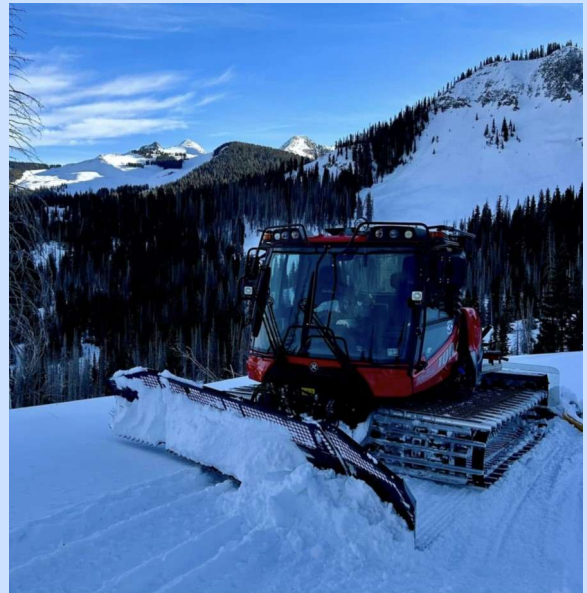
Club Officers

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



Editor's Note—Dianne Larsen

- The February meeting will be held Tuesday February 11th at the Fun Center. Dinner at 6. Meeting at 6:30.
- The offices of Vice President, Secretary, CSA Representative, and Club Reporter will be voted on at the February meeting so be thinking about volunteering for a position you're interested in!
- West Mancos was groomed early January and Purgatory to Barlow was groomed mid January. Lack of snow has prevented any additional grooming.
- The latest SJS hoodies and sweatshirts are available at the Fun Center. They are all black with various colors of screen printing. You can pick your selections at the February meeting or stop in and see Kristina. *Please respect the Fun Center and Kristina's actual job when you stop in.* Our new selection of embroidered caps, beanies, and jackets should be available at the February meeting as well. Various colors of embroidery and caps! See the membership page to see selection of items and colors.
- We have several new members! First, WOW, the Gurr's are competing with the Meador's for the most family members! And we now have two additional states representing our club: Karl Blumenaur of New York, and business member C3 Guiding of Wyoming. WELCOME to all of you new members!
- As always, please submit stories and pictures to a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com.

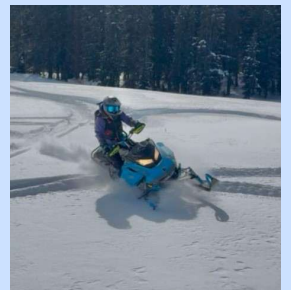


January Riding! - Dianne Larsen

Snow conditions have been skimpy! Some members have still been out there getting it done though! The Vallecito ride was cancelled due to lack of snow and will be rescheduled later this season. The Larsen's had an ill fated ride at Echo Basin. We had to drive to the top of the switchbacks past the corral road split to find enough snow to unload. Dianne hit a rock turning in a meadow: busted a-arm, busted shock, and accidental av pack deployment while rolling her sled!!! Has anyone else had that happen? That's the third time I've done that!



Drew and Nadine Barber rode West Mancos early in January when the conditions were decent and had a great ride with their group!



The Hansen brothers enjoyed a few days at Daniel's Summit UT. Looks like they found a lot better snow there than we've had in the Four Corners!



Travis and Brady Leonard and Austin Twedt traveled to the Snowies in Wyoming to ride with Clyde Leonard for a few days. The best snow yet!



Way to go San Juan Sledgers for finding the snow!

January 14th 2025 Meeting Minutes—Morgan Hott

Meeting was called to order at 6:29 pm by President Byran Meador at Fun Center - Durango

Member & new guest introductions

Motion: Minutes from November 12th, 2024 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Dianne Larsen; 2nd Chris Hinds

Treasurer's Report - Kristina Blumenauer

- Members : 92
- Bank Balance as of today: \$32,091.58
- Expenses – \$45.38 TRAIL HEAD SAND BAGS, \$1,928.50 BASIN COOP TIRES, \$218.63 MVD FOR FREIGHT-LINER REGISTRATION, \$404.00 OVERSIZE TRUCK PERMIT
- Revenue – \$462 MEMBERSHIPS
- Pending Clearing - \$620 CSA MEMBERSHIP DUES
- Paypal \$998.51
- **Motion:** Accepted Treasurer's Report as presented - Chris Hinds; 2nd Stuart Allen

Committee Reports

Grooming - Travis Leonard

- Groomer is ready to go, we just need snow

Unfinished Business

- Poker Ride has been cancelled - sent out email and posted on social media
- Club Ride at West Mancos went well. Three people attended
- Club Ride at Barlow - Feb 22nd - Jay Stroud will lead. Please RSVP
- CSA Convention is Feb 7th-9th in Dillon, CO - \$500 Club Sponsor
- Arctic Cat 200 was sold for \$4,000!
- Beaver Meadows Parking Lot - Jeepers Creepers support, we need culvert, silt fence, and equipment. It is going to take a lot of work. We still plan to apply for grant money.

New Business

- Elections will be held next month
- Social Media Page - we have 2 pages. One for information and one to gain followers and create conversation. Please follow!
- Echo Basin Clean Up - Will schedule a date in April or May as we get closer.
- SWAG- New swag just came in! Talk to Dianne for pricing and availability. It will also be available at Fun Center.
- Please remember to be safe and take an avalanche class!

The meeting was adjourned - accepted by Stuart Allen; 2nd Ken Hilfiker
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 February 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
- VIII. New Business—Election Nominations
- IX. Motion to Adjourn



January meeting

Club Rides

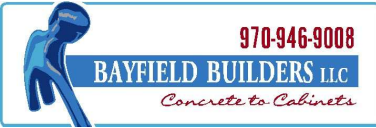
- 2/22/25—Barlow—9:30am—led by Jay Stroud. RSVP 970.560.7067.
- Vallecito Poker Run will happen when we get snow. Stay tuned for info via email or Facebook. Led by Travis Leonard. RSVP 970.759.1995.
- Mid-week rides will start as soon as there's enough snow!
- Call Dianne Larsen at 970.946.3107 if you 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.





Advantage Repair Service
970-903-7340—Lynn & Lee Parks



Bayfield Builders
970-946-9008 Jordan Frane



Blouin Brothers Construction
970-759-2179—Lyndsey Blouin



3C Guiding
307-790-9953—Cameron Chimenti



Comfort Air
MECHANICAL
Nic McDonald
970-565-7893



Snowmobile Adventures
970-903-7916—Ben Cross



Durango Dog Ranch
970-259-0694—Greg & Gretchen Dubit



La Plata County Search & Rescue
970-946-4437—Ron Corkish



**** Handlebar Motorsports**
970-247-0845—Jim Updike



Leonard & Sons Excavation
970-759-1995
Travis Leonard



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McCormick Construction
970-946-6857—Doug McCormick



McDonalds
970-247-9391
John Bronson



Phillips Electric
970-259-3395



Durango Adventure Rentals
970-335-9311—Chuck Schultz



Silverline Properties
970-759-8882
Carli Harriman



Spellbring Construction
505-325-5600
Aaron & Tami Spellbring



The Bug Masters
505-325-7477
Delbert Raney



Twin Buttes
970-259-3883
Glen & Dianne Pauls



Wagon Wheel Liquors
972-256-6570 - James Dempsey



Weminuche Grill
970-884-7153—Joe Zebas

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: _____

Please make check payable to the San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club & mail to the address above.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

of Snowmobiles: _____ Sponsors' Name: _____

Dues to San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club includes membership dues to the Colorado Snowmobile Association.

To join or renew online, go to www.snowmobilecolo.com.