



## President's Pondering—Bryan Meador

Hello Fellow Sledders,

Well, it is very apparent y'all don't know how to dance or you're doing the wrong dance. We need a snow dance, not this tropical pineapple shit! We need snow, not sandy beaches in January! You can have them this summer. Go out and start that 2 stoke smoke machine, give it brap or two, let the smoke rise up to the clouds and dance around, you might look ridiculous, no judgment, but it's worth the chance to bring on the snow. Have a few adult beverages on and get to dancing.

Tylers Back Country Awareness is offering San Juan Sledders a discounted Class 1 motorized avalanche course at a discounted rate. This is a 3-day class, Friday, Saturday and a Sunday. Normal rate is \$500, they will do it for us at \$300 per person. If you have volunteered 10 or more hours in 2025, the club will help with the cost. EMAIL me if you are interested. We need 12 to 15 people for this class. I am working on the date, I sounds like March sometime. It should snow by then; avalanche danger will be high. [BKMeador70@yahoo.com](mailto:BKMeador70@yahoo.com) or text 970-946-5775.

Don't forget CSA winter convention is coming up February 6, 7 and 8. It will be held in Gunnison. Registration is open and the price goes up January 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have never been, they are a lot of fun. Awards is also open, Family of the year, Friend of Snowmobiling, groomer of the year, snowmobiler of the year, youth snowmobiler of the year. Dealer of the year. Club of the year. Bring your ideas to the January meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Elections is coming to a club near you! Yes, our club elections are coming up next month. If you would like to become President of the San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club, it could be yours for the small amount of volunteer time. How much you ask? Just a little.

See You on the mountain, I hope! Let it snow.

Bryan, President

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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

- Kristina and Todd provided a delicious FEAST at the December meeting! Thanks so much you two and also the Fun Center for hosting our meetings each month!
- We had our best turn out ever for the cookie exchange this year at the December meeting! Thank you to the folks that participated! There were plenty of really delicious cookies to go around!
- **IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY RENEWED, YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED DECEMBER 31ST.** Bring your checkbooks to the January meeting and take care of your renewal for the upcoming season. Or renew online. Or call Dianne to renew via credit card. You will be removed from the email contact list if you have not renewed by the end of January.
- The CSA convention is coming up Feb 6-8 in Gunnison. This is a great way to learn new trails and

meet new sledders around the state. Find out more at: [Home - COLORADO SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION](#)

- The positions of President, Treasurer, and Grooming Foreman will be up for election in February. If you are interested in one of these position be sure to let Bryan Meador know.
- The club voted at the November meeting to donate \$2,000 to Samaritan's Purse. The thought was to provide support to the Vallecito flood victims. After speaking with our members that live in Vallecito, they said that the Samaritan's Purse organization was there immediately and very supportive of the community. Because so much of the need was already met, the club decided to support Samaritan's Purse instead to "pay it forward".
- As always, please submit stories and pictures to [a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com](mailto:a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com).

### December Club Ride—Dianne Larsen

Unfortunately Mother Nature was uncooperative and we had to cancel our ride because of lack of the fluffy white stuff! Curt and I decided to load the dogs and drive over to West Mancos on Sunday the 28th just to see how things looked. There was no snow on the road up to where we turned around, almost to the road split (Jersey Jim vs Windy Gap).

We turned around and parked at the Chicken Creek Parking to let the dogs out to run and play. While there, Greg Dubit from the Durango Dog Ranch stopped and visited with us. They've been able to do their dog sledding although they've been having to park further up the road as the snow has melted. The day we met him they parked almost at the Hay Camp turnoff and they are running their sleds from there up to Windy Gap. I actually think that would be a fun part of the trail to dog sled!

The Durango Dog Ranch has been a business member for as long as I can remember so I researched it and they joined SJS in 2012. Great long time members! We've pretty regularly seen them out on the trails at West Mancos and occasionally up at Molas. Back when we were doing the handicapped ride they often showed up to participate in that event as well by giving rides to the attendees!

\*If snowmobilers see the dog sledders on the trail do the following: If they're coming at you, pull over, smile and wave, and let them pass. If you come up on them, wait until you get to a wide place in the trail and then slowly pass.



## CSA Awards

Now is the time to think about who deserves to be recognized by CSA as the best of the best! The various awards are:

### SNOWMOBILER OF THE YEAR

Eligibility requirements: Snowmobilers who are deeply committed to organized snowmobiling and are involved in snowmobile organizations that strive to advance, promote, and preserve the sport of snowmobiling in the State of Colorado. Nominations may be made by individuals, snowmobile organizations or by the nominee.

### SNOWMOBILE FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Eligibility requirements: Snowmobile Family who is deeply committed to organized snowmobiling and is involved in snowmobile organizations that strive to advance, promote, and preserve the sport of snowmobiling in the State of Colorado. Nominations may be made by individuals, snowmobile organizations or by the nominee.

### YOUTH SNOWMOBILER OF THE YEAR

Eligibility requirements: Youth snowmobilers, age 12-18, who are deeply committed to organized snowmobiling and are involved in snowmobile organizations that strive to advance, promote, and preserve the sport of snowmobiling in the State of Colorado. Nominations may be made by individuals, snowmobile organizations or by the nominee.

### GROOMER OF THE YEAR

Eligibility requirements: Groomer operator is deeply committed and exhibit energy and devotion to providing access to and maintains our trails systems to our snowmobiling community in the State of Colorado. Nominations may be made by individuals, snowmobile organizations or by the nominee.

### SNOWMOBILE DEALER OF THE YEAR

Eligibility requirements: A snowmobiler dealership that is deeply committed to organized snowmobiling and is involved with snowmobile organizations that strive to advance, promote, and preserve the sport of snowmobiling in the State of Colorado. The size, sales volume, or brands of product have no bearing on the selection process. Nominations may be made by individuals, snowmobile organizations or by the nominee.

### SNOWMOBILE CLUB OF THE YEAR

Eligibility requirements: A snowmobile club that is deeply committed to organized snowmobiling and strives to advance, promote, and preserve the sport of snowmobiling through its club's engagement with activities, club rides, volunteerism with the community and promotion of snowmobile safety. Nominations may be made by CSA District Representatives.

### FRIEND OF CSA OF THE YEAR

Eligibility requirements: A business, government / state agency, groomer company, or local city/county chambers that is deeply committed to organized snowmobiling and strives to advance, promote, and preserve the sport of snowmobiling through its engagement with snowmobile activities, local club, volunteerism with the community and promotion of snowmobile safety. Nominations may be made by individuals, snowmobile organizations or by the nominee.

## December Trail work

Mid-December John Lytle & Curt Larsen took on the Purgatory bypass.

They unloaded their sleds at the Purgatory sled rental, and proceeded to ride up the road (including an awful lot of dirt), and then rode and cut the long standing snowmobile bypass. Now when we finally get some snow you will be able to ride the bypass without obstructions! Thanks John & Curt.



Be sure to submit your award nominees! Find entry forms and information at the CSA website: [Home - COLORADO SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION](http://www.coloradosnowmobileassociation.com)

## December 9th, 2025 Meeting Minutes—Morgan Hott

Meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by President Bryan Meador at Fun Center - Durango

Member & new guest introductions

**Motion:** Minutes from November 11th, 2025 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Dianne Larsen; 2nd Curt Larsen

### Treasurer's Report - Kristina Blumenauer

- Bank Balance as of today: \$31,419.82
- Expenses – \$1,908.00 – EXPENSE REPAYED TO DIANNE FOR BAR-D, \$259.87 FAST SIGNS, \$1,000.00 CSA
- Revenue - \$280 SWAG
- Members - 121
- Paypal - \$3,251.00
- Inflight – CSA membership check
- **Motion:** Accepted Treasurer's Report as presented - Dianne Larsen; 2nd Curt Larsen

### Committee Reports

#### Grooming - Travis Leonard

- Ready to go, still waiting on the windshield in the truck and more snow.

#### Group Rides

- Dianne Larsen- 27th of December 9:00am meeting time
- Travis Leonard - February 15th - Poker Ride

### Unfinished Business

- Beaver Meadows Parking Lot -
  - Going after several grants for funding
  - Several clubs would write recommendations to help us with grants
  - Need to dig a test hole
- Avalanche Class
  - Level 1 class tentatively scheduled for the first part of March
  - \$300 for club members
  - The club will cut the cost in half for 10+ hours of community service
  - Will need to bring your own gear (beacon, shovel, pole)
  - Get with Bryan Meador to sign up
- Echo Basin
  - New signs to hang up in the spring

### New Business

- CSA Elections—President and Treasurer are up for election
  - Motion: Adam Northrup Nomination for President, Accepted by Stuart Allen; 2nd Dianne Larsen
  - Motion: Jackie Jackson write in for Treasurer, Accepted by Stuart Allen: 2nd Trevor Pauls
- CSA Convention
  - Gunnison Snow Trackers
  - Motion: Sign up for a Bronze Level Donation - \$500, Accepted by Chris Hinds; 2nd Travis Leonard
- There was discussion around how to help the Vallecito community after the fall flooding.
- Motion: Donation of \$2,000 to help with flood damage - Vallecito, Accepted by Amanda Leanard; 2nd Kevin Walters

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM - accepted by Chris Hinds: 2nd Amanda Leanard

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
- **Chris Hinds**, Website Administrator
- **Amanda Leonard**, Facebook Administrator

The January meeting will be at the Fun Center Tuesday the 9th. 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
- VI. Unfinished Business
- VII. New Business
  - CSA award nominations
  - SJS Board member nominations
- VIII. Motion to Adjourn

## Club Rides

- 1/17—Molas—John Lytle. RSVP John at 303-519-2890. 9am at the Molas Campground Parking.
- 1/31—Echo Basin—Larsen's. RSVP 970-946-8845. 9am at the Echo Basin trailhead.
- 2/15—Vallecito Memorial Poker Run—Travis Leonard
- 3/7—Barlow—Jay Stroud
- Mid-week rides organized by the Larsen's as soon as there is 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.



December Meeting





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



Lucchesi Property Group  
Dan Lucchesi 970-799-5354



Bayfield Builders  
970-946-9008 Jordan Frane



Blouin Brothers Construction  
970-759-2179—Lyndsey Blouin



3C Guiding  
307-790-9953—Cameron Chimenti



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



Leonard & Sons Excavation  
970-759-1995  
Travis Leonard



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



Contractor  
970-501-5225—Chris Taylor



Twin Buttes;  
970-259-3883  
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