

Welcome to a new season!

We are ready for a new season of snow! From cutting brush to resupplying firewood in warm up shelters, our clubs and volunteers have been busy getting the trails ready for use this upcoming season. Through sponsorships and grants, clubs have also been able to complete much needed maintenance to trails and bridges over the summer and fall at various locations across the island.



Junction Trail Blazers



Bay St. George Snowmobile Association

NLSF launches new logo

The NLSF launched its new logo in October. Having ‘worn’ the same brand look for the last decade, our new logo is somewhat a celebration of our progress as a not-for-profit organization. You’ll see the new look on our website, social media sites, and very soon you’ll see it on all of our products.

Weekly giveaway contest

To show our appreciation for the support of our trail pass buyers we are doing a giveaway contest on NLSF swag with our new logo every Friday until our early bird ends on December 15. To take part in our #freebiefriday weekly draws here’s what to do:

1. Purchase a NLSF trail pass online (nlsfpermits.com), at one of our 80 vendors across the island, or at our office located in Deer Lake.
2. Post a picture of your trail pass to our Facebook page.

GOOD LUCK!

Welcome NLSF’s new General Manager

After being part of the NLSF family for the past five years, I was grateful to accept the role of General Manager this past spring. Although the position has come with its share of new challenges, I feel that my experience with the organization has positioned me well to tackle any issue head on.

The 2020-21 season was another record setting year for pass sales, however, Mother Nature did not cooperate in providing us with the long and snow filled winter we all hoped for. Though this past winter was shorter than normal, we were still able to provide an excellent product for snowmobilers right across our province, expending over 4000 grooming hours in an eight-week span.

I am looking forward to what the 2021–22 season has in store for us and hope to see you all out on the trails this winter.

Submitted by Matthew Swain

Bob Blundon re-elected as NLSF chair

We are heading into another season and I hope it is going to be a great one. At our AGM this year, I was re-elected back into the Chair position for another term, and with the help of the board and staff we can continue to see the NLSF grow and provide a great snowmobile product. I was also elected to the 2nd Vice President position with the CCSO (Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations) this year, which will allow me to have a better voice and insight on how things progress in the snowmobile industry on a national level.

Over the past couple of years, we have changed the way we do things, and it appears to be working well. We have tried to put a policy in place that would see all trails on the island groomed at least once a week, and the busier ones twice a week when conditions allow. This allows us to produce a far better product for our pass holders. Having said that, please keep in mind that we are a user pay system so the more passes we sell the better the trails will be. If you use the trails, please support the system! We've also had great support from the clubs, not only for their efforts during the winter season but also with their contributions to improve our trails to allow better access for ATV/UTV during the remainder of the year.

I would like to send a sincere thank you to all pass holders for supporting the system and let's look forward to a snowy winter, great trails, and a successful safe riding season.

Submitted by Bob Blundon



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Happy Retirement Tony!

Please join the NLSF board of directors and staff in wishing Tony Sheppard, former General Manager of the NLSF, a Happy Retirement! Thank you Tony for your years of contribution to the organization. We want to wish you the best in the next steps of your journey!



Roy Folks is Volunteer of the Year

Roy Folks, a leader of the Exploits Trailnet Snowmobile Association (ETN) for over 15 years, has been named the 2021/22 Kevin Sweetland Volunteer of the year. His winning nomination was announced at the NLSF annual general meeting on October 16. He was presented with a custom metal art piece.

Roy is well known for his countless hours of volunteer work including alder cutting, signage installation, numerous culvert installations, and most notably bridge repairs, including the full bridge repairs completed on Sunday Pond and Butterdish trails in the ETN area. He oversees trail improvement projects and repairs, and always has a plan in place to ensure that everything runs smoothly and efficiently.

Roy is an advocate for snowmobile safety. Each year he is the 'front-man' for the ETN Safety Day fundraiser – while he is happily flipping burgers on the BBQ he is engaging patrons about safety on the trails, and responsible riding etiquette. He is also the 'lead' guide for the Mid-Winter Bivver Snowmobile Ride each year, making sure of a safe and enjoyable day for everyone – alder cutting, event-



signage installation and chalet preparedness are just a few of the items he crosses off his 'to do' list in the coming days of the event.

Roy has been the driving force within the Exploits TrailNet organization and his hard work and dedication to making the public safe on our trails is evident, and does not go unnoticed. Congratulations, Roy, from everyone at the NLSF.



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Corner Brook Pulp and Paper winter harvesting plans 2021-22

Corner Brook Pulp and Paper will be operating in a number of areas this upcoming winter season. We ask that all snowmobilers be extra cautious when riding in areas where wood operations are actively working, and to obey all safety signage put in place.

Loggers School Road (Corner Brook)

Wood harvesting operations will continue on Logger School road in the area of Stunners Hill (22km) until mid January. There will be a detour route in place to bypass this area if needed, please obey all safety signage.

North / South Twin Lakes (Badger):

Wood harvesting operations will continue in this area, as they have for the past few years. Please stay on the groomed trail provided to prevent any conflict with harvesting operations.

Dancing Point (Cormack):

Wood harvesting operations in the Dancing Point area, as well as the old TCH towards Hampden Junction, will commence in mid December and continue throughout the winter. There will be a detour route in place to bypass this area if needed, please obey all safety signage in the area.

2021 Trail Pass Report

Trail passes went on sale October 1st online, and have since been distributed to multiple vendors across the island. It is still too early to estimate how this season will do as far as sales go. We are hopeful mother nature will be more cooperative this winter and allow us a longer snowmobile season compared to last year's early end. Early bird prices end December 15 so make sure you get your passes, available online www.nlsf.org, at over 80 vendors across the island (list can also be found on our website), and at our NLSF office in Deer Lake. Remember trail passes make a great stocking stuffer! Happy Trails!

Submitted by Tara Howell



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Make it yours too – think safe and stay safe year-round.

For fun and safe snowmobiling:

- This offseason, store and maintain your snowmobile with care.
- Stay away from snowbanks near overhead power lines and substations.
- Avoid snowmobiling along power lines – guy wires and poles can pose hazards.
- Stay off frozen ponds and rivers – including reservoirs around hydroelectric dams and plants where ice and water conditions are unpredictable.

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Trails & Groomer Update

NLSF Clubs across the province have been active throughout the off-season with trail maintenance inclusive of vegetation control, grading and installation of culverts and ditching for drainage. The NLSF has been diligent in cost-sharing trail improvement projects with all clubs. The amount of volunteer work that is taking place is overwhelming, and the NLSF would like to thank our clubs and their sponsors for continuing to improve our groomed trail network across the board.

Our mechanic has successfully completed all seasonal maintenance on our machines, with no unforeseen issues arising. Our groomer fleet is now ready for the up and coming season, and we look forward to servicing our trails this winter.

Submitted by Carolyn Compagnon



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**On behalf of the NLSF staff and board
we wish everyone a safe and
happy holiday season!**

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