



THAT'S A WRAP! We would like to say thank you to all of our clubs, members, trail pass holders, sponsors and supporters for a great 2022 season. Though the season was short for users in the Central and Eastern Regions, clubs in Western and Northern areas experienced a great winter. Our winter operating season may be over, however clubs will continue to work hard over the spring, summer and fall with needed trail repairs and maintenance.

Investment in new trail maintenance equipment Big news for our snowmobile community! On March 11, members of the NLSF were joined by representatives from the federal and provincial Government to announce a total investment of \$1,506,000 for new and improved trail maintenance equipment to increase the sustainability of the provincial snowmobile tourism sector.

The Government of Canada, through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), has provided a \$495,000 contribution to upgrade and replace trail maintenance equipment. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador through the Department of Industry, Energy and Technology (IET) and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation (TCAR) has also invested \$495,000 in the project. NLSF will be investing the remaining \$516,000. This money will be used to purchase 20 new drags, meaning every groomer in each club across the island will receive a new drag. We are also purchasing 2 new Prinoth Husky snow groomers, a small farm tractor with tracks (as pictured below), and trail signage will be increased.

As the Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation, with the help of our dedicated volunteers, we support snowmobilers by keeping trails safe and well-developed throughout the winter season. By supporting people being out on the trails, we help stimulate the local economy and keep tourism opportunities running when snow covers the ground.



SnowTrax Television Return to Western Newfoundland

The NLSF were excited to host SnowTrax for a second time. The crew arrived March 21 and spent the week in Western Newfoundland in the Bonne Bay and Corner Brook area.

Along with great snowmobiling conditions, SnowTrax also experienced Newfoundland and Labrador's unique culture, and have certainly helped to showcase what the winter tourism industry in our province has to offer.

"Fantastic People, Delicious Food, Incredible Adventures! Spectacular views and big smiles for as long as the eye can see", they recently noted on Facebook.

They are doing a full segment on Newfoundland and the show is set to air early January 2023. You can catch it on OLN, Sportsman Channel Canada or The Outdoor Channel.



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2022 Trail Pass Report

We are still in the process of receiving packages back from vendors and it is too soon to know our final numbers at this time. But so far, this year looks to be pretty much on par with our numbers from last season, which was a record selling year for NLSF. A big thanks to all of our vendors for their continued support to both the NLSF and its trail pass holders.

Submitted by Tara Howell



At Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, safety is priority number one.

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.

For more safe snowmobiling tips, visit:
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Trails and Grooming update

Another grooming season has come to an end, and despite less than favourable conditions in several club areas, the NLSF along with our clubs and volunteers have been able to make the most of it. Trail pass sales remained strong again this year, and although final numbers have yet to be tabulated, we are estimating that the NLSF has put out in excess of 4500 grooming hours across the province. Clubs have been busy throughout the winter with not just grooming operations, but brush and alder clearing as well. Much of this work is headed by the massive volunteer base we are so fortunate to have here at the NLSF. Plans are in place to continue this work across the board throughout this Spring, Summer and Fall with vegetation control as well as ground work and bridge repairs wherever needed. I would like to thank all trail pass buyers, volunteers and staff who made this past season possible. We look forward to next season, and we are hoping for better snow conditions for all parts of the province next Winter!



NLSF Staff with Groomer Operator, Jason Sweet

Submitted by Carolyn Compagnon



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NLSF Chair, Bob Blundon, elected Vice President of CCSO

The NLSF is proud to be a member of The Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations (CCSO). The CCSO is a volunteer led, not-for-profit national organization which through strong leadership provides support to members and provides the unified voice of organized snowmobiling at the national and international levels. The CCSO envisions that across Canada, organized snowmobile trail networks and riding areas provide a lasting legacy of responsible riding experiences that are highly valued, safe, enjoyable, sustainable and environmentally friendly.

We are excited to announce that Bob Blundon (NLSF Chair) has been elected Vice President of the CCSO for a 2-year term. This allows the federation to be better informed, have higher levels of consensus and attain more by working together. Congratulations Bob, and thank you for your dedication and hard work in helping continue to take the NLSF to great heights of success.



A thank you to everyone for another successful season

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all involved with what we do: The pass holders for supporting the system by continuing to purchase trail passes and enjoy our trail network. The clubs and their volunteers for supporting the groomer operators, providing trail maintenance and hosting social events for riders in their areas. The NLSF staff for all the work they do to keep the trails groomed, and equipment in good working order. And finally the administration for keeping everything in order to keep the Federation moving forward.

Given our vast open landscape with a wide range of vistas and views in the hills and back country, along with our managed groomed trail network, we have a snowmobiling product equal to, or better than anywhere else in the world for all snowmobilers to enjoy. Over the last number of years during the summer months, with the help of the clubs, we have been striving to upgrade many of our trails to not only provide a better network during the winter season but to also make our trails more accessible to ATV/UTV in the spring, summer and fall, allowing everyone to enjoy our great outdoors all year around.

Hats off to everyone and happy trails. Enjoy what we have to offer.

Bob Blundon (NLSF Chair)



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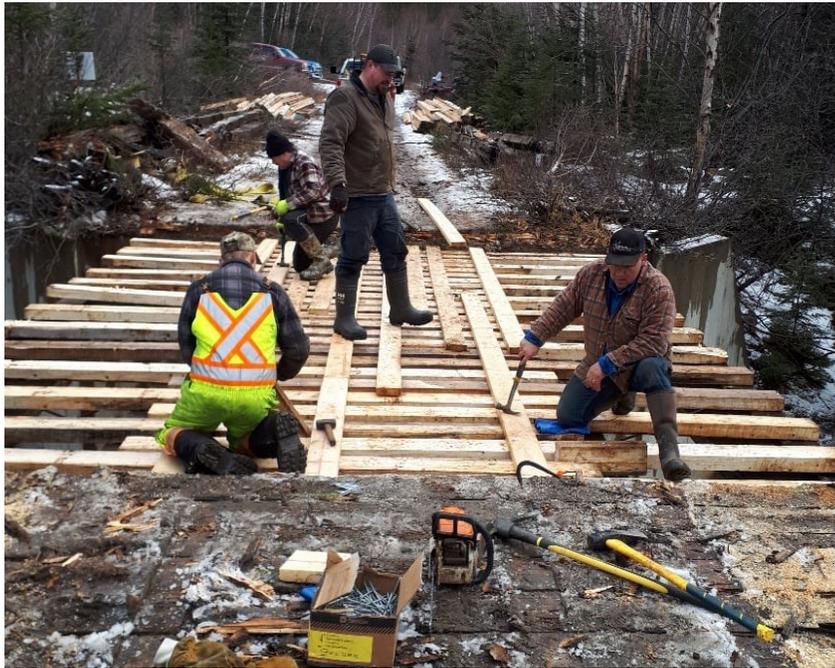
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An advertisement for Irving Big Stop Restaurant. The top part features the "IRVING BIG STOP Restaurant" logo on a dark wood background. Below the logo is the text "Warm up with a homestyle meal on any trail you travel". The central image is a plate of food including fried eggs, hash browns, sausage, and ham. At the bottom, there is a yellow banner with the text "Stop by any of our locations: Clarendville | Deer Lake | Gander | Goobies | Donovan's (Mount Pearl)" and the website "irvingoil.com" with social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Thank you, Volunteers!

This week we are celebrating National Volunteer week. We'd like to take the time to recognize and thank the volunteers that are the heart of our organization. They dedicate countless hours of their time whether it be clearing alders, bridge work, trail signage, or hosting events, just to name a few.

They are the driving force behind the success of the NLSF and our clubs, and snowmobiling on our island wouldn't be what it is today without them.



Thank you

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