



ANOTHER SNOWMOBILE SEASON HAS COME AND GONE: The climb in temperatures signaled the end of the 2022/23 season with grooming ceased across the island as of April 17. For much of the island it was a typical Newfoundland winter with the ups and downs of Mother Nature however, volunteers and groomer operators put in countless hours and long days in making sure we had great trails to ride on.

Changes to family rebate system for the 2023/24 season

The family rebate is designed to allow families who have multiple snowmobiles registered at the same civic address a \$12.00 discount for their second and third machines. Beginning next season there will no longer be a limit on the number of additional machines that can avail of the discount, as long as they are all registered at the same civic address. 1st machine will remain at full price, no discount given.

Families can apply for the rebate by completing the rebate form (available online or at the NLSF office), providing copies of your snowmobile registrations (indicating a common address) and a copy of your trail pass application form (if purchased at a vendor). For more information please visit our website: www.nlsf.org.

Trails & Grooming Update

The early snow in November had everyone excited for a long snowy winter. Unfortunately, a mild December put those dreams on hold. Even with the late start in most areas, we still managed to put out nearly 5000 hours of grooming this winter.

The new equipment purchased this year proved to be a wise investment with trails setting up harder and lasting longer than they ever have before. We also experienced fewer major break downs this winter thanks to our more modern fleet. We have many projects planned and new maintenance equipment purchased to make improvements to our trail system during the off season.

Even though we saw a slight decrease in trail pass sales this year, we continue to receive strong support from our loyal members. We hope that you will continue to see the benefits of purchasing a trail pass for not only snowmobilers, but all trail users, year-round.

Thanks to you all.

- Matthew Swain, GM

A message from NLSF Chair, Bob Blundon

As we have come to the end of yet another snowmobile season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all that were involved. A big thank you to the people who bought trail passes and had the opportunity to enjoy our beautiful trails. Hats off to clubs and volunteers as well as the NLSF staff and groomer operators for all that you do to keep the trails groomed, the shelters clean and stocked with firewood, and everything else that is required to keep our network successful and our trails safe and smooth.

Our province has a lot to offer and I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy it. Not only do we have 3,300 km of groomed trails but we also have a vast back country and hills that are second to none. Remember, what we have is not limited to the winter season as most of our trails are also accessible by ATV during the spring, summer and fall, and we will continue to strive in making them even more accessible as we do our many upgrades.

It has been an honor to sit as the Board Chair for the NLSF for the past number of years and I hope to continue to do so and keep the momentum going.

- Bob Blundon



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- Avoid riding along power lines and watch for guy wires.
- Steer clear of high snow banks around overhanging power lines.
- Proceed slowly near utility workers, vehicles or equipment.
- Stay off the ice, including reservoirs and rivers near hydroelectric dams where ice is unstable.

Volunteer Spotlight!

Meet Mr. Weldon Keats! At 84 years of age he is an “honorary” member who has been affiliated with Discovery Trail Snowmobile Association club members for many years. He is always there to lend a helping hand with operating or any mechanical breakdowns. This year was his first time operating a groomer, and he was as happy as a kid in a candy store! He racks up thousands of miles each season all over the province on his snowmobile and is described as a genuinely good guy with a heart the size of the sky and a deep rooted passion for snowmobiling and his community. If you see him around be sure to give him a thumbs up. Way to go Weldon!



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Thank you to club members and volunteers for a successful 2022/23 season.



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