

A number of snowmobiling events taking place across the island to add to your bucket list this season:

For an action packed weekend, Western Sno-Riders is once again hosting Race on the Rock with uphill drags to take place on April 1 and Sno-Cross on April 2 at Marble Mountain. This exciting annual event promises to be a packed venue each year bringing people in from near and far! Head on over to their website for further details and updates [Up-coming Events \(westernsnoriders.com\)](http://westernsnoriders.com)

The Junction Trail Blazers Snowmobile & ATV Club is hosting free guided social runs this season! Join them on their next social run on March 4, and meet members of the executive, make new friends and have some fun. For more information please visit <http://www.jtbnl.com/> and keep an eye on their Facebook page for updates.

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Snowmobile Safety Week took place January 14-22 this year, but we encourage all snowmobilers to practice safe snowmobiling throughout the entire season.

Ride within your own capabilities, operate at safe and appropriate speeds, and never consume alcohol or drugs before or while driving.

We also want to remind snowmobilers to be good sports – we all play an important part in making sure the sport continues to be a safe and enjoyable one, and setting a positive example and using common sense, can help the sport grow in the best way possible:

Leave Tracks, Not Trash – If you had space to bring it in, then respect nature by carrying it out too.

Protect Wildlife – Animals are more vulnerable in winter, so keep your distance and leave them alone.



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A WINTER WONDERLAND: Mike McCarthy snapped this beauty shot while making tracks and enjoying the groomed trails on a bluebird day.



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The 10th Annual Mid-Winter Bivver, Newfoundland's premier snowmobile and culinary festival is happening in the Exploits Valley, Central Newfoundland, from March 3-4. This exciting festival features food prepared by award-winning chefs, a snowmobile trail ride with a gourmet lunch, a 5-course dinner with first-class entertainment, and much, much more! For more information, please visit <http://www.midwinterbivver.com/>

The Terra Nova Trailriders are hosting a Poker Run and Dance on March 11. Ride will start and end at the Glovertown Lions Club followed by a dance. Hot food and beverages available after the run, as well as a silent auction and 50/50 draws to take place. Limited number of tickets available. For further details visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/31857544795>

Join the Northern Drifters Snowmobile Club for this years' Winterfest Ride on March 18. Enjoy a day of riding from St. Anthony to Skipper Hots Pub & Grub with family and friends. All ages welcome! For more information please visit their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/183639198402581/>



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- Ensure your snowmobile is working properly.
- 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.



Report Trail Hazards

Drastic changes in weather are getting more common every year in Newfoundland. If you spot a hazard, please report it to your local club and/or contact the NLSF via telephone or email info@nlsf.org.

Be as specific as possible and attach photos if you have them, so the correct equipment can be brought in to address the problem. If you're able, mark it with tape or whatever you may have on hand.

A hazard may include:

- * Washout on the trail
- * Tree down across the trail
- * Damaged or unsafe bridge
- * Vandalism to warm up shelters or trail signage
- * Obstacles such as large rocks or stumps



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Avalanche safety in Newfoundland

Avalanche safety is a growing concern in Newfoundland and Labrador as an increasing number of snowmobilers venture off the trails and into the mountains. Newfoundland's biggest avalanche terrain is found along the West Coast in the Long Range Mountains which includes some of the more popular riding regions – Gros Morne National Park, North Arm Hills, Blomidon Mountains, and Lewis Hills.

Avalanche Canada is again issuing avalanche forecasts for the Long Range Mountains every Friday and Saturday until April 8. An avalanche forecast provides valuable information about avalanche danger for a given mountainous area over a certain time. They feature danger ratings, avalanche problems, and details on snowpack, avalanche observations, and weather. You can find these forecasts on the Avalanche Canada website <http://ow.ly/59fg50MTpEA> or on their app.

You can also help out your fellow riders by posting observations of your trip to the Mountain Information Network (MIN) <https://avalanche.ca/mountain-information-network/submissions> to let them know about snow conditions and recent avalanche activity.

Follow Avalanche Canada NL on Facebook for updates and tips on Avalanche safety <https://www.facebook.com/avcanNL>



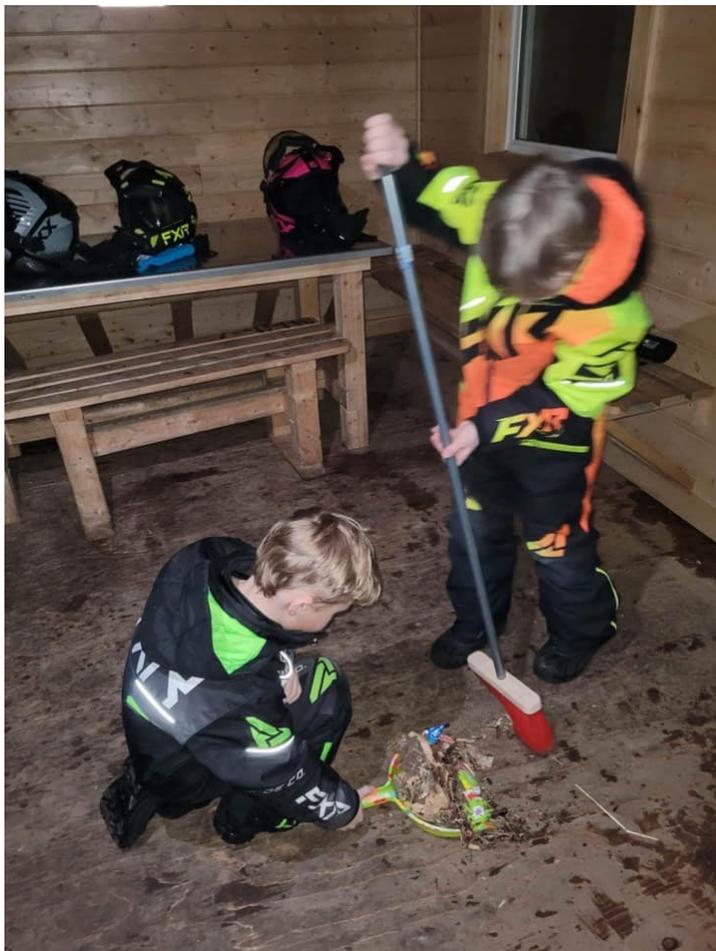
Photo Credit: Avalanche NL



It's the little things that make a big difference

Young riders Easton and Cayson with the help of mom and dad (RC Penney), dropped by the Pasadena shelter and delivered some new garbage cans, bags, broom, lighter and cleaned up the shelter. So awesome to see these young men looking after their local warm up shelter. Well done boys!

Credit: Glenn Green / Western Sno-Riders



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Trails & Groomer Update

After a slow start to the season, snow conditions are shaping up in every club area across the island.

We have received plenty of positive feedback on trail conditions across the board, and are looking forward to the remainder of the season.

We do ask that all trail users pay heed to any local information that can be accessed online, in order to keep up to date with grooming activities and any other helpful tips and info made available on both the NLSF and club Facebook pages.

Submitted by Carolyn Compagnon



An advertisement for IRVING BIG STOP Restaurant. The background is a dark wood texture. At the top, the IRVING logo is above the text "BIG STOP Restaurant". Below this, the text "Warm up with a homestyle meal on any trail you travel" is written in white. In the center is a photograph of a plate of food: two sunny-side-up eggs, a pile of golden-brown hash browns, several strips of bacon, and slices of ham. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the text "Stop by any of our locations: Clareville | Deer Lake | Gander | Goobies | Donovan's (Mount Pearl)". Below the banner, the website "irvingoil.com" and social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter are displayed.

An advertisement for THE SHOP INDUSTRIAL INC. The top section has a black background with the "TSI" logo in white. To the right of the logo, the text reads: "THE SHOP INDUSTRIAL INC.", "112 FIELDING ROAD, LIVELY, ON P3Y 1L5", "1-800-663-3724", "www.theshopindustrial.com", and "tsi@theshopindustrial.com". Below this is a photograph of a snow groomer, a Pinoth MOGUL Master, working on a snowy slope. The groomer is white and black, with its headlights on, and is pushing a large pile of snow. The text "The Shop Industrial Inc. manufacturer of MOGUL Master 'The Grooming Professionals'" is overlaid on the image. At the bottom, the "Pinoth" logo is on the left and the "MOGUL Master" logo is on the right.

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