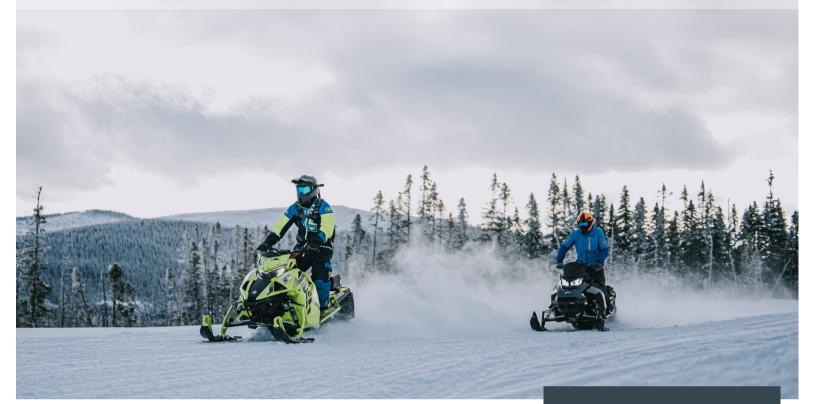


ROCK THE TRAILS

December 2023



NLSF support to clubs

Purchasing a trail sticker is more than just a pass to ride our trails. You are supporting organized snowmobiling, clubs, and volunteers island-wide. Purchasing a pass offers riders the chance to explore thousands of kilometers of trails across the island that volunteers work tirelessly to construct, prep, and maintain every season.



17 bridges repaired
21 culverts installed or replaced
60 km of mulching
120 km of grading and ditching



ANOTHER SNOWMOBILE SEASON IS UPON US: Whether you're a die hard rider or new to the sport, the anticipation and excitement of that first ride of the season is much the same for us all. Winter in Newfoundland is a season like no other, transforming the island into a snowy wonderland waiting to be explored. The NLSF, clubs and volunteers have been working hard during the off season to deliver the best possible trail riding experiences this winter.

Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro reminds you to please

Make Every Ride A Safe Ride

- · 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.

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FREEBIE FRIDAY IS BACK!

Take part in our early bird giveaway contest to kick off the sledding season! We are doing a giveaway of NLSF swag every Friday until early bird ends on December 15.

What to do:

1. Purchase a NLSF trail pass online (nlsfpermits.com) or at one of our 80 vendors across the island.

2. Post a picture of your trail pass to the pinned post on our Facebook page.

NLSF introduces new interactive trail map

Plan and share trips with friends, check out the latest grooming updates, view nearby points of interest and much more!

The basic version is FREE and offers access to many features with or without cell service. Or download the Pro Version for a subscription fee of \$4.99/year.





Message from NLSF Chair, Bob Blundon

I am excited to be moving into another snowmobile season and would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who purchase trail passes and support what we are doing. At our AGM this year I was re-elected back into the Chair position for another term, and with the help of the staff and board we can continue to see the NLSF grow as we strive towards providing the best possible product that we can offer.

With our vast backcountry and approximately 3,500 kilometers of groomed trail, there is a lot out there to enjoy and I encourage all pass holders to broaden their riding areas and take in some of the spectacular sites and trails we have island wide.

I would also like to extend a big thank you to all volunteers who have dedicated so much time and effort. You all play a big part in making the NLSF the success it has become. I look forward to a snowy winter, great trails, and a successful, safe riding season. See you on the trails!

Submitted by Bob Blundon

Congratulations Tara on your 10-year work anniversary with the NLSF!

We'd like to give a big round of applause to Tara Howell on her 10-year work anniversary with the NLSF! This significant milestone not only highlights her dedication and commitment to the NLSF, but also showcases her exceptional skills and contributions over the past decade. Her loyalty and hard work have been instrumental in the NLSF's success, and we are lucky to have her on the team!





Annual General Meeting 2023

We would like to thank club members, directors and guests for a successful, productive, and positive AGM held on October 28.

We welcomed two new members to our board, and bid farewell to Sherry Squires and Fraser Greening, with gratitude for their contributions during their time on the board. As a result of the election, we are pleased to announce the 2023-24 Board of Directors:

Chair - Bob Blundon Vice-Chair - Peter Troke Directors - Craig Mason, Jason Pond, Glenn Green, Craig Borden, Blair Sparkes, Shellie Reid, Phyllis Randell



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DTSA wins CCSO Tourism Award

Discovery Trails Snowmobile Association (DTSA) is awarded the 2023 Canadian Council Snowmobile Council (CCSO) Tourism Award. DTSA has shown innovation and achievement in the development of their club area as a snowmobiling tourism destination. The club is made up of a small group of dedicated volunteers who have worked hard tackling many projects and creating community partnerships to promote their area. They connect and engage with the public and are dedicated to promoting snowmobiling as a fun, family activity.

The DTSA's network of trails is welldeveloped and well-marked passing through many communities with direct access to restaurants and accommodations. There has been a substantial increase in non-local riders, nearly doubling pass sales in the DTSA club area over the past number of years and they have been successful in developing visitor experiences and attracting new participants to the sport.

Congratulations to the Discovery Trail Snowmobile Association on this well-deserved award!





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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. The 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: <u>www.nlsf.org</u>.



Husband-and-wife team, Dale and Fraser Holloway is named the 2022/23 Kevin Sweetland Volunteer of the Year

Dale and Fraser have been active members of the Discovery Trail Snowmobile Association since 2000 and involved in organized snowmobiling for 23 years. This DTSA power couple have dedicated themselves to the advancement and betterment of the club and their strong support has shown from the beginning.

Dale is heavily involved in fundraising, organizing and leading club events and rides, and helps with administrative duties. Fraser is described as a boots-on-theground type of volunteer who covers everything from mechanical and carpentry to heavy equipment operations such as mulching, ditching and installing culverts. Their countless hours of volunteering have benefited all riders in their area.

Congratulations Dale and Fraser – thank you for all that you do!



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Welcome, Stephen and Pauline to the NLSF team!

As Trails and Grooming Coordinator, Stephen works closely with our 17 clubs and associations across the island maintaining trail infrastructure and overseeing grooming operations. Pauline is our new office administrator and will be the friendly face you encounter when you visit our office. Both Stephen and Pauline bring a wealth of knowledge and experience along with a positive attitude to the team and are dedicated to providing top-notch service and support to pass holders and clubs. We couldn't be happier to have them on board!







Merry Christmas!

FROM NLSF STAFF AND BOARD

Thank you to our "Friends of Snowmobiling" for your continued support











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