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Fall 2021

BEAUTIFUL EASTERN ASSOCIATION OF SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

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### Permit Prices

- **Seasonal Permit:**  
\$195 on or before Nov 1  
\$225 on or before Dec 1  
\$275 after Dec 1  
\$7.50 - admin fee
- **Classic Snowmobile:**  
\$155 on or before Dec 1  
\$195 after Dec 1  
\$7.50 - admin fee
- **Multi-day Permits**  
\$45 - per day, 2 day min  
\$7.50 - admin fee

# B.E.A.S.T.

## President's Message – Ian Edwards

My message last year started with a hope that things will get back to normal soon. Well, that didn't happen last winter that's for sure. As you know with the lockdown in place our members were limited to ride within their health units. Fortunately, the restrictions lifted somewhat late February and we were able to travel a bit to see other areas of our trail system.

Again, like last year we had to postpone our AGM to Sept. We have a few volunteers who have retired from their position within the club and few new faces stepped up. The BEAST would like to thank Ian Myatt and Blaine Johnson for their work on the board and Wanda Bowes for her long serving work as our volunteer coordinator and Land Use Permission coordinator. We would also like to welcome Mario Tremblay, Bobby Mowat and Jason McKay to the board. Good luck to all.

Our landowner dinner had to be postponed again until such a time we can meet as a group in a facility that would hold all of us with all the COVID protocols and social distancing required. We are hoping for a spring 2022 event. Fingers crossed.

This year you will see trail improvements in all sectors. Improvements include trail re-routes, brushing and widening and some minor excavating. These improvements were made by volunteers and a couple of contractors. If you would like to help in some capaci-

ty please send us an email to [volunteers@thebeast.ca](mailto:volunteers@thebeast.ca). Our new volunteer coordinator will put you in touch with a sector coordinator who needs your skill set. Many hands make light work.

In closing, I would like to think the worst of this pandemic is behind us. Good luck to all and we hope you have a great snowmobile season.

Best wishes,  
Ian Edwards  
BEAST Club President



## Trail Dedication to George Laight

Last year we lost a member of our BEAST team. George Laight passed away in late November 2020. George's main role in the club was organizing our Trail Patrol program which included over 20 fellow members involved in keeping our trails safe.

In honour of his contribution to the club the BEAST decided to dedicate the newest section of the BEAST 305 in his memory. The newest section of the BEAST 305 is the joint collaboration between the BEAST and Beckwith Township that connected the OVRT to the village of Franktown.

On Sunday Nov. 7th over 40 friends and family took time to participate in a small ceremony to acknowledge George's club efforts.

Photo's: Below is a picture of George that is displayed on the dedication sign. George's long time partner Val Mullen is shown to the right, in front of the dedication sign. Below left is a photo of George's fellow Trail Patrol members along with Val. Below right is a photo of Val and the family members.





## Trail Sector Reports

Through this newsletter you will see references to NE (North West), SE (South East), NW (North West) and SW (South West). To those of you who don't already know there is a history with these areas. Follow the link below to learn more.

<https://www.thebeast.ca/about-us/>

### South East Trail Sector - Shaun Cunningham

Things are progressing well in the Southeast for this coming season. A couple of improvements from past years. First of all the road run along Garvin Road will be reduced significantly this season. The VanGaal's are allowing us to use their fields to get the trail off the road. There is a ditch to cross but we can deal with that with a culvert and lots of snow. Also, we have resurfaced the 303 trail from Jock Trail to Soldiers Line. A new landowner, James McCurdy, has allowed passage through his property. This change will make the road run significantly less and allow the groomer to pass through much easier.

On a negative note, we have lost land access at the southeast corner of Eagleson and Richmond Road. This will make it significantly more difficult to move around Richmond to the east and refuel. This loss of land was a direct result of someone trespassing by the landowners home and not following the well signed and evident trail not more than 200 metres east. So, if you think that the odd detour onto fresh powder on private property is not big deal. Well it is! Thanks for screwing it up for all of us.

### North West Trail Sector - Mario Tremblay

Hello folks, not sure what happened here. Just found myself with nothing to do on the evening of the BEAST Annual General Meeting. So, I thought to myself "Why not go and see what happens there?". I drove to the Canadian Golf Club and found a few good men and women all set and ready for the meeting. As the meeting went on, they all seemed to know each other very well and be extremely well informed on all issues being raised during the regular meeting portion of the evening. I must confess, I felt a little out of place but recognized a familiar face from the past in Blaine Johnson (outgoing North East Trail Director). The regular meeting came to an end, the President called the AGM and the dissolution of the board of directors. All is well until the new Board is being voted in and Blaine nominated me as South West Trail Director. What do I know? I thought to myself, "I shredded these trails for nearly 20 years so this may be time for pay back". I accepted the nomination and got acclaimed just like that. Fantastic! But, not so fast! I knew there had to be something wrong. After the AGM is over, it was discovered that I actually live in the North West and that might be a better fit. A technicality that was quickly rectified during a Zoom Meeting soon after.

Hello, my name is Mario Tremblay, your new North West Trail Director taking over from Audy Bedard. Still no idea what I am doing but will learn over the next few months. My first activity with the Club was to sell tickets for the UCSR Sled Raffle at the Richmond Fair on the Friday evening. It was a success. This is a great fund raiser for the club and I hear all tickets allocated to us are now already sold out. Thank you for your support and good luck to all participants!

Now on with the purpose of the column: The North West Sector Trails consist of the E104A west of Mississippi Lake to the Village of Lanark, the 307 from Hwy 7 at Ferguson Falls Rd. to Innisville Ultramar gas station, the 306 from Boyd's Corners towards Pakenham threading through the Village of Clayton, the 308 from Clayton to White Lake, the 202 from Tatlock Rd. to Car-

leton Place, the E311A (OVRT) from Carleton Place to Almonte. Glad to report the sector has lots of volunteers to do trail work. On October 16<sup>th</sup>, work was done on the 306 at the corner of Ramsay 4C Concession. With the permission of the land owner, the trail will be safer as it transitions to Clayton Road, a new stretch of trail was opened and brushing along Clayton Rd. was also completed. A muddy hole on the E104A needs attention to allow it to freeze up earlier in the season. Plans are still being worked on how to deal with it. Necessary trail realignment will take place on the 202 near Tatlock Rd. and Old Perth Rd. Fencing and containment measures will be required along the 306 west of Clayton to keep traffic on the trail and prevent loss of right of passage on a private property.

On that subject, I cannot stress enough how generous and fragile is the right of passage accorded to us by the Land Owners. We must all stay on the trails and be respectful. This is the only way to enjoy, preserve and gain access to more riding trails in the future. Same etiquette should be used as we ride through towns and villages, keep noise and speed down, share trail with other users.

We have 3 Trail Work Days scheduled on Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. I invite you to join us as many hands make light work. The Club can benefit from your assistance, please get involved by attending the meetings, voicing your opinions and concerns, being part of the Work Days to make this great organization even better. And, please make sure to make the BEAST your Club when you purchase your trail permit.

**Thanks again to all the volunteers that make our trails Beautiful! You are the life blood of this organized sport.**

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## North East Trail Sector - Jason McKay

The northeast is poised to be in excellent shape this year. With the recent work we completed on the Trans Canada Trail this summer it will make for an enjoyable trail going forward. Our agreement with the City of Ottawa is in its 2nd year of 5. Currently, under that agreement we have access into Stittsville to Westridge Drive, which is about 200 metres within the "Urban Boundary" of the city. All that to say is that if Trail Pass holders who wish to continue to have access directly off Westridge need to heed posted speed limits and be on their best behaviour. Especially, when other users are on the trail. At this point in time it is **ours to use and ours to lose**.

We are currently working on a possible A trail change to remove ourselves from the road running along Flewellyn. Also, a possible change in the Munster area. Both changes are in the planning stage and hopefully will be available to use this winter. Fingers crossed.



## South West Trail Sector - Brent Phifer

Hello fellow snowmobile enthusiasts, as your new S.W. Trail coordinator, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and give you an update on what has been happening in our sector. My name is Brent Phifer, and although I'm new to the S.W. trail director position, I'm not new to the BEAST or to snowmobiling. I was introduced to the sport of snowmobiling in 1974, by my parents, and have seen the changes in the sport first hand for the last 47 years. I've been volunteering with the BEAST snowmobile club since 2005 when I attended my first BEAST work day. In the early days I did most of my volunteering in the N.W. sector. I've also held the N.W. trail coordinator position and have been grooming the trails you love to ride since 2007.

The S.W. sector borders are basically south from Carleton Place to Smiths Falls along the OVRT, East towards Ottawa to approximately Munster, and then west towards Perth on the south side of Mississippi Lake. Our terrain has quite a few wet areas and includes the crossing of the Jock River in a few different places. As a result, trail clearing and eventually grooming cannot be completed until several days and weeks of cold weather so please stay off the trails until the interactive trail guide has them listed as "yellow" or "green".

One very important change I want to highlight is the implementation of some traffic calming measures in place along the OVRT through Carleton Place and Almonte. As many of you may know there was a serious accident within the town of Carleton Place on the OVRT last season and because of both that accident and the complaints from other trail users these traffic calming measures have been put into place. They will require snowmobilers to negotiate some pylons starting at the Hwy 7 overpass to the east and near concession 8 to the north. These traffic calming measures will also be in place in Almonte as well. OPP check stops will also be more frequent in these corridors this upcoming season. PLEASE slow down through both Carleton Place and Almonte as we are in serious jeopardy of losing access to the OVRT through both Towns.

In the S.W. several trail improvements have been made this fall

with still more to come. A short list of these improvements includes:

- The ditch and new road crossing approach have been brushed and excavated on the E trail at Buttermilk Hill Road.
- Sections of the (new) 312, formerly the E103, were also brushed and excavated.
- A new culvert has been installed on a new (2020) section of trail as well as some excavation, east of Carroll Road, on the E trail.
- A section of the BEAST 305 trail that runs from the OVRT east towards Franktown will be dedicated to George Laight. George was a long-time volunteer with the BEAST that unfortunately passed away in 2020. This new (2020) section was developed in cooperation with Beckwith Township and will be a multi-use section of the trail. The new culverts are in and the stone dust has been put down which will help us avoid the wet spot that was never able to be groomed last winter.
- We're also working towards trail improvement on the 309 near Brunton Side Road.

Stay tuned for more news on other trail improvements that were hoping to complete this fall.

With the seasons changing and the weather starting to cool off, snow is not far behind. A big thanks to everyone and their great efforts. For pictures see the following link to the BEAST website. <https://www.thebeast.ca/publications/20202021-season/>.

Soon we will be holding a series of BEAST trail work days to install trail markers and signs as well as complete any trail maintenance that might be required. If anyone interested in one of our fast approaching trail work days, please contact me at [brentphifer@yahoo.ca](mailto:brentphifer@yahoo.ca). Everyone is welcome, no previous experience or tools are required.

Stay safe everyone and we'll see you on the trails.

## City of Ottawa Trails

Last season, Upper Canada Snowmobile Region and The City of Ottawa Reached a new Agreement for Use of City Land for Snowmobile Trails.

(Ottawa, ON: October 21, 2020) – The Upper Canada Snowmobile Region (UCSR) is pleased to announce that a new License of Occupation Agreement has been reached with the City of Ottawa to allow the five snowmobile clubs [Beautiful Eastern Association of Snowmobile Trails (BEAST), Carleton Regional Snowmobile Club (CRSC), Osgoode Carleton Snowmobile Trails Club (OCSTC), Rideau Snowmobile Club (RSC), and West Carleton Snowmobile Trails Association (WCSTA)] continued seasonal use of City land for the 2020-2021 snowmobile season and through to the spring of 2025.

The use of the city's lands is subject to:

- City of Ottawa All-Terrain Vehicles and Other Vehicles By-law (By-Law 2019-421.), as applicable in Osgoode area
- Highway Traffic Act of Ontario;
- Motorized Snow Vehicles Act of Ontario
- Off-road Vehicles Act of Ontario
- Trespass to Property Act of Ontario;
- Occupiers' Liability Act of Ontario

Snowmobilers are reminded:

- to follow the snowmobiler's code(s) of ethics
- exercise caution and show courtesy to other users as the Lands are shared
- to not perform activities that may be considered a nuisance
- to comply with safety protocols for snowmobiling when passing, which include slowing down to "dead slow", when in the proximity of other users
- to reduce speeds to safe levels during times of limited visibility or inclement weather to ensure their safety and the safety of others
- to adhere to the prohibited access and reduce speed zones as indicated on the trails and where available pathway/trail specific maps.

For trails open status, follow the OFSG ITG at [www.ofsc.on.ca/trail-maps/](http://www.ofsc.on.ca/trail-maps/) or the Go Snowmobiling ITG App.



## Groomers - Audy Bedard

The BEAST trail system covers over 340 km of varied terrain. BEAST trails are maintained by 3 OEM groomers. 2 BR-180's and 1 Prinoth Husky.

The oldest in our fleet is a 2001 BR-180 and is operated in the NE/SE sector (Richmond, Stitsville and Almonte). It is our youngest BR when you go by the hour meter with only about 3500 hrs.

Next BR-180 is a 2004 that maintains the trails in the SW sector (Carleton Place, Ashton and Smith Falls). This unit is still our highest hour BR-180 with over 6000 hrs. but still runs strong.

Last is our Husky that operates in the NW sector (White Lake, Clayton, Innisville, and Lanark). It is a 2012 model year with 5200 hrs on it. It came to us from Cochrane Polar Bear Riders and is the first groomer to come to use through the OFSC Refurb program, as stated in last year's News Letter. This unit was to go to the SW sector, but after trail assessment it was decided to assign it to the NW sector.

Our fleet is getting older by the year. We are working with the District and the OFSC to acquire newer equipment. The OFSC manages the placement and purchasing of all snow grooming equipment the clubs use.

How do we get a new or gently used unit? In the spring over the past few years, the fleet manager at the OFSC meets with district and club reps to identify needs and wants. Prior to that meeting the clubs report to our district groomer chairman



to prioritize what is best for the district and clubs involved. The new equipment will usually go to a district/club that is high traffic and grooming area with a longer season (over 400 hours of yearly use and usually 10+ weeks of grooming). This does not mean we will never receive a new unit. The OFSC is trying to make the best use of its resources throughout the province. When the new unit arrives, the unit it replaces is cascaded to districts/clubs where the seasons are not as long and demanding. In our case usually 5 to 8 weeks and 200 to 350 hours per year per groomer. The used unit is usually evaluated to see if it is a good unit for a refurb. If it isn't, the OFSC will sell it off. If it is a good unit, it will be refurbished and then delivered to a district/club for placement. This is how we received our, new to us, Prinoth Husky.



## BEAST Club Rides - Rob Illingworth

Planning is underway to organize Club Rides again for this year. These events will be local rides consisting of a few hours to an all-day event. Check in on the BEAST Website <https://www.thebeast.ca/> or The Beautiful Eastern Association of Snowmobile Trails (BEAST) Facebook page for updates you can also email [clubrides@thebeast.ca](mailto:clubrides@thebeast.ca) to be notified of these events.



## Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail (OVRT) - Ian Edwards

With the increase of permit sales and the restricted sledding we were asked to do last year the OVRT was heavily used by many people in our area. Not only sledders but also non sledders were out enjoying this linear park while working from home etc.

This abundance of use comes with its own set of problems. We have received complaints from people using and living near the trail about excessive speed. The speed limit on the OVRT is 20 km/hr through the towns of Carleton Place and Almonte. Please respect these limits.

Expect to see a greater police and trail patrol presence along the trail in the coming season. Also, the County of Lanark has installed speed calming measures within the towns to slow down motorized traffic. Again, please respect the 20 km/hr limit.

**The future use of this trail depends on it.**

## BEAST Workdays - Saturdays Nov 20, Nov 27, Dec 4

BEAST has organized workdays that provide an opportunity to pitch in and help us get trails ready for the season. Often, we hear from people that they want to help but family commitments or their work prevent them from participating. We are offering three different choices again this season, but don't let your unavailability on those specific dates stop you from volunteering to help. We do have some volunteers that work on the trails during the regular work week, which may be better suited for shift workers or people who have more time during the week than on the weekend.

Many hands make light work, so why not give our team a hand? We all seem to be able to make time in our plans to snow-mobile on the weekends after the trail work is done and ready to ride. We would appreciate it if similar planning could be considered to pitch in and help rather than leave it all to the few die-hard volunteers. I can assure you that you will learn a lot about the sport that you may not have known and you will have a lot of laughs with a great bunch of people.

Having assets like a chainsaw, an ATV or power tools are all great things but not absolutely necessary to have. All that is needed is to show up, and we will figure out a task for you.

Workdays usually start around 9 am with people meeting at a designated location a few minutes early so we can organ-

ize work groups. There are the usual meeting places to choose from, so pick the one closest to you and come on out!

- **South West:** 2021 9th Line Beckwith, Carleton Place  
Brent Phifer, 613-222-9506, [brentphifer@yahoo.ca](mailto:brentphifer@yahoo.ca)
- **North West:** 1465 Wolfe Grove Rd, Almonte  
Mario Tremblay, 613-880-6400, [nwdirector@thebeast.ca](mailto:nwdirector@thebeast.ca)
- **South East:** Call or email for location  
Shaun Cunningham, 613-227-9445, [cpl1@bell.net](mailto:cpl1@bell.net)
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Jason McKay, 613-227-9522, [nedirector@thebeast.ca](mailto:nedirector@thebeast.ca)

Please consult the website [www.thebeast.ca](https://www.thebeast.ca) and our Facebook page for up to date information.



## Sponsorship

Many businesses are hard hit by COVID-19, so this season we will not print maps, and won't be soliciting map ads this season. Please support our generous sponsors.

A-J Repairs Services  
Barley Mow (Almonte)  
Black's Corners Motorsports (Polaris)  
Carleton Place Marine (Yamaha)  
Cedar Cove Resort and Lakeside Bar & Grill (White Lake)  
Clayton General Store  
Crawford Landscaping  
Danbys Roadhouse (Richmond)  
J & M Harvey Property Maintenance

Jim Licari Automotive (Carleton Place)  
Kanata Opticians  
George's Bar and Grill (Munster)  
Mementos Signs, Awards, Promotions  
Next Gen Sign Specialists  
Perth Powersports and Marine (Ski-doo)  
Rental Village  
Ryno Motors  
Subway (Almonte)  
Thirsty Moose Pub & Eatery



Twisted Metal Garage & Paint Shop  
Universal Supply Group (NAPA)

**OFSC Interactive Trail Map – Points of Interest (POI's) are still available (for \$75).** The OFSC on-line trail map, at [www.ofsc.on.ca](http://www.ofsc.on.ca), and the GoSnowmobiling phone app, offers Points of Interest (POI's) listings all year. This feature lists your businesses GPS coordinates and makes your business more visible to sledders, displaying location on the map, including address, phone number, logo, photo and business hours. Contact us at [info@thebeast.ca](mailto:info@thebeast.ca) or at [sponsor@thebeast.ca](mailto:sponsor@thebeast.ca) for more information.

## UCSR Sled Raffle 2021

Two 2021 Skidoo Renegade 900 ACE Adrenaline and a 2021 Lightning Avalanche Enclosed Trailer.  
Tickets are \$5 each with 20,000 tickets printed.

See all of the details at [www.ucsr.ca/lottery](http://www.ucsr.ca/lottery)

Locations to buy tickets or contact us at [info@thebeast.ca](mailto:info@thebeast.ca)

- Blacks Corners Motorsports
- Carleton Place Marine
- Clayton General Store
- Perth Powersports and Marine



## BEAST Club Social Ride - Rob Illingworth

Last year this event was held on the Family Day weekend in Barry's Bay. The Ash Grove Inn did a awesome job of hosting the event for the Club. Due to the pandemic and constantly changing rules, it was a smaller group than normal. There were some that travelled to Barry's Bay by truck and trailer as well as a few that rode their Sleds to the Inn. A good time was had by all that attended with some great trail conditions.

This year's event will be held at the Sands on Golden Lake on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Details - Sledder Package - \$119.00 + HST per person based on Double Occupancy. This includes one night's stay, Breakfast, and their Chef's Select Dinner Menu.

Check in on Friday February 4<sup>th</sup>, Check out on Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup>. The ride will take place on Saturday morning after breakfast and should accommodate all skill and comfort levels.

If your unable to stay you can still participate.  
(email [clubrides@thebeast.ca](mailto:clubrides@thebeast.ca) for info).

Call The Sands at 1-800-565-2520 and reserve under the BEAST. Accommodation's will fill up fast so call soon, you do not want to miss this event. (48 hour Cancellation Policy).



# SNOWMAGEDDON

## BEAST – Social Fun Ride Event

### February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022



**Sands on Golden Lake**  
13163 Highway 60  
Golden Lake, Ontario,  
K0J 1X0  
1-800-565-2520  
Trail: OFSC B101A

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**Everyone Welcome – Contact [Grouprides@thebeast.ca](mailto:Grouprides@thebeast.ca) for info and any questions.**





## Beauties of the BEAST - Julie-Anne Bedard

2022 Marks the 10th Annual Beauties of the B.E.A.S.T. Snowmobile Run. That's right - TEN Years! Ten years of adventure, ten years of friendship, and ten years of giving back to the community. Over the last decade, the main mission of the Beauties of the B.E.A.S.T has been to act as friendly ambassadors for organized snowmobiling and to actively participate in helping more women get involved with the sport that we all love.

The Annual Beauties of the B.E.A.S.T. Women's Overnight Snowmobile Ride provides an opportunity for female snowmobilers to get away and have a good time raising money for a great cause while helping to support each other and their community, all while enjoying their favorite winter activity. It doesn't matter if you're a beginner or a seasoned rider; this event is a ride for all women.

The 10th annual Beauties run will once again be an overnight adventure taking place on Saturday January 29 to Sunday 30 with a stay at the Pembroke Best Western. All COVID protocols in place at that time will need to be followed, including any vaccination and mask requirements. A block of rooms has been reserved under 'the Beauties' for this date. To book your room contact the hotel directly. The group ride will leave on Saturday morning at 9:00am from 1465 Wolf Grove Road. The Beauties group will ride the trails to the Pembroke Best Western hotel and end the day with an overnight stay, then snowmobile back to the starting point on Sunday.

Additional details for the event and fundraising will be posted to the Beauties Facebook page as the event date approaches. For additional information please contact Julie Anne Bedard Email – [jabedard@storm.ca](mailto:jabedard@storm.ca) or Phone 613-256-2973.

By Chrystal Bass





## BEAST Poker Rally - Dave Poaps

When: Saturday, 12 February 2021

Where: Munster, ON

Times: Registration from 9am to 11am

Return to starting point by 5pm

Winners announced by 6pm

Who: Open to anyone who has a valid 2022 OFSC permit

Fee: \$25 with some proceeds going to charity

Contact: Dave Poaps 613-913-5400



Up to \$1000 in prizes

## BEAST Trail Patrol - Valorie Illingworth

I am sure everyone is looking forward to a new season of sledding! I certainly am. I want this year to be a safe and successful one but I cannot do that without the help of our local riders. While on the trails we must obey all the rules. Last year saw a high number of complaints about off trail riding and speed limits not being met in the town limits of Carleton Place and Almonte. This must stop. If you love our trail system as much as I do you know exactly what needs to happen in order keep them. Simply respect the rules folks, it is that simple.

The OFSC Trail Patrol Program commenced in 1983 at the inception of the user-pay system. Trail Patrol members volunteer their time and the use of their personal equipment to be snowmobile ambassadors. These volunteers are clearly identifiable by their Trail Patrol vest, and each member also carries their Trail Patrol ID issued by the OFSC. The BEAST Trail Patrol is currently comprised of 36 members who patrol as their individual time permits during the week, weekends and evenings. Patrols generally consist of two Trail Patrol members but occasionally include four to eight members. We have members stationed all over the BEAST Trail system including Stittsville, Richmond, Almonte, Barrhaven, Carleton Place, Munster Hamlet including the OVRT and the Trans Canada Trail.

The primary function of Trail Patrol is public awareness and safety. Trail Patrol members' duties are centered around activity on OFSC Prescribed Trails and may be summarized into four broad categories:

- On-Trail Support: Trail Patrol members provide on-trail support in the form of maps, safety equipment, directions, help and updated information on trail conditions.
- Safety Promotion: Members promote safe riding by reminding snowmobilers of safe riding practices.
- Risk Management: Trail Patrol members actively identify and report unsafe or unusual conditions, remove branches and report safety issues to the club
- Landowner Agent: As the agent for the landowner, a Trail Patrol has a responsibility to report trespasses to the Police

Members of the Trail Patrol will be out again this season checking for permits, assisting riders with information and providing assistance as needed. Our goal is to ensure the trails are safe and to promote the positive image of snowmobiling. We want all riders to enjoy and respect our trail system.

Interested in becoming a Trail Patrol member? We are always looking for new members to help make our trails safe. Getting started involves an introduction session to the four categories shown above and some on the snow excursions to familiarize you with day-to-day activities on the trail. Contact [TrailPatrol@theBeast.ca](mailto:TrailPatrol@theBeast.ca)



## Driver Training - Dale Visneskie

Hello from Driver Training, as of printing time, all in-class driver training is suspended until further notice. That said, the on-line portal is fully operational and accepting applications. The following statement was published by the OFSC and posted on the website.

### Posted on 27 Sep 2021 | by OFSC Registration Available Now For Students 12 Years and Older

(Barrie, ON: September 27, 2021) – The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) is announcing that for the 2021-22 season, its popular Driver Training Program will continue to teach young riders the skills and habits necessary to be safe and courteous snowmobile operators entirely online.

With the 4th wave of the pandemic here, Online Driver Training continues to be the safest and most accessible virtual alternative to classroom instruction, which is not being offered to protect both instructors and their students during the pandemic. To continue the program without interruption, OFSC Driver Training course registration is now available online.

Working with the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO), OFSC Driver Training has made a major contribution to snowmobile safety since 1976 by educating students age 12

and older and providing qualifying graduates with a Motorized Snow Vehicle Operator's License from MTO.

Online Driver Training continues to be a reliable, standardized platform for teaching young riders, with more than 6300 students successfully completing online driver training last year. Parents will enjoy many convenient benefits from Online Driver Training. The course is available year-round, so as soon as a child turns 12 years old, she or he can register for and take the course at any time in the convenience of their home. Online will better accommodate today's busy family schedules and is now offered in both English and French. Additionally, qualifying graduates can obtain their Motorized Snow Vehicle Operator's License online.

Students must be at least 12 years of age to receive a Motorized Snow Vehicle Operator's License. A young, licensed operator must be accompanied by a legally licensed adult, who also must drive the youth's sled when riding on or crossing a roadway.  
Safe Travels, Dale Visneskie  
Master Instructor – Driver Training  
Upper Canada Snowmobile Region (UCSR)/  
District 1  
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## Volunteers in Action (VIA) - Julie-Anne Bedard

Beautiful Eastern Association of Snowmobile Trails, the BEAST, is a non-profit organization that relies on volunteers to help get the trails ready for snowmobiling.

From painting pickets to pounding them into the ground to make our trails, contacting landowners, organizing club rides, or fundraising, this is all done by volunteers.

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and connect with the snowmobiling community.

High school students can earn up to 40 hours of community service by volunteering.

We have 3 work weekends Nov. 20, 27 and Dec 4, that we get together to get our trails ready for the season, this is just setting them up. In the spring we need to take everything down and clean up the properties that we use. If you can spare a few hours and would like to see how it's all done please come out and meet

us. Contact Julie-Anne Bedard at 613-256-2973 or email [jabedard@storm.ca](mailto:jabedard@storm.ca)

### BEAST Potluck

Typically this event has been held after the third workday in early December, but has been not held recently, due to the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic. At this time it is to be determined, TBD, for this season.

Consult the website [www.thebeast.ca](http://www.thebeast.ca) and our Facebook page for up to date information.



### BEAST email updates:

If you haven't received an email from us lately, you're probably not on our mailing list. When filling out your permit application, make sure to include your email address or better yet visit our website at [www.thebeast.ca](http://www.thebeast.ca) to sign up today. We will not sell your information nor will we fill your mailbox with useless emails! You may unsubscribe at any time in the future if desired.



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## UCSR/OFSC News — Darin McRae

### UCSR News



#### UCSR president / Governor

At the UCSR AGM held on 24 Jun 2021, the UCSR Board elected Peter Asquini, Riverside SC, as the UCSR District President for a two year term. At the OFSC AGM this past September 2021, Peter was then elected as a Director of the OFSC and also become the UCSR Governor. Peter is the formal representative for District 1 clubs on the OFSC board and can be reached at [President@ucsr.ca](mailto:President@ucsr.ca). For a full list of the UCSR Executive, Board members, committee chairs and staff visit: <https://ucsr.ca/executive-board-committees/>

#### UCSR District Map / OFSC Interactive Trail Guide

Over the spring and summer the District, with the 16 clubs, reviewed all the trail #s/ names to ensure there was a common naming scheme across the clubs and to ensure trail types (trunk, feeder, connector, club) and names/numbers across the district are standardized and correct. The focus of this review was also to enhance ease of tourism riding and any future chances for OFSC funding. This review generated nearly 100 adjustments, fixes and enhancements to the trail # / naming across the district. Check out club trail guides, UCSR District Guide, and the OFSC's Interactive Trail Guide for trails and loops. For the 2022 UCSR District Snowmobile Trail Guide visit: <https://ucsr.ca/area-trail-guide/>

#### Ottawa Valley River Loop

Come and ride Eastern Ontario and the Ottawa Valley. The new Ottawa Valley River Loop offers snowmobilers the opportunity to capture a favorite piece of our diverse region and lifestyle along the Ottawa River. The loop is approximately 500 km (311 miles) of pure sledding as you ride into an atmosphere of warmth and camaraderie associated with our snowmobile friendly communities. This one, two, or three day loop will take you through roll-

ing hills of woodlots, open fields, pipeline corridors and abandoned rail lines. It will give you the chance to see many of Ontario's wildlife in the winter months as you sled on the well-groomed, signed trails provided by the volunteers of the many clubs that make up Snow Country Snowmobile Region and the Upper Canada Snowmobile Region. For all the UCSR loops visit: <https://ucsr.ca/trail-loops/>

#### Landowners and Trespassing

The UCSR is asking all snowmobilers to join us in keeping OFSC trails open and available for the season. Each snowmobiler who loves trail riding shares a common goal of protecting our trails on private property, respecting our landowner partners, and maintaining the inter-connected trail system that provides so many positive benefits. We all must take a part in preserving snowmobile trails and standing up for our landowners. Together, our goal is to make off-trail riding and trespassing on private property socially unacceptable. Trails that cross private land are a privilege, not a right! We ask each rider to follow the OFSC's Trail Rider Code of Conduct which may be found here: <https://www.ofsc.on.ca/2021/03/04/ofsc-trail-rider-code-of-conduct/>. The UCSR and clubs will be taking a more aggressive approach to off-trail riding on private property to protect the rights of landowners. This will include increased Trail Patrol and working with local Detachments of the OPP and the City of Ottawa Police to increase patrols in problem areas. When the OFSC trail network is fully open there are 30,000 kms of trails. We ask each and every rider to stay between the pickets and on the trail. Riding off trail will mean unhappy clubs, unhappy landowners and closed trails! Closed trails means less access to snowmobiling routes, increased road running, disconnected communities, and less access to services. Don't be that rider who forces a club to close a section of trail due to off-trail riding.

### OFSC News



## ONTARIO FEDERATION OF SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

#### Try our Trails Weekend

Again, like last year there will be no "Try Our Trails" weekend. So, if you, or someone you know are sitting on the fence waiting for the free weekend, don't wait. Buy your trail pass online [www.ofsc.on.ca](http://www.ofsc.on.ca) and save yourself money when you buy early.

#### Permit Fee Increase

On September 7, 2021, The OFSC announced a minor \$5 permit fee increase for 2022 Seasonal and Classic Trail Permits. This increase will help the OFSC and clubs keep pace with rising operating costs associated with Ontario's favourite winter pastime, all while ensuring snowmobiling remains affordable across the province. "The OFSC is committed to providing the best snowmobiling experience possible and that means continued investments in trails, equipment, and infrastructure," said CEO Ryan Eickmeier. "With rising costs of goods and services as well as increased demand on our trail system, this funding increase will allow us to put additional resources directly where they are needed most, on the snow." "Ontario permits continue to offer exceptional value when compared to many other recreational activities," Eickmeier said. "Having held firm on pricing since the 2018 season despite rapidly rising costs, we are confident that this is a fair and balanced plan, and we look forward to seeing you on the trails this winter."

## Permits — Ian Edwards

Ontario law requires every sled entering an OFSC Prescribed Trail to have and display a valid snowmobile trail permit sticker, and have the trail permit paperwork with you.

All permit sales are on-line, so keep the confirmation e-mail from OFSC until you receive your permit sticker and paperwork in the mail, just in case of a postal code mix-up, or in case you don't receive your permit in the expected time.

Thanks to all BEAST supporters who select Beautiful Eastern Association of Snowmobile Trails when buying permits!

Go online to <https://permits.ofsc.on.ca> to get your permits and gift cards.

### Permit pricing:

#### Seasonal Permit

Purchased prior to November 2, 2021: \$195

Purchased November 2, 2021 to December 1, 2021: \$225

December 2, 2021 onwards: \$275.

Admin fee — \$7.50

#### Classic Permit

Purchased prior to November 2, 2021: \$155

Purchased November 2, 2021 to December 1, 2021: \$155

December 2, 2021 onwards: \$185

#### Multi-day Permit

\$45 per day, 2 day minimum

\$7.50 admin fee on all permit purchases

## Where do your permit dollars go?

As you may have learned last season showed a substantial increase in ridership, sled purchases and trail pass purchases. This translated into an overall increase of over 25% in our club trail pass purchases alone. Over 1,300 sold for our club alone and over 11,000 for our district. Record level stuff.

One would think that would translate into more dollars for our club work. This is not the case. The truth of the matter is the club is given a budget from our district and we have to stay within it regardless of trail pass purchases. This change happened a few years back under an OFSC Program called More On The Snow. The program allows financial resources from across all the member clubs of the OFSC to be pooled and redistributed to the districts on a "what is required basis" and not by the volume of trail pass sales.

The club receives an annual budget for administrative items and trail work which is based on kilometres of trail. The club also receives an hourly stipend for grooming which covers wages, fuel and repairs. It all seems to work but there isn't much if any dollars left over after a season. On the flip side of this the OFSC is responsible for any new grooming equipment required, which in past the club needed to fundraise to purchase. A new groomer and drag

typically costs between \$300,000 to \$400,000. We would need to sell a lot of hot dogs to get to this level. OFSC also provides admin support and Liability Insurance.

This is where your trail pass dollars are spent. Is it the best for the BEAST, NO. But it is the best for all the clubs in the OFSC. If this change didn't happen much of the inter connectivity of the OFSC trail system would cease. The small clubs would fold and trails would be lost.

In short your permit dollars are spread throughout the province helping all clubs. You are not only a BEAST pass holder but an OFSC supporter.

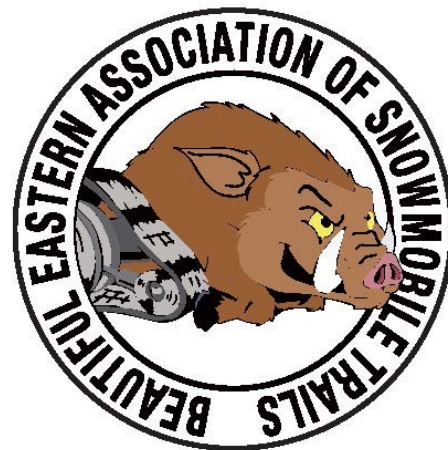


## Important Dates - Gord Servant

- Nov 4, 2021, General Meeting
- Nov 20, 2021, BEAST Workday #1
- Nov 27, 2020., Carleton Place X-mas Parade
- Nov 27, 2021, BEAST Workday #2
- Dec 1, 2021, Last day to buy your season pass at \$225.
- Dec 2, 2021, General Meeting
- Dec 4, 2021, BEAST Workday #3
- Jan 6, 2022, General Meeting
- Jan 15-16, 2022, Trail Patrol Check Point Weekend #1
- Jan 22-23, 2022, Trail Patrol Check Point Weekend #2
- Jan 29-30, 2022, Beauties of the BEAST Ride
- Feb 3, 2022, General Meeting
- Feb 5, 2022, BEAST Snowmageddon Social Fun Ride
- Feb 12, 2022, BEAST Poker Rally
- Mar 3, 2022, General Meeting
- Apr 7, 2022, BEAST AGM (Annual General Meeting)

- Apr 8, 2022, BEAST Landowner Appreciation Dinner

Please consult the website [www.thebeast.ca](http://www.thebeast.ca) and our Facebook page for up to date information.





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