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A Message from the President

Greetings fellow snowmobilers and trail users!

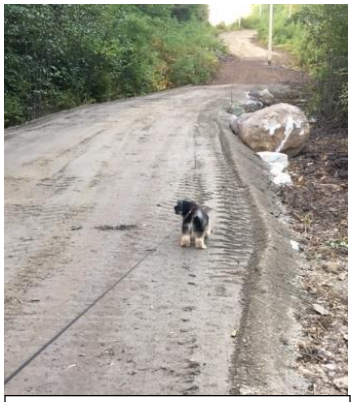
As the new president of the Hollis Nor'Easters, I'd like to take a moment to thank our previous president, Doug Sattler, for his years of service and for the guidance he provided me as I transitioned into this new role. I intend to build upon the groundwork that Doug laid improving the club's operations. You will find me to be open-minded and eager to hear your views on how we as a club are doing – both the good things and areas we can improve.



Despite temperature being in the mid to upper 80's the past few days, we are already well-underway preparing for the upcoming snowmobile season. I wanted to take a few moments to share what's going on and highlight some things we have planned, but before I do, I'd like to share little bit about myself for those club members I haven't yet met.

I've been a snowmobiler for about 9 years, and the first sled I bought was a '97 Ski Doo Touring 2-up, and it had metal skis! I quickly fell in love with the sport, got a newer sled, found a club to join, and pretty much abandoned downhill skiing (which I had been doing since a child). The guys I ride with know me as a dedicated Yamaha 4-stroke rider, and I've been known to get stuck from time to time, though less frequently now that I'm on the Viper platform ☺.

I've been a member of the Nor'Easters since 2010, and have served on the Board of Directors, as Trail Administrator, Safety Class Instructor, Vice President, and now President. I recently got my wife, Lilla *(rhymes with "Sheila")* into the sport, and we enjoy taking weekend trips to Pittsburg.



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I'm out on the trails pretty much every month of the year either sledding, grooming, hiking, walking with my dog, inspecting trails, or working on them. But I have a special passion for trail maintenance. Yes, you read that right… I'm one of those guys who REALLY enjoys fixing up the trails. Whether it's brushing back side growth, mowing, cutting new trails, spreading woodchips, digging water bars, or building bridges, I love all of it! Which brings me to my first topic – getting involved.

Volunteers are a vital resource to make the club run, and we are fortunate to have a dedicated core group of members who are heavily involved in many of the club's operations. We are entering the trail maintenance season and our first trail work day is scheduled for this Saturday, 9/30. There's always more to do than people available, so I encourage everyone to consider helping us get the trails in shape, and meet new people in the process.

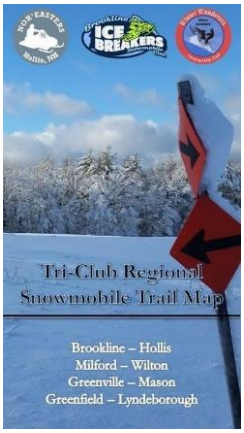
Jeff Peters, our Trail Master, has scheduled several trail works days this fall, and will be leading the work crews. We will also have work days focused on equipment where we will be repainting a couple of the drags, and putting tracks on grooming vehicles. Watch our Facebook page, email, and website for details on when and where to meet, as well as dates for future trail work days. You can also contact Jeff directly at Jeff@Noreasters.org with questions or to let him know you plan to help out.

Club Events are a great way to meet people and learn more about the club. We are working on finalizing the date for our annual **"Pre-Season Cookout"**, which is open to club members and the public. Along with great food, we will have our grooming equipment and trail map on display, and will be selling memberships and NHSA "Super Raffle" tickets.



We are also working on plans for this year's **Safety Class.** Our target date is early December. Again, watch our social media outlets for details.

This past May, we joined forces with the Brookline IceBreakers and Wilton Lyndeborough Winter Wanderers to form a "**Tri-Club Map Committee**" with members from each club to jointly develop a single, regional trail map covering trails from all three clubs.



This is an excellent example of the clubs working together and is a "win-win-win" proposition for the clubs, snowmobilers, and the many local businesses that actively support our communities.

The team has been working hard all summer designing the layout and making trail updates for the new map, signing up advertisers, as well as working out the business aspects.

Here's a sneak preview of a prototype of the new map cover, and we expect to have the maps available for sale in November.

I'm very pleased to announce that our **club shirts** were very popular and a successful venture for the club last season, so we will again be selling T-shirts and sweatshirts in a variety of colors. We are working on some potential new designs and suppliers, and expect to announce the details of this year's offerings and how to order shortly. Our goal is to have shirts available for ordering and delivery prior to the holidays for your shopping convenience ☺.

In closing, allow me to be frank: We need your help. I ask that you renew your membership to the Nor'Easters now, and register your snowmobile during the fall. I know most people wait to see what kind of winter we will have before they join the club, but joining early has two positive effects:

First, it provides the club with the resources needed to purchase materials for things like bridge repairs and replacement parts for the grooming equipment, and pay for heavy-equipment time and materials for major trail restoration projects. The sooner membership dollars start flowing in, the better we are able to manage our budget.

Secondly, you will avoid the rush and delays that always come if you wait until the first big storm. And of course, it's always easier to install those registration stickers when it's not 25°F outside!

You can join the Nor'Easters "online" via the club's website at http://www.noreasters.org/sign-up.html.

Thank you, and Think Snow!

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