

Fergus Elora Belwood Snowmobile Club

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Permit Vendors

- Royal Distributing, Woodlawn road, Guelph
- Two Wheel Motorsports, Highway #6 , Guelph
- Deboers Farm Equipment, Elora Highway, Elora
- Belwood Super Snax, Belwood
- Canadian Tire, Fergus
- Fergus Elora Belwood Club Trailer, Canadian Tire parking lot, Fergus (Last 3 weekends of November only!)

Remember! Buy where you ride!

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We need your support. Our annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for October 3, 2009. Even for non-golfers or hackers like me, it's a day of comraderie with fellow sledders, ending with a wonderful meal at Wild Winds Golf Course. We hope to build on the success of our first tournament last year with even more participation. Please call me to sign up. We are also holding a SWAP MEET at the Belwood Lake Recreation yard, on September 25, 2009. For a minimal fee, you can bring any snowmobile related paraphernalia, parts, tools, and such, and make trades or sell it to somebody who needs that item which is collecting dust in your shed. It sounds like it's going to be a lot of fun, too.

Snowmobiling is about People. Come to an event. Come to the Clubhouse. Let's talk and trade stories. Thank a volunteer, thank the landowners whose land we cross, but most of all, keep the passion alive.

Clubhouse

Last year was a disappointing winter as far as snow goes. Our clubhouse was late getting open due to the lack of volunteers. Special thanks to Elaine, Janessa, Les, Jason, Bob, Gerry and Dave for giving their time to clean things up at the clubhouse so we could open it. We basically cooked for 3 weekends before the big melt. Those 3 weekends saw a high volume of traffic through the doors. This is a good place for high school students to get their volunteer hours and be involved with the club. It is a great meeting place for friends, to start for a day's ride or to end the day. Plus when we are cooking, we have some of the best fries in the county!

If you can spare a few hours on a Saturday or Sunday once the trails are open, please give Jim Misener a call at 519-763-3161. Nobody has to work all day. If we have enough people, it can be as simple as a 4 hour shift. It is always a good time and there are many laughs.

This year everyone will notice the new outhouse. This new one is much larger than the old one, but still no running water! There is a 12 volt lighting system installed so now when you step in at night you can turn the timer on and have a few minutes of light. The old outhouse will be moved somewhere along the trail. If anyone has any ideas on what we can do different at the clubhouse you can e-mail your ideas at events@febsnowmobileclub.com . We are always open to suggestions!

Website

We as a club have finally caught up with modern age and technology. We launched our website in mid-July and with a few minor glitches, it is now running smoothly. If anyone has any pictures or comments send them to us! Check it out and let us know what you think.

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Most of us will remember the winter of 2008/2009 for coming early in the Fergus Elora Belwood area. Despite this auspicious start, most of our trails were unfortunately closed for the season in early February due to a major meltdown. One of the casualties was our club ride, which had to be cancelled due to poor snow conditions, from our area to all over Algonquin Park area. After all the planning and organizing, Mother Nature just wouldn't co-operate. We'll try again. Our passion for sledding won't hold us back for long.

I know from first hand experience, how frustrating it is to get lots of snow early, and then finally get the trails in tip top shape, only to have Mother Nature pull the rug out in prime time. Thanks to the many volunteers and Trail Managers who worked so hard to deliver the best trails possible under difficult and variable conditions. With passion and collaboration, we are carrying on, undaunted by the poor season in 08/09. We look forward to a positive sledding experience in this new season.

One of our major accomplishments this past year, has been the trail improvement program, funded not only by grants through the Trails Strategic Initiative, but through fundraising efforts in the off season, by many dedicated volunteers, who give so much of their time to continue to provide safe trails in our area. As president, I am continually aware that our progress in providing great family fun and a unique outdoor experience, comes down to the people who volunteer. Volunteers are the grass roots of our organization, to which, we as riders are grateful for. Thank you, I applaud your many contributions.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I also want to thank the largest group of supporters associated with our club, our permit buyers. When you buy your permit in the area you ride, the funds help us to maintain safe trails, whether it's in the form of grooming, bridge building, signage or visible trail stakes. Without you, we can't operate. Please continue to buy your permits in the Fergus Elora Belwood area.

Coming Events

2nd Annual Golf Tournament

Wild Winds Golf Course
October 3, 2009, 11:00am
Golf, Cart, Dinner, Prizes
Call Gerry for info 519-787-7743

1st Annual Swap Meet

Belwood Lake Recreation,
September 26th, 2009, 9:00am-2pm
Snowmobile paraphernalia only
Call Jim for info 519-763-3161

Fergus Santa Claus Parade

December 5, 2009
Help decorate our float
Call Gerry for info

Annual General Meeting

Victoria Seniors Center
April 10, 2010 9:30 am
Elections will be held

High School Volunteer Hours

Any student looking for community service hours please contact us! We have lots of volunteer time available! Contact us at the website or these two numbers: www.febsnowmobileclub.com

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