



## President's Pondering—Bryan Meador

Hello Fellow Sledders,

I missed so many of you on the mountain for our fall adopt a road cleanup on FS road 566, Echo Basin. But not to worry, we will be doing a new trail maintenance on the Baldy loop extension November 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a new trail loop; it is currently a 50 inch only summer trail. It still will be in the summer. But for the winter we need to get a 14-foot-wide groomer through the trees. So, grab a cutting utensil, pole saw, or the sorts, grab a 50 inch or less riding apparatus, and meet at the bottom of the road just off Highway 160 November 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am. I really hope to see you there. Seeing the same people all the time is getting boring; I need to see new faces. PLEASE!!

On October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> SNOMOEXPO was held in Denver. There were a lot of vendors a lot of great deals to be had by all. I actually won a door prize (must be present to win). I left 30 minutes too early. Just my luck, I never win anything. But a huge shout out to Brandon "Diz" for getting this together. We sold a few sweepstakes tickets as well. On that topic, have you sold any tickets? Have you bought any tickets? Well, get after it, scan the QR code with your phones camera, push the yellow tab, click the green tab and select an amount. It is really easy. The money from sold tickets helps pay for our groomer's insurance.

Update: Beaver Meadows parking area is almost ready to get started. I don't think we could pull it off this year. But be ready, we will need 2- 24 inch culverts about 50 to 60 feet in length. We will need a sheep's foot roller, loader, excavator, motor grader and dump trucks, maybe a belly dump if we can get the initial cut made. We also need fuel to run all of this equipment. If you can help in anyway, please let us know. Cash donations are also greatly appreciated. This may not be your riding area, but it may give the people that pressure your riding area a new place to go. Build it, they will come.

November meeting is fast approaching. Plan to attend. Jaaron Mankins with Silverton avalanche school, and a club member, will be teaching basic avalanche awareness. The meeting and a special dinner will begin at 6 sharp. The class will be at 6:30. This is a basic class; no certificates will be awarded. But you will have the knowledge to know what to avoid and how not to be a dumb a\$\$\$. Just saying.

Get them snow dancing boots on and do the snow scooting shuffle..

See you on the mountain,

Bryan Meador,

President, San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club

Hey I almost forgot! Officer elections will be in February. Vice President, Secretary, CSA Representative and Club Reporter will be up for election. Think of anyone to nominate? They kinda need to know. Well unless your voluntold. (Thank you Morgan). Please volunteer and help the club.

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### Club Officers

- President—Bryan Meador
- Vice President—Chris Hinds
- Treasurer— Kristina Blumenauer
- Secretary— Morgan Hott
- CSA Representative—Curt Larsen
- Grooming Foreman—Travis Leonard
- Club Reporter—Ken Hilfiker



## Editor's Note—Dianne Larsen

- The November meeting will be held Tuesday November 12th at the Fun Center. Dinner AND meeting at 6. At 6:30 there will be an intro to Avalanche class. Bring your avalanche equipment!
- There's been plenty of SJS business happening in October. Many thanks to our awesome club volunteers that make it happen!
  - Snow Show in Denver plus the CSA meeting. Several of our four corners' members are very involved with CSA: Dianne Larsen—CSA Secretary, Curt Larsen—CSA Safety Chair, Ken Hilfiker—District 9 Rep.
- And Bryan Meador attends as our club rep.
- Beaver Meadows on-site review. Several members met at Beaver to discuss parking and our trail addition and also begin the trail work that is required to make the trail addition groomable.
- As always, please submit stories and pictures to [a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com](mailto:a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com). You all have been doing great this season!!!

## CSA Sweepstakes

Welcome to our Annual Sweepstakes!  
Enter now and you could win this  
GRAND PRIZE  
2025 Ski-Doo Summit Adrenaline 850 with Edge Package

ALL-TERRAIN  
MOTORSPORTS  
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SNOWMOBILE  
ASSOCIATION

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ENTER NOW  
TO  
WIN ME!

DRAWING  
Dec 7th

Many more prizes  
to be given away  
throughout the sweepstakes

Thank you for your support!  
Proceeds go towards  
promoting, protecting and preserving  
the sport of snowmobiling  
In Colorado!

Show your support  
for winter sports!




**BREAKING NEWS: An ArcticFX sled wrap will be drawn November 9th! If you win the wrap, you will still be in the drawing for the Grand Prize!!!** Enter NOW to be in the hunt for all of the great prizes! Now is the time to support CSA, support SJS, AND enter to win one or more of the great prizes! This year the grand prize is a 2025 Ski-Doo Summit Adrenaline 850 Edge. WOW! Use the following link to purchase entries. This link is specific to SJS so part of your entry fee will be returned to the club.

[Win a 2025 850 Summit Adrenaline with Edge Package plus \\$2500 for taxes! Sweepstakes ENDS Nov 30th! Drawing 12/7/24 Just in time for the Holidays! \(tapkat.org\)](https://tapkat.org)

The actual grand prize Ski Doo was at the Snow Show and Dianne is pictured on it above.

## San Juan Sledders—Who are we???

Our awesome club keeps getting better and better!

- 122 members!
- Members from 10 states! Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Utah, and Montana! That's members in 20% of the states!!!
- Still have 3 founding members in the club! Mike Francis, Jeanne Scarborough, and Ed & Rochelle Williams.
- 27 business members.
- 51 family members.
- 43 individual members!



## October 8th 2024 Meeting Minutes—Morgan Hott

Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm by President Byran Meador at Fun Center - Durango

Member & new guest introductions

**Motion:** Minutes from December 12th, 2023 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Travis Leonard ; 2nd Chris Hinds

### Treasurer's Report - Kristina Blumenauer

- Members : 119
- Bank Balance as of today = \$30,709.30
- Revenue = \$1,065 BAR D
- Expenses = \$13,240—BAR D \$846 , BASIN COOP \$3,708.22 , \$200 PO BOX , STATE FARM \$889.64 , CSA AND BRYAN CSA \$2,044, MORGAN & MORGAN \$3,110 , PARTS \$2,442.34
- Paypal = \$988.51

**Motion:** Accepted Treasurer's Report as presented - Dianne Larsen; 2nd Travis Leonard

### Committee Reports

#### Grooming - Travis Leonard

- Ordered parts for regular maint. and fixing snow cat.
- Our trails need some attention. Echo Basin was done - 200 man hours.
- We will set a weekend possibly in November for more grooming efforts.
- Don't cut anything with a pink ribbon.

### Unfinished Business

- We are 3rd in the state for members
- Waiting on approval for Echo Basin trail cleaning next spring
- Purgatory bypass is ready for walkthrough. Purgatory parking lot meeting is 10-09-24. We are waiting to hear the results of the meeting
- Beaver Meadows parking will possibly be ready in the spring
- Sccor - trying to shut down snowmobiling. Reply to emails and attend the meetings. Reach out to Brian for meeting information
- Need help with plowing Mancos - need to bug the county to get it plowed

### New Business

- Apply for grants for summer money - 5k per year
- Registration stickers are going up to \$51
- Convention will be in Silverthorn, CO
- Sweepstakes - Club to buy 1000 tickets and maybe resell to fun center if we win the sled
- Snowshow - get with Brian to help or sit in
- Ask for land from the state park to store the groomer
- Price ad for the Durango Herald to explain what the San Juan Sledders group does
- In-house groomer walk around - Travis will pick a date
- Trails needed saw certification for forest service - Ask Curt or Brian for more info
- Renew our Sams and Certs
- Ask friends and family to sign up as a new member
- Vice president of CSA is coming to ride with us. Get with Curt for more info
- **Avalanche training by Jaaron Mankins - 11/5 - our meeting will be at 6:00PM and training will follow at 6:30PM**



The meeting was adjourned - accepted by Travis Leonard; 2nd Chris Hinds

Respectfully submitted by Morgan Hott, Club Secretary

### Committee Chairs & Volunteers

- **Bryan Meador**, Safety Instructor
- **Dianne Larsen**, Rides Chairperson
- **Ron Corkish**, Search & Rescue Liaison
- **Dianne Larsen**, Newsletter Editor
- **Ken Hilfiker**, Website Administrator
- **Amanda Williamson**, Facebook Administrator

### Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call / Introduction of Guests
- III. Reading of Minutes
- IV. Treasurers Report – Kristina Blumenauer
- V. Committee Reports
  - Club Rides - Dianne Larsen
  - Equipment/Grooming/Truck To Do List– Travis Leonard & Kevin Walters
  - Membership – Kristina Blumenauer
- VII. Unfinished Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Motion to Adjourn

The November meeting will be at the Fun Center Tuesday the 12th. Dinner & meeting at 6pm, Avalanche intro at 6:30pm

### Club Rides

- Dianne plans to have a tentative ride schedule planned by the December Newsletter
- Call Dianne Larsen at 970.946.3107 if you want to lead a ride

### Beaver Meadows work day and CSA Meeting





**425 Degrees Take & Bake Pizza**  
970-799-0425—Michael Gunn



**Leonard & Sons Excavation**  
970-759-1995  
Travis Leonard



**Advantage Repair Service**  
970-903-7340—Lynn & Lee Parks



**Lucchesi Property Group**  
Residential - Commercial - Investment  
"Total Realty Advisors"  
Dan Lucchesi 970-799-5354



**Bayfield Builders**  
970-946-9008 Jordan Frane



**Phantastic Screens**  
970-247-7907  
Marty & Ann Gunn



**Blouin Brothers Construction**  
970-759-2179—Lyndsey Blouin



**McCormick Construction**  
970-946-6857—Doug McCormick



**McDonalds**  
970-247-9391  
John Bronson

**BOLETUS CREEK APPRAISALS**

**Boletus Creek Appraisals**  
Phone: 9709034416—Geoff Bourque

**BUILT TO LAST AUTOMOTIVE**

**Built to Last Automotive**  
970-259-8777 Jeff Howard



**Phillips Electric**  
970-259-3395



**Durango Adventure Rentals**  
970-335-9311—Chuck Schultz



**Home Roots Hardwood Flooring**  
970-749-6821—Jesse King



**Comfort Air Mechanical**  
Nic McDonald  
970-565-7893



**Silverline Construction**  
970-759-2327  
Wes Harriman



**CRG Construction**  
970-7596461-Cory Gosney



**Spellbring Construction**  
505-325-5600  
Aaron & Tami Spellbring



**Snowmobile Adventures**  
970-903-7916—Ben Cross



**The Bug Masters**  
505-325-7477  
Delbert Raney



**DPF Alternatives**  
505-330-0904—Jason Groen



**Twin Buttes**  
970-259-3883  
Glen & Dianne Pauls



**Durango Dog Ranch**  
970-259-0694—Greg & Gretchen Dubit



**Welch Automotive**  
303-324-7185  
Jack Welch



**La Plata County Search & Rescue**  
970-946-4437—Ron Corkish



**Weminuche Grill**  
970-884-7153—Joe Zebas

**FUN CENTER**

**Fun Center, Inc**  
970-259-1070—Joe Washburn & Pete Tabor



**\*\* Handlebar Motorsports**  
970-247-0845—Jim Updike

# MEMBERSHIP FORM

Mailing Address:

San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club

PO Box 591

Durango, CO 81302

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renew Member \_\_\_\_\_ Business Member \_\_\_\_\_

Single Membership \$43/Year \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership \$48/Year \_\_\_\_\_

Business Membership \$68/Year \_\_\_\_\_

CSA Right to Ride Donation \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

CSA SEEDS Donation \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional, SEEDS—Support, Education, Events, Development, and Safety)

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check payable to the San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club & mail to the address above.**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Snowmobiles: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsors' Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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