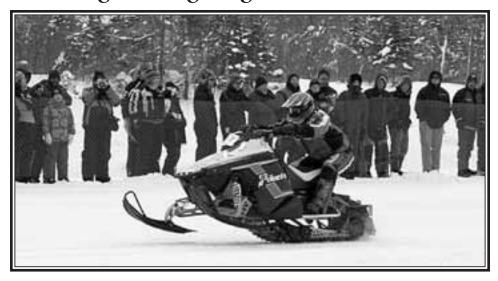
Ice Drags Among Largest in Atlantic Canada





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On February 11th, the small rural community of Sutherland's Lake will become a beehive of activity with 2500-3000 spectators vying for the best viewing spot while drivers and crew members of 100-200 sleds make last minute adjustments and get the machines checked and classified in the "Tech Tent" from 8-10 am.

The one day event is among the largest of its kind in Atlantic Canada. Machines are checked and placed in various classes from 8 - 10 am, with racing starting at 10:00 am going until the last race is run, which could be as late as 6:00 pm.

Peter Nelson, Sutherland's Lake heads up Sutherland's Lake Trail Association Groomers (SLTGA) and spends a lot of time during the winter grooming trails and providing leadership to the group. However in January and early February his agenda gets full ensuring the annual mid-February Ice Drags are as organized as possible.

The ice is ready and the lack of snow so far this winter has hampered members snow sledding activity, but it is an added bonus with respect to the February 11, 2012 Ice Drags. If there is snow, members must clean the ice of snow off the race course which measures 200 feet wide by nearly half a mile long. The race course is 200 feet wide by 2000 feet long with an additional 2,000 feet for shutdown.

Race participants pay \$10 for insurance, plus \$10 for each class for each machine entered. Admission price is \$5 per person.

Spectators won't go hungry or thirsty as the association provides canteen services and Tim Horton's, a major sponsor of the event will be there with their tent and a wide range of Nearby products. In Londonderry, the Thirsty Church Project will be hosting a homemade luncheon from 12 noon to 3:00 pm at the Londonderry Community Centre. Cost of the luncheon is \$5.00 per person.

On average 100 sleds have participated in the annual event, but the event can handle in excess of 200 machines. With the event continuing to gain in popularity each year, organizers are anticipating well in excess of 100 machines on February 11th. There are many thrills during the day in all classes, but the Pro-Mod and King of the Lake races are the ones getting the

Normally there upwards of 10 machines in the Pro-Mod class. Perry Power, Amherst and Dennis Mahar, Truro are but two of the Pro-Mod favourites. Mahar recently participated in the North Amercian races in Pennsylvania and is expected to be a favourite at Sutherland's Lake.

> See you there! February 11, 2012







Wizard of OZ to be Performed in May at WCCS



Students from grades primary through nine are eagerly preparing for a Spring BRE/WCCS production of "The Wizard of Oz." With the help of Director, Leana Todd and a "few" volunteers the show will be one to remember. (Lacey Gilley Photo)

By Lacey Gilley

The show will go on! On Friday January 13th approximately 34 students attended a meeting/ workshop at West Colchester Consolidated to determine the interest level in a production of "The Wizard of Oz." Everyone was enthusiastic and it should be a full

cast to skip down the yellow brick road.

Students from Five Islands, Economy, Bass Londonderry, Great Village, Portaupique and Glenholme will have the opportunity to work with director, Leana Todd of Truro. Leana recently moved from Halifax where

she was worked on many productions including Annie, Grease and Chicago. Most recently she was involved with the production of Peter Pan in Truro which included a cast of 20 with an audience of over 135 people.

Besides the talents of students and director, volunteers are needed for various aspects of the production including, but not limited to, set design and construction, lighting and sound and the overall production. Financial support is also welcome from any businesses, service clubs or individuals that may be interested.

If you require more information or have any questions concerning this production, contact any of the following: Leana Todd- 843-0373; Carolyn Cooper- 668-2004; Margaret Congdon- 668-2409; Rebecca Taylor- 668-2343 and Denise Gilley- 647-2291. Students will be meeting on a regular basis in preparation for a performance date in May!

SLTGA Ice Drag Results February 12, 2011

The following is race results from last year's Sutherland Lake Trail Groomers Association Ice Drags held on February 12, 2011.

Improved Pick and Chisel

501 – 600: 1st: Parker Cameron, Yamaha; 2nd: Scott Ossinger, Ski-Doo. 601 – 700: 1st: Peter Fahey, Ski-Doo; 2nd: Donald Burbine, Yamaha. 701 – 800: 1st: Kevin Cooke; 2nd: David Burbine, Yamaha. 801 – 900: 1st: Kevin Cooke; 2nd: Paul Dow, Yamaha. 901 – 1000: 1st: Perry Power, Arctic Cat; 2nd: Kevin Cooke.

Stock Pick and Chisel

501 – 600: 1st: Rene Giroud, Ski-Doo; 2nd: Scott Ossinger, Ski-Doo. 601 – 700: 1st: Jamie Robar, Arctic Cat; 2nd: Murchy Macdonald, Arctic Cat. 701 – 800: 1st: Jamie Robar, Arctic Cat; 2nd Joy Weatherbie, Arctic Cat. 801 – 900: 1st: Jamie Robar, Arctic Cat; 2nd Murchy Macdonald, Arctic Cat 901 – 1000: 1st: Murchy Macdonald, Arctic Cat; 2nd: Jamie Robar, Arctic Cat.

Improved Trail Studs

501-600; 1st: Chad Bower, Polaris; 2nd: Tom Bagly, Ski-Doo. 601-700: 1st: Darcy Isnor, Yamaha; 2nd: Randy Tattrie. 701-800: 1st: Darcy Isnor, Yamaha; 2nd: Randy Tattrie. 801-900: 1st: Stacey Willis; 2nd: Darcy Isnor, Yamaha. 901-1000: 1st: Cory Maclean, Arctic Cat; Darcy Isnor, Yamaha

Stock Trail

0-500: 1st: Clifford Chaison, Arctic Cat; 2nd: Jeff Gouchie, Ski-Doo. 501-600: 1st: Chad Bower; 2nd: Clifford Chaison, Arctic Cat. 601-700: 1st: Darcy Isnor, Yamaha; 2nd: Chad Bower, Polaris. 701-800: 1st: Stacey Willis; 2nd: Darcy Isnor, Yamaha. 801-900: 1st: Stacey Willis; 2nd: Darcy Isnor, Yamaha. 901-1000: 1st: Darcy Isnor, Yamaha; 2nd: Bill Bridges, Arctic Cat

Improved Open

1st: Ryan Doucette; 2nd: Joy Weatherbie, Arctic Cat

Pro Stock

0-700: 1st: Cory Maclean, Ski-Doo; 2nd: Paul Dow, Yamaha 701-800: 1st: Cory Maclean, Ski-Doo; 2nd: Kevin Cooke. 801-1000: 1st: Donald Burbine, Yamaha; 2nd: Ryan Doucette.

Vintage "A"

1st: Todd Cleveland, Polaris; 2nd: Tony Sharpe, Yamaha.

Vintage "AA"

1st: Todd Cleveland, Polaris; 2nd: Leigh Smith, Polaris. Vintage Mod Stock 3

1st: Ronald Gillis, Polaris; 2nd: Todd Cleveland, Polaris

Vintage Mod Stock 4

1st: Todd Cleveland, Polaris; 2nd: Bruce Buck.

King of the Lake

1st: Tyler Strong, Ski-Doo; 2nd: Perry Power, Arctic Cat.

