



**CLUB MEETINGS**  
 1st Thursday of the month @6:30 pm  
 31844 235th Lane, Aitkin, MN

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## President's Message

by President Steve Pearson

Another snowmobiling season is in the books. We had a couple of months of good riding, but lack of timely snowfall and untimely Florida-like weather damaged our trails late in the year. As usual Dean Fisher and Jeff Emery kept the trails in great shape for as long as the conditions held up.

Our two almost new Piston Bully groomers performed flawlessly as we hoped they would. Mille Lacs Trails is only able to afford good trail maintenance and grooming equipment because of charitable gambling at our sites scattered around the area. Christy Holloway and the team do a great job of managing the sites. Thanks to charitable gambling about 25 years ago we were able to buy the land and build the clubhouse and shop.

To boost monthly meeting attendance in the past few months we began serving a meal prior to the meeting and it worked, it has resulted in better attendance and participation. I hope we can continue this effort in the future. Just as a reminder, Mille Lacs Trails meets the first Thursday of each month.

The Annual Landowner Appreciation Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 2, to honor the more than 80 landowners who generously permit the use of their properties for our trails. Thank them when you get a chance, because without their cooperation we would not have the wonderful trail system we enjoy.

Our club will meet through the summer months. It is during these months we plan for the season ahead. We need volunteers to build a new warming shed for the Wealthwood trail as well as some bridge maintenance. We will be busy and need your help. We meet on May 7th, June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th and September 3rd. So, plan to attend and get involved with Mille Lacs Trails and help us support your local community.

IN HONOR OF OUR LAND OWNERS  
 AND CLUB MEMBERS OF  
 MILLE LACS TRAILS SNOWMOBILE CLUB



WE ARE PLEASED TO INVITE YOU  
 TO JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL  
**APPRECIATION DINNER**

**SATURDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2026**

5:30 pm Social hour | byob | 6:15 pm dinner  
 drawings and door prizes to follow

31844 235th Lane, Aitkin, MN 56431  
 Located just one mile north of Malmo on Hwy 47  
 (watch for signs)

Please rsvp by April 16, 2026  
 Christy Holloway 218.839.8878 or c.stiernagle@yahoo.com



*Thank You  
 Land Owners!*

*Thank You  
 Club Members!*

## BOARD MEMBERS

CEO ..... John Coombs  
 President..... Steve Pearson  
 Vice President ..... Bobbi Machesky  
 Gambling Manager..... Christy Holloway  
 At Large ..... Jeff Emery  
 Membership Director ..... Calvin Mattson  
 Grant Writer ..... Paula Eklund Fisher  
 Trail Administrator ..... Dean Fisher  
 Secretary..... Joy Borden  
 Treasurer..... Rachael Coombs

## CLUB SUPPORT

Clubhouse Activities Coordinator  
 ..... Don Wiebusch  
 Shop Coordinator ..... Doug Coil

**KEEP AN EYE ON OUR  
 FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE  
 FOR LATEST UPDATES.**

## Membership Update

*By Calvin Mattson*

Mille Lacs Trails has 88 active members for the 2025-2026 snowmobiling season. Our club welcomes our 4 new members: Steve and Dawn Schifsky, Richard Pierson, Rachael Coombs and Joy Borden. We had 30 members that didn't renew their membership this past winter. I would encourage you to renew it in the Fall of 2026 when our club membership drive and letter get mailed. It keeps our club strong and keeps the MN USA statewide organization vibrant. MN USA has over 9000 members.

MN USA supports our snowmobile interests in many ways. Among the most important is having a lobbyist to work with the state legislators to encourage them to pass beneficial laws and fight against legislation that would be detrimental to snowmobiling in general. Also, talk to your local legislators and tell them how important snowmobiling is to our statewide economy. I encourage you to peruse the MN USA website, which has been redesigned and has a lot of good information. If you are an active member and receive the "Minnesota Snowmobiling" magazine, your membership ID# and date of your membership expiration are on the magazine label.

Thank you for your membership and interest this past season!

## Grant Updates

*by Paula Eklund Fisher*

Last year we received a grant for a new piece of equipment to give us the ability to maintain our trails even better. We are still waiting for the signed grant paperwork so we can purchase our new UTV with Tracks.



**Your \$45.00 Membership to the Mille Lacs Trails includes a membership to Minnesota United Snowmobilers Assoc. They have a professional lobbyist to help gain funding and protect our trails.**

**What Are You Waiting For - Join Our Club Today!**

**ATV Safety  
 Training  
 Coming Soon!**



**WATCH  
 our FB Page or Website  
 for details.**

## ON-GOING ACTIVITIES FROM OUR SPONSORS

SPONSOR	BINGO	MEAT RAFFLE	PULL TABS/TIP BOARD
Castaways Resort	Tue. 6 pm	Thurs. 5:30 pm Sat. 1 pm	Pull Tabs Etabs Horse Races Tip Board
Farm Island Store			Pull Tabs Tip Board
Fishers Resort	<i>See you in the spring</i>		Pull Tabs Tip Boards
Glen Bar & Grill		Wed. 6 pm	Pull Tabs Etabs Tip Board
Green Lantern		Thurs. 6 pm	Pull Tabs Etabs Tip Board
Mudflats Bar & Grill	<i>See you in the spring</i>		Pull Tabs Etabs
Riverside Pub		Thurs. 5:30 pm	Pull Tabs Horse Races Etabs Tip Board

## Trail Update

by Dean Fisher

Well, this winter we didn't receive as much snow as we would like but it was more than the last two winters.

The heavy snow earlier in the season really helped the trails. If it wasn't for that it would have been tough to maintain what we did.

The winter weather really fluctuated this year by being cold then warm then cold again. With small storms throughout the season, it was just enough to maintain the trails.

Unfortunately, at this point there's not enough snow to continue to groom the rest of the season, so it looks like a wrap for this year.

Thanks to everyone that visited our trail system this winter and hopefully next year will be even better!



## Mille Lacs Trails Donates to the Aitkin Anglers

The Aitkin Angler Fishing Team are affiliated with the Aitkin Quarterbacks Club and the Aitkin Public School.

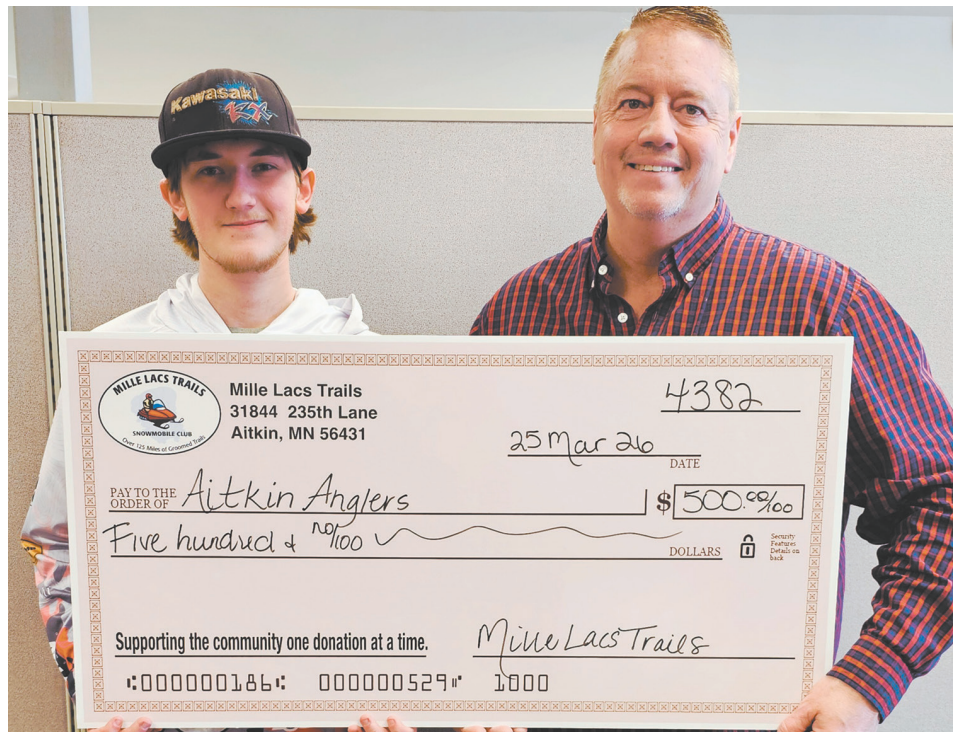
Anglers are students in 5th-12th grade. For more information about the team and how you can get your child involved, check out the email below. Or maybe you want to offer your time and captain a team around in your boat. If so, simply contact the Aitkin Angler Fishing Team at: [aitkinanglersisd1@gmail.com](mailto:aitkinanglersisd1@gmail.com)



### Share your photos and stories

If you capture some great photos on the trail anytime of the year, please share with us! We'd love to see them! And if it comes with a story, all the better!

email to:  
[MilleLacsTrails@yahoo.com](mailto:MilleLacsTrails@yahoo.com)



From left, Colton Weimer, member of the Aitkin Anglers, receives a donation from Jeff Tidholm, a member of the Mille Lacs Trails.

### Membership Dues \$45

Payable to Mille Lacs Trails  
Attn: Calvin Mattson  
31317 331st Place  
Aitkin, MN 56431

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Land Owner Appreciation Dinner	May 2nd
May 7th	June 4th
July 2nd	August 6th
September 3rd	

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