

Happy 2011, Folks!!

I hope you all enjoyed the merriest of holidays and that Santa was especially good to you this Christmas. All I asked him for was the ground to freeze up and the snow to fall so we could all experience some decent snowmobiling. Perhaps I'm delusional, but it seems to me that most of the white stuff which did manage to hit the ground was almost immediately washed away by rain. With that being said, I've got to wonder if Saint Nick was having a problem deciding whether I had been naughty or nice and if I should be punished or rewarded. Guess that's still up in the air!

As you may or may not know, I have on occasion harbored some doubts as to whether people actually read my ramblings in this publication. Well, those uncertainties were once again laid to rest this past month – twice in a three-day span, in fact. While out and about Christmas shopping, I ventured into Sam's Club and was immediately "confronted" by an acquaintance (not even a member of the Snowbirds) who wanted to know why I had no write-up in December's issue. Two days later, under old business or new (I forget which) at the club's regular monthly business meeting, the same question was posed – and all eyes focused on little ole me. With a new year having dawned, this seems like the proper time to get my act together, my brain in gear, and my fingers on the computer keys by the 15th of each month. I've been chastised enough, thank you very much.

I want to sincerely thank all of you who purchased and/or sold MSA Super Raffle tickets these past couple of months. Although we didn't quite reach the goal that I had set at the beginning of the campaign (a total of 1,000), we did top 2009's sales with the final tally numbering 943 tickets sold and \$783 added to the club's treasury.

Be sure to pick up a copy of the Bowdoinham Snowbirds' newly-updated, just-off-the-presses trail map, now available at most local business establishments. It's pretty impressive, if you don't mind me saying so myself; please check it out and give us some feedback. In addition to all re-routes and any new trails, this map features something a little unique - a border of "calling" cards of our supporting business members. As a way of partially funding this latest printing, the club came up with the idea of soliciting these businesses for some additional advertising funds. As you will see, they came through for us big time. Our deepest appreciation to each and every one of them for their overwhelming response to our latest request.

Until next month...

Yours in snowmobiling,

Bev Wallace