

**SNOW MUCH FUN** 

La Crete Polar Cats Snowmobile Club

or nearly 25 years, the La Crete Polar Cats Snowmobile Club (LCPCSC) has been serving snowmobile enthusiasts in the north with pride. As members of the Alberta Snowmobile Association (ASA), they work hard to provide safe and welcoming trails and facilities for their members.

"Our mandate is to provide a safe snowmobile environment with trails and facilities that people can use. We keep the trails maintained so people can enjoy them," said Brent Holick, LCPCSC President.

Holick has been president of the club since its inception. He says the club formed when a group of snowmobile enthusiasts in the La Crete area got together. They wanted trails that access both Wadlin and Talbot Lakes. They purchased a cabin in the Buffalo Head

Hills, and a few years later, bought a trail groomer.

"We used to ride the snow trails on the cut lines. A couple of years into the project, we got a groomer and started to groom the trails, and that's how the club developed," said Holick.

The club maintains two sets of trail systems—the Buffalo Head Hills trails and the Sand Hills trails-each with a cabin accessible to members of the ASA. The cabins provide a brief reprieve after hours in the elements, or, in the Buffalo Head Hills cabin, even a place to stay for the night.

"The cabins are probably our biggest projects. They give people a destination to go to and warm up, and they are just nice all-around facilities," said Holick.

The two sets of trails cater to different

kinds of riders, too.

"The Buffalo Head Hills trails are for the more adventurous folks who want to go out and do some powder and trailblazing, whereas the Sand Hills trails are a more family-oriented ride. The Sand Hills trails also connect to the trails of the High Level Watt Mountain Wanderers club by crossing the Peace River," said Holick.

Holick hopes to see more people coming out to enjoy the outdoors on their club's trails.

"A lot of people don't know we're here, and we're hoping to get more people out. For people who use the trails, we really appreciate that they respect them and support us," said Holick.

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