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## **“Diamonds in the Snow” Awards**

### **Recognize a Significant Contribution to Snowmobiling in Saskatchewan**

The Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association would like to invite nominations for our “Diamonds in the Snow” Awards. Saskatchewan snowmobilers and clubs can let us know who they believe are their “Diamonds in the Snow” under the following eight categories. The Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association and its Board of Directors may nominate in categories six and seven only. Judges may not nominate in any categories.

#### **AWARD CATEGORY**

Highlight/underline or bold only one

- 01 Outstanding Snowmobile Dealer of the Year
- 02 Outstanding Snowmobile Club of the Year
- 03 Outstanding Snowmobile Family of the Year
- 04 Outstanding Volunteer Snowmobiler of the Year
- 05 **Outstanding Junior Achiever of the Year**
- 06 Outstanding Business Contribution to Snowmobiling of the Year
- 07 Outstanding Snowmobiling Tourism Promotion and Development of the Year
- 08 Outstanding Volunteer Groomer Operator(s) of the Year

## **DUE MAY 1, 2014**

**Nominee name:** Candle Lake Sno-Drifters

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**Name of Nominator:** Carey Painchaud

**Signature of Nominator:**

**Date:** April 9, 2014

**Please email all submissions to:** [ssa.admin@sasktel.net](mailto:ssa.admin@sasktel.net) **or you can mail them to:** Box 533 Regina Beach, SK S0G 4C0. Please answer the questions for the appropriate category. Do not hesitate to use additional sheets to complete your submission. You may attach any documentation you feel might help provide a better evaluation of the nominee i.e. photos, videos, testimonials, magazine/newspaper articles, etc.

# **Outstanding Junior Achiever of the Year**

1. How old is the individual?

Kolton Lozej is 17 years old .



2. What snowmobile organization/club is the individual associated with? Do they attend club meetings?

Our club has many outstanding youth and they range from age 8-17. They all belong to the Candle Lake Sno'Drifters and they attend our regular meetings each month. Kolton has been a member since January 1997 the year he was born as both of his parents were avid snowmobilers and took him to monthly meeting at the clubhouse . He has continued to be an active member of the club by attending the regular monthly meetings and participating in many of the activities that the club hosts.

3. Has this nominee passed his/her safety course?

He has taken and passed the SSA safety course in which our club, The Candle Lake Sno'Drifters sponsored with the help of the SSA instructors in 2012



1 ½ years old and  
already knows to  
sweep the shelters  
out!







Riding on the lake at 2 ½ years old





Weiner roast and ride  
out to the old Bay  
Lake Shelter at 3 1/3  
years old with Dad  
and Mom.







Snow Cross Medal at 4 years old



Riding the track at the snow cross race

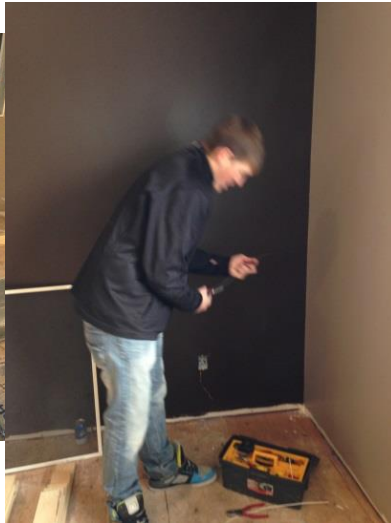
4. How long has the nominee been actively involved in snowmobiling? Does this nominee look after the maintenance of the snowmobile they ride?

Kolton has been involved with snowmobiling since he was 2 months old and his mom tucked him under her jacket in a snuggly and took him on his first ride around the trail. When he turned 2 years old his Dad went to Prince Albert and purchased him his first sled, a Polaris 120 cc which he drove around the yard and only having a couple of mishaps of driving over a few trees in the yard, and he soon progressed to riding on the lake behind their house and then when he was 4 he rode his 120 in the youth sno'cross races that the Candle Lake Sno'Drifters used to host.

Throughout these years he rode with his parents on the back of their sleds until he was too big and then he slowly progressed to a used 340 and then to a 500 cc and up to a new 800 cc this year. Throughout these years working with his dad they have been fixing and adding pipes and tracks anything to make it go faster. This year he was responsible for his first new sled and has been driving it on the trails to put signs up, clear trails, stock the wood sheds at the warm up facilities and ride the trails with family and friends. He put over 1400 miles since getting it in January 2013. He ended up having some engine issues with that sled and Polaris fixed it up and it was traded in on another 800 cc sled and even though this past winter has not been the best for weather he has still managed to put over 1600 miles on this sled before it got parked last week.

He is able to put many miles on his sled by either riding with his friends around the trails or when he rides with his family on club rides or is out volunteering his time stacking wood at warm up facilities or cutting brush to help with opening the trails in the beginning of the season. Kolton was very active in helping with the construction of our new clubhouse this year and was always available when needed to help with anything whether it was cleaning up the site or drilling holes or setting up tables.

Kolton has been a very active and great member of our club and his contributions to the club are much appreciated by all members.





5. Briefly describe some of the snowmobile projects/events that the nominee has been actively involved in over the past year.

At the SSA show in November at the Saskatoon Exhibition center Kolton enjoyed promoting our club at the booth that we shared with the Candle Lake Golf Course and he was selling our tickets for the draw that we were having on March 8, 2014 at our Annual 250 Rally..

On that same November weekend the snow hit our area Candle Lake and our trails were in the middle of a disaster zone because of the many downed trees across the trail. When it came time to start the clean up Kolton would go out every night to help his dad who was clearing trails with the Trackhoe and he along with another club member would drive fuel and drive a sled out to the site where the trackhoe had stopped for the night to pick his dad up and double him back to the house and it wasn't like it was a nice leisurely ride because during this December the temperatures dropped to a balmy -35 at night and it was a chilly and rough ride across the lake to get to the trail being cleared. Our annual 250 Rally which is held in March is our biggest fundraiser and Kolton is always there to either set up tables and chairs at the hall on Friday night or running around for the committees to pick up things that we tend to forget in the rush of the day. He goes out on the ride and helps out at the lunch served on the trail with the set up or the take down. Our club also had him on stand by as a designated driver for people that attended the 250 Rally supper and dance that felt that they were not able to drive back to their cabins safely because we encourage everyone to be safe whether on a sled or car.

6. Describe their volunteer activities with their local club or association under the headings of:

Leadership

Safety

Promotion

Environment

Trail Development

Fund Raising

Youth involvement

A) Leadership: Kolton shows leadership for our younger generation of up and coming riders, he is always good to take these younger ones for rides and in this showing them the proper way to ride and behave on the trail system.

B) Safety: Kolton is always on his best behavior and ensure that other riders are following the regulations of the trail system by using hand signals to warn all riders on coming or behind them.

C) Promotion: Kolton is active in promoting our trail system and our club to new comers in the community and takes them and their friends on rides and shows them the area as he is proud of the accomplishments of our club and is proud to take them for tours of the area on their sleds.

D) Environment: In the spring our snowmobile club is responsible for ditch cleaning about 15 km and since he could walk he has been out there picking garbage and helping to keep our community clean.

E) Trail Development: He is out every time we have a trail cleaning work bee and he is lifting trees and brush as much as any of the adults in our club. Kolton also joins the group that goes out for the trail signing and staking of the ice each year and at the end of the season picking up the stakes that need to be returned to the storage unit.

F) Fund Raising: As adults we maintain that they are in charge of the fundraising aspect of our club and encourage our youth to relax and enjoy the trail system that they help to maintain and will ultimately maintain in the future. In November our club attended the Annual SSA show in Saskatoon and Kolton helped out with selling tickets at the show on the Polaris 120 that our club was raffling off to help raise money for the club

G) Youth Involvement: He is a big part of the club and has always enjoyed the atmosphere of the kinship that our club has with all the members and he enjoys visiting with members during trail rides. Their involvement is seen as a good thing by all club members and they all comment how nice it is to see teenagers out and about and not getting into trouble or causing trouble in the community.

7. How has this individual promoted the further development of snowmobiling as a family activity?

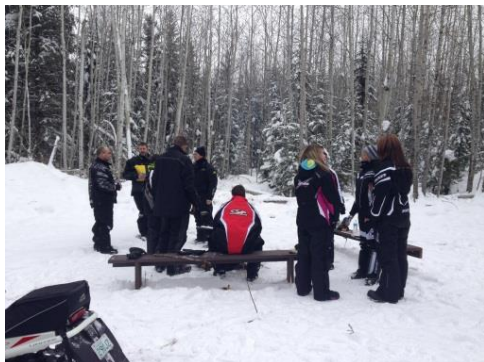
Each weekend our club members get together and have family rides to different warm up facilities and have lunch or supper on the trail and all of our youth including Kolton are always the first ones to ask where and when are we going. He loves to be with everyone and it shows as they are always with his family on these rides and he is always encouraged to bring a friend. Whether it is from school or another youth from the club.





8. Why do you think that he/she should be named provincially as this year's Outstanding Junior Achiever?

. We, as Sno'Drifters have decided this year to nominate Kolton Lozej as this year's Outstanding Youth because he exemplifies what our club feels the youth today should strive to be as he is family orientated, polite, out going with all people and he promotes group involvement. He should be named this year's Outstanding Junior achiever because he is a great outstanding youth and has made this year an outstanding year of riding. Together with families and friends he has made it an enjoyable year of spending time with him and our club enjoyed the quality time spent on the trails with him and his family and friends.



9. What were the highlights or accomplishments in the current season?

The accomplishments or highlights that Kolton has had this year is the great experience of riding on trails that he along with all the other youth of our club have all helped with by helping to get them ready for the snowmobile season. He has been able to say that he has had a big part in helping to get the trails and warm up facilities ready for the tourist and local riders.

Kolton along with some club members went out to stake the ice or sign trails this past winter and at the end of the season he along with members went out to collect the non permanent signs and stakes along the trails.

He also took pride in helping in the construction of our new clubhouse and attended all of our meetings and pot luck suppers at the new facility and he was there the morning that we received the phone call on March 23 when our new clubhouse was destroyed by the fire that night. He stayed with the fire department that morning and helped them with getting the area safe and by running to grab coffee and sandwiches for them from the local restaurant.

These are the reasons that  
KOLTON LOZEJ  
deserves the nomination for  
OUTSTANDING JUNIOR ACHIEVER



Enjoying Thanksgiving out at the Bay Lake Shelter



Family ride around the Shipman Trail



Getting a helping hand when he is stuck

Riding his sled in the fresh powder



Giving a helping hand to a Rylan who is stuck.



SSA Show booth and picking up signs along the trail