

CONGRATULATION KAY!

Local snowmobile club and member awarded



UPPER COUNTY – Saturday, June 10, at the International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, the Cascade Drift Skippers garnered two awards: the American Council of Snowmobile Association’s Snowmobile Club of the Year, and the International Snowmobile Club of the Year, which includes induction into ‘ISHOF’, the International Snowmobile Hall Of Fame.

Said CDS President, Christopher Mayer, “Our club was recognized for its history and community commitment, as well as strides made in safety training, awareness and club growth.”

Mayer singled out Kay Lloyd for “initiating and helping in the application process,” and Jason Holmes “for helping in the application process.”

In the club’s nomination letter, Lloyd, a member for nearly half a century, wrote, “I have watched them struggle thru incompetent leadership to become the club they are today and at the top of their game. They formed in 1969, and now have grown to a membership over 300.

“They are very involved online, using Facebook and the club’s website to network and keep members up to date.

“They’re also a part of the SMILE program on Amazon.com to bring in extra dollars for the Club so that it runs efficiently.

“They have worked with the four manufacturers to develop the Backcountry Ascender Program, which is now shared across the U.S. and Canada to improve backcountry riding and avalanche awareness skills.

“Lastly, they have held classes this winter to teach members how to use a beacon, probe, shovel and survival backpack. “

Lloyd recognized

Mayer said following the acceptance of the two awards, the Club moved to present Kay Lloyd with a proper Thank You Award.

“We presented her with an engraved, framed Thank You, recognizing her for a lifetime of support and contributions toward making the Cascade Drift Skippers the 2017 American Council of Snowmobile Association’s “Snowmobile Club of the Year”.

Lloyd has a long history in the world of snowmobiling.

In 1999 she was inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame, nominated for the honor by the Washington State Snowmobile Association.

As a member of the Cascade Drift Skippers Club, she rose through the WSSA ranks, serving as the Membership Secretary, Vice President, and two terms as President of the Washington State Snowmobile Assn.

She also was involved in public land use issues, making a commitment to preserving public access for all users.

She was a board member of the Public Land Users Society, and is a current Board Member of the BlueRibbon Coalition, a past Western Chapter Chair of the American Council of Snowmobile Associations and also served as a member of the Washington State Trails Advisory Committee, representing snowmobilers.

She was Co-Chair of the International Snowmobile Congress in 1991, then Chair in 1993.

It was Lloyd who signed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the ISC, a first for snowmobiling on BLM land.

It is said her efforts and organizational skills helped for the passage of the National Recreational Trails Fund Act in the U.S. Congress.

Lloyd went on to help form and develop the American Council of Snowmobile Associations, that represents Snowmobile Associations in 24 states, and she served as their first President from 1995 to 1997.

Lloyd was the Past Chair and on the Executive Board of American Trails. As part of her duties as Chair, she conducted the 14th National Trails Symposium in November of 1998.

It was in February 1994; Lloyd rode a snowmobile in Alaska's Iron Dog Race as a Trail Rider. She and 18 other riders also helped to raise dollars for the National Snowmobile Foundation, who then created, published, and distributed a Children's Activity Book to teach them safe snowmobiling habits.