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**MINNESOTA UNITED SNOWMOBILERS ASSOCIATION (MnUSA)**

**Presents the:**

**YOUNG SNOWMOBILER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Congratulations to Sabrina Teetzel of the Merrifield Marathons and Chris Geray of the Mahnomen Sno Drifters for being awarded “Young Snowmobiler of the Year”, each being recognized for significant contributions to snowmobiling in a very different way.

Sabrina Teetzel is a very enthusiastic young gal who is always willing to work at the MnUSA Membership Booth. For the past few years you will find Sabrina busily selling memberships at not only the MnUSA Minnesota State Fair booth but at grass drags around the state. Last year alone she was responsible for 30 new and renewal memberships. After talking with a fellow snowmobiler, her method of selling memberships more times than not results in selling another membership. It’s not only memberships she sells, but she’s always a top seller of raffle tickets for their local snowmobile club.



Sabrina Teetzel with MnUSA President Keith Twombly

This year Sabrina had a great experience as she accompanied her father to Washington, DC for the American Council of Snowmobile Association’s annual Fly In. This was a great learning experience for her as she visited with our representatives in Washington and helped spread the truth about snowmobiling.

When you talk to this young gal about snowmobiling, you can hear the excitement in her voice and see snowflakes in her eyes. She got hooked on snowmobiling at a very young age when her dad bought her an Arctic Cat 120 and that feeling hasn’t changed today. Sabrina is very dedicated to MnUSA and has been a great representative of our sport. Her future involvement in any club will make her a valuable asset.

Chris Geray from the Mahnomen Sno Drifters has spent over 50 hours of his time this year working on their club’s groomer, preparing the trails, and putting up trail signs. This past spring his snowmobile club purchased a different groomer that required a lot of work. Over the summer Chris, along with his father, spent many hours getting it ready for the season by building a new hitch for the drag, narrowing the track and front blade,

moving the hydraulic lines, and building a tool box. When it was all complete the groomer was factory quality.



MnUSA President Keith Twombly, Chris Geray and MnUSA Charity & Awards Chair, Mary Hilke

This fall the club added about 40 additional miles to their trail. Chris has always been there to help the club prepare the trails, but this year with the additional miles, he really stepped up, putting in many weekends before the season to get these new trails in shape by signing and brushing. According to members of the Mahnomen Sno Drifters, this young man contributes as much to the maintenance of the trails as any adult member.

In addition to all his work on the trails, our young snowmobiler does find time to enjoy the trails. He actively rides with other youth, he's got his safety certificate, he promotes safe riding, and he makes sure other youth he rides with knows the important role clubs have in providing and maintaining the trails.

Sabrina Teetzel and Chris Geray are members of MnUSA which works closely with the legislature, state, local and national organizations, such as the Department of Natural Resources and Explore Minnesota Tourism, to promote favorable snowmobile legislation, regulations and funding. The association and its volunteers have worked extensively to help develop Minnesota's snowmobile trail system – one of the most comprehensive systems in the country. Visit [www.mnsnowmobiler.org](http://www.mnsnowmobiler.org) for additional information.