



St. Germain Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club

Celebrating more than 50 years of Snowmobiling!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I am writing this 'President's Message', it is raining. It seems like late-March conditions instead of the middle of February. The weather is one thing we cannot control, even with snow dances. Early snow hindered the formation of good ice, which caused the cancellation of Hiller's Radar Run. This event is a major fund-raising event for our Club. The bikini racers were, however, able to donate \$100,000 to charity at an alternate event at the Community Center. Way to go girls; that is an excellent achievement. We also participated in the annual Arrowhead Groomer Show which netted us a nice profit; thank you Clint and Katie Hamblen for inviting us to your event.

The early snow did give us a good base for our trails. We had excellent snowmobiling throughout our system as well as all of Vilas County. Because we had such good conditions, we also had an abundance of riders on our system. This season has seen one of the highest rates of accidents and complaints of off-trail riding as well as irresponsible riding. Snowmobiling in Wisconsin is possible because of volunteers taking care of the trails and generous landowners giving us the use of their land. Please respect the landowner's property, don't spin your track every chance you get, and give the groomer drivers a thumbs up for all they do. If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all. If you are not happy with the system, volunteer and help make the changes you think are needed.

You may have noticed an increase in the Club's Facebook activity, and we are also getting a fresh look for next year's newsletter. All this is because of the hard work of Robin Lindberg and Roxanne Platz. We are very fortunate to have these ladies move us into the new social media times.

Keep an eye out for future fundraisers: coming up are Bingo, the Classic Sled Round Up, and our 10th Annual Golf Outing.

Thank you, Bo-Boen members, for electing me as your President. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

Best Regards,

~ Bob 'Ozzie' Ausloos, President

DO WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?

Watch for our new & improved newsletter coming later this summer. We will be modernizing our look and are excited for the new format, which will provide many benefits such as greater flexibility, enhanced pictures & graphics, links to sign-ups, and websites to visit. The new electronic format will also make viewing and sharing the newsletter easier and more consistent across all your electronic devices.

If you are receiving the newsletter via e-mail now, there is no change, and it will pop into your inbox when ready. **If you are currently receiving the newsletter via US mail, please send your e-mail address to info@boboen.com as soon as possible, and we'll add you to the distribution list right away so you don't miss any important news.** And, as always, our newsletters will continue to be accessible on our website.

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ELECTIONS

Thursday, March 16th
Knocker's Pizza Company

Cocktails: 6 pm

Dinner Payment Due: 6:45 pm

Dinner: 7 pm

Menu Selection

- ♦ Roast Beef Tenderloin with gorgonzola sauce and rice blend
- ♦ Chicken Marsala with rice blend
- ♦ Seafood Macaroni

The cost is \$30/person, and all dinners include salad, rolls, grilled vegetables, dessert, coffee, tax and tip.

Members are responsible for payment of their reservation whether they attend or not. Make checks payable to Knocker's.

Please RSVP on or before Saturday, March 11.

~ Kay Schultz, Secretary
(715) 542-3912



CLUB ELECTIONS—MARCH 16

The election of officers and directors will take place at our March 16 membership meeting, beginning at 7pm, at Knocker's Pizza Company.

For those unable to attend the meeting, our club Secretary will be available for you to vote starting at 6pm that evening, or you can vote with an absentee ballot. To do so you will need to request a ballot from our Secretary, Kay Schultz, by calling (715) 542-3912 or sending an email to gks.found@gmail.com no later than March 9, 2023. Once your membership is verified, a ballot will be mailed to you with a return envelope. After you have completed the ballot, it will need to be sent back by U.S. mail to P.O. Box 192, Saint Germain WI 54558. **Ballots must be received by March 16 to be counted!**

Family memberships, map advertisers, and landowners get two votes; Single memberships get one vote.

Candidate Statements



PRESIDENT - ROGER KLEIN: I have accepted the nomination to run for President. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past two years as President-Elect and volunteering for the Bo-Boen events and fund raisers. I have been a Bo-Boen member for 13 years and previously served six years as a director and two years as the Apple Dumpling Gang President. I am a Wisconsin DNR Certified Snowmobile Safety Instructor and have been one of the Bo-Boen instructors in eight of the past annual classes. I have a deep respect for the members and all of their time and efforts spent volunteering to make the Club what it is. I also respect the officers and directors of the Club, as well as the grooming team, for what they have accomplished. My goal is to continue to do all I can to support and contribute to the excellent reputation of the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club. This includes supporting the efforts to maintain the best snowmobile trails, continuing our partnership with the town of St. Germain, its businesses and organizations, and our membership. I am sincerely asking for your vote and support.

SECRETARY - KAY SCHULTZ: Where does the time go? I can't believe that I am finishing my 10th or 11th year as Secretary. As most of you know, I have always stated that I do not snowmobile & I still don't. But I do believe that snowmobiling has played a key role in making St. Germain into the community that it is today. I would like to help in that trend. Thank you for your support.



TREASURER - ED SIERGIEJ: I have accepted the nomination of the election committee to run for another year as your Treasurer. I am looking forward in working with the other elected officers and directors to keep our club the best and the largest in the state of Wisconsin. Snowmobiling is an important part of the success of our community. Once again I ask for your support.

DIRECTOR candidate statements appear on Page 3; there are two Director seats open.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE - PRESIDENT ELECT



JOE DOMENICO: Although not being officially nominated, I have accepted an invitation to become the next President Elect. Twenty some years ago my wife, children Joe Jr. and Angela, and myself came to St. Germain to experience snowmobiling with some friends. We landed here by chance after not finding accommodations next door at the "Snowmobile Capital of the World". After 5-6 visits that winter we learned where the true center of the snowmobile world really is and fell in love with this place to say the least. That following spring we found a lot on Little Saint and that summer and fall my family, friends, and local help were able to build a cozy little cabin. By the New Year's holiday we were hosting 14 snowmobilers and have been snowmobiling in earnest ever since. Since retiring as an airline pilot 2 years ago my wife and I have moved here full time and have since enjoyed becoming active volunteers in St. Germain. Personally, I became a Fire Fighter with SGVFD and then an EMT with our ambulance service. I have no experience with the club to boast about or to offer, but as an EMT being on recent snowmobile accident calls, I can say promoting safety while snowmobiling within Bo-Boen club area will be my utmost priority. Furthering and preserving the enjoyment we offer on the best trails to be found anywhere will be a close second.

BO-BOEN BANNER FUNDRAISER



You can get your very own Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club banner for just \$35! If you are interested in purchasing one, please send a private message to [our Facebook page](#) with your email address, or contact:

Bob Strand
nfarmfeedyards@aol.com
815-739-3508

Candidate Statements



DIRECTOR - JOHN LINDBERG: I've been nominated again! My wife Robin and I recently moved here from Wauconda, IL. We've been snowmobiling together since the early 80's. The Wisconsin Northwoods has always been our favorite destination and we are so happy to now live here in St. Germain. Back in Illinois, I held multiple positions with our local clubs and was active with our state association, IASC. This makes me very familiar with the organization's operations, funding, membership, and challenges. I've already volunteered to help at a few Bo-Boen events. As Assistant Sign Master, I've done a lot of work with Jeff Horvath upgrading the signing on our World Class trail system. I enjoy riding with the Apple Dumpling Gang. I want to be involved in helping keep the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club and its trail system the BEST around. I'd appreciate your consideration.



DIRECTOR - SHARON SUBEL: I have spent an active 25 years in St. Germain, serving in many community service venues. A Wisconsin native, Sharon grew up in the Muskego area and attended Muskego High School. After graduating, she received her nursing degree from Milwaukee County Medical Complex School of Nursing. I worked in intensive care nursing, cardiac nursing and worked for 10 years at St. Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab. She spent two years as a nurse clinician for Cardiology Physician's Group. She also worked for several private practice physicians. I am currently working for Compassus Home Health and have been there for 16 years. "I love my patients. They are amazing!" In 1997 I had the opportunity to move to St. Germain. My family had a cottage on Squaw Lake when I was younger, and I fell in love with the area. "As a member of multiple service organizations, I find that serving on the board for the Bo Boen's, is another way for me to serve the community, and keep our snowmobiling club's history on the map. Included in my long list of volunteer roles, she was the president of the Star Lake/Sayner Lionesses for three years. I am a volunteer on the St. Germain Fire Department and Rescue Service, both in the past and currently. I am a very active member of the St. Germain Evangelical Free Church. I also sponsor the 2 Stokers snowmobile racing team. I am running for the Board for the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club, as I find that I am very passionate about snowmobiling, our members, and management of our trail system. Although this is my first year as part of the Bo Boen Tribe, I am looking forward to working alongside other board members, and members in an ongoing effort to continue the legacy of our club. I want to help facilitate and maintain our awesome Snowmobile club, ensuring it lasts well into the future. I have been involved in snowmobiling since being a kid, as a teenager our family spent many winters enjoying the trails in the Northwoods. I have lived in St. Germain for 25 years, and initially belonged to the club back then. Family life and work took me away from the sport until several years ago when I became involved in Snowmobile Racing. I now have my own sled and am looking forward to once again enjoying the sport and the many trails our club manages.



DIRECTOR - FRANCINE SUCHOCKI: I was born and raised in Chicago. Cermak and Kedzie area then my family moved to the south side by Midway Airport. I started snowmobiling in the 1993-94 season after Wayne and I got married. Wayne snowmobiled in his younger days and asked if I wanted to try it. I took a snowmobile safety class and we got a pair of 1982/83 Yamaha SS440's. I searched for us to join a snowmobile club in Illinois where we previously lived. We joined several clubs looking for the right fit and distance to meetings. I held several positions in these small clubs. I attended the Illinois Associations of Snowmobile Clubs regional meetings. We are now permanent residents of St. Germain since late last year. We have been snowmobiling the St. Germain area for the past 25 years. I had us join the Bo-Boens several years ago. We would come up here for two weeks and enjoy meeting members at the February dinner meetings and Wednesday club rides. I worked for Jewel Food Store for 32 years in every type of neighborhood in the city and suburbs. I held various positions and responsibilities there as cashier, bookkeeping, accounting, training, in-store human resources, scan coordinator and service department assistant manager. I was a volunteer at a therapeutic horseback riding facility for people with disabilities. For 20+ years I volunteered at several dog rescue organizations. I assessed dogs for rescue, fostered/trained countless dogs, managed fundraisers, interviewed prospective adopters and many miles of transporting. After leaving Jewel I worked at two dog care facilities as an assistant manager. I am needing to learn to be more computer tech savvy but I can get by. Wayne has a flip phone and doesn't text. I keep him in the loop on what is going on with the Bo-Boens and the community. I love being an active volunteer in the community and club activities. I tend to jump in and just do things where I see a need, as some may have seen at the Groomer Show concessions this year. Plus I like to bake, it is very relaxing. I am looking to be an asset to the Bo-Boen club utilizing my talents and implementing new ideas to keep snowmobiling alive and well in the Northwoods for the community as a whole.



DIRECTOR - KYLE SZOTT: My name is Kyle Szott. I've lived in St. Germain for over 20 years, but my family has been here since the early 1940s. My grandparents owned Richards Resort here in Saint Germain and my grandfather (Joe Richards) was one of the founding members of the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club. My family have always been avid snowmobile riders even before I was born. I've been snowmobiling all my life and look forward to snowmobile season every year to share my joy of snowmobiling with my four children. My wife Shelby & I have been members of the snowmobile club for three years now. I feel fortunate to live in St. Germain surrounded by Bo-Boen snowmobile trails. I look forward to the opportunity to be more involved with our snowmobile club and it would be my honor to serve on the board as I hope to carry on the great traditions already instilled but also look forward to all the possibilities the future holds for the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club. Thank you for your consideration.

THANK YOU

For helping us reach a new membership milestone!



SECRETARY'S REPORT & MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

I realize that I missed writing a report last month, so I have some things to make up for. It has been a very busy time despite the fact that the Radar Run was cancelled. That kind of thing is always such a disappointment because of all the time that has already been invested in the planning. The World Championship Derby was well attended as was the Badger State Games Torch Ride. Jim & Sue Dubore carried the torch for the Bo-Boen portion of the ride. The nominating committee has come up with a slate of candidates for the election on March 16th. Members Josh Renkes and Bob Strand and a group of volunteers worked together to organize a club "Fun Day" that took place on February 18th. The sale of the old trail signs was a huge success. All in all, it has been a very good year for snowmobiling so far. Hope you have had the chance or are planning on using our trails this winter.

The last two membership meetings have been a great success and require some thank you's. First, on January 10th we had our dinner/meeting at Sportsmen's Chalet. With 56 people in attendance, Laurel and Gary did a great job as usual. The meal was terrific and of course the homemade dessert with hand-picked berries was beyond outstanding. Thanks to Gary, Laurel, Rochelle, Adam and Peggy. On February 16th, Clearview Supper Club hosted 62 of our members for dinner. Once again, Chef Shawn made a dinner that was second to none. Everything was done and served to perfection. A big thank you to Kris, Connie, Shawn and the rest of the "Clearview Crew" for making our evening extra special.

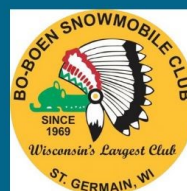
~ Kay Schultz, Secretary

SIGN SALE A BIG SUCCESS!

The sale of our old trail signs on January 28 was an unexpected and overwhelming success. We sold most of the signs in the first 90 minutes, and when it was all done, we only had a few miscellaneous signs left. As such, we had to cancel the February 18 sale. All told, the club made a profit of \$2,300, which will help offset the cost of our new signage. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported our Club through this sale.

Special thanks to our Assistant Sign Master John Lindberg, who put in many hours working alongside me during the year, refreshing and replacing these signs throughout our system. And a big thank you to all our volunteers who helped with the sale.

~ Jeff Horvath, Sign Master



**Win A \$50
Gift Certificate**

Show Us Your Trail Pictures!

Photo Contest



Simply post your Bo-BoenTrail(s) pictures to your Facebook Page and either "check-in" to the St Germain Bo-Boen FB Page or Mention/Tag the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club in your post through February 28th and be entered into our drawing.



We hope you are enjoying our series about the history of the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club. We welcome anyone to share their own knowledge with us for possible inclusion in a future newsletter. Please email your stories to info@boboен.com. Thank you, and enjoy the trail down memory lane!

HIGHWAY J MEMORIAL SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE



Construction of the Highway J Memorial Snowmobile Bridge was completed in December, 2011. Bev Dittmar, who is a long standing Bo-Boen Club member, Past-President, and former Board Member, was on the Governor's Council at that time and helped to facilitate this much needed bridge to keep us connected without having to use private property to get over the Rainbow Flowage. The St. Germain Chamber donated \$3,000 to the bridge project, which was our share of the construction costs. Those monies were raised through the Room Tax.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE CLASSIC SLED ROUND UP!

The Snowmobile Hall of Fame will hold their annual Classic Sled Round Up at the St. Germain Town Park on Sunday, May 28, 2023. The Round Up features vintage snowmobile displays and one of the best swap meets in the Midwest. It is a fun event that is very well attended by sledders and enthusiasts from across the country.

The Bo-Boen Club will again be running the concessions for this event, which is a key fundraiser for our club. As such, we are looking for volunteers to help cook and serve our delicious burgers and brats to hungry customers. Since it is a holiday weekend, it is a great opportunity for out-of-towners to help and meet other members in the club.

The event runs from 7 am to 3 pm and we will have two shifts, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, so as not to take up your whole day. [If you are interested in cooking or serving, please click here to sign up.](#)

SIGN UP NOW →

Thank you for considering this opportunity.

~ **Jeff Horvath**, Event Chair

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President Ozzie Ausloos accepts donations from Beverly Vail on behalf of Women on Snow (left), and Mary & Bruce Weber of Little Saint Express Mart (right), at the February meeting held at Clearview.



ARROWHEAD GROOMER SHOW ~ 2023 ~



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS & ARROWHEAD GROOMERS/HAMBLEEN EQUIPMENT!

Once again Bo-Boen volunteers and friends turned out in record numbers to support the Club. Events like this cannot happen without your generous donation of time and treats!

We would also like to congratulate Clint Hamblen and his entire team for putting on another world-class show, and thank them for continuing the food-service partnership with our Club. We are already looking forward to next year!

Ozzie & Peggy Ausloos
Don & Marie Baumann
Tony & Karen Cantele
Doug Christensen
Joanne DeWig
Dennis Dieter
Joe & Cheryl Domenico
Janelle Ewen
Bill Humphries
Carla Klein

Linda Leone
Robin Lindberg
Mike & Roxanne Molitor
Julaine Nampel
Kris Nielsen
Greg & Roxanne Platz
Nancy Reid
Kristin Renkes
Ron Rhodes
Jim & Val Rybarczyk

Judy Schell
Geri Shambo
Barb Steinhilber
Thomas Stobbe
Bob Strand
Wayne & Francine Suchocki
Shelby Szott
Jim Wendt

*Please accept our sincere apology and
Thank You if we missed recognizing
anyone else who helped in any way!*



BADGER STATE GAMES



SNOWMOBILE TORCH TOUR

1/20/2023



Photos clockwise from left:

- ♦ Thanks to Mother Nature's cooperation, **Jim & Sue Dubore** (the 2023 Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club Torch Bearers), were able to fulfill their duties via snowmobile.
- ♦ **Sue & Jim Dubore** visit with our 2022 Torch-Bearers, **Roger & Carla Klein**, at the Club groomer barn.
- ♦ A record crowd gathered outside the Club groomer barn as the torch was handed off to the Dubore's.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME OUT!



Four years ago, the Town of St. Germain was granted the Snowmobile Friendly Community designation by the AWSC (Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs). This designation needs to be updated every four years, so this is our year. I submitted the renewal application in December and received word that our designation has been renewed for another four years!

This task is not an easy one as the application is quite involved. Many thanks to our Town Chairman, Tom Christensen, and our former Chamber Executive, Penny Strom, who were very instrumental in our first application and to our current Chamber Executive, Carrie Schalinski, who assisted me in getting the necessary updates. Last but not least, I would like to thank the Bo-Boen Board members that secured several Commercial Sponsorships which we were lacking on our first go-round.

~ **Peggy Ausloos**



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

February 28	Facebook Photo Contest ends
March 7	Board Meeting
March 16	Membership Meeting & Elections Knocker's
May 28	Classic Sled Round Up
August 27	10th Annual Golf Outing

St. Germain Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club 2022–2023

Officers & Directors

President:	Bob "Ozzie" Ausloos	
President—Elect:	Roger Klein	
Treasurer:	Ed Siergiej	
Secretary:	Kay Schultz	
Directors:	Bob Strand	Greg Platz
	Dianne Dieter	Janelle Ewen
	Jeff Horvath	Josh Renkes
Past President:	Steve Soltwedel	
Trail Boss:	Jim Wendt	

Sunshine Report

A Sympathy card was sent to Doris Vretfors on the passing of her husband, Alf.

Get well cards were sent to Bob Schulz and Steve Hausner.

Please contact Judy Schell at (715) 542-2321 or judithschella@hotmail.com when you have information on births, members who are ill or hospitalized, or in need of a bit of cheer, sympathy, or encouragement.