



# St. Germain Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club

*Celebrating more than 50 years of Snowmobiling!*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all have had a chance to ride our beautiful Vilas County trails. Our club and those around us have been doing a remarkable job of creating enjoyable trails. We were fortunate to have avoided tree damage from the Christmas snow and wind. The little damage we did have was handled quite aptly by our crew of drivers and sign guys. That snow did, however, stick on the trees for weeks and that created a true winter wonderland. Even simply driving down the road every turn was one beautiful scene after another, which proves this really is God's country. There is still plenty of winter yet to come, so make some time to ride!

Look for details about our upcoming Club event on Page 6 of this newsletter. Josh Renkes and Bob Strand are planning this event for Saturday, February 18 to include a bonfire, hot chocolate, hot dogs etc. We will be hosting the activities along the trail by the Community Center to make it easy for everyone to find us by snowmobile or by car. This will be our first attempt at this type of event, and your participation would be appreciated - we look forward to seeing you there!

Lastly, we have our annual election for the Board of Directors coming up in March, with nominations to be announced at the February meeting. If you are interested in becoming a director or an officer, contact a member of the Nominating Committee (see Page 5) to throw your name into the hat. You will not regret expanding your participation in the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club.

~ **Bob 'Ozzie' Ausloos, President**

## RADAR RUN CANCELED

The 2023 Hiller's Radar Run, scheduled for February 3-4, has been canceled due to poor ice conditions. The safety of the racers, spectators and volunteers was a key factor in reaching this difficult decision. You can watch the video announcement on Facebook by [clicking here](#). Stay tuned to their page for future announcements on how you can continue to support this event, and the benefiting charities who will be most affected by the cancellation. There is still plenty to see and do in St. Germain, so we hope to see you out on the trails.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who signed up to work at this event!

## THE NEWSLETTER IS GETTING A FACELIFT!

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](mailto: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.

## FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Thursday, February 16th**  
**Clearview Supper Club**

**Cocktails: 6 pm**  
**Dinner Payment Due: 6:45 pm**  
**Dinner: 7 pm**

### Menu Selection

- ♦ Prime Rib served with baked potato (limited quantities)
- ♦ Chicken Cordon Bleu served with Hollandaise sauce and baked potato
- ♦ Meatballs Chantelle served over pasta with vodka cream sauce

The cost is \$35/person, and all dinners include salad, rolls, dessert, coffee, tax and tip.

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

Please RSVP by Thursday, February 9th.

~ **Kay Schultz, Secretary**  
**(715) 542-3912**

## PASSING A GROOMER

*Hear from one of our dedicated drivers on meeting the groomer on the trail:  
the do's, don'ts, and most importantly, the why's!*

Depending on the setup, the Tucker with the Arrowhead drag weighs about 45,000 lbs. My length is 45 feet and width is 9.5 feet. It's going to be very difficult to pass on a narrow trail. What should YOU do?

First of all, as soon as I see you, I begin to look for a passing solution. If you are behind me, keep following me and get your group together. Stay behind me so I know you plan to pass. If I lose sight of you, I may think you turned around. As soon as I see a suitable spot, I will stop. I know the trail very well and may need to drive a mile to locate a good spot. Usually, I find a spot within a few hundred feet. Do NOT pass me while I am moving.

When I am ready for you, I may dim or flash my lights. I will turn on my cab light so you can see me. My rig will go into neutral.

I cannot pull off the trail. There are hidden objects like stumps just below the snow and my machine will find them. I will move over as much as possible. After I stop, slowly move around me. You may have to ride in deep snow. You can do it! Take your time. I'm not in a rush. Snow machine versus groomer is dangerous.

If you approach me from the front, I don't have the luxury of looking for the greatest spot. If one presents, I will stop, and you can go around. When you see me, stop immediately so I have more distance to look for a passing lane. Don't pull off the trail, I cannot pass you. You may have to turn around and go back to an intersection or wider spot.

Why can't I pass you? My machine and drag can throw rocks, ice, and even big branches. If you decide that that is the ONLY way for us to pass, you must be far enough from me where I think it's safe (more than 10 feet). I can back up but it's rather difficult. Look at any boat ramp in the summer and try to imagine doing it in the snow, dark and with trees everywhere.



If you see any branches hanging over the trail, we would appreciate it if you can break and move them. It's difficult to get out and take care of these obstacles in the middle of the night.

Give me a wave or a thumbs up as you go by. It makes my job worth it.

*~ Kirby Giampa  
Bo-Boen Groomer*

## **ARROWHEAD GROOMER SHOW**

**WHEN**  
**February 1, 2023**  
**9am-4pm**  
**February 2**  
**9am-2pm**

**WHERE**  
**Arrowhead  
Groomers**

6351 Hwy 70 E., St. Germain, WI 54558

**RIDE AND DRIVE NEW  
EQUIPMENT!**

**FREE ENTRY**

**LUNCH  
AVAILABLE**  
Provided by the St.  
Germain Bo-Boen  
Snowmobile Club

**HOSPITALITY  
GATHERING**  
Wednesday 2/1 at the  
Whitetail Inn starting at  
5:30pm for all Groomer  
Show attendees with  
pass

Come check out the  
latest trail grooming  
equipment! You know  
you want to...



## TRAIL UPDATE - CLOSURE

There is a small section of Club trail closed between TIN 287 and 288. The trail is known locally as the "Goat Trail". Watch for the Trail Closed signage, and please stay off the trail!

[Sportsmen's Chalet](#) is accessible from the west.

## FROM THE TRAIL BOSS

The snow gods looked favorably on us for the Christmas/New Year week, but it has really turned sour since. Temperatures have been moderate, no significant snow has fallen, and rain has entered the picture. Our trail system has avoided major damage but is hanging on by a thread. We are working with what snow is out there on a regular basis, but may have to adjust. Our new equipment has worked out well except for a couple of minor electrical issues.

I have another outstanding staff of drivers keeping our trail system the best it can be. If you run into any of them wearing their driver jackets, please thank them for their dedication and devotion to the club. Staff members are:

Eagle River Run: Shawn Savel (Crew Chief), Tim Schwulst & Tom Erdes

Buffalo Lake Run: Jeff Horvath (Crew Chief), Greg Platz & Kirby Giampa

Town Run: Tony Cantele (Crew Chief) & Dale Mayo

Sayner Run: Brad Miller (Crew Chief), Mark Schmidt & Don Grundy

Dam Lake Run: Jim Wendt (Crew Chief), Joe Tegland & Fred Suchy

I would also like to recognize our Maintenance Technician, Terry Pare, and his crew members Bob Brown & Wayne Suchocki. They keep our equipment in top running condition. This entire crew of dedicated Bo-Boen members are the reason we have the best trails in the state!

Please start praying to the snow gods to deliver snowstorms to our very worthy Bo-Boen club...we really need it.

Happy Trails!

~ *Jim Wendt, Trail Boss*



### Are You Following the Bo-Boen Facebook Page?

Launched in December 2009, the Bo-Boen Facebook page has a healthy and loyal following. The focus of the page is closely aligned with the Club's mission: maintaining and supporting the best snowmobile trail system in the Northwoods. It continues to gain popularity. So much so, we added 460+ followers since Thanksgiving, exceeding 10k followers right at the end of the year!

We have been ramping up our activity as the season gets underway. Our recent posts, including events, reached 83k friends, fans, friends of friends, and business connections. Compare that to 25k reaches for the same period last year. Top posts focused on groomer updates, relevant news and posts from others, map sponsors, PSA's, and positive feedback from friends and fans!



**Show us your trail pictures!** We would love to share your happy faces. Simply post your pictures to your page and either "check in" to the Bo-Boen page or mention the Bo-Boen club in your post. Either way, we'll see it and can share it. **Check-in, tag, or mention us in a snowmobile-related post now through the end of February to be entered in a \$50 Gift Certificate drawing from your choice of our Trail Map Sponsors. Post multiple times for multiple entries. (Please, no alcohol in pictures.) We will draw the winner on March 1, 2023.**

The page is managed by our Admin Team of Robin Lindberg, Roxanne Platz, Diane Misina, Ozzie Ausloos, and Ed Siergiej.

Please visit [facebook.com/boboen](https://facebook.com/boboen) to follow the page and like our posts. Feel free to reach out to an Admin or messenger the page with ideas and suggestions. They are always welcome.

~ *Robin Lindberg*

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# OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY

## Bo-Boen Trail Signs for Sale

If you are interested in acquiring some of our older and vintage Bo-Boen trail signs that were replaced this year, now's your chance. To facilitate the sale of these signs, we will open the groomer barn on the following dates to allow members and businesses an opportunity to select some signs and take them home for a small donation.

**Saturday, January 28, 2023: 9am – noon**

**Saturday, February 18, 2023: 9am – noon\***

*(\*February date is tentative based on remaining sign inventory—watch Facebook for updates.)*

The donation range for these signs will be between \$2 - \$30, largely dependent on size. Signs will be available on a “first-come, first-served” basis, and must be picked up at the barn. Cash only, please.

**ROUTE  
SIGNS**



**WARNING  
SIGNS**



**OLD INFO  
SIGNS  
(44 AVAILABLE)**



**ALUMINUM  
INFO SIGNS  
(40 AVAILABLE)**

Our groomer barn is in the St. Germain Community Park area, behind the Fire Station. We hope you can come by to claim a piece of Bo-Boen's history and proudly display these cherished keepsakes at your home or business. You can also check out your awesome groomer barn that is ground zero for all that we do as a club.

Until then, think SNOW!

~ Jeff Horvath, Sign Master

# CASH RAFFLE

Tickets for our highly anticipated club cash raffle are now available. Tickets are \$100 each, with a maximum of 100 tickets sold.

Cash Prizes are 1<sup>st</sup> \$3000, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$1000, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$1000, 4<sup>th</sup> \$500, 5<sup>th</sup> \$500.

The following businesses have tickets available:

Bauer's Dam Resort  
Fibber's Bar & Restaurant  
Knockers Pizza Company  
Paul's Rent-All  
Sportsmen's Chalet  
St. Germain Sport Marine  
The Timbers Bar & Grill

Out-of-town members wishing to reserve a ticket can send a note via e-mail to [info@boboan.com](mailto:info@boboan.com). The drawing will be held at our March dinner meeting, and you need not be present to win.

If your business would like to have tickets to sell, please contact Ed Siergiej at (715) 493-7736.



The Overnight Ride to Four Seasons Island Resort in Pembine, originally scheduled for January 11-13, was postponed due to poor trail conditions in the eastern part of the trip route. It has been rescheduled to February 21-23. Hopefully conditions will be favorable by then.

The **Apple Dumpling Gang** rides to lunch every Wednesday when conditions permit. We meet at the Bo-Boen Groomer Barn, depart at 9 am, and usually return by 3 pm. Remember to bring cash!

If you would like to receive communications pertaining to the **Apple Dumpling Gang**, including last minute details on the weekly ride, send your contact info to [ax52man@gmail.com](mailto:ax52man@gmail.com) or call Wayne at 815-978-4116.

~ **Wayne Ax**, Leader of the Gang

## ELECTION INFORMATION

Officers are elected to a one-year term. Officer positions are President, President-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary. A President may serve for not more than two consecutive terms. There are two Director positions open each year, and Directors are elected to fulfill a three-year term. The slate of candidates will be presented by the Nominating Committee at the February Membership meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at that time. A sample ballot and a statement from the candidates will be published in the March newsletter. The election will take place at the Membership meeting on March 16, 2023.

Anyone interested in either a Director or Officer position should contact one of the following Nominating Committee members for more information. Nominations need to be in by February 16th.

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Gary Groff        | 715-477-1510 |
| Joanne Dewig      | 708-788-6561 |
| Larry Chamberlain | 715-605-2727 |
| Paul Bohnen       | 715-479-5841 |
| Tom Christensen   | 715-479-4930 |

The Tellers Committee will be provided with a membership list, and members attending the March meeting will be asked to register with them to receive a ballot upon arrival. Voting will take place during the meeting, which follows the dinner, when the President calls for ballots. The ballots are tabulated and the winners are announced before the end of the meeting. The new officers and directors take office and assume their duties at the April Board meeting.

Anyone wishing to vote by absentee ballot must request a ballot from the Secretary in writing. An e-mail will do; send your request to Kay Schultz at [gks.found@gmail.com](mailto:gks.found@gmail.com) up to seven days prior to the election (March 9, 2023). No requests for absentee ballots will be accepted after that date. Absentee ballots must be returned in the envelope provided, sealed and mailed. If you receive your ballot via e-mail, please be sure your return envelope is marked **ATTN: Ballot**.







SNOWMAN  
CONTEST

HOT  
CHOCOLATE

# Snowmobile Scavenger Hunt, Brat Fry & Bonfire

**Saturday, February 18th**  
**St. Germain Community Park 10-3p**

FAMILY  
FRIENDLY

PRIZES  
&  
RAFFLES

MEET THE MEMBERS  
&  
JOIN THE CLUB

Registration Fee  
Includes:

on-Trail Scavenger Hunt  
Lunch & Trail Map

**For Questions & Fees:**  
**(715) 891-2646**

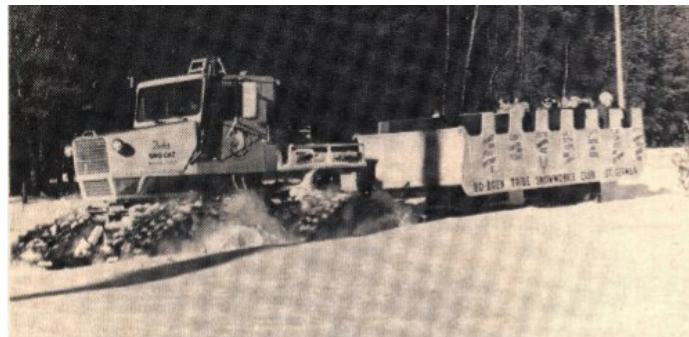


We hope you are enjoying our series about the history of the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club. We welcome anyone to share their own knowledge with us for possible inclusion in a future newsletter. Please email your stories to [info@boboen.com](mailto:info@boboen.com). Thank you, and enjoy the trail down memory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

The following article & picture appeared in a 1977 edition of the *St. Germain News*, published by the St. Germain Chamber of Commerce.

### **\$43,000 LEVELING EQUIPMENT MAINTAINS BO-BOEN TRAILS**

St. Germain is known for the finest snowmobile trails in the upper mid-west. Before the snow falls, many days are spent improving the trails, the approaches to the bridges, and the marking system. To maintain the area's reputation of having the best network of maintained trails in the state, the Bo-Boen Club purchased a Tucker Sno-Cat in 1975. This is powered by a 318 Chrysler engine. The Sno-Cat groomer has been so successful that a second Sno-Cat was purchased for the 1976-1977 winter season. A visitor to St. Germain can travel hundreds of miles on marked and maintained trails. At the junctions of the trails, directional signs have been erected to point the way for those snowmobilers who are not familiar with the area. Guests in St. Germain can enjoy a day of trail riding by following the signs to Lake Tomahawk, Sayner, Boulder Junction and Eagle River. Most of these trips can be made on one tank of gas, but for those who want a little extra insurance, gas and oil can be purchased at many of the pit stops and the communities at the end of the trails. The active Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club in St. Germain has developed 100 miles of well groomed trails in the community and these link up with a network of 500 miles of trails in Vilas County. Many resorts and



supper clubs now stay open for the winter season and all of these accommodations have direct access to the trails. Pictured on this page is the Tucker Sno-Cat and club sleigh used to give rides to non-snowmobilers in the community. Both Tuckers use Maxey drags to level the trails. To help maintain the equipment, trail decals and booster patches are available at most of the pit stops and establishments in the area for a \$2.00 donation. A new project for the club this year is a Safety Flag with the Bo-Boen emblem at \$3.50 each. Again this year the Bo-Boen Club will sponsor a 100 mile and 500 mile patch ride. If you have previously completed these safaris and have received these patches you can now earn 100 and 500 mile chevrons. After completing these safaris ten times you will receive a 1,000 mile and 5,000 mile chevron compliments of the Bo-Boen Club. The snowmobile club of St. Germain used the history of the area in choosing its name "Bo-Boen" which is Chippewa for winter fun. The winter has opened up a new beauty to the guests, many who have never seen the snow flocked trees with their hanging branches, heavy with snow.

### **Ride with the Champs**



February 16-18, 2023  
<https://www.snowmobilehalloffame.com/>







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## Sunshine Report

Please contact Judy Schell at (715) 542-2321 or [judithschella@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

### St. Germain Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club

2022–2023

#### Officers & Directors

|                         |                     |              |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>President:</b>       | Bob “Ozzie” Ausloos |              |
| <b>President—Elect:</b> | Roger Klein         |              |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>       | Ed Siergiej         |              |
| <b>Secretary:</b>       | Kay Schultz         |              |
| <b>Directors:</b>       | Bob Strand          | Greg Platz   |
|                         | Dianne Dieter       | Janelle Ewen |
|                         | Jeff Horvath        | Josh Renkes  |
| <b>Past President:</b>  | Steve Soltwedel     |              |
| <b>Trail Boss:</b>      | Jim Wendt           |              |

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| January 26-29    | Women on Snow Weekend   |
| January 28       | Trail Sign Sale, Groomer Barn   |
| Jan. 29 - Feb. 1 | Women on Snow Tour  |
| February 1 - 2   | 25th Arrowhead Groomer Show   |
| February 7       | Board Meeting   |
| February 16      | Membership Meeting - Clearview  |
| February 16-18   | 39th Ride with the Champs   |
| February 18      | Trail Sign Sale, Groomer Barn<br>(tentative-watch Facebook for updates) |
| February 18      | Bo-Boen Scavenger Hunt/Brat Fry/Bonfire, Community Park                 |

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN ST. GERMAIN

February 18      Awassa Trails Candlelight Ski, Snowshoe & Fatbike

Visit <https://st-germain.com/event-calendar/> for other area events.