



St. Germain Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club

Celebrating more than 50 years of Snowmobiling!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Another great season of snowmobiling on the Bo-Boen trail system has ended. The mid-March snow storms provided the grooming crew just what was needed to make some excellent end of season trail riding. Thanks to Trail Boss Jim Wendt and his crew of

groomer drivers for their dedication to our trail system.

As I begin my term as President of the biggest and best snowmobile club, I want to express my thanks to the membership and the Board of Directors for their confidence and support of me in this role. I am looking forward to it. Thank you to Greg Platz and Jeff Horvath for their three years of service and contributions as Directors of the Club. Even though they decided not to run for another term, they will continue as groomer drivers, chairing events, and volunteering for Club activities. Very special thanks to our Trail Boss, Jim Wendt, who has decided to retire from that role. Jim has lead the charge, giving the Bo-Boen's the best groomed trails, equipment, and groomer barn that is the envy of all other clubs. Jim will continue on as a groomer driver. I have recommended Fred Suchy for the Trail Boss position. In accordance with the Club's By-Laws, the President appoints the Trail Boss and the Board of Directors approves the appointment at the April Board meeting. I have also recommended Terry Pare be designated for the maintenance aspect. Thank you to Ozzie Ausloos for his years of service and dedication to our Club. Ozzie will continue on the Board as Past President. Congratulations to our new President-Elect Joe Domenico, and new Directors John Lindberg and Kyle Szott. I look forward to working with them, as well as the other Board members and the membership. And, a big thank you to everyone who volunteers and makes this Club what it is. Speaking of volunteering, we have the Classic Sled Round Up, St. Germain Chamber Bingo, and our Golf Tournament fundraisers happening in the coming months. We need and appreciate your help with these events.

Our regular newsletters will begin again in September, but you can stay up to date by following the Bo-Boen Facebook page and our website.

- Roger Klein, President

In Memoriam



Kathryn "Kay" Schultz

It is with great sadness we share the news of the passing of our dear friend, Kay Schultz, on March 23, 2023. Kay had been recently re-elected to serve her 13th term as Club Secretary.

The Secretary's Report on Page 4 of this newsletter was written by Kay prior to her passing. We will all miss her dedication and countless contributions to our Club.

[Click here to read the full obituary.](#)

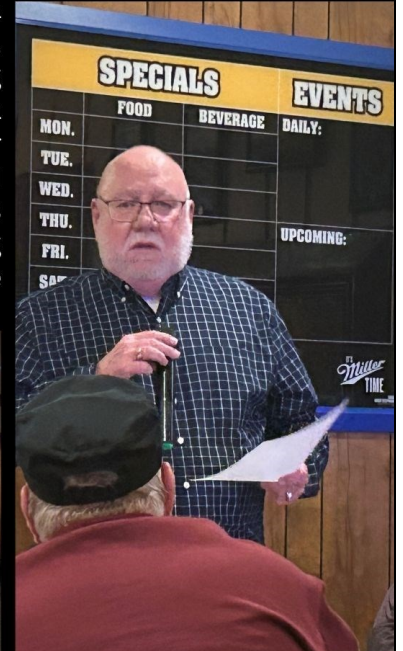


Click the above image to watch Roger Klein accepting his new role as 2023 President of the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club (2:39)



MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

If you missed the March meeting, you missed quite a lot! *Clockwise from top-center:* Jim Wendt received a plaque of appreciation for his 28 years as Trail Boss, Kay Schultz was thanked for her many years planning our monthly dinners, Ozzie Ausloos received a standing ovation after his heart-felt goodbye as our President, 61 attendees filled both the upper and lower dining rooms, Roger & Carla Klein joined us remotely from Puerto Rico where they were attending their son's wedding, Ozzie and Ed Siergiej drew the winning tickets for the cash raffle.



CLUB ELECTION VOTING RESULTS

The election of Officers and Directors took place at our March membership meeting. Thank you to all of the candidates for stepping forward with such eagerness to help our Club continue to thrive. Thank you also to outgoing Directors Jeff Horvath and Greg Platz for their service to the Club. Below is the 2023-24 Board of Directors. The newly elected Officers & Directors, indicated below with an asterisk, will take office at the April Board meeting.

PRESIDENT

ROGER KLEIN*

PRESIDENT-ELECT

JOE DOMENICO*

SECRETARY

KAY SCHULTZ*

TREASURER

ED SIERGIEJ*

DIRECTORS

DIANNE DIETER

JANELLE EWEN

JOHN LINDBERG*

JOSH RENKES

BOB STRAND

KYLE SZOTT*

PAST-PRESIDENT

BOB "OZZIE" AUSLOOS

CLUB CASH RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Club cash raffle. All 100 tickets were sold, and the Club raised \$ 4,000 in funds. Thank you to [Bauer's Dam Resort](#), [Fibber's Bar & Restaurant](#), [Knocker's Pizza Company](#), [Paul's Rent-All](#), [Sportsmen's Chalet](#), [St. Germain Sport Marine](#), [The Timbers Bar & Grill](#), Kay Schultz and Ed Siergiej for selling tickets. The winning tickets were drawn at our meeting on March 16, 2023:

1st Prize \$ 3,000

Tod Schlesinger - Mendota, IL

2nd Prize \$ 1,000

Glenn Miller & Don Dietz - Conover, WI

3rd Prize \$ 1,000

Lori Mosca - Sandwich, IL

4th Prize \$ 500

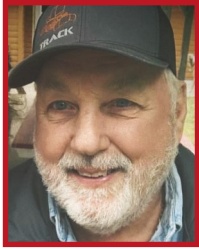
Al Breck - Saint Germain, WI

5th Prize \$ 500

Kay & Gary Schultz - Saint Germain, WI

CONGRATULATIONS!

FROM THE TRAIL BOSS



Well, the end has finally come. This will be my last article written for our Club newsletter. As most of you know, I retired as your Trail Boss as of March 31st and will, with the vote of our Board, turn the operations side of the Trail Boss position over to Fred Suchy. Fred has been involved in snowmobiling for over 30 years and brings a wealth of knowledge to our program. I have known Fred for many years and consider him a valued and trusted friend. As Fred takes over operations, Terry Pare will take over the maintenance aspect. Terry comes to us with heavy equipment and diesel engine experience. Terry is also a master fabricator, having built many tools, trailers, motorcycles, and implements to name a few. These two men will, I'm sure, keep our program going in the right direction. I will not be going away completely, as I will continue to drive my beloved Tuckers for the Club and will handle the procurement duties for new equipment each off season.

As I relinquish my Trail Boss duties, I have so many people to thank for making my time in that position such a joy and as fulfilling as possible. I have worked with seven different Presidents, and 28 different Boards. I have made many Bo-Boen friends and acquaintances that mean so much to me, and I will miss you all. I would like to sincerely thank the many drivers that have worked for me over the course of my career. These men have devoted so much time and energy to become very qualified groomer operators. I could not have achieved the success I've enjoyed without their dedication and loyalty. I also want to thank the wives and families of these men for supporting their love for grooming. We have become a family of folks supporting the Bo-Boen club with their time and efforts. Gentlemen, I love all you guys!!

I have also enjoyed the unwavering support of many vendors and suppliers over the years that have made my job easier. The folks at Track Inc. for building, selling, and delivering the Tucker Snow Cat, the finest snow grooming equipment in the world! The folks at Lulich Implement for our New Holland tractors. Peter and Dan Lulich have been trusted friends and a dealership that I could not have lived without. Charlie Vogel, Dave Walker, and now Clint Hamblen have provided our Arrowhead drags. They have proved to be the best in the industry. I truly loved working with all of you ... Charlie, I really miss you! Kent Knitt, Jim Kelsey, Larry Hicks, Jim Harman, Rolle Pinno, and

the many Town crews all provided support or services to the club during my time as your Trail Boss.

I truly hope the snowmobiling community, and most importantly the Bo-Boen family, all appreciate the time and effort I gave to the sport we all love and cherish ... it's been a hell of a ride!!!!
THANK YOU!

~ *Jim Wendt, Trail Boss*

ONLINE SURVEYS NOW OPEN

The International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association would like to get to know you better. Please take a moment to fill out one or both of these surveys so they can better serve you next season:

[Tell us about yourself](#)

[How many miles do you sled each year?](#)



MEMBERSHIP CORNER



As the season comes to an end, I would like to thank all our renewing and new members. Your support again this season has been fantastic. Our Clubs' total memberships hit an all-time high of 1,236. Thank you for your terrific support.

As a reminder, your AWSC membership will expire on June 30th. Discounted trail passes cannot be ordered through the AWSC until after that date, and not until your Club membership is renewed. We will send out our renewal notices as summer winds down. Please try to renew upon receipt, which will give you plenty of time to order passes and receive them in time for the trail opening (usually mid-December). Early renewals also help reduce the membership processing time. Please note: if you happen to send your renewal in via our website prior to receiving our main renewal notice, they will be processed periodically when the numbers make it warranted to do so. You will be advised by email when it is processed.

I hope you had a chance to get on the trails this winter. Have a great summer and I will be in touch in early September when we start our renewal process.

~ *Ed Siergiej, Membership Chair*



The 2022-2023 snowmobile season was very challenging weather-wise. The Gang was able to ride on six Wednesdays but didn't ride on five of them. The first ride was on January 4th and the last ride was March 15th. Our largest group to ride was 21 on February 1st when we rode to Cross Country Bar and the smallest group was three on March 15th to the Pea Patch. We averaged 12 riders per ride. We only had one sled mishap at Bent's Camp when one wouldn't start after lunch. The Dumpling who attended the most lunches was Tom Nampel with 10 out of 11.

The winners of the "First 4-Inch Snowfall" guessing contest, submitted at the kickoff dinner in November, were Ann Strait and Jeff Horvath. Ann and Jackie Horvath guessed the exact day, but Ann was closer on the time of day. Jeff and Larry Chamberlain were 100+ hours on both sides of the day and time, but Jeff was eight hours closer than Larry.

The overnight trip to Four Seasons Island Resort in Pembine, originally planned for January, was rescheduled to late February, but eventually cancelled due to poor trail conditions over the two routes we would have taken. This is a destination worth visiting, we just have to get luckier on weather.

The end of season dinner was held on Sunday, March 19th at Fibber's, where 17 Dumplings and 15 spouses attended. Because it was such an uneventful riding season, there weren't too many gag honors to recognize. Most notable was the poor fuel range of my sled, which resulted in me making gas stops on nearly every ride, when nobody else had to. There were also two attempts to do lunch without paying. One was detected due to good recordkeeping by the leader, and the other by the very honest rider who confessed at the Outpost.

Unless there is a coup, I will lead the Gang again next year. And I will get a gas can for my sled...

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT & MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Another snowmobile season has come to an end. Hope everybody was able to get to St. Germain to enjoy our great trails.

On Thursday, March 16th, we had our last membership meeting of the season. A big thanks to Barry & Shelley and the Knocker's staff for the wonderful dinner and service. They outdo themselves every time we go there. The entire evening proved to be bittersweet. Ozzie will no longer be President. Congratulations to Roger Klein, our new President, and Joe Domenico, President Elect. Ed Siergiej will once again be Treasurer. I keep saying that if Ed ever retires, the Club will have to disband because nobody could fill his shoes. Newly elected Directors are John Lindberg and Kyle Szott. Congratulations to them; but Sharon Subel and Francine Suchocki should not give up - there is always next year. Jim Wendt is retiring from his Trail Boss position that he has held for 28 years. As for me, I was re-elected Secretary, but after 12 years, it was the last dinner that I was organizing. I am passing that torch to Shelby Szott, who I am quite sure will do a fabulous job.

It's hard to believe that summer is right around the corner. Sure hope that it is not one of those hot and humid summers. Keep an eye on the newsletter, website or Facebook page for updates to the Bo-Boen calendar of events. Have a happy, safe summer.

~ **Kay Schultz**, Secretary

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@boboan.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.

THANK YOU BO-BOEN TRAIL LANDOWNERS

The Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club thanks all of the landowners across our community who are gracious enough to allow marked snowmobile trails to cross their property. Without your generosity and support, there would be no St. Germain trail system for our members and visitors to enjoy. We greatly appreciate you!



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*

(312) 206-0772 | jnjhorvath@gmail.com

15th Annual Community Chicken Dinner St. Germain Women's Service Club



Sunday, May 7th • 3 - 8 pm

Pub 'n Prime

Meal includes 1/2 Broasted Chicken, 3 sides, a roll, and dessert. \$18 donation, tip not included. Take-outs will be available. Don't forget to check out the basket raffles inside!

Advanced tickets are required: contact Audrey at (715) 479-8924 or Barb at (715) 479-6550.

Welcome to BO-BOEN SNOW COUNTRY



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!

OFFICIAL BO-BOEN PIT STOP



Do you remember the “Official Bo-Boen Pit Stop”? This photo, found in our archives, was reportedly taken in the 1970’s by the family of Doug Leasure. If you have any information about the location or history of this Pit Stop, let us know by emailing info@boboен.com.



Snowmobile Friendly Town Awarded

St. Germain received the four-year renewal of the Snowmobile Friendly Town designation at the 2023 AWSC convention on March 25th in Green Bay. Pictured above are: Dave Newman (AWSC), Jim Wendt, Peggy Ausloos, Ozzie Ausloos, and Lori Heideman (AWSC).

PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

Thank you everyone for sharing your Bo-Boen trail photos with us on Facebook. We had 18 entries in the drawing that tagged the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club. There were many more photos of trails and happy riders! We spun the wheel for the drawing and **Karen Cantele** was the winner. Here’s a look at two of the pictures she shared:



18th Annual Classic Sled Round Up Sunday, May 28th | 7am - 3pm St. Germain Community Park

Featuring vintage snowmobile displays and one of the best swap meets in the Midwest. Food served all day by the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club. Awards will be presented at 3 pm. There will also be a raffle drawing for a 1979 Cross-Country Arctic Cat at 3 pm.

For additional information, or to register, visit www.snowmobilehalloffame.com.

St. Germain Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club
2023–2024 Calendar of Events

Tues. 4/11/23	Board Meeting
Tues. 5/2/23	Board Meeting
Sun. 5/28/23	Classic Sled Round-Up
Mon. 6/5 - 8/28/23	St. Germain Chamber Bingo
Tues. 6/6/23	Board Meeting
Sun. 7/2/23	St. Germain Independence Day
Thurs. 7/6/23	Board Meeting
Tues. 8/1/23	Board Meeting
Sun. 8/27/23	10 th Annual Bo-Boen Golf Outing
Tues. 9/5/23	Board Meeting
Tues. 9/12/23	Membership Meeting
Tues. 10/3/23	Board Meeting
Tues. 10/10/23	Membership Meeting
Sat. 10/21/23	Club Brushing Day
Tues. 11/7/23	Board Meeting
Tues. 11/14/23	Membership Meeting
Sat. 11/25/23	Lighting Up St. Germain
Tues. 12/5/23	Board Meeting
Sat. & Sun. Dec. 9 & 10/23	Snowmobile Safety Class
Tues. 12/12/23	Membership Meeting
Tues. 1/2/24	Board Meeting
Tues. 1/9/24	Membership Meeting
Fri.-Sun. 1/26-1/28/24	Women on Snow Weekend
Sun.-Tues. 1/28-1/30/24	Women on Snow Tour
Fri. & Sat. 2/2 & 2/3/24	Hiller's Radar Run
Tues. 2/6/24	Board Meeting
Wed. & Thurs. 2/7 & 2/8/24	26 th Arrowhead Groomer Show
Tues. 2/13/24	Membership Meeting
Sat. 2/17/24	Scavenger Hunt & Family Fun Day
Tues. 3/5/24	Board Meeting
Tues. 3/12/24	Membership Meeting

Please watch the newsletter for updates or changes to events.

BO-BOEN BANNER FUNDRAISER A BIG SUCCESS!

Our recent banner fundraiser turned into a huge success with over \$1,500 in orders. If you missed the March pick-up dates, we'll soon be in touch for a local pick-up. Banners are \$35, and shipping is available for an additional \$15. To take advantage of this option, please send your shipping address along with your \$50 check (\$35 for the banner + \$15 for shipping) to:

Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club - Banner
 PO Box 192
 St. Germain, WI 54558

Once your check is received, we will ship your banner. If you missed the pre-sale, watch for another opportunity this fall.





St. Germain Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club
PO Box 192
St. Germain WI 54558

INSTALLING SPRING

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KEEP RIDING YOUR SLED.
YOUR FRIEND, WINTER

St. Germain Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club 2023–2024 Officers & Directors

President:	Roger Klein	
President—Elect:	Joe Domenico	
Treasurer:	Ed Siergiej	
Secretary:	Kay Schultz	
Directors:	Bob Strand	Josh Renkes
	Dianne Dieter	John Lindberg
	Janelle Ewen	Kyle Szott
Past President:	Bob “Ozzie” Ausloos	
Trail Boss:	To be appointed	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

April 11	Board Meeting
May 28	Classic Sled Round Up
August 27	10th Annual Golf Outing
October 21	Club Brushing Day
December 9-10	Safety Class

See page 7 for the complete
2023-24 Calendar of Events!

Sunshine Report



A Thinking of You card was sent to Penny McCormick.

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.