



# St. Germain Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club

*Celebrating more than 50 years of Snowmobiling!*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Who's thinking about snowmobiling in August? Your Bo-Boen Board of Directors and our Trail Boss, Jim Wendt, that's who! Jim and his crew are getting the overgrown brush cut back from the trails. Our Signmaster, Jeff Horvath, and his crew are riding the trails and straightening and/or replacing old, outdated, or broken signs. Jeff is also on a mission to update the old informational signs; you know, the brown signs at the intersections helping you decide what direction to travel. As you may know, the Bo-Boen trails are recognized for some of the best riding in the country. Signing plays a big part in that recognition.

Kay Schultz, our dinner meeting coordinator, has all of our meetings lined up for the 2022-23 meeting schedule. Kay works with the restaurant owners to come up with a great meal while holding costs down. We are extremely fortunate that our network of supportive bars and restaurants continue hosting our dinner meetings year after year.

Meanwhile, your 12-member Board has been in contact with all of our supporting businesses to advertise in our 2023 trail map. As you know, there is a shortage of help nationwide and here in the North we are in the same predicament, so getting facetime with the decision makers to obtain artwork and ad changes was difficult. But in the end, it all seems to get done.

A big Thank You goes to the St. Germain Chamber of Commerce for the grant we recently received. See page 3 of this newsletter for details on one of our grant projects already underway.

And lastly, a big Thank You to Roxanne and Greg Platz as the team leaders for our part in Monday night Bingo. The Bo-Boens again worked with the St. Germain Chamber of Commerce to hold Bingo at the Community Center. Not only was this a fun event to work, but this team was also able to earn some very nice cash for our club. We'll report on the final tally next month.

Our Golf Outing is August 28, and there is still time to sign up. Janelle Ewen and Kristin & Josh Renkes have chaired this event. I'm sure it will be a success again this year.

Hope you all enjoyed your summer.

~ Bob 'Ozzie' Ausloos, President

St. Germain Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club

9th Annual

**DRIVE WITH THE GROOMER DRIVERS**

Golf Scramble

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022**

**TROUT LAKE GOLF CLUB**

MAGIC PUTTS \* RAFFLES \* MULLIGANS \* 50/50 \* AND MORE!

[Click here to download registration details](#)

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### SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, September 15th

(note change to Thursday for September)

**Clearview Supper Club**

Cocktails: 6 pm

Dinner Payment Due: 6:45 pm

Dinner: 7 pm

#### Menu Selection

- ♦ 10 oz. Ribeye
- ♦ Two Pork Chops with Garlic Aioli
- ♦ Atlantic Salmon Filet

The cost is \$35/person, and all dinners include salad, rolls, baked potato, dessert, coffee, tax and tip. Dessert is Strawberry-Rhubarb Cobbler with ice cream.

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

Please RSVP by Thursday, September 1st.

~ Kay Schultz, Secretary

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# SECRETARY'S REPORT & MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

I can't believe that another summer is coming to an end. At least this one was not as hot as last year. I sure hope that everyone was able to get out and make the most of the great summer activities here in St. Germain.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help, encouragement and support during Gary's illness and recovery. It is always great to know that we have wonderful friends who genuinely care.

As for the membership dinners, I was able to set up all seven dinners. They are as follows:

Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> - Clearview Supper Club

Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> - Fibber's Bar & Restaurant

Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> - Knocker's Pizza Company

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> - Whitetail Inn

Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> - Sportsmen's Chalet

Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> - Clearview Supper Club

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - Knocker's

Please take note in the timeline for the dinners there is now a 6:45 pm deadline to check in with me and pay for your dinner. This will allow me time to put away everything (cash box, paperwork, etc.) and enjoy the dinner along with all of you.

Finally, I am sad to say that this will be my final year for planning the dinners. I believe that it is time to 'pass the baton'. I will be more than willing to help somebody new with this task. It is a wonderful way to get to know the owners of the various restaurants and to meet new friends. I always enjoyed the fact that I got to see everyone at least once during the evening. Now after a 12-year run, I hope somebody new wants to volunteer.

~ Kay Schultz, Secretary



*Introducing the first in a 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](mailto:info@boboен.com). Thank you, and enjoy the trail down memory lane!*

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

As you may know, the name Bo-Boen is derived from the Indian language, and means "winter fun". But do you know how that came to be the name for the Club? Here's how the story goes:

They were all gathered at the Thunderbird Pass and someone was talking to John Scott, the Sheriff, on the phone. There was an Indian in the jail at that time, so they had the Sheriff ask him what the Indian phrase for fun in the winter time was, and he said Bo-Boen, thus the name of our Club! *(story found in the Bo-Boen archives, author unknown)*

This got us thinking about other interesting names we hear about within our Club, namely the Apple Dumpling Gang and the Boo-BBB's, so we went to the respective historians for each of those groups and learned the following back-stories:

I had a big surprise when digging into the archives to find out how the Apple Dumplings were named. For years everyone thought it was about the pastry the guys had when they would meet to ride on Wednesdays at the garage of their founder, Cliff Drews. Instead, they are actually named after a 1976 Disney movie, *The Apple Dumpling Gang*, starring Don Knotts and Tim Conway! Cliff Drews is quoted in a 1989 *Action Magazine* article describing the Disney movie characters..."who were a bunch of old guys who got together and robbed banks..." and went on to say "We don't rob banks but we are a bunch of old guys who all ride together and sometimes even get into a little mischief". The gang's first ride was on January 20th, 1982 and the Apple Dumpling name was actually suggested as a good fit by a guest rider, Don Schulpius, on their February 23rd ride of that first year. *(submitted by Bob Schell)*

Where did the name Boo-BBB's originate? When I joined this group of ladies that ride every Wednesday during the season, the name was explained to me this way: the group of women who formed the Boo-BBB's many years ago were determined to ride without the help of men. This meant starting their sleds (no electric start then), repairing (such as spark plugs, belts, etc.), and finding their way on the trails. Every so often something did not go as planned so they would declare "we made another boo-boo" which eventually led to the name. *(submitted by Peg Ausloos)*



## SIGN REFRESH PROJECT UNDERWAY

As part of the St. Germain Chamber of Commerce's "Destination Marketing Organization Grant" recently awarded to the Club, there is funding designated to do a significant refresh of the warning and informational signs throughout our trail system. While our current signage has been positively acknowledged by riders and members alike, we want to ensure our trail signs remain in top notch shape by replacing the old, outdated, and damaged signs.

Many of these signs have been in place for over 30 years and have faded to the point of being ineffective. Some have encountered trail mishaps via fallen trees or have been used as targets by sharp-shooting hunters. Others are outdated and will be replaced with a new design. While we replace our damaged signs each year, we have never had the funding to do a major refresh like this until now.

Since June, we have been systematically riding our trails and changing out signs and broken posts while replacing missing signs (not sure where they went). To date, we have replaced over 160 warning signs, blazers and route signs along with 120 signposts. If we see a sign leaning or twisted, in most cases we must replace the post. While this work continues, our next area of focus is to replace some of our 155 brown informational signs. Our goal is to complete most of this project by this upcoming season and finish it next summer.

Having proper trail signs not only facilitates a safe riding experience, it also makes snowmobiling more enjoyable, especially for those new to the sport. Our club continues to invest in our trail system with a goal of being the best in the state and ensuring St. Germain remains THE destination for snowmobiling in Wisconsin.

I would like to thank John Lindberg for his dedication and long hours of work on this project and Ozzie Ausloos and Steve Soltwedel for their guidance as I take on this new responsibility.

Signing off!

~ Jeff Horvath, Signmaster



Old & New Informational Signs

## NEW ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE IN

### THE BO-BOEN STORE

We are excited to announce that we have added four new apparel items to the Bo-Boen store. Available now are women's long and short sleeve Sport-Tek V-Neck Tees in a wide range of vibrant colors. Additionally, we added Port Authority Fleece Vests for both men and women with our beautiful, embroidered logo displayed on the left chest. We have sizes to fit all.

Check out these new items and our full line-up of Bo-Boen gear at the Bo-Boen Store ([www.boboen.com/store](http://www.boboen.com/store)).

#### **Women's Sport-Tek Tees**



Starting at \$15.00

#### **Port Authority Fleece Vest**



Starting at \$32.00



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#### UPCOMING EVENTS IN ST. GERMAIN

September 17 Colorama - Craft Show - Farmers  
Market - Pints in the Park - Fall  
Cruisin' Car Show - Cornhole Classic

October 1 Greater WI Musky Tournament

Visit <https://st-germain.com/event-calendar/> for  
a complete list of 2022 events, or call the Cham-  
ber at (715) 477-2205.

#### **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

Mondays	Bingo - Mondays through Aug. 29
August 28	9th Annual Golf Outing
September 6	Board Meeting
September 15	Membership Meeting - Clearview
October 15	Club Brushing Day

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### **Sunshine Report**



An Anniversary card was sent to Steve & Linda Soltwedel for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Get Well wishes were sent to Jim Wendt for a speedy recovery from a recent surgery.

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