

January General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4

New Berlin Banquet Center • 16000 W. Cleveland Ave.
(Meeting rooms on east side of building)

6 pm: Doors open and check-in at Welcome Area begins

6:30 pm: Socializing & event sign-ups

7 pm: General Meeting

7:30 pm: Dancing to the music of Close Enuf

Guests welcome – \$10 admission

Sign up in advance

- ◆ To help us plan, please register for the meeting online (an event announcement will be sent via email)

- or -

- ◆ Contact Membership Director **Jan Breitbach** at (414) 732-9749 or Jan.Breitbach@gmail.com.

Reminders

- ◆ Wear your Vagabond name tag.
- ◆ Parking is available on both the east and west sides of the building.
- ◆ If you have renewed your membership online, you may update your name tag at this meeting.

Dinner plans?

- ◆ For a meal beforehand, we suggest the New Berlin Ale House (on the west side of the building).
- ◆ No food or beverages may be carried into the meeting rooms.

THIS MONTH'S MUSIC



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A Message From the Board

Welcome, Vagabond members, to 2023. We hope all of you had a joyful and relaxing holiday season. The board is making some changes to our meeting arrangements for the coming year. Instead of a combination of round tables and individual seating, there will be round tables only, which will be more casual and relaxing. A portion of the room will be closed and the bar relocated to a more central location. The dance floor area will be increased, and the Ale House continues to work on the sticky floor situation.

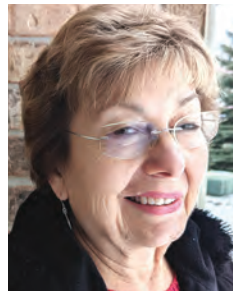
We hope this will make for better conversations, music listening, and overall enjoyment. Make plans to come to our January meeting and see the changes for yourself!



We Couldn't Do It Without You Featured Volunteers

This month, we introduced a new feature that highlights members who have consistently volunteered their time and energy to the Club. This month, we are focusing on volunteers who coordinated multiple events over the past year. The events they ran were different events on different occasions.

The next time you see these individuals please be sure to thank them for their contributions.



Lynn Kozlowski –
ran Scrabble



Jae Hartnell –
coordinated Game Night



Joyce Szulc – organized
supper club dinners and
the Admirals game



Cindy Hummer –
ran the Milkmen baseball
game and theater events



From the Vice President
Linda Horn

The Paris / Southern France / Rhone River trip you voted for!
Vagabond Ski & Social Club's 15-Day Paris, Rhone River & Southern France

Cruise and Land

Oct. 4-19

\$5,994

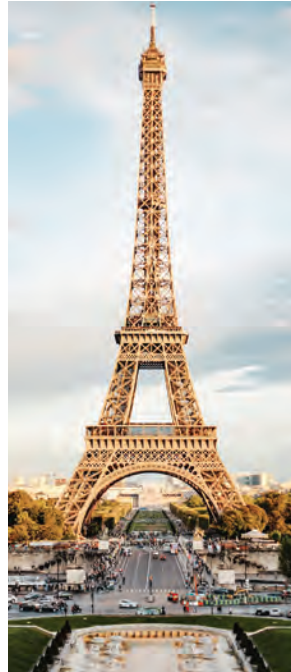
Registration Opens Jan. 3

Trip opens **Jan. 3 by U.S. Mail**. Be part of this phenomenal Vagabond Trip to Paris, Rhone Riverboat Cruise and Southern France. Only 60 spaces available! – **“Luxurious AMA Waterways River Vessel”** (Gold Award for Best River Cruise Line - Travvy Awards 2022) with a maximum of 168 passengers. All Staterooms are Fixed Window or French Balcony. We will visit Paris, then Nice /Cannes and/or Monaco, followed by a 7-Night Cruise to the most Famous Vineyards - Wine Spots - in France.

INFORMATIONAL PARTY: Wednesday, January 11, Albanese's Roadhouse Restaurant, 2301 Bluemound Road, Waukesha (262-785-1930 for directions) 6-6:30 p.m. Social (beer, wine, soda,) 6:30 program; 7:15 pizza served, RSVP (if possible) to **Bob Spindell** at (414) 985-5333.

ITINERARY

- Lv: by Bus MKE to O'Hare – AA - Non-Stop to Paris.
- **Paris** – 4 nights @ Hyatt Regency Paris E'toile.
- LV: Paris by Flight to Nice.
- **Nice** - 3 nights @ 4 or 5 Star Hotel.
- LV: **Port of Arles, France by Riverboat – AMACello** – for 7 nights to: (1) Arles, (2) Avignon, (3) Valence,
- (4) Lyon – Quai Claude Bernard, (5) Macon, (6) Tournus, (7) Chalon-Sur-Saone
- LV: Port of Chalon-Sur-Salon by Bus to Paris Airport – AA Flight Non-Stop to O'Hare



INCLUDES

- **AIR** - O'Hare Nonstop to Paris + Return to O'Hare Non-stop from Paris at end of boat trip & Paris to Nice flight.
- **BUS** - To & from O'Hare & from Airports/Hotels/Cruise.
- **SEVEN nights, Luxurious River Cruise** - Fixed Window Stateroom (incl in price), French Balcony Stateroom +\$592pp*) **ALL GOURMET Cruise meals with wine/beer/soft drinks, internet, bicycles, amenities, shore excursion at each port.**
- **Hotel Nights at 4- and 5-star hotels & locations with breakfast) 4 nights in Paris and 3 nights in Nice.**

- **TOURS - Sightseeing - City Panorama Tours - Paris & Nice**
- **PARTIES - as usual, lots of Nightly Parties, extra dinners and surprises.**

DOES NOT INCLUDE

- **TRAVEL INSURANCE - Cancellation FOR Reason & Trip Interruption - NOT included but - REQUIRED by Vagabond Board of Directors – only \$421 - Cancel for Any Reason - Extra Cost, check with Bob.**
- Single Supplement, when available, additional charge provided upon request.
- Some optional ports of call tours, additional city / outside of area tours & possible entry fees to some attractions.
- Tips & Meals not indicated above. & possible exchange rate increases, airline supplemental fuel charges.
*Taxes, port charges (\$210), fees.

Trip Opens Jan. 3 - Send check by U.S. mail, FedEx, etc., postmarked Jan. 3 (not before): (\$150 for Fixed Window), (\$200 for French Balcony) “Hold your place only” - payable to “Vagabond Ski & Social Club,” Trip Coupon (INDICATE CABIN CHOICE on Trip Coupon), and two address labels to: Trip Leader **Bob Spindell**, 1626 N. Prospect Ave, # 2210, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Questions? Call (414) 276-6331. - **Your \$150 or \$200 is 100% refundable until Jan. 15.** Payment schedule by credit card or check – **first payment of \$2,000 due by Jan 15.** Dates of Additional Payments, TBD.



Sporting Activities
Mary Beth Braun

Sunday Hikes

Meet at 1:30 p.m., hike from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m.

Walk for the Fun – or Just for the Health – of It!

We welcome volunteers to lead hikes in future months. Please contact **Dan Heidemann** at danlmark@gmail.com or (414) 416-1678 if you know you can be a leader. Hikes without leaders will be canceled.

Jan. 1: No hike scheduled due to holiday. Happy New Year!

Jan. 8 – Glacier Hills Park near Holy Hill: Head north on 41/45 to Hwy. 167 West (Holy Hill Road) west to road for Fox & Hounds, south to park entrance. Be prepared for snowy and icy conditions with proper footwear (e.g. Yak Trax) and/or hiking poles. Hike from 1:45 to 3:45, then to Sawmill Inn & Pub in Richfield, 1729 Wolf Road, for early dinner at 4. Please note that a \$5 park entrance fee may be required. Hike leader: **Gary Kovach**, (414) 712-3897.



Minooka Park hikers.

Jan. 15 – Bong State Recreational Area: 26313 Burlington Road (Hwy 142), Kansasville (west of Hwy 75). Meet at Trailhead B parking lot (past the entrance station to the left, past the Molinaro Visitor Center) at 1:30 p.m. Hike from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m. on the Yellow Trail, which is 4.5 miles, generally level to moderately rolling, traversing grassland, woodland and wetland. Afterward, for those who wish, food and beverages at the Dover Inn, 1909 N Beaumont Ave. (Hwy 20 & 75), Kansasville. Hike Leaders: **Jim Stephens** and **Joyce Sulz**. Questions? Call Joyce at (262) 902-3248.

Jan. 22 – Menomonee Park: Hwy Y entrance (on Lannon Road, a half-mile north of Good Hope, at the Lannon Village Park parking lot on the east side of the road). Meet at 1:30 p.m. Hike until 3:45 pm, then eat and drink at a location to be determined. **Hike Leader needed!**

Jan. 29 – Minooka Park: Meet at 1:30 in the parking lot on Sunset Drive in Waukesha, just west of Hwy. Y (Racine Ave.) and just east of Hwys. 164 and 59 or park on the street. Hike from 1:45 to 3:45, then to The Neighbor's Bar and Grill on S16 W22255 Arcadian Ave in Waukesha to eat and drink. County sticker or park entrance fee is required to park vehicle within park. **Hike Leader needed!**



A muddy Thanksgiving Weekend hike at Pike Lake State Park.



Hiking at Nashotah Park

WEDNESDAY WALKS

Our one-hour walks on Wednesday mornings will not be planned events in December, January and February. We encourage everyone to get out and walk whenever possible, whether it's at the gym, the Y, or outside whenever the weather is feasible – not just on Wednesdays. Come spring, we will probably select a different day of the week for our planned Vagabond midweek walks, and also have an optional lunch stop afterward at the discretion of the leader.



Ski Activities
Joyce Szulc

How Long Do Ski Helmets Last?

A good ski helmet can easily last for five years or more if you do not sustain any significant hits to the head. However, most helmets are not functional after they are dented or damaged because of impact; you would need a new one to stay safe.

Technically, a ski helmet can last for years and years. There is no specific lifespan. They are built with high-quality materials that are resistant to wear and tear and can last a decade. But with the way technology improves, you do not want to hang on to one that long.

If you take a terrible fall and your helmet gets damaged or dented, replace it right away. Helmets are not designed to take more than one severe impact. They work by crumpling or denting to keep your head safe and dissipate external forces. Once a helmet absorbs the impact from a fall and dents or cracks, its life is over. You need to get a new one. Helmets do not work properly after they take a severe blow.

Helmets can also start to wear out after regular use. You might notice signs of wear and tear, such as the padding or lining inside of the helmet getting ripped or torn. While that does not necessarily compromise the helmet's integrity, you still might want to replace it.

As the inside of the helmet wears down, you do not get as good of a fit. If you notice any issues with how it stays on your head or struggle to keep it in place while you ski, it is probably time to replace it.

-- From *TheSkiGirl.com*

Still Time to Sign up for Andorra

The deadline is approaching to register for the MMSC trip to Andorra in March. Sign up through the Metropolitan Milwaukee Ski Council. Contact Trip Leader **Mark Harris** at (414) 453-6914 for details.

MMSC Senior Race Schedule



- Jan. 8 – Sunburst
- Jan. 15 – Sunburst
- Jan. 22 – Little Switzerland
- Jan. 28 – Holy Hill
- Feb. 4 – Holy Hill
- Feb. 12 – Sunburst
- Feb. 18 – Sunburst, CMSC race
- Feb. 19 – Sunburst

Practices: Wednesday nights at Little Switzerland, Friday nights at Sunburst.



Racquet Sports
Linda Horn

Indoor Tennis & Pickleball Party

Saturday, Jan. 28

Indoor Tennis Season Continues in 2023. And this year we are adding pickleball.

More fun tennis and now pickleball, too!

Location: Elite Brookfield Tennis Club
13825 W. Burleigh Road

Time: 4 p.m. – Check in
4:30 p.m. – Tennis, pickleball begin
6 p.m. – Pot Luck and Social Time

Bottled water is provided. Alcoholic beverages must be purchased at the tennis club. You may bring your own soda or buy it there.

Something new this year. Rather than providing food at this party, we are asking everyone to bring a dish to pass. Or, if you prefer not to bring anything, you can pay an additional **\$10**. Most food stores have a variety of options available if you scout them out. A cheese tray and crackers, sausage tray and crackers, veggie tray, fruit tray, desserts and on and on are options available,

The Elite Club has a refrigerator and a very small microwave, but no stove/oven or other means to heat dishes or pans. They do not have serving dishes or serving utensils, either. We have power strips and extension cords to plug in crock pots and other electronic warmers. Paper plates, napkins and plastic ware are provided.

Tennis and pickleball matches are arranged according to playing level. We will rotate partners and courts to add to the fun. Social participants are also welcome!

Fees:

- Tennis: **\$25** for 90 minutes of tennis, tennis balls, bottled water and social time.
- Pickleball: **\$17** for 90 minutes of pickleball, pickleballs, bottled water and social time.
- Social only: **\$10** (if bringing a dish to pass) **\$20** if not bringing something to share.

All participants: Please add \$10 if not bringing a dish to pass.

Pay online (preferred), at a general meeting, or by check payable to VSSC and mailed to Diane Schmitt, 6031 N. Milwaukee River Pkwy, Glendale, WI 53209

Event coordinators: **Diane Schmitt**, (414) 690-4689, and **Connie Sandell**, (414) 712-3817.

COMING UP

Two more indoor tennis parties: **March 25** and **April 22**.



Social Activities
Denise Kremel

Scrabble



1-4 pm Tuesdays, Jan. 3, 17 & 31
New Berlin Ale House

Scrabble is every other Tuesday from 1-4 p.m. at the New Berlin Ale House. Cost is **\$1 per person** for the server tip along with a purchase of one beverage, either alcoholic or non-alcoholic. Next games are

Jan. 3, 17 & 31. Food is also available for purchase. Non-members are invited.

Contact **Lynn Kozlowski**, (414) 539-8114.

Game Night!

6-9 pm Tuesdays, Jan. 10 & 24
New Berlin Ale House

The next game nights at New Berlin Ale House will be **Jan. 10 & 24**. This is not just for Sheepshead and Dominoes. Whatever game you come for, the rules are the same. Bring your game and a few friends to come along. Non-members are encouraged to attend. All levels of play are welcome!

Everyone is responsible for ordering at least one item from the menu: a drink or something to eat, and include a tip. (The separate \$1 admission fee is not considered a tip.)

Contact **Jae Hartnell**, (608) 712-7440, for questions in general or for Sheepshead & Dominoes



Have an Idea?

If you would like to do something this fall or winter that doesn't involve participating in a sport, please share your ideas and help make it happen with your fellow Vagabonds. We can't do it without you! Contact **Denise** at (262) 524-1023.

Festival City Symphony

2 pm Saturday, Jan. 28
Beethoven's Debut: with Pianist Jeannie Yu
Bradley Symphony Center



The Vagabonds have a long tradition of promoting the Festival City Symphony to our members. This year, we will be making some changes. Order tickets online at FestivalCitySymphony.org, or get them on the day of the concert at the box office in the Bradley Symphony Center, 212 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Tickets for seniors are \$8 per concert. If you have questions about attending the concert or obtaining tickets, call **Debra Habeck** at (262) 364-7710.

2 pm Saturday Classics concert schedule:

March 4 • **Grand Passions and Tales: The Music of Italy and France**

April 15 • **His Greatest Symphony: Music of the Ballet and Antonin Dvorák**



Membership
Jan Breitbach

WELCOME NEW OR RETURNING MEMBERS:

(Up-to-date information is available in the online directory.)

Dain Anderson • Jan & Christine Raz
Joe Veriga • Paul & Mary Wild


The club is looking for friendly and smiling faces to assist at the Welcome Desk on meeting nights.

Call (414) 732-9749 or email Jan.Breitbach@gmail.com.

Tech Tip by
Linda Horn

Reference Guide Using the Vagabond Online Website

LOGIN

- Go to VagabondSkiClub.com
- Click 'Members Only Access' on the right-hand side of the screen
- Click the Icon in the upper right middle – Looks like this: 
- Enter your email address and password
- **FIRST TIME LOGIN (computer only – not mobile app) – Click Forgot Password**
 - An email will be sent to you – be patient – sometimes there is a short delay
 - Follow the instructions to establish your password
 - **Having trouble?** Contact one of the Website Committee Members listed below

ONLINE EVENT REGISTRATION

- **Registering yourself for an event**
 - Click **UPCOMING EVENTS**
 - Click **REGISTER** below the event you want to attend
 - Review the screens that appear, make any changes necessary and click **NEXT**.
 - Click **PAY ONLINE** & complete the PayPal payment information using your credit/debit card.
 - **Note:** There are **two** payment screens. On the first, enter your credit card number, name & address, etc. Click **CONTINUE** at the bottom. On the second screen, click **PAY** to complete the transaction.

- **Registering yourself and another person for an event with one payment (most frequently asked question)**
 - Logon to the Members Only website
 - Click **UPCOMING EVENTS**
 - Click **REGISTER** below the event you want to attend
 - Click **NEXT**. View your profile information and click **NEXT** again.
 - When you get to the “Review & Confirm” screen, click **INVOICE ME**
 - On the next screen, click **NEW REGISTRATION**
 - Delete your email address and type in the email address of the person you are registering
 - Continue clicking **NEXT** as you did for your registration until you reach “Review & Confirm.”
 - Click **PAY ONLINE**. Continue with the payment screens.

REVIEW YOUR PROFILE INFORMATION

- Click View Profile
- You control what's there. If anything needs updating, click **EDIT PROFILE**
 - Type in your updates & click **SAVE**
 - If you prefer, contact Jan Breitbach at (414) 732-9749, and she will update it for you.

NEED HELP? Contact one of the members of the Website Committee below:

- Linda Horn, (262) 707-1450
- Jan Breitbach, (414) 732-9749





Over 64 Years of Fun and Friendships

Vagabond Ski & Social Club Membership
 P. O. Box 26173
 Milwaukee, WI 53226

Facebook Help Wanted

Help us find new members through Facebook: Click Like on the Vagabond Ski & Social Club page. You can also post pictures from club events.

Stay Informed

For up-to-date information on club events and activities, including news and photos, visit VagabondSkiClub.com.

DATED MATERIAL

Deliver by December 27

FUTURE EVENTS	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Feb. 4 Ski race	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Feb. 10 Bowling			Scrabble	General mtg		Crested Butte		
Feb. 10 Breckenridge								
Feb. 10 Bahia Mita								
Feb. 12 Ski race	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Feb. 18 Ski race	Ski race Hike		Game night			Bowling		
Feb. 19 Ski race								
March 4 Fest. City Symphony								
March 10 Bowling	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
March 11 Park City	Ski race Hike		Scrabble					
March 25 Tennis/Pickleball								
April 14 Bowling								
April 15 Fest. City Symphony								
April 22 Tennis/Pickleball	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
May 12 Bowling	Ski race Hike		Game night	Board mtg			Ski race Symphony Tennis/ Pickleball	
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
			Scrabble	January				

