

February General Meeting WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2

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
Socializing & event sign-ups

7 pm: General Meeting

7:30 pm: More socializing & event sign-ups

8 pm: Dancing to the music of Do-Wa-Wa

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.
- ◆ Park on either side of the building.
- ◆ If you have renewed your membership online, you may update your name tag at this meeting.

Dinner ideas

- ◆ 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: Do-Wa-Wa is a '50s and '60s dance band that proudly features music from the golden age of rock-and-roll, including do-wop, surf, hot-rod and even a small shot of old-school honky-tonk music.

Do-Wa-Wa's song list features all of the greats, including Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly and Roy Orbison. They also play hits from Jay and the Americans, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and the Buckingham's, in addition to Motown classics.

Trust us, you'll be sweating to the oldies Feb. 2.

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As we settle into 2022, your club continues to offer a wide range of events and activities during the winter months to suit just about everyone: ski trips, ski racing, tennis parties, bowling, hiking, fish fries, board games, card games, international trips and monthly meet-

ings with entertainment. And that's aside from the vast assortment of summer activities! I don't believe there is another club that can match what the Vagabond Ski & Social Club offers.

And how do we do it? It is only through the efforts of member volunteers, of course, who decide they are going to give back to the club. Recently, several members have stepped up to lead events. On behalf of the Board and club members, a big Thank You to each and every one of you who has volunteered.

The need for volunteers never ends, though. I would guess that each member who participates in any type of Vagabond activity has at least a little extra time to offer to the club. Think about what the club provides for you, and then make that decision to volunteer in whatever capacity you feel you can.

This month, we are including a job description for the Social Activities Director. If you enjoy theater, dinners, fish fries and professional sporting events (among other things), you may be the right person for the job. Does this sound like you? We invite members who are interested to attend a Board meeting to get an idea of what it is all about.

With the number of coronavirus cases circulating through our area, we ask that if you have tested positive, have symptoms or have been exposed, please do not attend any of our events, either indoors or outdoors. Let's keep each other as safe as possible.

Our next general meeting will be Feb. 2, with music provided by Do-Wa-Wa.

Be sure to sign up!

Regards, Joyce



WELCOME NEW OR RETURNING MEMBERS:

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

Sarah Mueller • Gregory Simcakoski

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.

Directory

Printed 2022 directories will be available at the February meeting for \$5 each. For a PDF version of the directory that is free to download and print, go to VagabondSkiClub.com



From the
Vice President
Linda Horn

International trips

16-Day Enchanting Greek Isles & Romantic Rome

May 31 - June 15 • \$5,794

Cruise and Land – Reopens Feb. 1

You still have the opportunity to be part of the Vagabond trip to Greece, but only a very few spots remain. We will sail on Celestyal's 1100 Max Pax Ship, Crystal. Staterooms are Inside and Outside cabins only. Mail your check and event coupon on **Feb. 1**.

Note: This is the trip we were not able to take last year. Now it is set for May 31 to June 15.

- “Cancel for Any Reason” travel and medical insurance is required for this trip.
- The ship will likely require proof of vaccination & a Covid test prior to boarding.

ITINERARY

- Athens – Three nights hotel (cruise departs on fourth day)
- LV: Port of Lavrion for seven nights to Kusadasi, Rhodes, Crete, Santorini, Milos and Mykonos
- LV: Athens – Flight to Rome – four nights hotel

INCLUDES

- Air – AA – Non-stop O'Hare to Athens, returning June 15 from Rome to O'Hare.
- Bus: To and from O'Hare, other airports and hotels.
- Seven nights, Great Greek Isle Cruise – Inside Stateroom (included), Outside +\$294 pp.
- All Port Taxes, Port security charges and fees, Cruise Service Charge – (\$339 pp cost included).
- All Cruise meals & unlimited soft & hard classic drinks.
- Seven nights at five-star hotels, with breakfast. Three nights in Athens & four nights in Rome.



- Tours – Sightseeing – City panorama tours & two cruise tours. Discount on optional tours.
- Parties – As usual, lots of nightly parties, extra dinners and surprises, etc.

NOT INCLUDED

- Travel Insurance – Required for this trip. “Cancel for Any Reason” pays 75%, Standard Reason pays 100%. Medical, trip delay, trip interruption, quarantine, etc. This insurance is \$649 pp for inside cabin & \$699 pp for outside cabins.
- Single supplement, when available; details provided upon request.
- Ports of call tours other than indicated above, additional city tours & possible entry fees to some attractions.
- Tips and meals not indicated above. Possible fuel supplement charge, exchange rate increase, Covid tests, government fees.

Trip opens again Feb. 1 by U.S. Mail, FedEx, UPS only, post-marked no earlier than Feb. 1. Then first-come, first-served. Check required: \$100 pp for inside stateroom, \$125 pp for outside stateroom. Make check payable to VSSC, with trip coupon and two address labels. (On the trip coupon, please indicate cabin type and whether or not you have been vaccinated.) Send to Trip Leader **Bob Spindell**, 1626 N. Prospect Ave., No. 2210, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Envelope must not be post-marked before Feb. 1.

First payment of \$3,000 due Feb. 8 by credit card or check. Insurance premium due Feb. 12. **Final payment due March 3**.

Contact **Bob** at rspindell@gottesman-company.com or (414) 276-6331.



Ski Activities Joyce Szulc

Weekend Bus Ski Trip Canceled

Due to limited registrations by both the Vagabonds and the Sitzmarks, we have been forced to cancel February's weekend bus trip to Upper Michigan. We will try again in 2023. Refunds to the credit card used for payment will be processed soon.

2023 Ski Season

Although we are only midway through the 2022 ski season, the club will be planning soon for next year.

We would love to hear your opinions on where we should travel:

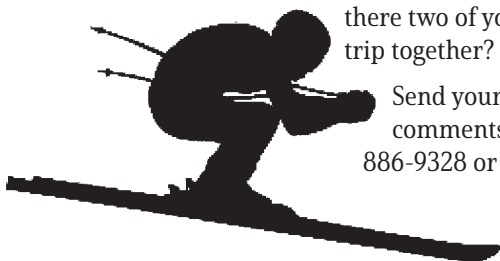
- Should we go to only Epic or Ikon locations? Or does it matter?
- What is the one place that you would like to go to that the club hasn't been to or hasn't been to in quite a while?
- What are your three ski location choices for 2023?
- What are your thoughts on condos vs. hotel rooms? Does the lodging choice make a difference in going or not going on a ski trip?
- Any other input you may have.



And, most importantly, are you willing to lead a ski trip in 2023?

Many have said they are willing to help, but the club needs people who will take on everything that is involved with a ski trip, and that takes a lot of time and attention to detail. Are there two of you who would lead a trip together?

Send your thoughts and comments to **Joyce** at (262) 886-9328 or jszulc@wi.rr.com.



Remember the Ski Train?

The Milwaukee Railroader, quarterly magazine of the Milwaukee Road Historical Association, is working on an article about the ski train that ran over the Milwaukee Road between Chicago and Iron Mountain, Mich., in the 1960s and early '70s.

If you recall that route, writer **Reid Van Sluys** would like you to share your memories. Contact him at rvansluys@wi.rr.com

Ski racing

Vagabonds have swept the top four places in every MMSCSR Class 1 race this season. **Eric VanWormer** (aka Coach Worm) has four first-place finishes.

Al Lemke has recruited 34 skiers for the team. Come out on a Saturday or Sunday to cheer on your Vagabond ski racers to another winning season. Watch this spot for race results, or go to MMSCSR.com. Last season, the Vagabonds finished No. 1 overall.

All Metropolitan Milwaukee Ski Council Senior Racing clubs practice from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at Little Switzerland and Friday nights at Sunburst. We are always looking for more men and women to join us. We have fun practicing and racing plus whatever else always comes after the skiing.

The final three races of the season are scheduled for **Jan. 29** at **Heiliger Huegel**, **Feb. 6** at **Sunburst** and **Feb. 13** at **Sunburst**.

For more information, contact **Al Lemke** at (414) 688-2938 or aklemke2993@gmail.com or visit MMSCSR.com.

Questions about anything related to the Vagabond ski program?

Contact Joyce at jszulc@wi.rr.com or (262) 886-9328



A fearless foursome of Vagabond Big Sky skiers.



Gathering for the group dinner at Big Sky.



Racquet Sports
Linda Horn

TENNIS, TENNIS, TENNIS & MORE FUN TENNIS!

Four Indoor Tennis Parties

Saturdays, Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 26, April 30

More fun tennis! More great food! More fun socializing with Vagabond friends, and the nicest tennis players in the world.

Elite Brookfield (aka Highlander Elite) Tennis Club

13825 W. Burleigh Road

4 pm – Check in

4:30 pm – Tennis matches begin

6 pm – Food and social time

Bottled water is provided. The tennis club will have a selection of beer and wine available for purchase. (You may bring in your own soda but no alcoholic beverages.)



Matches are arranged according to your tennis rating. We will rotate partners and courts after 45 minutes to add to the fun.

Fee: **\$31 per person**

Includes 90 minutes of tennis, balls, food,

dessert, bottled water, and social time.

Social participants are welcome, too. **Fee of \$14** includes everything except tennis.

Payment Options:

- Online – Look for *Tennis Party – January 29, Tennis Party – February 26, etc.*
- Pay by credit card or check at a general meeting. Event Coupon required. Or mail your event coupon and check to Linda Horn, 2311 Emslie Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188.

Questions? Contact **Linda** at Linda.Horn1@gmail.com or (262) 707-1450.

Note: Tennis Players – The January PTball event is immediately prior to the Jan. 29 Tennis Party. You can extend your fun and play PTball for an hour before tennis. **Fee is only \$6.**



As we have been talking and writing about for the last several months, we have a number of board positions that are currently open (or will be open soon). Each position requires different skills, but one thing is constant: Board members are eager to spend the time and energy to move the club forward.

Social Activities Director

This position oversees a very wide range of activities within the club, including (but not limited to) theater and musical events, domestic trips, fish fries/dinners, professional sporting events and games. In other words, just about anything that club members are interested in!

Primary responsibilities of the Social Activities Director:

- ✓ Establish good working relationships with Milwaukee-area theatre and sporting event group managers to obtain tickets for events.
- ✓ Seek members willing to volunteer to lead events.
- ✓ Work with event leaders to price out events and to set up in Wild Apricot.
- ✓ Possess good planning and organizational skills to work on multiple projects at the same time.
- ✓ Provide monthly articles for publication in the Life newsletter.
- ✓ Demonstrate communication skills to interact with club members, event leaders, other directors and venue managers.
- ✓ Attend monthly Board meetings and monthly General meetings.
- ✓ Have a general knowledge of Vagabond processes (including Wild Apricot). Working knowledge of Microsoft Word is a must and Excel a plus.



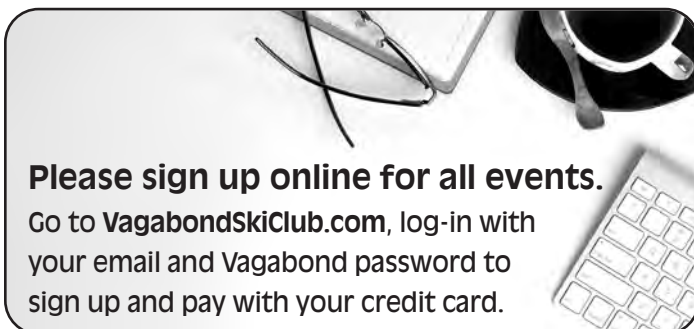
The ideal candidate for Social Activities Director is someone who has run a number of events for the club and is familiar with the club's practices.

What's in it for you?

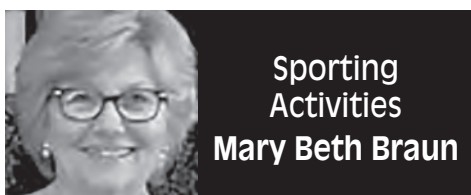
Taking on a critical position like this will enable you to be fully engaged with your club, meet and interact with a number of club members and keep the club growing.

Visit us on Facebook
@ Vagabond Ski & Social Club

You can also post pictures from club events.



Please sign up online for all events.
Go to VagabondSkiClub.com, log-in with your email and Vagabond password to sign up and pay with your credit card.



Sporting Activities
Mary Beth Braun

Sunday Hikes

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

Meet at 1:30 pm • Hike 1:45-3:45 pm

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

Jan. 30 – Pike Lake State Park: Take I-41 to Hwy. 60 (or Hwy. 164), west about three miles to sign on left for park entrance (Kettle Moraine Drive), south into park to the beach parking lot, just past the check-in booth. Hike till 3:45, then to the Mine Shaft in Hartford for comfort food and sundaes for dessert. Hike Leader is **Dave Nelsen**, (414) 350-1433.

Feb. 6 – Mitchell Park and Menomonee Valley: Meet at the main parking lot in front of the Domes. Hikers will walk through Mitchell Park, over to the Zablocki VA grounds, featuring the refurbished Soldiers Home (cannot go inside), down to American Family Field, back along the Menomonee River and return to Mitchell Park.

Distance is a little over 5 miles. We will cross all three bridges of Three Bridges Park. Address for entry to park is 524 S. Layton (27th Street). From I-94 Eastbound, exit at Exit 309-B which is 26th Street /St Paul. Take 27th St south to reach Mitchell Park. From I-94 Westbound, take Exit 309-B, which is Clybourn St / 25th Street, then take 27th Street south to reach Mitchell Park. Parking lot is the large one south of the Domes.

Dinner afterward at Oscars Pub and Grill, 1712 W Pierce St. Great food and very affordable! Hike Leader: **Dave Nelsen**, (414) 350-1433.

Feb. 13 – Lapham Peak State Park: Take I-94 west to Hwy. C, then turn left to park entrance. Meet in first parking lot that is past the ranger's check-in booth (entrance fee required) and turn right to that parking lot. Hike from 1:45 to 3:45, then hikers can easily head to their respective Super Bowl parties afterward. Hike Leader: **Dan Heidemann** (414) 416-1678.

Feb. 20 – Muskego Park: Meet at the Piggly Wiggly parking lot at Hwy Y (Racine Ave.) and Janesville Road. Then to park entrance, and hike from 1:45 to 3:45. Dining afterward at Point Burger Bar in New Berlin for chili and drinks. **Hike Leader needed!**

Feb. 27 – Richard Bong State Recreation Area: 26313 Burlington Rd (Hwy 142), Kansasville (west of Hwy 75). Meet at Trailhead B parking lot (past the entrance station to the left). Hike from 1:45 to 3:45 pm. Afterward, for those who wish, food and beverages at the Dover Inn, 1909 N Beaumont Ave. (Hwy 20 & 75), Kansasville. **Hike Leader needed!**

THINK GOLF FOR SUMMER!

To all Vagabond golfers – we have an opportunity for you! If you are organized and can offer leadership, you may be the person we need!

We are looking for a Golf League Leader to take over our Wednesday league. Our new leader may want to continue at Songbird Hills or may be creative and choose another course.

If you are interested, please contact our Sporting Activities Director, **Mary Beth**, at (262) 443-7291.

Think Snow ... Snowshoeing!

We are sure to get some snow this winter, so think about places nearby that would be good for snowshoeing. Here are a few ideas:

Milwaukee County: Whitnall Park; Havenwoods State Forest; Riveredge Nature Center; Greenfield Park, West Allis; McGovern Park; Kohl Park; Lakeshore State Park; Kletzsch Park; Grant Park; Kinnickinnic River Parkway.

Waukesha Country: Valley View Park, New Berlin Park (on Sunny Slope Rd, just south of Beloit); Mitchell Park, Brookfield; Minooka Park, Waukesha; Retzer Nature Center, Waukesha; Menomonee Park, Menomonee Falls; Muskego Park, Muskego; Lapham Peak, Delafield; Fox River Park (SW Waukesha); Emma Carlin Trails, Kettle Moraine State Park (near Palmyra).

Some parks rent snowshoes only on weekends (Whitnall Park), others rent daily (Retzer Nature Center), and others have no facilities to rent snowshoes or cross-country skis.



Hikers at Lapham Peak



Social Activities
Cindy Hummer

Scrabble

Every other Tuesday @ 1-4 pm

New Berlin Ale House

Scrabble is every other Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m. at the New Berlin Ale House. **Fee is \$1 per person** for the server tip along with a purchase of one beverage either alcoholic or non-alcoholic. **Next games are Feb. 1 and 15.** Food is also available for purchase. Non-members are invited.

Contact **Carol Palmert**, (262) 366-5080, or **Lynn Kozlowski**, (414) 545-2208, for questions.



Packer Fan Party

Game Night date change

Second & Fourth Tuesday @ 6-9 pm

New Berlin Ale House

Game Nights will now be 6-9 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. This will make it easier for the New Berlin Ale House and for everyone to set up their calendars ahead of time. **The next dates will be Feb. 8 and 22.**

This is not just for Sheepshead and Dominoes. Whatever game you come for; the rules are the same. **Admission: \$1 per person**, along with a purchase of one beverage either alcoholic or non-alcoholic. Food is available for purchase, and non-members are encouraged to attend. All levels of play are welcome!

Contact **Jae Hartnell**, (608) 712-7440, for questions in general or for **Sheepshead & Dominoes**. For **Cribbage**, contact **Mike Yanko** at (414) 233-5073; for **Mahjong**, contact **Cindy Hum**, (262) 573-6783.

Fish Fry at the Machine Shed

N14 W24145 Tower Place, Waukesha

Friday, Feb. 11 @ 5 pm

Our next fish fry will be **Feb. 11** at the Machine Shed, featuring family-style baked or fried cod, potato pancakes, French fries, green beans, German potato salad, apples and rolls. \$22 each, includes tax and tip. Also includes coffee, milk, soda or tea.

We will be meeting in the bar at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m.

Signups will start Feb. 2, online and at the general meeting. **Signup deadline is Feb. 9.** Questions? Call **Denise** at (262) 524-1023.

WCTC Luncheon

800 Main St., Pewaukee • Wed., Feb. 23

The Waukesha County Technical College Culinary Arts students would enjoy preparing and serving a splendid luncheon to you and your Vagabond friends! Meet at the Pewaukee Campus in the Classic Room, Building A, Room A-161 by **noon** Feb. 23.

The Classic Room is a vibrant student training restaurant that is open to the public. These students get hands-on learning experience while they design, prepare and serve a wide variety of cuisines.

The menu and prices will be available when the event is posted online and at the February general meeting. Event Leader: **Jean Dueling**, (414) 321-0258.

Festival City Symphony

2nd St. and Wisconsin Ave. • Sat, March 5 @ 2 pm

Hear the Festival City Symphony at its new home, the Bradley Symphony Center. FCS features the music of great American composers.

The March 5 performance will begin with George W. Chadwick's festive *Symphonic Sketches, I. Jubilee*, followed by *Symphony No. 4 (Autochthonous)*, written by William Grant Still, who is regarded as the Dean of African-American composers. The concert will conclude with Aaron Copland's *Four Dance Episodes From Rodeo*.

Price: \$8. Sign up online or at the February general meeting. Questions? Contact **Debra Habeck** at (262) 364-7710.

Tech Tip by
Linda Horn

Add Your Photo to Your Vagabond Online Profile

Note: Adding a photo to your profile can be done using the website, but not the Wild Apricot App.

Using an internet connection on your computer or tablet:

- ➊ Go to VagabondSkiClub.com and click **Members Only Access** in the upper right.
- ➋ Log in to your Vagabond account using your email and password.
- ➌ Click **View Profile**
- ➍ Click **Edit Profile**
- ➎ The first item you will see is Profile Picture. Click the **Choose File** box next to it. You will be able to browse the photos on your device.
- ➏ Click the picture you want to add and then click "Open" at the bottom of the page. (Double-clicking the picture usually works, too.)
- ➐ Click **SAVE**

There you have it! Your photo is on your Profile Page.

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 Deliver by January 26

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.

FUTURE EVENTS	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>March 5 Fest. City Symphony March 12-19 Banff March 26 Tennis April 9 Fest. City Symphony April 30 Tennis May 31 Greece/Italy</p>  <p>PRESIDENTS' DAY ★★★★★</p> <p>AMERICAN HEART MONTH</p>	30	31	1 Scrabble	2 General mtg	3	4	5
	6 Ski race Hike	7	8 Game Night	9	10	11 Bowling Fish Fry	12 Snowmass trip departs Ski race
	13 Hike	14	15 Scrabble	16	17	18 Los Cabos	19
	20 Hike	21	22 Game Night	23 WCTC luncheon Board mtg	24	25	26 Tennis
	27 Hike	28	1	2	3	4	5
	February						