

March General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

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 Our House

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



Pleasing crowds since 1998, Our House consists of members who have been playing professionally around southeastern Wisconsin for decades. A variety band that features four-part harmonies makes for an exciting stage show. Great song selection and the desire to make people happy is a winning combination for Our House. The band plays songs that everyone knows and loves. You will sing and dance with the band all evening.

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VagabondSkiClub.com

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**A Message From
the Board**

Do you know what happens in May? Only a couple of months from now? It is the Vagabond annual election of board members. The club has so many talented members with unique abilities and knowledge who could step into a position on the board. By being a board member, you could use your talents and knowledge to benefit all Vagabond members. If you are interested, please contact Vice President **Linda Horn** at Linda.Horn1@gmail.com or (262) 707-1450.

What can you expect in the future? The board will be looking at ways to reorganize. Our current organization served us well for many decades and resulted in the vibrant, active club that we enjoy now. Recent changes, though, make it imperative that we consider rearranging responsibilities to cover open board positions. Perhaps you are a member of other clubs who have faced the same challenge. If so, we would like to hear how they addressed the matter.

Photos and resumes of board candidates must be submitted by **April 12** to appear in the *May Life*. Now is the time to find out more about board positions and to make your interest known.

And finally, we send this Old Irish Blessing your way:

*May Love and Laughter
Light Your Days
And Warm Your
Heart and Home*

*May Good and Faithful
Friends Be Yours
Wherever You
May Roam.*

*May Peace and Plenty
Bless Your World
With Joy That
Long Endures.*

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

We Couldn't Do It Without You

Featured Volunteers

We would like to thank ALL the members who have volunteered at the Welcome and Membership tables, particularly these six, who have devoted so many hours to the club.



Kaye Bires



Debra Habeck



Gail Lofgren



Lavonne Grenlie



Fran Hughes



Joan Takala



From the
Vice President
Linda Horn



Sporting
Activities
Mary Beth Braun

Vagabond Ski & Social Club's Spectacular 15-Day Enchanting Paris, Rhone River & Southern France

Oct. 4-19
\$5,994



Be part of this phenomenal Vagabond trip to Paris, Southern France and Rhone Riverboat Cruise on the "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 the exciting cities of Paris, then Nice, followed by a 7-Night Cruise to the most Famous Vineyards - Wine Spots - in France.

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 at Le Meridien 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-Saone by Bus to Paris Airport – AA Flight Non-Stop to O'Hare
- The usual great tours, parties and dinners - in the planning stage

Full details are available online at VagabondSkiClub.com/Travel
Contact Trip Leader **Bob Spindell** (414-276-6331) for availability and questions.



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!



Hiking along the Milwaukee lakefront.

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

March 5 – Scuppernong Trails: This beautiful hike is in the Kettle Moraine State Forest Southern Unit in Waukesha County. Parking at the trailhead is located on County Highway ZZ, east of Hwy 67 and north of the village of Eagle: address for your map app is S58 W35820 County Road ZZ, Dousman 53118. The trail is considered intermediate to advanced due to the uneven surface, some inclines and rocks/stones in some places. Gather at Sports Page Bar and Grill afterward for food and drinks. Hike Leaders: **Joyce Szulc** and **Jim Stephens**. Questions? Call Joyce at 262-902-3248.

March 12 – Whitnall Park: Meet at the golf course parking lot along S. 92nd St. (south of College Ave.). Hike from 1:45 to 3:45 pm, then head to That's Amore! on 5080 108th St. in Hales Corners. **Hike Leader needed!**

March 19 – 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!**

March 26 – Nashotah Park: Meet at Park & Ride Lot at Hwy 16 and CTY C at 1:30 pm, hike from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m. Bathrooms in the park are open. Food and beverages afterward at Revere's Wells Street Tavern, 505 Wells St., Delafield. Wear proper hiking shoes. Trails of mulch, grass, gravel. Ground may be partially frozen or muddy. Trails a mix of flat, gentle, a few short but steep. Hike Leader is **Gary Kovach**, (414) 712-3897.

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Sporting
Activities
Mary Beth Braun

Golf Season is coming . . . Prepare . . . PRACTICE

Our choice this year for the Friday Golf League is Sunny Slope Golf Course, 4285 S. Sunny Slope Road, New Berlin, which has an indoor facility to help you prepare.

With everything in life, practice makes for better performance, and that's true for golf 🏌️. Let's get ready for a great golf season by utilizing the *golf simulators* at Sunny Slope Golf course, which are available daily, and by *enrolling in golf lessons* at Sunny Slope Golf Course or another course or driving range.

Don't delay. Call to schedule lessons or reserve a time slot for the simulators. For Sunny Slope Golf, contact **Matt** at (414) 305-2333. See you on the links!

GOLF LEAGUES Tuesdays at Brookfield Hills

16075 Pinehurst Dr., Brookfield

June 6 to Aug. 29 (no golf on July 4); 12 weeks of golf

This is 9 holes, with tee times 1-1:30 p.m. This league is limited to 20 golfers who are intermediate to advanced ability.

Fee: \$178. Cart rental is \$9 per person weekly.

You can sign up as a single or as a twosome. Singles will be matched with a partner, and each week there will be a mix-up of twosomes so you will get to play with everyone. We will have an end-of-season pizza party. If you have a particular partner you would like to play with, specify their name on the registration form. Subs sign up for \$17, which includes the pizza party. Subs pay \$13.50 for each round of golf paid directly to the person they are subbing for.

Sign-ups start April 1.

League captain is **Gordy Weiss**, GordyAndJeanne@hotmail.com or (262) 308-2703.

Wednesdays at Songbird Hills

W259 N8700 Hwy 164, Hartland

May 31 to Aug. 23 (13 weeks)

Songbird Hills is a beautiful golf course just south of County Line Road. The fee for 9 holes of golf each week is **\$175**. An option to play 18 holes is available for extra cost for green and cart fees. Tee times start 1:30 p.m. for 18-hole golfers and 1:52 p.m. for 9-hole players. Golf carts are \$9 per rider. Cost includes a Corn Roast/Brats/Burgers for the end-of-season party and prizes for hole event winners and door prizes.

Golfers can sign up as a single or as a twosome. I will put together foursomes for play. You will be playing with the same foursome each week. Contact Suzanne Wiedner if you would like to request specific players for a foursome.

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Cost for subs is \$15, which includes the end-of-season party and prizes. Subs pay \$11.75 for their round of golf, payable to the person they are subbing for. We will have a sub list.

Registrations opens April 1.

Event Leader: **Suzanne Wiedner**, suzieQrn333@hotmail.com, (262) 305-844

Fridays at Sunny Slope

4285 S. Sunny Slope Road, New Berlin

June 2 to Aug. 18 (12 weeks), 9 holes of golf, tee times between 1 and 2 p.m.

Fee: \$178.

Carts are \$8 per rider. Golf course walkers welcome.

You can sign up as a single or as a twosome; singles will be matched with a partner, and each week there will be a mix-up of twosomes so will get to play with everyone. We will have an end-of-season Pizza Party. If you have a particular partner you would like to play with specify their name on the registration form. Subs sign up for \$17, which includes the pizza party. Subs pay \$13.50 for each round of golf paid directly to the person they sub for.

Sign-ups start April 1.

Event leader: **Jean Dueling**, dueling@gmail.com. Call or text her at (414) 321-0258.

Midweek Walks returning soon . . .

Our one-hour walks on Wednesday mornings will not be planned events in 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 Wednesday. Come Spring, we will be on Thursday mornings for our planned Vagabond midweek walks, and also have an optional lunch stop afterward at the discretion of the leader. There will be no change of day or time for our monthly Happy Hour Walks on Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m. As always, we will be **looking for volunteers to lead on Thursday mornings (11 a.m. to noon) and Wednesday afternoons.**



Have an Idea?

If you would like to do something this spring or summer 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.



Ski Activities Joyce Szulc

Ski Racing

Vagabond skiers won 13 of the 14 Class 1 races this season, led by **Eric Van Wormer**. **Coach Worm** was the fastest on the course in seven of them. **Nick Leonard**, **Zach Bluvstein** and **Reiner Schlimbach** each won twice in Class 1.

Kurt Sandstrom won 10 races in Class 3, **Chris Wills** finished first seven times in Class 4, and in Class 5, **Sarah Mueller** won three races.

For complete, final team and individual results this season, go to MMSCSR.com. Last year, the Vagabonds finished No. 1 overall among the four teams in the league.

All Vagabonds intermediate or better are invited to try running the gates with us. We practice from **7-9 p.m.**

Wednesdays at Little Switzerland and **Fridays at Sunburst**, and we are always looking for more men and women to join us. Just show up and identify yourself. (You will need to purchase your own lift ticket.)

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

Ski Trip Update

Two of our three Western trips this year are completed: Crested Butte in January and Breckenridge in February. **On March 11, the club will be taking a group to Park City, Utah.** Based on reports from attendees, it has been a successful season!



Girl power in the powder at Crested Butte.

Questions about anything related to the Vagabond ski program? Please contact Ski Activities Coordinator Joyce at 262-886-9328 or jszulc@wi.rr.com.



A sunny lunch on the deck at Breck.

What's next? You decide

The club continues its search for a Ski Activities Director. Directors serve a two-year term. Without someone willing to step up, your club will not be able to continue ski trips. This is a position that requires an extensive level of time and commitment all year long.

Last month, we outlined many of the duties assigned to the next Ski Activities Director. We repeat them here: writing articles for the monthly newsletter; attending the monthly board and general meetings; researching ski locations, lodging and transportation options as well as pricing out the trips and developing a budget for each trip. A working knowledge of Excel helps with this. The director develops marketing materials for each trip (knowledge of Word is a plus) and needs to be proficient (or willing to learn) the club management tool (Wild Apricot). Wild Apricot is required to set up trips and to communicate directly to those interested in skiing.

If someone doesn't volunteer to run by the time of the May election, the club will have to reduce the number of ski trips or even eliminate them altogether.

Additionally, the club needs trip leaders for individual trips. Trip leaders need to know (or be willing to learn) Wild Apricot. A trip leader keeps track of registrants and their payments, communicates details about the trip, completes airline registers, sets up social events during the trip and ensures that the budget is respected. Additionally, the trip leader is the liaison for bus transportation and lodging.



Racquet Sports
Linda Horn

Indoor Tennis & Pickleball Party

Saturday, March 25

More fun **TENNIS** – and **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.

Please bring a dish to pass. Most food stores have a variety of options available. A cheese tray & crackers,

sausage tray and crackers, veggie tray, fruit tray, desserts and on and on are a few of the options available,

The Elite Club has a refrigerator and a 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**



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.



Social Activities
Denise Kremel

Scrabble



1-4 pm Tuesdays, March 14 & 28
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 **March 14 & 28**. Food is also available for purchase. Non-members are invited.

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

Game Night!

1-4 pm Tuesdays,
March 14 & 28
New Berlin Ale House



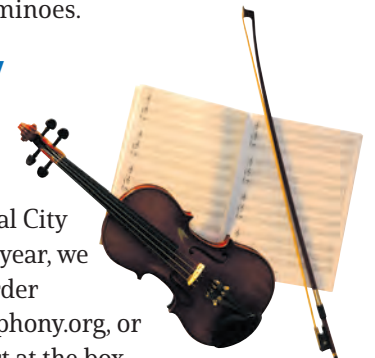
The next game nights at New Berlin Ale House will be **March 14 & 28**. This is not just for Sheepshead and Dominoes. Whatever game you come for, the rules are the same. Bring your game and a few friends. Non-members are encouraged to attend. All levels of play are welcome!

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.

Festival City Symphony

2 pm Saturday, March 4
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**

A Sugarbush Experience

10:30 am Wednesday, March 8
River Bend Nature Center
3600 N. Green Bay Road, Racine

Come to River Bend to hike through the forest with a naturalist. We will drill and tap a maple tree, collect and carry buckets of sap back to the evaporator for boiling. Tasting from sap to syrup to sugar is also a part of the fun.

Afterward, you are invited to **Carol and Mike's home**, 102 Portico Drive in Mount Pleasant, for lunch.

Sign up online or contact **Carol** Gavigan at (262) 632-1922 or cjgavigan177@gmail.com.

Price is \$6, to be paid on the day of the event.
We have room for nine people, so sign up now!

Fish Fry

Friday, April 7
Machine Shed, N14 W24145 Tower Place, Waukesha
Our next fish fry will be at the Machine Shed in Waukesha. Drinks will begin at **5 p.m.** in the bar, with dinner at **5:30**.

Family-style baked or fried cod, potato pancakes, French fries, green beans, German potato salad, apples and rolls. Also includes coffee, milk, soda or tea. **\$24** each includes tax and tip. Separate checks will be available.

Signups will start online March 1 and end March 31.
Call **Denise** Kremel at (262) 524-1023.

Spring Style Show

Thursday, May 11
Golden Mast Inn, W349 N5293 Lacy's Lane, Okauchee



The Oconomowoc Hospital Auxiliary is back hosting a Spring Style Show at the beautiful Golden Mast Inn on Okauchee Lake on Thursday, May 11.

Social hour will start at 11 a.m., followed by shopping at Gift Box Boutique at 11:45. End of Raffle Ticket Sales noon Luncheon 1 p.m. Style Show.

5 Boutiques will be modeling.

Tickets are \$47. Registration opens March 1.

Luncheon menu: Tenderloin & Shrimp, Spinach Salad, Key Lime Pie, Coffee or Tea. We have reserved 30 tickets. Must be paid for no later than April 7. Unsold tickets as of April 7 will be returned. No signups will be allowed after April 7.

Call **Lavonne** Grenlie at (262) 542-2004.

Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets – Call Us Old-Fashioned: The Supper Club Tour

7:30 pm Saturday, May 13
Waukesha Civic Theatre, 264 W Main St, Waukesha



Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets take you on an “Old-Fashioned” road trip with a double shot of nostalgia in their brand-new show! In this energized entrée, the fabulous foursome serves round after round of classic doo-wop and tasty musical side dishes you are sure to relish.

Waukesha Civic Theatre, 264 W.

Main St., May 13 at 7:30 p.m. **Online registration starts March 1.** \$25 per ticket. Call **Denise** Kremel at (262) 524-1023.

SAVE the DATE

Brewers Game and Tailgate Lunch
1 pm Wednesday, June 21

Watch the Milwaukee Brewers take on the **Arizona Diamondbacks**. Seats are in the Loge Infield Box, Section 211. Bring your own cooler of beer, wine, soda or water to a covered Pavilion in the Yount Lot for the tailgate lunch two hours prior to the game.



More details will be available about the combined cost of lunch and game ticket and optional advanced purchase of parking passes at the March general meeting or on the Vagabond website.

Signups start March 1.

Contact event leader **Cindy** Hummer after March 1 at (262) 894-1383 or cjhum1383@gmail.com.



Membership
Jan Breitbach

WELCOME NEW OR RETURNING MEMBERS:

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

David Fowler • Lauri Gebhard

Jane Krenz • Michael Starich

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.

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 Deliver by February 24

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.

FUTURE EVENTS	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 7 Fish Fry	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
April 14 Bowling				General mtg			Andorra Festival City Symphony
April 15 Fest. City Symphony							
April 22 Tennis/Pickleball							
May 11 Spring Style Show	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
May 12 Bowling	Hike			Sugarbush Experience		Bowling	Park City
May 13 Four Guyz show							
May 21 Wednesday Golf League							
June 2 Friday Golf League	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
June 6 Tuesday Golf League	Hike		Scrabble Game night				
June 21 Brewers game							
Oct. 4 France							
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Hike						Tennis/ Pickleball
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Hike		Scrabble Game night	Board mtg			



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