

## February General Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7**

New Berlin Banquet Center • 16000 W. Cleveland Ave.

(Meeting rooms on east side of building)

6 pm: Check-in at Welcome Area begins

6:30 pm: Socializing and event sign-ups

7 pm: General Meeting

7:45 pm: Dancing to the music of Dirty Boogie

*Guests welcome – \$10 admission*

### Sign up in advance

- ◆ Please register for the meeting online, call (414) 732-9749 or email [Jan.Breitbach@gmail.com](mailto:Jan.Breitbach@gmail.com)

### Reminders

- ◆ Wear your Vagabond name tag
- ◆ Park on either side of the building
- ◆ Update your name tag at the meeting if you renewed your membership online.

### Dinner plans?

- ◆ For a meal beforehand, you might try the New Berlin Ale House (in the same building as our meeting but on the west side).
- ◆ No food or beverages may be carried into the meeting rooms.

### THIS MONTH'S MUSIC



Dirty Boogie plays fun, danceable hits from the '70s to today – from Journey to the Black-Eyed Peas. This trio has brought its show to festivals and clubs across Wisconsin, including Summerfest, State Fair and Miller Park.

Let them rev up your engine like a Suzuki. Tap or dance away, my friends!

Next month: Danny Moore and the Boogie Woogie Flu

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From the President  
**Mary Beth Braun**

Winter has arrived in Wisconsin. Many of us are not snowbirds heading south for the winter, but we have lots to do here with the Vagabond Club. Check last month's *Life* and this issue to see that we have ski trips, ski racing, winter hiking every Sunday, bowling, over-the-hump get-togethers, tennis/pickleball party, Festival City Symphony, tips on hiking and snow shoeing at local parks, and every month we have live music at our general meetings. Our February meeting will feature Dirty Boogie.

As long as our list of activities is, that's how many volunteers (x 2) it takes to execute these activities. Events don't just happen. We thank every one of our organizers and you, our participants. Now is a good opportunity (see last month's letter) to get involved more in the club and volunteer where you can. As always, we need volunteers to run this club. If you have an idea for an event, contact your respective Director (Social or Sporting). Do we hear you say that you are too busy? Our volunteers do not necessarily have the time, but they have heart . . . they have interest . . . they have leadership to help and get things done.

On another level of volunteering, we need people to step up and consider volunteering to join the board as there are positions to be filled in May. More information on positions will be detailed in issues to come. For now, feel free to talk to any member of our board and ask questions; get answers. A candidate must be a member of the club for at least one year, and will need to be approved by the board before the election.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of our winter activities and at our next general meeting, Feb. 7.

*Mary Beth*



International Trip  
**Linda Horn**



**Croatia**

The choice for our 2024 Vagabond Foreign Trip this fall was decided by our Vagabond group that returned from Paris, Nice and the Rhone River in October -- it's Croatia!

It seems that everyone who has been to Croatia has absolutely loved it. Conde Nast *Traveler Magazine* ranks Croatia the No. 14 destination in the world, ahead of Germany, Great Britain and France.

This 15-night trip will begin in Dubrovnik or Split. Our trip highlight will be our 7-night "Deluxe Superior" luxury cruise on our own 100% Chartered Ship, hitting the many highlight spots along the absolutely exotic Dalmatian Coast. This Croatia coast is known for its incredible natural beauty and nifty stops along the way.

Of course, as always, we will enjoy lots of included parties, dinners, excursions and fun. Registration for the trip is expected to start March 1.

More details to come in next month's *Life*. Trip Leader: **Bob Spindell**, (414) 276-6331.





## Sporting Activities Mary Beth Braun

### ENJOY WISCONSIN WINTERS!

#### Sunday Hikes

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

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

We welcome volunteers to lead hikes. Contact **Dan Heidemann** at [danlmark@gmail.com](mailto:danlmark@gmail.com) or (414) 416-1678 if you know you can be a leader.

**Hikes without leaders will be canceled.**

**Feb. 4 – Whitnall Park:** Meet at the golf course parking lot along S. 92nd St. (south of College Ave.). Hike from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m., then head to Bosch Tavern, 5871 S. 108th St. in Hales Corners, for food and drinks.

Hike Leader: **Gary Kovach**, (414) 712-3897.

**Feb. 11 – Milwaukee Lakefront:** Meet in McKinley Park's parking lot, 1750 N Lincoln Memorial Drive. We will walk south to a point near the Summerfest grounds and the Lakefront State Park and return to our starting point. Afterward, refreshments at Colectivo Coffee, across the street at 1701 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive.

**Hike Leader needed!**

**Feb. 18 – Whitnall Park:** Meet at the golf course parking lot along S. 92nd St. (south of College Ave.). Hike from 1:45 to

3:45 p.m., then head to That's Amore! at 5080 108th St. in Hales Corners.

Hike leader: **Betty Riley**, (262) 888-9978.

**Feb. 25 – Nashotah Park:** Meet at Park & Ride Lot at Hwy 16 and CTY C at 1:30 p.m., 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: **Dave Nelsen**, (414) 350-1433.

#### OTHER OPPORTUNITES TO ENJOY – Waukesha County

**Lapham Peak State Park:** (W329 N846 County Hwy C, Delafield) offers 17 miles of groomed trails for cross-country skiing. There are lighted trails for nighttime skiing until 9 p.m. For snow conditions, call (262) 646-4421.

Hiking and snowshoeing are available to explore several miles of trails that are not groomed. Ski trails are off limits to hiking and snowshoeing when they are snow-covered.

Ski and snowshoe rentals are available at Lapham Peak; see their website for details on trails maps and prices. State Park fee is required – daily or annual membership.

**Retzer Nature Center:** (S14 W28167 Madison St., Waukesha 53188) offers hiking and snowshoeing. The grounds are open

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daily until 10 p.m. No daily permit is required. No dogs. Snowshoe rentals are available as conditions allow.

**New Berlin Trail:** (from Greenfield Park west to Waukesha.) Hike or snowshoe on flat path that was once a railroad line. No snowshoes for rent.

**Elm Grove Park:** (loop in Elm Grove.) This is one of our favorite parks to walk in our Walk season, and has mostly flat, paved walkways, great when snow-covered for snowshoeing. No snowshoes for rent.

## OTHER OPPORTUNITES TO ENJOY – Milwaukee County

Many county parks in Milwaukee offer snowshoes for rent, as well as planned snowshoe events for the family. Some of our favorite Sunday Hike Parks are listed below for winter hiking and snowshoeing.

### Greenfield Park Trail

Hank Aaron State Trail (Underwood Creek Parkway)

### Schlitz Audubon Nature Center

- West Meadow Loop
- North Ravine & Norman C Huth Trail Loop

### McCarty Park

**Whitnall Park** -- Wehr Nature Center

### Root River Parkway

### County Grounds Park Loop

### Scout Lake Loop

### Havenwoods State Forest



Minooka Park

## Midweek Walks on Thursday mornings returning soon . . .

Our one-hour walks are not scheduled in February but may resume in March, as determined by the weather. We encourage everyone to get out and walk whenever possible, whether it's at the gym, at the Y, or outside if weather permits. As always, we will be looking for volunteers to lead walks on Thursday mornings (11 a.m. to noon). An optional lunch stop afterward is at the discretion of the leader. Walk organizer is **Sherry Dobson**, (262) 498-4067.



## Ski racing

Vagabond skiers have won four of the six Class 1 MMSCSR races this season, led by **Eric Van Wormer**, who was the fastest on the course in those four and placed second in the other two. In Class 4, **Mark Mueller** has won all six races.

Other Vagabonds who have placed first twice this year are: **Mark Regal** in Class 2 and **Al Lemke** and **Dennis Novak** in Class 3.

Practice is from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays** at Sunburst for all Metropolitan Milwaukee Ski Council Senior Racing clubs.

Email [JohnPodsedly@gmail.com](mailto:JohnPodsedly@gmail.com), call (414) 369-4199 or visit [MMSCSR.com](http://MMSCSR.com)

### MMSC Senior Race Schedule

Feb. 3 – Holy Hill

Feb. 10 – Sunburst

Feb. 18 – Sunburst

## Vagabonds start the ski season in Winter Park

A group of 32 Vagabonds headed to Colorado on the first Saturday in January to spend a week skiing at **Winter Park** and **Mary Jane**.







Questions about the Vagabond Ski Program? ? Contact **Joyce** at 262-902-3248 or [jszulc@wi.rr.com](mailto:jszulc@wi.rr.com).





Social Activities  
Denise Kremel



### Scrabble

1-4 pm Tuesday, Feb. 6 and 20  
New Berlin Ale House

We play Scrabble now on the first and third Tuesday 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. 6 and 12. Food is also available for purchase. Non-members are welcome. Contact **Lynn Kozlowski**, (414) 539-8114.

### Game Night!

6-9 pm Tuesdays,  
Feb. 13 and 27  
New Berlin Ale House

The next Game Nights at New Berlin Ale House will be **Feb. 13 and 27**. This is not just for Sheepshead and Dominoes. Whatever game you come for, the rules are the same. Bring your game and invite a few friends to come along. Non-members are encouraged to attend, and 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.) Call **Jae Hartnell**, (608) 712-7440.



### Fish Fry

Friday, Feb. 9  
Double D's  
5171 S. 108th St.

We have a special area reserved for our Feb. 9 fish fry at Double D's in Hales Corners. Arrive at **5 p.m. for drinks** and plan to eat **dinner at 6**.

Options will include cod and perch specials. Separate checks available.

**Sign up online** begins **Jan. 31** Call **Nancy Drolshagen** at (414) 491-3147 for more details.

### Over the Hump



4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21  
Saz's State House  
5539 W. State St.



**Nancy Drolshagen** at (414) 491-3147.

Our next Over the Hump gathering will be at Saz's in Milwaukee. We will meet at **4 p.m.** in the bar, then move to the small table area.

Just show up -- no sign-up is required. Questions? Call

### Festival City Symphony



The Vagabond Ski and Social Club is pleased to continue a long tradition of promoting the Festival City Symphony to our members. The next Classics concert is **March 9**.

Order tickets online at [FestivalCitySymphony.org](http://FestivalCitySymphony.org), or on the day of the concert at the Bradley Symphony Center box office, 212 W. Wisconsin Ave. The requested donation is **\$8** for seniors.

Please note: This event is not sponsored by the Vagabonds.

### 2 p.m. Saturday Classics concert schedule

**March 9:** Suite Dreams of France: Music of the French Countryside

**April 27:** Classical Echoes of American Life: Music of Sierra, Bernstein, Price and Copeland

For details, go to [FestivalCitySymphony.org](http://FestivalCitySymphony.org).



### The Musical Romance of Frank Sinatra and Peggy Lee

1 p.m. March 27  
Wilson Center, Brookfield  
Join the Waitlist

Come join your Vagabond friends March 27 at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, 3270 Mitchell Park Drive, to hear a matinee concert of Frank Sinatra and Peggy Lee songs for a double dose of hits.

Tickets are **\$26**. Contact **Denise Kremel** with questions at (262) 524-1023. Sign-up online.





Membership  
**Jan Breitbach**

### Welcome New or Returning Members

See the online directory at [VagabondSkiClub.com](http://VagabondSkiClub.com) for an up-to-date list of current members.

**Sally DeVriend • Amy Kopfmann • Bob Kopfmann  
Ken Lemke & Diane McMahon • James & Maureen O'Neil  
Patrick Richardson • Beverly Sullivan**

We are looking for friendly and smiling faces to assist at the Welcome Desk on meeting nights.  
Email [Jan.Breitbach@gmail.com](mailto:Jan.Breitbach@gmail.com) or call (414) 732-9749.



Racquet Sports  
**Linda Horn**

### Ready to serve?

Seeking a Director of Racquet Sports to serve on the Board of Directors and coordinate tennis and pickleball events.

Here's an opportunity to make a significant contribution to your Vagabond Club and work with a really awesome group of people -- the tennis and pickleball event leaders and players. What a fun group! In addition, add other racquet sports you like! Ping Pong, perhaps?

Call **Linda Horn** at (262) 707-1450 for more information.



### Help Promote Your Club!

Many Vagabond members are familiar with and use Facebook. If you are on FB, there are several ways you can market the club using Facebook:

- ◆ Be sure to follow the club. On top left of your home page, there is a Search box. Type in "Vagabond Ski & Social Club" and then click Follow. This will send Vagabond posts and events to your feed.
- ◆ Next, when you do receive posts and events from the club, please Share these with your group of FB friends. Share is located on the bottom right of any post or event. This is an easy, no-cost way to spread the word about your club.
- ◆ Finally, when you participate in Vagabond events, take photos! Send those photos to **Joyce** at [jszulc@wi.rr.com](mailto:jszulc@wi.rr.com). Include name of event, date and location. She will post on the Vagabond FB page for all to see.

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Help us find new members through Facebook: Click Like on the Vagabond Ski and Social Club page. To post pictures from club events, send them to [jszulc@wi.rr.com](mailto:jszulc@wi.rr.com).

**Stay Informed**

For up-to-date information on club events and activities, including news and photos, visit [VagabondSkiClub.com](http://VagabondSkiClub.com).

FUTURE EVENTS	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 1 Val di Fassa March 6 General meeting Danny Moore March 9 Symphony March 27 Frank and Peggy April 27 Symphony 	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Hike		Scrabble	General mtg		Bowling Double D's	Snowmass
February 2	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Game night				
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Hike		Scrabble	Saz's			
February 14	25	26	27	28	29	1	2
 Happy PRESIDENT'S DAY	Hike		Game night	Board meeting			
February 19	February						