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MEETINGS

June Is Tailgating Out All Over Wednesday, June 1 – GENERAL MEETING WG's Banquet Center, 103rd & Oklahoma Ave.

Summer starts this month, and Vagabonds will get a jump on it with this summer-style meeting, featuring tailgate meals, the music of a new (to Vagabonds) band, i.e., the popular **Groove Therapy**, with summer rock & roll songs mixed in with lots of fun music. It's Casual Night so wear summer wear such as tennis shoes, sandals, shorts, polo shirts, tank tops, skirts, slacks, caps, visors. Come relaxed and ready to party!

Great Tailgate Food: Hamburger or brat sandwich, baked beans, potato salad, pickle, and coffee; OR hamburger or brat sandwich, chips, coffee. Seconds possibly available, too. Special drink of Red Sangria Cooler, just \$4, plus a special beer.

5:00 pm Bar Opens and Meal Service Starts

5:30 pm Roundtable on Packer History

6:30 pm Happy Hour and Signups

7:00 pm General Meeting

8:00 pm Party & Dancing with Groove Therapy

8:45 pm Birthday Treats

If your birthday is in June, we wish you a HAPPY BIRTHDAY and will sing "Happy Birthday" to you at our meeting. We also ask those with birthdays this month to bring a treat to share – DESSERT ITEMS ONLY: cookies, cake, brownies. Please place them on the Treats' table in the meal room so that all can enjoy after the meeting at 8:45.

Warning: don't park on the west side of the building or you may get ticketed.

Historian/Author Jim Rice Returns With More Packer History

What will certainly be an interesting and fun Roundtable will be when Packer historian and author, Jim Rice, returns to talk more about the history of the Packers, picking up where he left off last November, starting with Vince Lombardi's arrival as coach and going through the Brett Favre era, all the way through Aaron Rodgers and the Pack of today, possibly mentioning the recent Packer draft. Rice will also talk a little about his 10 Giant Cheesehead Books, such as "*Greatest Moments in Packer History*," "*Packers Yesterday & Today*," "*92 Years of Packer/Bear Games*," plus his brand new book, "*Green Bay's 13*

Championship Seasons". Those who missed his talk last time won't want to miss this one because it will be so stimulating and fun with Jim, a former history teacher and school superintendent and possibly the most knowledgeable person in the country when it comes to the Packers. Come yourself and tell lots of Vagabond and non-Vagabond friends not to miss this one. He is foregoing his normal fee in hopes that we might buy some of his terrific books for ourselves or to give to a Packer lover you know. Questions? **Ron Sonntag**, 414-788-4907, or ron@rspr.com. Dinner will be served from 5 pm, so eat while listening.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Ron Sonntag

Thank You for Your Vote to Be Your President Once Again

It's an incredible honor to serve once again as your President. I sincerely thank you, and I want to assure you that I'm dedicated to keeping this the best club of its kind in the entire country. I am not alone in this quest, because there are eleven others on our Board of Directors also working on that common goal. We have some new Directors, too, so expect lots of new and exciting ideas in the weeks and months ahead. Say hello to Cindy Hummer, our new Social Activities Director; to Mary Lou Finn, our new Vice President; and to Joyce Szulc, our new Club Secretary. Also, say thanks for years and years of great and devoted service to the recently resigned Directors - Helen Hankwitz, Paul Bosanac, and Marcia Zientek.

At this time, I'd also like to welcome back all of you Snowbirds to your Vagabond home. For you and everyone else in the club, we look forward to

a fabulous summer together, with all the festivals this summer, plus our many great Vagabond events coming up, including Monday Night Summer Tennis, weekend bike rides, weekly breakfast gatherings, monthly fish fries, weekly Saturday open tennis, picnics, sailing night, canoeing, the fabulous Lake Geneva Boat Ride/Hike, Over-the-Humps, theatre events, day trips, Brewer game, Badger football game, monthly meetings, Roundtables, meals, bands, dances, and so much more. Isn't it great being a Vagabond??? With the table of summer fun now set, it's up to everyone to sample and enjoy whatever appeals to you. And what's really great is that it's okay to take seconds, thirds, fourths, and even more helpings. The smorgasbord of summer is already open for you. Start enjoying.

Your President Once Again,
 Ron



Milwaukee: Join your Vagabond friends each Saturday morning from 8 - 9 am for breakfast at **Genesis Restaurant, Beloit Rd. & 108th St.** for good food, lively talk and fun. Guests welcome.

Menomonee Falls Breakfast: 8:30 am on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of June 11 & 25, in a "private room" at **Ally's Bistro, N72 W13350 Lund Ln., Menomonee Falls** located at the corner of Appleton and Good Hope Road in a small strip mall that faces Appleton Ave. Enter from Good

Hope Rd. or Appleton Ave. Contact **Bonnie Lemmer** with questions at bojean05@sbcglobal.net or call her at 262-370-6673.

Racine/Kenosha Breakfast: June 4, 9 am at **Meli Café, 1158 Prairie Dr., Racine.** Nice place with a variety of choices, all reasonably priced. From the north, exit Hwy. 20, east (Washington Ave.) to Racine, (just past the Harley store), turn left at Prairie Dr. We are a friendly bunch and it's a great way to meet Vagabonds in a small setting. Questions? Call **Carol Gavigan** at 262-632-1922.



VICE PRESIDENT

Mary Lou
Finn

India Trip Coming in Late November

Vagabonds love to travel, so we offer many wonderful trips each year. In the latter part of November, there'll be a **Bob Spindell** trip to India, about which Bob writes that it will be "...covering the most exciting and interesting aspects of India." If interested, give Bob a call at 414-276-6331 to get on the trip info list.



PUBLIC RELATIONS

Judy
Daniel

Thank You for electing me to represent you on the Board of Directors for a fourth term. Together we can continue to grow our unique Club. We had many guests attend the May General Meeting and we signed up several new members. Extend yourself and make them feel welcome. You're

getting the word out about all the activities, friendships and fun we offer. It's finally summer this month so don't miss out on any of the opportunities for fun in the sun. "Congratulations and Welcome" to our newly elected Board Members and President.



SKI & TENNIS

Linda
Horn

Open Tennis

Vagabonds meet and play tennis on Saturday mornings from 9 am to 12 Noon at Nathan Hale High School. There is no cost – just show up. Players should try to get on a court with players of similar ability. Games are subject to weather conditions. Questions? Call **Ron Sonntag** at 414-788-4907.

TENNIS RATINGS

The Vagabond tennis ratings report has been updated and is posted on the Vagabond website. These are the ratings that will be used for scheduling matches for our Summer Tennis League on Monday nights. Please check your rating and make sure that it is up to date. Although every effort was made to assure that the posted ratings are the most current, mistakes can occur. If you

find an error, please contact **Linda Horn** by phone at **262-306-3070** or email **linda.horn1@gmail.com**. If your rating has changed, increased or decreased, please complete a new self-rating form available on the Vagabond website and return it to Linda at **2311 Emslie Dr., Waukesha, WI 53188, OR send it along with your Summer Tennis League (Monday Night Tennis) application to Pat Ellingson.**



MEMBERSHIP

Jan
Breitbart

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist at the Membership table at the monthly meetings. Please consider helping your Club by spending time helping other members at the Membership table. If interested, contact me at jan.breitbart@gmail.com or **414-732-9749**.

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LIFT LINES

**Paul
Bosanac**

After serving as Ski Trips Director for three terms (6 years), I decided not to run for the Board of Directors this year, not because I didn't like the position or because there is ample work attached to the job. I decided the time had come for a fresh perspective. Fortunately, for the skiers in the Club, a former Ski Trips Director, and most recently our Club President, volunteered to pick up the torch. We all know her as "Sally." For a number of years, Sally Borchardt has contributed greatly to the success of our Western and European ski programs, and I am confident she will continue to do so.

Being Ski Trips Director all these years has been a wonderful experience. Along the way, I met many more members than I would have had I not had this job, and I have had the pleasure of working with the gracious members of several Boards of Directors, who willingly gave their time to the Club. I have been a member of the Club since the late 70's, and this was a way for me to "give something back." I hope the skiers join me in assisting Sally to make ours one of the best ski programs in the country.

Check out the Club website at www.vagabondskiclub.com to get all of the latest news, photos and events!



SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Carol Gavigan

June Bike Rides

Sunday, June 5, 11 am, Glacial Drumlin Trail (Waukesha to Dousman/Wales)

Meet at the Fox River Sanctuary, Waukesha. Take Hwy. 164 to Sunset, go north on Sunset to Prairie Avenue, turn right to College Avenue and go to the parking lot. Ride is 7.5 miles one-way to Wales or a longer ride of 12 miles one-way to Dousman. There is a daily \$5 fee or an annual \$25 fee (good at 22 state trails through Dec. 31, 2016) with self-registration stations on the trail. This section of the trail is paved. Eat at La Estacion, 319 Williams Street, Waukesha. Questions? Call **Colleen McClory**, 262-492-5128 or **Bob Laitinen**, 262-895-7768.



Sunday, June 12, 1:30 pm, Hartland Area Bike Ride

Meet downtown at Hartland Public Parking Lot across from the Village of Hartland Municipal Building at 210 Cottonwood Ave. From Milwaukee, take I-94 west to Hwy. 16, Exit 16 at Merton Ave. Continue straight to North Ave. Turn left (south) on North Ave. At Capitol Drive, North Ave. turns into Cottonwood. Continue straight on Cottonwood past the pink Phoenix building. After American Family Insurance, turn right into parking lot. Bike on paved, rolling country roads and Glacial Drumlin Trail for 22 miles. There are a few hills. We will bike to Nashotah, Delafield, Waterville and Wales before coming back to Hartland. Near Wales we will stop at LeDuc's Custard for refreshments. After the ride, eat at Beer Snobs, 122 Cottonwood Ave., Hartland. Questions? Call **Carol**

Zahorik, 262-367-7335, or 262-893-7467, or **Marcia Northouse**, 414-353-1134, or 414-239-5062.

Sunday, June 19, 10 am, Oak Leaf Trail to Greenfield Park Meet at Eric's house, W139 N6259 River Drive, Menomonee Falls, at 10 am. (River Drive is south of Mill Road.) Ride starts promptly at 10:15 am. Travel through scenic, newly-paved Menomonee River Parkway and the Oak Leaf Trail. Short ride is about 15 miles; longer ride is about 25 miles. Afterwards meet back at Eric's house. Eric will supply pizza, beer and soda for \$10 per person. Please bring snacks, other liquor (if desired), and your swimsuit for the whirlpool. Questions? Call **Eric Benz** at 414-588-1562. **Jean Dueling will lead a walk today.** Questions? Call her at 414-321-0258.

Sunday, June 26, 1:30 pm (Long Ride) and 2:15 pm (Short Ride), Bugline Trail

Meet at **Bonnie Lemmer's** home, N90 W17492 St. Thomas Dr., Menomonee Falls. Take Appleton Avenue to Roosevelt Drive, turn left to St. Thomas, home is on the left. Bathroom facilities are not available. We will bike to Menomonee Park (about 11 miles round trip) or Merton (about 22 miles round trip) on a paved trail. The Bugline is a flat trail, easy to ride and shaded most of the way. We will eat at A.J. O'Brady's Irish Pub in downtown Menomonee Falls, N88 W16495 Main St, just east of Appleton Ave (Hwy. 175 & Main St), 262-250-1095. Questions? Contact Bonnie at bojean05@sbcglobal.net (e-mail best for contact) or call 262-370-6673. **Jean Dueling will lead a walk today.** Questions? Call her at 414-321-0258.

Lead a Bike Ride! Still Time to Volunteer

Thinking about leading a bike ride? The following dates are available: July 17 and 31; August 7, 14, 21 & 28. Rides are scheduled during June, July, August and September, usually on Sundays at 1:30 pm. We're looking for those who have led a ride in the past as well as anyone who would like to lead a ride for the first time. We are open to try a Saturday or another starting time on Sunday. Leaders need to map out the route along with details, including whether it is a paved or gravel path. After the ride, we meet at a local restaurant for food, beverages and fun. Leaders need to send a description of the ride suitable for the Life. For more information or to schedule a date, call **Joyce Szulc** at 262-886-9328.



Wednesday Golf Substitutes Wanted

Substitutes needed for the Vagabond Wednesday Golf League at Songbird Hills. The cost is only \$35, plus you would pay \$12 to the person for whom you're subbing, and an \$8.50 cart fee. The \$35 includes beer or soda after each round of golf. You may golf as often or as little as you prefer. To sign up, mail a check for \$35 made payable to the VSSC, along with a SASE, and a completed Event Coupon to **Dave Nicholson**, 15930 Raven Rock Road, Brookfield, WI 53005.





Fun on the Water II - Different River, Same Fun!

Saturday, June 18

Our outfitter will provide paddles, life jackets, canoe or kayak and the transportation to the put in on the Bark River at Burnt Village County Park for our five-mile trip to Ft. Atkinson. We will carpool from the north end of Goerkes Corners Park 'n Ride, leaving promptly at 8:00 am for a one-hour drive to Ft. Atkinson. The canoe trip will take approximately three hours. Lunch will be on your own at a place yet to be chosen. The cost is \$27 per person in a canoe, \$37 in a kayak and a \$15 spotting fee. The trip includes fruit and a beverage. The trip is limited as the outfitter has only eight canoes and five kayaks. Send a completed Event Coupon and check payable to VSSC to Mike Mitchell, 2820 Wexford Rd., Racine, WI, 53405. We will be checking reservation requests per the reservation policy in the Vagabond 2016 Directory as the trip is limited. Questions? Call **Anita Timm** 414-259-9901 or **Mike Mitchell** 262-632-1922.

Summer Walks?

Jean Dueling has once again stepped up and volunteered to lead walks with the bike rides when she is able. This year we will try to let you know in the Life what walks will take place. Questions? Contact Jean at 414-321-0258 or dueling@gmail.com.

Summer Pickleball

The following are Milwaukee area places where Vagabonds are involved with established Pickleball programs. **Brookfield:** **Dave Iselin**, 262-719-1934, runs a program on Thursday nights from 6-8 pm at Mary Knoll Park, Sunnyslope Rd. and Bluemound. Cost is \$15 for residents, \$20-25 for



non residents and runs from June 16-Oct. 13. Registration is at the Park & Rec Dept., 2000 N. Calhoun Rd.

Sussex: **Jim Toshner**, 262-538-4277, plays at Melinda Weaver Park W239N5664 Maple Ave. across from Maple School. It is a drop-in program, \$2 each time, and takes place from 9:30-11:30, Mon., Tu., Th, and Fri. (days subject to change). Jim emphasized that it is a fun social group.

Brown Deer: **Steve Smith**, 414-332-1811, runs a program at the Rite Hite Family YMCA, Thursdays from 11:30 am-1 pm in the gym, so no weather worries. Cost for 4 sessions is \$22, \$20 to Rite Hite members. Call the Y at 414-354-9622 to register.



Fabulous Lake Geneva Hike/Boat Ride Returns

Sat., July 9

Sign-ups close June 24.

This was one of the most popular and beloved events 10 years ago, and we're bringing it back for at least one more time. There are TWO ways to enjoy this fun event:

1) start with a gentle 8-mile, sightseeing walk from downtown Lake Geneva to Williams Bay, passing right through the yards of some of the most magnificent mansions and lake homes of millionaires along the shoreline of the lake, concluding with a BYO picnic lunch at

Williams Bay. Then board a tour boat for the final 14 miles of lake touring and more sightseeing. What fun! OR,

2) ride the boat from Lake Geneva to Williams Bay, also enjoying the sights, then pick up the hikers who had started out much earlier, and finally, both groups ride the tour boat for the final 14 miles of lake touring.

A spectacular event either way you do it. But spaces are limited, so hurry to sign up. Prices are \$27.50 for the hikers who then ride the boat, or \$37 for boat riders only to enjoy the entire beautiful lake. Hikers will drive themselves or carpool with others from Hales Corners Park & Ride at 8 am and be ready to hike at 9 am in Lake Geneva (bringing along a sandwich and beverage for the picnic lunch together). Boat riders only will drive themselves or carpool with others from Hales Corners Park & Ride at 11:45 am. Send checks made payable to VSSC, with a completed Event Coupon, to **Ron Sonntag**, 9406 N. 107th St., Milwaukee, WI 53224. Questions? Call Ron, 414-788-4907. Boat tour will end about 3 pm. Then it's on to the ice cream shop near the dock. All aboard!

Golf Scramble Fun Returns

Sat., Aug. 6

Songbird Hills Golf Club

Registration at Noon,

Golf Warmups and Putting until

12:45, Shotgun Start at 1 pm

Sign up alone, as a twosome, threesome, or foursome. We'll make up foursomes where needed.

COST: Only \$68 for 18 holes with cart, prizes, and buffet dinner after.

Or \$52 for golf only, or \$17 for guest dinner. Send check, made payable to VSSC, with an Event Coupon, with names of others you want to play with, to: **Ron Sonntag**, 9406 N. 107th St., Milwaukee, WI 53224. Indicate if you are signing up for golf and dinner, golf only, or guest dinner only.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Cindy
Hummer



Sheepshead/Dominoes/Cribbage

Tuesday, June 7 and 21 at 6 pm at the American Legion Post, 3245 N. 124th St. **NO FOOD OR DRINK IS PERMITTED TO BE BROUGHT ONTO THE PREMISES.** Free popcorn is available. The purchase of a beverage is encouraged and much appreciated. A \$1 fee is collected from members and non-members for the bartender. Cribbage boards and cards are available for cribbage players. Sheepshead questions? Call **Dick Kowalski** at 414-416-3009. Dominoes: Join the fun in learning and playing Dominoes. Questions? Call **Gerry Botticchio** at 414-425-3911.

Kinky Boots

Marcus
Center for the
Performing Arts



Sunday, June 5, 6:30 pm
Kinky Boots is Broadway's huge-hearted, high-heeled hit! This joyous musical is about the friendships, and the belief that you can change the world when you change your mind. The musical takes you from a gentlemen's shoe factory in Northampton to the glamorous catwalks of Milan. Kinky Boots is the winner of 6 Broadway Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Score, and Best Choreography. Choice of seats in rows B and C of the center loge (\$34), or row K side Orchestra (\$49), or rows K, L, and N of the Orchestra (\$77). The pre-show dinner

will be at the Vagabond Restaurant, 1122 N. Edison St. at 4:30 pm. Send your check made payable to VSSC with a completed Event Coupon, noting if you plan to attend the dinner, to **Lois Brown**, 5038 N. 104th St, Milwaukee, WI 53225. Questions? Call Lois at 414-535-0014.

Brewers Game and Tailgate Party

Thurs., June 9

Tailgate - 4 pm; Game - 7:10 pm
Come join your friends for a fun day at Miller Park. The Brewers play the **New York Mets**. We'll have a great tailgate party before the game, and I promise baseball weather!! Our seats are in Section 215, under the press box on the first base side where you can definitely catch a foul ball! Send your completed Event Coupon, along with a check, made payable to VSSC, for \$32, to **Tom Schneider**, 2447 N. Pierce St., Milwaukee, WI 53212. We will meet at 59th and Wisconsin Ave. at 3:30, then carpool to the North parking area, Molitor 1 lot. Questions? Call Tom at 414-975-7908.

SAIL / POWER NIGHT

Thursday, August 4, 5 – 10 pm

Opens June 1

Summer is coming and it's time to enjoy all the fruits Milwaukee has to offer, including sailing on beautiful Lake Michigan. This year's Sail / Power Night will again be held at the South Shore Yacht Club. Vagabonds who own boats will take members out for approximately 2 hours. After sailing, we all meet on the grounds of the Yacht Club for a wonderful dinner, which

will include 2 entrees, 2 salads, fruit, dessert and unlimited beverages. This is a RAIN or SHINE event, as the food will be served under a tent on the grounds.

This event is limited to 50 members (no guests), and it's aimed at Vagabonds who ENJOY SAILING, the wind in their hair, the thrill of the ride, whether inside or outside the breakwater. The event fills very quickly so don't hesitate to sign up. If we have extra yachts the night of the event, more members MAY be able to go out sailing. Send a completed Event Coupon (making sure every person attending SIGNS the form) to **Helen Hankwitz**, 10108 W. Sunset Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53222. Include a check for \$20 made payable to the VSSC, and a SASE. Questions? Call Helen at 414-461-7772. For those not wanting to sail, and just eat, the cost is \$15.

Badgers vs. Akron

Saturday, Sept 10

Opens June 1

Be one of the lucky Vagabonds to attend the Badger football game on Saturday, Sept. 10, at Camp Randall Stadium. Tailgate lunch, drinks, parking, bus tip, and game tickets are only \$75. We'll meet at the Park 'N Ride on Watertown Plank Rd. and Swan Blvd., with a stop at the Park 'N Ride at I-94 and Hwy. G (exit 291), where the coach bus will take us to Madison. The bus departs 3 hours prior to kick-off. Send your check payable to VSSC, along with a SASE, and a completed Event Coupon noting where you plan to be picked up, to **Pam Cole**, 4659 S. Woodland Drive, Greenfield, WI 53220. Questions? Call Pam at 414-750-6011.

Event Coupon

Application Date _____ Event Date _____ Deposit \$ _____

Event Name _____

Deposit required as specified by the Board of Directors. Make check payable to Vagabond Ski & Social Club and send to the event leader. (Refer to the Vagabond Directory for policies on sign-up priorities, cancellation, charges and conduct.)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Cell Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____

In case of emergency, please notify: (name) _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____

I have contacted _____ and we agree to share a room.

Other Info _____

I acknowledge and agree that as a condition of being allowed to participate in this event:

- I am at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- I accept and voluntarily assume all risks of personal injury, death and loss of or damage to property.
- I assume all liability for injury to or damage incurred by others as a result of my conduct while on said event.
- I release the Vagabond Ski & Social Club of Milwaukee, Inc. and its agents, officers and directors from any and all liability for personal injury, death or property damage incurred by me during my participation on said event or in connection therewith and waive any claim I have or may have in the future therefore.
- I hereby indemnify and hold the Vagabond Ski & Social Club of Milwaukee, Inc. and its officers and directors harmless from any and all damages, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees) which may be incurred by them as a result of any action by me in asserting any claim against them.

Legal Signature _____ **REQUIRED FOR**

FOREIGN TRIPS: Print name as on Passport _____



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FUTURE EVENTS		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2016					1 Roundtable General Meeting Wed. Golf	2	3 Fish Fry	4 Genesis Brfst Racine Brfst Open Tennis
7/9	Lake Geneva Hike/Boat Ride	5 Biking Kinky Boots	6 Summer Tennis	7 Sheepshead Dominoes Cribbage	8 Wed. Golf	9 Brewers/NY Mets	10	11 Genesis Brfst Meno Falls Brfst Open Tennis
7/21	Root River Biking	12 Biking	13 Summer Tennis	14	15 Wed. Golf	16	17	18 Genesis Brfst Open Tennis Fun on the Water
8/4	Sail/Power Night	19 Biking Walk Med. Cruise	20 Summer Tennis	21 Sheepshead Dominoes Cribbage	22 Wed. Golf Over the Hump	23	24	25 Genesis Brfst Meno Falls Brfst Open Tennis
8/6	Golf Scramble	26 Walk Biking	27 Summer Tennis	28	29 Board Meeting Wed. Golf	30		
9/4	Whitnall Park Picnic							
9/10	Badgers vs Akron							
2017								
Jan	Vail, CO Ski Trip							
Feb	Winter Park, CO Ski Trip							
Mar	Lake Tahoe, NV Ski Trip							