

March General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

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 Danny Moore and the Boogie Woogie Flu

Guests welcome – \$10 admission

Sign up in advance

- ◆ Please register for the meeting online, call (414) 732-9749 or email 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

*Danny Moore
&
the Boogie Woogie Flu*



Danny Moore, born in Janesville, knew at an early age that he was meant to play piano. After years of studying classical, pop and jazz styles, he discovered the wonderful world of rockabilly and blues piano. Performing in the styles of Jerry Lee Lewis, Ray Charles, Dr. John and Fats Domino, Danny has made a name for himself as the Milwaukee area's only boogie woogie rock-and-roll pianist.

Next month: American Graffiti

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From the President
Mary Beth Braun

Welcome to March! Our March *Life* Newsletter is full of upcoming events. We have a wonderful trip to Croatia and Slovenia planned for October, with sign-ups opening March 1. We have descriptions about our golf leagues this summer, with sign-ups opening soon. Midweek walks will resume, and great hikes are scheduled in some beautiful county parks in March.

Call for Candidates
Find out where you might fit in,
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And, since our elections and voting are right around the corner in May, we have an article about the board of directors. We are seeking a few new people on the board, and you can help us out with your talents and abilities. This year and last, each board member has taken on extra duties in order to keep everything flowing as you, our members, expect. I've said many times that "things don't just happen" in a club; dedicated volunteers make things happen. We have such a strong base of support with the volunteers we have now, and we know that **we need people to step up and help to keep this club moving into the future.** Photos and resumes of board candidates must be submitted by **April 12** to appear in the *May Life*.

Of course, we have Irish Day coming up. They say that on March 17 we all have a little bit o' Irish in us. ... Happy St. Patrick's Day, and wishing you lots o' Irish luck!

"May you have all the happiness and luck that life can hold – and at the end of your rainbows may you find a pot of gold."

— OLD IRISH BLESSING



Membership
Jan Breitbach

Welcome New or Returning Members

See the online directory at VagabondSkiClub.com for an up-to-date list of current members.

**Pennie Cialdini • Michael & Ann Marie Haas • Ray Nazer
Janet Neldner • John Ward & Karen Hosterman Ward**

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



Simulate successful shots
Prepare for the golf season before you even get back out there.
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International
Trip
Linda Horn

Vagabond Ski & Social Club's Spectacular 15-Day Enchanting Croatia – Slovenia – Croatia Coastline Boat Trip Oct. 5-19 • \$5,944 *

Be part of this phenomenal Vagabond trip to Croatia and Slovenia, including a cruise along the Croatia coastline, where the boat will be 100% exclusively Vagabonds.

Only 36 spaces are available on the “Deluxe Superior” Katarina River Vessel MV Markan. All staterooms are fixed window or balcony.

We will visit the exciting cities of Dubrovnik, Slano, Mljet, Korcula, Vis, Bisevo (Blue cave)/Hvar, Bol, Split and Zagreb, followed by three nights in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Please note: The docking facilities in these small towns are not equipped to accommodate people with physical limitations.



INFORMATIONAL PARTY

March 10 at the Machine Shed

N14 W24145 Tower Place, Pewaukee (I-94, Exit 294)

5:30 p.m. -- Social (wine, beer, soda)

6 p.m. -- program starts

7 p.m. – appetizers served.

RSVP to **Bob Spindell** at (414) 276-6331.

ITINERARY

- Lv: by bus MKE to O'Hare, then fly to Dubrovnik, with one stop
- Dubrovnik – three nights at the five-star Hilton Imperial
- Lv: Dubrovnik by boat – Katarina MV Markan – for seven nights to: (1) Slano, (2) Mljet, (3) Korcula, (4) Vis – Bisevo (Blue Cave/Hvar), (5) Bol, (6) Split
- Lv: Split to Zagreb by bus for panoramic tour
- Lv: Zagreb by bus to Ljubljana, Slovenia, for three nights at the five-star Intercontinental
- Lv: Ljubljana to ORD – one stop



INCLUDES

- Air: O'Hare to Dubrovnik + return to O'Hare from Ljubljana.
- Bus: To and from O'Hare & from airports/hotels/cruise.
- Seven-night luxurious boat cruise: fixed window (porthole) stateroom. (Port Charges not included.) For balcony stateroom, add \$654* per person.
- Cruise meals: breakfast, lunch and some dinners on board, with wine/beer/soft drinks, internet, amenities, shore excursion at several ports.
- Five-star hotels with breakfast, three nights in Dubrovnik and three nights in Ljubljana.
- Tours: Sightseeing – City panoramic tours of Dubrovnik and Ljubljana
- Parties: As usual, several parties, dinners and surprises.

NOT INCLUDED

- Travel Insurance. Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance, not included in the overall package price but required by Vagabond board of directors, \$383. Or purchase Cancel for Any Reason insurance; contact Bob for details.
- Some optional ports of call tours, additional city/outside of area tours & possible entry fees to some attractions.
- Tips and meals not indicated above and possible exchange rate increases, airline and boat supplemental fuel charges.
- Taxes, tips, and port charges.

Trip opens March 1 – Send check by U.S. mail, FedEx, etc., postmarked March 1 (not before): (\$150 for fixed porthole window or \$200 for balcony) “Hold your place only,” payable to Vagabond Ski & Social Club. Please indicate cabin choice on event coupon. Send check, event coupon and two address labels to: Trip Leader **Bob Spindell**, 1626 N. Prospect Ave., No. 2210, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Questions – Call (414) 276-6331. Your \$150 or \$200 is 100% returnable until March 12. Payment schedule by credit card or check: First payment of **\$2,000 due March 12**. Second Payment of **\$2,500 due May 1**. **Final payment due July 9**.



Sporting Activities
Mary Beth Braun

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 danmark@gmail.com or (414) 416-1678 if you know you can be a leader.

Hikes without leaders will be canceled.

March 3 – Minooka Park: Meet at 1:30 p.m. 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 Raised Grain Brewery 1725 Dolphin Drive in Waukesha to eat and drink. County sticker or park entrance fee is required to park vehicle within park. Hike leader is **Betty Riley**, (262) 888-9978.

March 10 – Lapham Peak State Park: Take I-94 west to Hwy. C, then turn left to park entrance. Meet at the middle parking lot, which is called Homestead Hollow: Type “Homestead Hollow, Delafield WI” on Google Maps. From the entrance station, go up the main road 0.7 of a mile; the parking lot is on the left. This is the area where we usually stop for bathrooms. This significantly reduces the number of hills we’ll need to climb. Hike from 1:45 to 3:45 pm, then head to Revere’s Wells Street Tavern at 505 Wells St in Delafield for chili and drinks. Hike leader is **Betty Riley**, (262) 888-9978.

March 17 – 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 108th St., in Hales Corners. Hike leader is **Betty Riley**, (262) 888-9978.

March 24 – 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. 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.

March 31 – Monches section of the Ice Age Trail: Use Google Maps and search on “Ice Age Trail Monches Section.” Location is “5MV3+6C Hartland, Wisconsin.” Take County Line Road (Hwy Q) west past Monches to the intersection of Hwy Q, Hwy K and Hwy E. If anyone needs help with the location, please give Dave a call. Dinner after at Ox and Cats Sports Bar. This is a beautiful part of the Ice Age Trail in old-growth forests. The trail winds its way through glacial formations along the Oconomowoc River and is a personal favorite of hike leader **Dave Nelsen**, (414) 350-1433.

Midweek Walks Are Back – March 7

Every **Thursday morning from 11 to noon**, we will have our Vagabond midweek walks at various parks and locations in the area. March 7 our first walk will be at **Elm Grove Village Park**. Check our weekly emails (Friday mornings) for details on all locations. This event organizer is **Sherry Dobson**, (262) 498-4067, and she welcomes volunteers to lead a walk.

Special-event walk

Thursday, April 25

A special walk will **start at 10:15 a.m.** April 25 in downtown Milwaukee. We will head to MATC for the Cuisine lunch program at 11:30 a.m. You must preregister for this online in Wild Apricot. Seating is limited. Payment will be made at the luncheon (separate checks). Leader: **Jean Dueling**, (414) 321-0258.

GOLF LEAGUES

Tuesdays at Brookfield Hills

16075 Pinehurst Dr., Brookfield

June 4 to Aug. 27 (13 weeks of golf)

This is 9 holes, with tee times 1-1:30 p.m.

Come play on this executive course. **Fee: \$193** Cart rental is **\$10 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, list their name on the registration form. We will need 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 up online starting March 1.

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

Wednesdays at Songbird Hills

W259 N8700 Hwy 164, Hartland

May 29 to Aug. 21 (13 weeks)

Songbird Hills is just south of County Line Road in Hartland. The cost for 9 holes is **\$200**. An option to play 18 holes is available at an extra cost for green and cart fees. Tee times start at 1:30 p.m. Golf carts are \$9 per rider for 9 holes. Cost includes 9 holes of golf, an end-of-summer party, buffet and prizes. Location of party to be determined. Guests are welcome to come to the party for \$25.

Golfers can sign up as a single or a twosome. You will play with the same foursome each week. Contact Suzanne if you have specific requests for your foursome.

The cost for subs to sign up will be \$6. Subs pay \$12.50 to the

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person subbing for. The end-of-year party will be an additional \$25 for subs.

Sign-up for regular players and subsl begins online **March 1**.

Call or text league captain **Suzanne Wiedner** at (262) 305-8444 with questions.

Fridays at Sunny Slope

4285 S. Sunny Slope Road, New Berlin

June 7 to Aug. 30 (12 weeks), 9 holes of golf
(No golf July 5)

Fee: \$174 for players walking. Includes the end-of season party. Cart rental is **\$9** per person weekly.

Or a second option– Include the cart rental in the total fee at the start of the season: **\$270**. Includes golf, cart rental and party.

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 we 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 \$18, which includes the party. Subs pay \$13 or \$21 for each round of golf, paid directly to the person they sub for.

Sign up online starting March 1.

League captain is **Jean Dueling**, dueling@gmail.com. Call or text her at (414) 321-0258.

Golf season is coming ... Prepare ... Practice

We are setting up practice sessions on simulators to help players prepare for the Vagabond golf season. The events will be scheduled for April and May. We will rent simulators for two-hour periods, and each simulator will have 4-5 golfers who will play nine holes. Each golfer will pay just a nominal fee.

Practice makes for better performance! Let's prepare for a great golf season. Watch for more information in the April issue of this newsletter.



Ski racing

Vagabond skiers won seven of the 14 Class 1 MMSCSR races this season, led by **Eric Van Wormer**, who was the fastest on the course in five of them. He also placed second three times.

Mark Mueller won seven Class 4 races.

Other Vagabonds who placed first at least twice this year were:

Class 2: **Mark Regal** and **Ken Smith**

Class 3: **Dennis Novak**, **Al Lemke** and **Mike Kidd**

Class 4: **Stephanie Wampole**

For complete, final team and individual results, go to MMSCSR.com. We continue to practice Wednesday and Thursday nights at Sunburst. Call or text **Al Lemke** at (414) 688-2938 or email JohnPodsedly@gmail.com.

Watch this Space!

Planning is already under way for the 2025 Vagabond ski season.

Keep your eyes on this spot to see where we will be skiing.

Questions? Contact **Joyce** at jszulc@wi.rr.com or (262) 902-3248.

Vagabonds savor the snow again at Snowmass

A group of 43 Vagabonds returned to Colorado in February to ski and stay at one of the club's favorite places: Snowmass (with side trips to Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk).



Gathering for the group dinner at Snowmass



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.



Whitnall Park

Call for Candidates!

In just a few months, the club will hold its annual election for board members. There is room for you! To continue the high level of activities, the club needs YOU to step up and join the board of directors. We are seeking people for a couple of board positions this year.

What's in it for YOU?

- Satisfaction of moving the club forward with your ideas and suggestions. Each board member brings their unique talents and creativity
- Chance to interact with a wide range of people
- Opportunity to learn how the club operates behind the scenes

The board meets on the last Wednesday of the month, generally at the New Berlin Library. Want to learn more? If you are interested in joining us, we will invite you to a Board meeting. Contact **Mary Beth** at (262) 443-7291. Already made up your mind to run? That's great! Email a short paragraph with your qualifications and photo to mbbraun4@wi.rr.com.

Descriptions of Board Positions

President – Oversees the overall operation of the Club; presides at meetings of the Board and membership; is an ex-officio member of all committees.

Vice President – Succeeds to the office of President, if necessary; oversees non-ski international trips; coordinates the annual Recognition Dinner.

Secretary – Records the minutes of the board and membership meetings; maintains a calendar of club events and activities; updates the calendar of the club website.

Treasurer – Keeps current accounting records and makes disbursements approved by the board; presents a monthly financial report at board meetings; prepares and files tax returns and forms.

Membership Director – Processes new membership applications and renewals, maintains the membership database (in place of a printed directory) and the Welcome table at general meetings; oversees distribution of the monthly *Life* newsletter.

Social Activities Director – Researches, arranges and coordinates social events.

Sporting Activities Director – Researches, arranges and coordinates sporting activities except tennis, pickleball and skiing.

Ski Activities Coordinator – Responsible for all ski activities, researching, arranging and coordinating all domestic and international ski trips and the ski race team. Informs the club of other ski opportunities in our area.

Racquet Sports Director – Researches, arranges and coordinates all tennis and pickleball activities.

Finance and Bylaws Director – Supervises the annual elections and voting; recommends changes to Policies, Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.

Meetings Director – Arranges meeting places, times and entertainment, and oversees meeting setups, supplies and payments.

Public Relations Director – Arranges club publications and promotions using social media.



Social Activities Denise Kremel



Scrabble

1-4 pm Tuesday, March 5 and 19
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 **March 5 and 19**. Food is also available for purchase. Non-members are welcome. Contact **Lynn Kozlowski**, (414) 539-8114.

Game Night!

6-9 pm Tuesdays,
March 12 and 26
New Berlin Ale House

The next Game Nights at New Berlin Ale House will be **March 12 and 26**. 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, March 8
Clifford's
10418 W. Forest Home Ave.

Join your fellow Vagabonds on March 8 for a fish fry in the large hall at Clifford's Supper Club in Hales Corners. Meet in the **bar at 5 p.m.**, with **dinner at 5:30**.

Separate checks will be available.

Sign up online. Call **Sherry Dobson** with any questions at (262) 498-4067.



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, or on the day of the concert at the Bradley Symphony Center box office, 212 W. Wisconsin Ave. The requested donation for seniors is **\$8**.

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.

Over the Hump

4-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 20
Cleveland Pub & Grill
14000 E. Cleveland Ave.

Our next Over the Hump gathering will be at **4 p.m. March 20** at Cleveland Pub and Grill in New Berlin. Just show up; no sign-up is required.

Questions? Call **Jean Dueling** at (414) 321-0258 or **Greg Larson** at (414) 588-4998.

TINA – The Tina Turner Musical

1 p.m. Sunday, April 28
Marcus Center



An uplifting comeback story like no other, TINA – The Tina Turner Musical is the inspiring journey of a woman from Nutbush, Tenn., who broke barriers and became the “Queen of Rock ‘n’ Roll.” This stage musical tells the story of a woman who dared to defy the bounds of her age, race and gender.

The Vagabonds will have a group of seats in the center loge **April 28**. Tickets are **\$41**. For those interested in brunch before the show, we plan to meet at Oggie's, 411 E. Mason St.

Please sign up online or at a meeting. Any questions, email Cindy Hummer at cjhum1383@gmail.com or call or text (262) 894-1383.

The production includes loud music, strobe lighting, haze, gunshots, scenes depicting domestic violence, and strong language.

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Facebook Help Wanted

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.

Stay Informed

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

DATED MATERIAL

Deliver by February 27

FUTURE EVENTS	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 12 Bowling April 25 MATC lunch April 27 Symphony April 28 Tina Turner Musical May 10 Bowling May 29 Wednesday golf June 4 Tuesday golf June 7 Friday golf Oct. 5 Croatia 	25	26	27	28	29	1 Val di Fassa	2
	3 Hike	4	5 Scrabble	6 General mtg	7 Walk	8 Bowling Clifford's	9 Festival City Symphony
	10 Hike	11	12 Game night	13	14 Walk	15	16
	17 Hike	18	19 Scrabble	20 Cleveland Pub	21 Walk	22	23
	24 Hike	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31 Hike	March					



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