

May General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

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 **Our House**

Guests welcome – \$10 admission



Election Night,
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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



Next month: Danny Moore and the Boogie Woogie Flu

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Easter has passed; the Eclipse is gone; snow is gone. Warm weather is ahead, and Vagabond activities are full steam ahead for spring and summer.

But let's take a step backward first, and say **thank you** to members who have been volunteering this winter to lead hikes, ski trips and bowling, plan social events (dinners/fish fries, theater, Over the Hump), racquet sports parties, Game Night, Scrabble and ski racing, and work at our welcome table. Thank you for your time, planning and organizing activities. And thank you to our board of directors, coordinators, and *Life* newsletter staff for the wonderful work they do.

At this time, we extend thanks to our volunteers who have been busy organizing spring and summer events: golf leagues, racquet sports, biking, dinners, theater, Over the Hump, baseball game, weekly walks and trips. Without volunteers, we would not be able to offer anything to the club.

May 1 is our Annual Club Meeting and election night for the board of directors. Information about the candidates is in this newsletter. Please read about the election and then **VOTE** online. Voting is also available at the meeting up until 6:59 p.m. Election results will be announced at the meeting. See you May 1.

Mary Beth



2025 SKI TRIPS

◆ **Vail**

Jan. 11-17 (Saturday-Friday) • Lodging at Manor Vail

◆ **Heavenly**

Feb. 9-15 (Sunday-Saturday) • Lodging at Harrah's

Both are Epic Pass properties and avoid any blackout dates. There are many options for the Epic Pass. Go to EpicPass.com and choose what is appropriate for you. **Note:** There are no group lift ticket options for these locations.

Watch upcoming issues of the *Life*, the club website and your email inbox for details as they become available. Questions? Contact **Joyce** at jszulc@wi.rr.com or (262) 902-3248.

Ski racing

The Vagabond men were champions of the MMSCSR league this season, winning all 14 races. Our Vagabond women tied for first place with the Holy Hill women thanks to a victory by only 0.19 of a second in the ninth race.

In the combined men's and women's team results, the **Sitzmarks** finished second, followed by Holy Hill and the Snowmads.

Eric Van Wormer was the top skier overall, placing first in Class 1. Other Vagabonds who finished in the upper half of their class were **Mark Regal** in Class 2, **Al Lemke**, **Mike Kidd** and **Pete Canon** in Class 3, and **Mark Mueller** and **Stephanie Wampole** in Class 4.



Racquet Sports
Linda Horn

Drop-in Tennis

Vagabonds meet and play tennis at **10 a.m. Saturdays** at **Nathan Hale High School** and at **6 p.m. Mondays** (until league play begins in June) at **Elm Grove Village Park**.

Weather permitting, of course. No fee, and no sign-up necessary. Just show up and get on a court with others at your ability level.

Coordinator: **Greg Larson**, (414) 588-4998.

Summer Pickleball League

Thursdays, June 6 - Aug. 29 • 6-8 p.m.
Banting Park, Waukesha

Join the Vagabond Summer Pickleball league. All levels welcome, including beginners who need lessons. After pickleball, we will adjourn to a nearby location for food and drinks (not included in fee) and socializing, a favorite of the Vagabonds! The fee is **\$50 for the entire 12-week season**. Online sign-up preferred. Event coordinator: **Pat Hummer**, (262) 894-3375.

Summer Tennis League

June 3 to Aug. 19 • 6-7:30 pm (Every Monday)

Registration deadline: May 10



Come and join other enthusiastic individuals and enjoy a game of tennis on Monday nights. The tennis league is for all skill levels. The matches are social, mixed doubles, with teams paired up according to ratings. Plan to get out and play, enjoy some exercise and have some fun.



An indoor/outdoor venue where players can gather after tennis for beverages, food and social time is being planned.

The one-time fee is \$35 to play tennis for the entire season. You may sign up as a **substitute player** instead for **\$20**.

Register online and pay by credit card at VagabondSkiClub.com or download and print the registration form there and mail it with your check.

Event organizers: **Cheryl Jaeger** (262) 510-9676 and **Diana Schneider** (414) 491-2217.

PLEASE SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SPOTS ARE LIMITED!

Monday Night Summer Tennis • June 3 to Aug. 19

Event organizers: **Cheryl Jaeger** (262) 510-9676 and **Diana Schneider** (414) 491-2217.

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Weekly Tennis Player (6–7:30 pm) – **\$35** Rating _____

Substitute Player – **\$20** _____ I will fill out foursomes _____ Do not schedule me

Dates I cannot play: June 3 June 10 June 17 June 24 July 1 July 8 July 15

July 22 July 29 Aug. 5 Aug. 12 Aug. 19 I can play all dates

Schedules will be posted at VagabondSkiClub.com

I acknowledge that, as a condition of participating in this event:

- I accept all risks of personal injury, death and loss of or damage to property that may be incurred by me during my participation.
- I assume all liability for injury to or damage incurred by others as a result of my conduct in this event.
- I release the club and its agents, officers and directors from liability for injury, death or property damage incurred by me during this event.

Registration deadline May 10

Sign up online or return this form to:

Diana Schneider

575 W20101 Ridge Road

Muskego, WI 53150

Signature _____ Date _____



International
Trip
Linda Horn

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

Response to the trip has been exceptional, and it is full at this time. If you would like to be added to the wait list, contact **Bob Spindell**. His contact information is at the end of this article. When cancellations occur, those on the wait list will be contacted to fill the openings.



We will visit the exciting cities of Dubrovnik, Slano, Mljet, Korcula, Vis, Bisevo (Blue cave)/Hvar, Bol, Split and Zabreb 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.

Full trip details available at VagabondSkiClub.com/Travel.

To be added to the wait list send an Event Coupon, indicating your cabin choice (porthole or balcony) to Trip Leader **Bob Spindell**, 1626 N. Prospect Ave., #2210, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Questions – Call (414) 276-6331. Payment schedule by credit card or check: First payment of \$2,000 is due at the time of confirmation. **Second payment of \$2,500 due May 1. Final payment due July 9.**



Membership
Jan Breitbach

Welcome New or Returning Members

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

Ron & Chris Altenburg • Kim Babel

Jayne Barry • Judith Bentz • Ginny Burger

Steven Cimbalnik • Dorothy Couillard

Roberta Courtois • Juli Egide

Robert Fendt & Ellen Pedretti-Fendt

Debra Holewinski • Kathrine Kloecker

Tony Madrigal • Mary Smogoleski

Donald Teffer • Judi VonHofmann

Jennifer Washak

The club is looking for friendly and smiling faces to assist at the Welcome Desk on meeting nights. Email Jan at Jan.Breitbach@gmail.com

or call (414) 732-9749



Punta Cana



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

Hikes without leaders will be canceled.

May 5 – 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, S16 W22255 Arcadian Ave in Waukesha, to eat and drink. County sticker or park entrance fee is required to park within park. **Hike Leader needed!**

May 12 – Menomonee Park: Meet in the parking lot at Lannon Village Park, located on N. Lannon Road (Hwy Y) about 1/4 mile north of Good Hope Road. Hike from 1:45 to 3:45pm. Wear proper hiking shoes, as conditions may be muddy. Trails are mostly grass, mulch, packed gravel. Afterward, meet for food and beverage at A.J. O'Brady's Irish Pub, N88 W16495 Main St., Menomonee Falls. Hike Leader is **Gary Kovach**, (414) 712-3897.

May 19 – Scuppernong Trails: This beautiful hike will be in the Kettle Moraine State Forest Southern Unit in Waukesha County. Park at the trailhead, 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 uneven surfaces, some inclines and rocks/stones in some places. Hike distance is approximately 5.5 miles. 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.

May 26 – Whitnall Park: We will take an abbreviated hike in Whitnall Park prior to the club's holiday picnic so we don't miss out on socializing with our non-hiking Vagabond friends. Hike Leader is **Dan Heidemann**, (414) 416-1678.

Memorial Weekend Picnic

The Vagabonds will have **Area 5 at Whitnall Park** available for a picnic **starting at 10 a.m. May 26** if you would like to set up a game or socialize. Parking is just across the road from Area 5, and restrooms are nearby. Vagabonds and guests are invited to come and bring a dish to pass if you would like. Plates and utensils will be supplied. Bring your own beverages. We are looking for a volunteer to oversee the picnic and area. Call **Mary Beth** at (262) 443-7291.

Thursday Walks

All details appear in At-a-Glance weekly in your email
Lunch after the walk is an option.

May 9, 11 a.m. – Stigler Nature Preserve, 17400 W. Liberty Lane, New Berlin.

May 16, 11 a.m. – Menomonee River Parkway, meet at Hartung Park (Menomonee River Parkway & Keefe, north of Burleigh).

May 23, 11 a.m. – Scout Lake Park, 5902 W. Loomis Road, Greendale

May 30, 4-5 p.m. – **HAPPY HOUR walk:** Whitnall Park, meet in the golf course parking lot off S. 92nd Street, followed by a gathering at Open Flame Restaurant.

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.

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

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

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Fridays at Sunnyslope

4285 S. Sunny Slope Road, New Berlin

June 7 to Aug. 30 – 12 weeks (No golf July 5)

9 holes of golf

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

Or a 2nd 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.

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

Weekly Bike Rides

We Need Leaders

The Vagabond bike-riding season starts Sunday, June 2.

Thank you to everybody who volunteered to lead a bike ride last year. We now need volunteer leaders for this year. We ride on Sunday afternoons and need leaders to map out routes of 15 to 25 miles. Along with the ride leader, we will have a sweeper to help monitor the group and assist in case of emergency. After each ride, we meet for food, drink and camaraderie. There will be no local ride scheduled July 21 because of the annual Weekend Bike Trip. To reserve your date, contact **Jim Stephens** at jstephens3@wi.rr.com or (262) 694-2115.

Weekend bike trip

Hillsboro

July 18-21 – Join the wait list

On our Weekend Bike Trip this summer, we will be mainly biking the 400 State Trail. This trail offers the beautiful scenery of the Wisconsin Driftless Area, bountiful wildlife, sandstone outcroppings and rolling farmland. It runs parallel to the Baraboo River. We will stay in Hillsboro, which connects to the 400 State Trail and the Elroy-Sparta Trail via the Hillsboro State Trail. Our stay at the Hotel Hillsboro includes continental breakfast, which includes freshly made cinnamon rolls and other light breakfast items. Sit-down dining is available at Beezers Bar and Grill for lunch and dinner, and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. Other dining available in Hillsboro includes Hillsboro Brewing Company, Tabor Bar and Grill and Station 2 Pub.

We have 10 rooms reserved. Any questions, contact **Dan Heidemann** at (414) 416-1678 or **Denise Kremel** at (252) 524-1023.

Fee: **\$295 per person double occupancy**. You must sign up with a roommate. Signup on Wild Apricot.

Elections

Candidate for Board and President



Mary Beth Braun

I've been on the board for the past four years, serving as president last year and sporting director for four years. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our board members, and I have come to know so many members through events. I have talked to you and listened, and because of this our club has brought back some old events and brought in some new ideas. We always want to move the club along for everyone's enjoyment. Your participation in events makes my efforts worthwhile. I am running for a second term as president and ask for your vote. I will continue to work for you, and I will always be looking for opportunities to advance the Club.

Candidates for the Board



Jan Breitbach

I have been a member since 2011 and been Membership Director since 2015. I have enjoyed working with all the members and would like to continue serving the club. I would appreciate your vote.



Denise Kremel

I have been a member of the Vagabonds since 2005. I have previously served on the board as Sporting Activities Director and Vice President and the last two years as Social Activities Director. I have continued to run a yearly weekend bike trip. I have also run many other events over the years. I have decided to run for one last term for the board to help our club move forward. My hope is others will also volunteer to help our board of directors. It would be an honor to serve on the board again.



Sally DeVriend

I am new to the club and am very happy to be a member of such a nice club. I have found you to be a very wonderful group of people. My work life was as a registered nurse. I like to help people.

I have been a member of several groups, including my church, condo association and the Lions Club.

I like to be active; I enjoy tennis, Pickleball, dancing, traveling and being with nice people.

This club will give me an opportunity to contribute again. I realize it takes many people to run such a nice organization. I want to be a person who helps make the Vagabonds thrive.

I would appreciate your consideration and your vote so I can help people like you.



Social Activities
Denise Kremel



Fish Fry

Friday, May 3
Silver Spur

Our next fish fry will be **May 3** at the Silver Spur, 13275 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove.

Meet at **5 p.m.** for drinks in the bar, dinner at **5:30 p.m.** Beer-battered or baked cod is **\$18**, pan-fried perch is **\$24**. Separate checks will be available.

Sign up by May 1. Please have cash ready to pay your bill. Questions, please call **Cathy Faust** at (414) 429-2384.

Scrabble



1-4 pm Tuesday, May 7 and 21
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 alcohol-

ic or non-alcoholic. Next games are **May 7 and 21**. Food is also available for purchase. Non-members are welcome. Contact **Lynn Kozlowski**, (414) 539-8114.

Game Night!

6-9 pm Tuesdays, May 14 and 28
New Berlin Ale House

The next Game Nights at New Berlin Ale House will be **May 14 and 28**. 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.



Over the Hump

Wednesday, May 15, O'Donoghue's

Join us for our next Over the Hump, at **4 p.m.** May 15 at **O'Donoghue's Irish Pub**, 13225 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove.

Just show up; no sign-up is required. Questions? Call **Cathy Faust**, (414) 429-2384.

Day trips

A couple of day trips have been organized in May:

- **May 8 – Clauson Barn Dinner Theatre** for a tribute to Elvis, Roy Orbison and Buddy Holly
- **May 19 – Moulin Rouge the Musical** at the Marcus Center

Call **Mary Gilardi** at (414) 446-4067. These are not Vagabond-sponsored events.

Supper Club

Diamond Jim's
June 19



Join your fellow Vagabonds at **Diamond Jim's, 11811 Janesville Road, Hales Corners**, on Wednesday, June 19.

Cocktails will start at **5 p.m.**, dinner at **5:30**. You will have a choice of filet mignon, ribs, broiled cod, grilled chicken breast, fried chicken or pork chop. **Dinners are \$35** each and include bread, relish tray, house salad and a baked potato.

Separate checks will be provided with tax and gratuity added. Payment will be due that night. **Registration will open May 1.** Please direct any questions to **Pam Cole**, (414) 750-6011.

Brewers vs. Braves

1:10 p.m. Wednesday, July 31

Take the shuttle!

Seats for this year's Vagabond outing to watch the Brewers will be in Section 211, Rows 4-8.

We will meet at Jackson's Blue Ribbon Pub in Wauwatosa on 113th and Bluemound. Free street parking. Enjoy a good-sized lunch or snack and beverage at the pub. Shuttles will run every 20 minutes for a \$2 fee. You must purchase at least one beverage and pay \$2 for a ticket on the shuttle.

Leave your worries at home -- no parking hassles or traffic after the game on the return shuttle. **Your ticket is \$26** and will be handed out at the venue no later than **12:30 p.m.**



If you want to attend the game but make your own arrangements, contact **Cindy Hummer** to pick up your tickets. **Sign up by June 30** online or at a general meeting.

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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 April 29

FUTURE EVENTS	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 2 Sunday bike riding	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
June 3 Tennis league				General mtg	Walk Golf simulator	Silver Spur	Tennis
June 4 Tuesday golf							
June 6 Pickleball league							
June 7 Friday golf							
June 19 Diamond Jim's	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
July 18 Hillsboro bike trip	Hike	Tennis	Scrabble		Walk Fashion Show	Bowling	Tennis Ski race banquet
July 31 Brewers							
Oct. 5 Croatia							
Jan. 11 Vail							
Feb. 9 Heavenly							
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Hike	Tennis	Game night	O'Donoghue's	Walk		Tennis
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Hike	Tennis	Scrabble		Walk		Tennis
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	Hike Picnic	Tennis	Game night	Board meeting	Walk		



May 12 • Mother's Day



May 27 • Memorial Day

May