

Zoom/Phone-in General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:45 pm Roundtable: David Archuleta and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir - A Wondrous Christmas

7:15 pm General Meeting

Hear updates on club events, including the new Walking group. Once again, to ensure the health and safety of our members, we are going to Zoom in your Living Room. You can join either with video or dial-in only.

Zoom Video/Audio:

Join the meeting via Zoom video using your computer or smartphone.

You can sign in on your tablet or smartphone app using the Meeting ID and Password listed below.

Or click the email link sent the day before the meeting. Be sure to turn on the video portion so your Vagabond friends can see you!

Dial In Only:

Call in to join the meeting by phone (land line or cell phone) and hear the latest updates about Vagabond events, activities and trips.

Call (312) 626-6799 ... Meeting ID 837 3356 215 ... Password 8242 2663

ROUNDTABLE:

David Archuleta and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir - A Wondrous Christmas



Turn your sound up to hear and see American singer/songwriter and actor David Archuleta perform with the Tabernacle Choir in a Christmas concert. You may know David from the 2008 season of the American Idol television series.

The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square (formerly known as the Mormon Tabernacle Choir) is one of the most famous choirs in the world. It has been in existence since 1847. Like the Vagabonds, it is made up almost entirely with volunteers.

What better way to start the holiday season than with some beautiful Christmas songs!

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**From the President
 Joyce Szulc**

For those of you who have been members for a while, you may be familiar with the term MICE. It is an acronym for Mysterious, Impromptu and Crazy Event. With everything that's going on right now, this is the perfect time to think about not only recurring outside

events (like our Sunday hikes and the new Wednesday walks) but events based on spur-of-the-moment ideas: like Carol and Mike's Cocktail Party on their patio in early November.

What do these events look like? Maybe with a snowfall (yes, snow is on its way), a snowshoe or cross country meet-up at a local park. Maybe a guided nature hike? Maybe going out to cheer on the Vagabond Ski Race Team? I am confident that members have many other ideas.



Be sure to pass along your ideas to me or any Board member.

On a recent Sunday Hike at Minooka Park (where we had 40 members plus three dogs participate), several ideas surfaced that the Board is investigating for the future. Also, a big thanks to Tom and Sharon for leading that hike!

This is a difficult time for everyone. Our normal routines have been totally disrupted. I want to assure each of you that the club is adapting to a health situation beyond our control. The club continues to provide a number of events that we feel are appropriate, and the Board is working overtime to investigate other ideas. All of us are looking forward to the time when we can meet safely indoors.

Getting back to MICE events. These events probably will not be in the Life and will be communicated via email, so it is important that your email address is up to date in your Vagabond profile.

Merry Christmas!

Regards, Joyce



Welcome to new Board Member!



It is a pleasure to announce that Tom Wendt has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of the Meetings Director.

Tom has volunteering in his blood. He volunteers with five other organizations, including the retirement club at Milwaukee Electric Tool, where he is on the board and assists with meetings and other functions.

Tom and his wife, Shirley, have been Vagabonds since June 2019. Thanks, Tom!



**Social Activities
Cindy Hummer**

414 Quartet • \$48

Thursday, Dec. 10 • 7:30-8:30 pm
Sharon Wilson Center for the Arts
19805 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield

Celebrate the joyful sounds of this festive season with beloved holiday classics and other favorites. Limited seating available.

To ensure a safe experience, capacity for the theater will be at 25%. An air filtration and cleaning system has been installed throughout the venue to bring in fresh air every 20 minutes. Hand sanitizers will be available, and masks will be required.

Before or after the performance, enjoy a fun and festive outdoor holiday light display at Mitchell Park, next-door to the Wilson Center. Refreshing holiday spirits and sweet treats will be offered for purchase.

Sign up online or send your check, payable to VSSC, to **Cindy Hummer**, 16780 Eldorado Drive, Brookfield, WI 53005. Questions? Call Cindy at (262) 894-1383.

New Year's Eve Party

Thursday, Dec. 31

Tripoli Shrine
3000 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Tripoli Shrine has upgraded its air-filtration system and received approval from the Health Department to hold its annual New Year's Eve party.

Tripoli has hosted three events since Sept. 29 that have been over 250 people, and the Health Department has come to inspect during and after the gatherings. They also monitor if anyone tests positive after the events, and there have been no positive tests related to the events. So the shrine is able to offer food and dancing.

Details for the New Year's Eve Party are not all set yet, but the night will start out with scrumptious hors d'oeuvres, open bar all evening, followed by a sit-down dinner, music to dance to, 11 p.m. buffet. Party favors and champagne at midnight.

Band and food are yet to be determined, along with the price. It is a Black Tie Event, so dark suit or tuxedo for men, and a fancy dress for ladies.

Vagabonds will be grouped together. If you have a request of who you'd like to sit with, it can be arranged. No need for a trip coupon as this is directly with the Shrine. Further updates can be found on the Vagabond website as they become available.

Call **Diane and Greg Zarse** at 414-327-2572. Once the price is established, make checks payable to Tripoli Shrine and mail to Greg and Diane Zarse, 11810 W Coldspring Road, Greenfield, WI 53228.



**Tennis & Pickleball
Dee Hollstein-Pizur**

Winter tennis party possibilities are being considered.

Contact **Dee** at DeeHPizur@gmail.com if you would like to help or have some suggestions.

No pickleball events have been planned, but if anybody is interested in organizing a pickleball event, email Dee.



**From the
Vice President
Linda Horn**

INTERNATIONAL TRIP UPDATE

Greek Isles & Italy • September 2021

We will depart from Athens and cruise through the Greek Islands on the same ship we enjoyed so much on our cruise around Cuba. From Athens, we are off to Rome for an Italian adventure. As usual, we will stay at 4- and 5-star hotels both in Athens and Rome, with many parties and dinners.

Contact **Bob Spindell** at RSpindell@Gottesman-Company.com or (414) 276-6331.

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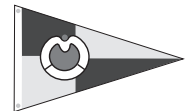
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Ski Activities
Joyce Szulc

Vagabond Race Team



Your Vagabond Ski Team begins the race season at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, with two giant-slalom races at Alpine Valley. Spectators are encouraged to come out and cheer. A trophy presentation ceremony will be held after the race.

There are 14 races scheduled to be run on seven dates this winter hosted by the Metropolitan Milwaukee Ski Council Senior Racing. In addition, there is a special race with the Chicago Metropolitan

Ski Council and the Midwest Masters. About 40-45 skiers compete at each race in one of eight classes depending on skill level. Two different courses are run for each race, and the times are combined. Awards are presented in each class at each race. Awards are also given to at least half the racers in each class at the end of the season.

All MMSCSR clubs practice from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday nights at Little Switzerland and 7-9 p.m. Friday nights at Sunburst. Team Captain Al Lemke provides racer lift ticket pricing along with race and practice email updates.

All Vagabond skiers intermediate or better are invited to try running race gates with us. Just show up and identify yourself. Skiing down a course at practice, whether starting from the top or halfway down, is a way to make local skiing exciting and fun. Try it, you will be hooked! We help each other improve our skiing, have fun and race at a level that is appropriate.

The team is always looking for more men and women to join. Even if you are not a skier yourself (or have retired from skiing), recommend a friend or relative to race with our club. Getting people interested in ski racing is a great way to add some youth to our club. After all, that is how the Vagabonds started in the first place!

For more information: www.mmscsr.com

Registration fee for the season is discounted to \$30, thanks to a Vagabond subsidy.

Sign up online at VagabondSkiClub.com or contact Team Captain Al Lemke at 414-688-2938 or AKLemke2993@gmail.com.



MMSC Senior Race Schedule

Date	Location	Race Type	Comments
Dec. 19	Alpine Valley	GS/GS	
Jan. 3	Sunburst	GS/GS	
Jan. 9	Sunburst	SL/SL	Extra CMSC run race
Jan. 10	Sunburst	SL/SL	
Jan. 16	Holy Hill	SL/SL	
Jan. 24	Little Switzerland	SL/SL	
Jan. 30	Holy Hill	GS/GS	
Feb. 7	Sunburst	SL/GS	
Feb. 14			Make-up, if needed
Feb. 19,20,21	Granite Peak		Midwest Masters

Questions about anything related to the Vagabond ski program? Contact **Joyce** at jszulc@wi.rr.com or (262) 886-9328.



**Weekend Bus Ski Trip • Feb. 26-28
Big Snow Resort, Wakefield, MI**

\$370 per person, double occupancy
 \$470 per person, single occupancy
 \$285 per person – Lodging only, double occupancy
 \$390 per person – Lodging only, single occupancy

Join us for a weekend of skiing at Indianhead Mountain and Blackjack Mountain with 56 trails, 15 lifts and over 400 skiable acres. This trip is being held jointly with the Milwaukee Sitzmarks Ski Club. Complimentary shuttle bus every half hour so you can enjoy both hills. This is a great trip for all skiers, including those who may have not skied in a while or even for someone who has not skied before. Check out the

website www.BigSnow.com.



Cross-country skiers:
 There are cross-country trails about a half hour away by bus. Check out www.ABRski.com for more information. Plus, bring your snowshoes or

rent them!

Your weekend includes: round-trip bus transportation, driver tips, box lunch and beverages on the ride up, two nights lodging, two-day Indianhead/Blackjack lift ticket, two breakfasts, Saturday evening cocktail party and plated dinner, all taxes and gratuities. You can add ski rentals (**\$27/day or \$46/two days**) and group ski lessons (**\$22/person**). NASTAR racing is available at noon for \$7.

Bus will leave from Goerke's Corners Park & Ride (N. Barker Rd & I-94) at 2 pm Friday and will return Sunday evening. This event is open to members and guests (21 and older).

Registration closes Jan. 22. Sign up online or mail your check to Carol Gavigan, 102 Portico Dr, Mt Pleasant, WI 53406. Questions? Contact Carol at cjgavigan177@gmail.com or 262-632-1922.

Updates to Western Ski Trips

All trips **with the exception of Vail** (cancellation) are now closed, we are accepting names for the waitlist for each trip.

Reminder: Make sure to register for your ski days with your Epic Pass. The Early Registration period ends Dec. 8.

Please note the updated airline schedules for each of our three Western trips:



**Vail • Jan. 9-16
\$1,435 double occupancy**

There is flexibility in the rooming/bedding arrangements, so we can accommodate one man, one woman or a couple.

Interested? Act now: Call **Joyce**, (262) 886-9328, for details.

- Saturday, Jan. 9: SW #2125 - Lv MKE 4 pm; Ar DEN 5:40 pm
- Saturday, Jan. 16: SW #3066 - Lv DEN 10:35 am; Ar MKE 1:50 pm

Trip leader: **Joyce Szulc**, 262-886-9328, jszulc@wi.rr.com



Breckenridge • Feb. 6-13

- Saturday, Feb. 6: SW #2125 - Lv MKE 4 pm; Ar DEN 5:40 pm
- Saturday, Feb. 13: SW #3066 - Lv DEN 10:35 am; Ar MKE 1:50 pm

Trip leader: **Diana Hrovatin**, dhrovatin@shorewest.com or (414) 581-7191.



Park City • March 6-13

- Saturday, March 6: SW #4703 - Lv MKE 7:20 am; Ar LAS 9:25 am
- Saturday, March 6: SW #2861 - Lv LAS 10:20 am; Ar SLC 12:45 pm
- Saturday, March 13: SW #3914 - Lv SLC 12:40 pm;

Ar MKE 7:10 pm

Trip leaders: **John Podsedly**, JohnPodsedly@gmail.com or 414-369-4199 and **Karen Bryant**, bryant55karen@gmail.com or 608-571-9303.



**Sporting
Activities
Mary Beth Braun**

Sunday Hikes

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

We are looking for hike leaders and ideas. Do you feel like being creative and presenting us with a fresh hike at a different location? Or a new route at an old standby park? Or something completely different?

We've heard that some of you do have fresh ideas.

Email **Mary Beth** at email MBBraun4@wi.rr.com or call (262) 443-7291.

NEW EVENT: WEEKLY SHORT WALKS

We are introducing short walks/hikes during the week that are approximately 1 hour and that are in parks with level and paved walkways. This short hike event will take place Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and possibly a different park each week – this is at the choice of the leader. **We are looking for a volunteer to be the event leader**, the go-to person for those of you who volunteer to a walk.

Suggestions presented at the Nov. 4 virtual club meeting: Foxbrook Park (Brookfield), Mitchell Park (Brookfield), Elm Grove Park, Lapham Peak (Delafield, specifically the paved walk through the woods), Frame Park (Waukesha), Menomonie Park, Greenfield Park (West Allis). **Looking for leaders!**

Each week, details of the next walk will be included in Joyce's "Week at a Glance" email message. Until we have an event leader, please contact **Mary Beth Braun** to volunteer and schedule a walk: 262-443-7291 or MBBraun4@wi.rr.com.



BOWLING Update

Because of the pandemic, there will not be a Vagabond Club sanctioned bowling league this season. We look forward to starting the league again in September 2021.

“There’s no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing”

If you have embraced being outdoors as a way to deal with pandemic stress and are dreading the arrival of winter, you might consider cultivating two things: a new attitude and a better cold-weather wardrobe.

Norwegians have a concept called friluftsliv, or “open-air living,” the tradition of making time outdoors part of daily life — whatever the season. They adapt and try to make sure the cold does not interfere with their activities.

And they’ve learned how to stay comfortable while doing so. They say, “There’s no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing.”

Winter clothing has come a long way in the past couple of decades. Modern fabrics, wool and wool blends are less bulky and more efficient in helping you endure December, January, February, March and sometimes April.



The essential elements of a winter wardrobe:

- **Boots:** Preferably insulated and waterproof. And to improve traction, consider cleats, such as Yaktrax.
- **Socks:** No need for more than one pair at a time. They don't have to be thick, but they should be wool.
- **Hat:** At least something up there on the top.
- **Gloves or mittens:** Mittens are warmer, but gloves give your fingers freedom; some even have tips you can flip away.
- **Layers:** To keep your core warm and dry, you need a base layer, an insulating layer and an outer shell. A coat will probably be your big-ticket item, but you can limit that expense by choosing synthetics instead of down.

{From “How to embrace being outdoors in winter, rather than dreading it,” by Amanda Loudin, Washington Post, Nov. 3}

Forty Vagabonds and three dogs enjoyed a beautiful Sunday afternoon hiking at Minooka Park in Waukesha. Thanks to Tom and Sharon for leading! And thanks to Clarine and Jim for the photos.





From
Membership
Jan Breitbach

2021 Vagabond Directory

Based on input from club members, we will once again include the mailing addresses of members in the upcoming issue of the directory. Last year, to help defray the costs of design, printing and postage, we eliminated mailing addresses and listed only name, emails and phone numbers to shrink the size (and the cost) of the directory.

Listing full address will increase the cost of production and

postage. To help pay for these increased costs, we are charging \$5 for a printed directory mailed to your home. You can place your directory order online and pay with your credit card, or you can mail the coupon below with your check to our Membership Director. Deadline for directory orders is **Dec. 1**. The directory will be mailed out around Dec. 15.

If you do not wish to pay \$5, remember that there is always an up-to-date directory at VagabondSkiClub.com or on your smartphone when you install the Wild Apricot app. In addition, we will post a PDF version of the printed directory on the Members Only portion of the Vagabond website. You can download or print the directory yourself.

If your address was in the 2019 directory and you do not want it in the 2021 directory, email that request to jan.breitbach@gmail.com.

Mail this coupon with your check made payable to VSSC to Jan Breitbach, 7809 W Mt. Vernon Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53213 by Dec. 1.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Number of 2021 Vagabond Directories: _____ x \$5 each = \$ _____ (amount enclosed)



Tech Tip by
Linda Horn

Do you have the Wild Apricot app on your smart phone?



The Wild Apricot App gives you access to several terrific features, and one of the best is access to the Vagabond Member Directory using your smart phone.

To add the App to your phone:

- Go to the app store you use (Apple app store, google play, etc.) Search for “Wild Apricot – Member” and download it.
- Open the Wild Apricot app and log in to Wild Apricot using the email and password you established previously.
- If you have not yet established a password, you will need to do so using a different device OR,
- Call Linda Horn at 262-707-1450 for assistance.

Once you have the app on your phone and you have logged in, click “remember me” so that you do not need to enter your password each time you want to use the app. To access the online directory:

- Look at the bottom of the screen. You’ll see four icons:

- Tap “Members” to see the member directory. Tap the magnifying glass to search for a specific member.
- Type in a few characters of the last name, or
- Type in a few characters of the first name
- Then tap Search, or Go or Enter (it varies with the type of phone being used.)
- Tap the name of the person you are looking for to see their public profile page, including their phone number, email address, etc.

Other features available with the App:

- Tap “**Event List**” to view events open for registration. Tap a specific event to register for it.
- Tap “**My Tickets**” to view a list of events you have registered for.
- Tap “**Profile**” to view your profile and make changes as necessary.

Please don’t hesitate to call for assistance at 262-707-1450.



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DATED MATERIAL

Deliver by Saturday, November 28

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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 – and to find out which events and activities are being affected by the restrictions on social gatherings – visit VagabondSkiClub.com.

FUTURE EVENTS	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1/9 Vail Ski Trip 2/6 Breckenridge Ski Trip 2/26 Big Snow Ski Trip 3/6 Park City Ski Trip	29	30	1	2 Vagabond General Meeting Walk	3	4	5
	6 Hike	7	8	9 Walk	10 414 Quartet – Sharon Wilson Center	11	12
	13 Hike	14	15	16 Board Meeting Walk	17	18	19
	20 Hike	21	22	23 Walk	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26
	27 Hike	28	29	30 Walk	31 New Year's Eve Party – Tripoli Shrine	1	2
	27 Hike	28	29	30	31	1	2

In light of the current pandemic, all events are subject to change.

DECEMBER