

Zoom/Phone-in General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:45 pm Roundtable: Estate Planning advice

7:15 pm General Meeting

Do you have questions about wills, or about leaving a financial legacy with your family? Are you wondering if a trust is right for your situation, or what else it means to plan your estate? Join us for a virtual presentation from estate planning attorney Jason Heinen.

Send your questions to Meetings Director Tom Wendt at ThomasWendt@juno.com by Monday, Feb. 1. We will also accept questions online during the presentation using the Q&A function of Zoom.

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: Estate Planning Advice



Jason Heinen, an attorney at the Law Offices of Mark S. Knutson, has worked with individuals and couples to execute their estate plans since 2011. He helps families navigate the sometimes-complicated end-of-life issues when they lose a loved one.



His Feb. 3 presentation will cover the basic tools for passing your assets to your children or beneficiaries. He'll also explain ways to accomplish your goals as cost-effectively as possible.

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**From the President
 Joyce Szulc**

One of the things I like about February is that the hours of daylight are longer, especially when compared with December. The shortest day in December in Milwaukee has only nine hours of daylight. At the beginning of February, there are already 10 hours of daylight, and by the end of the month, nearly 11.

For a lot of us, more daylight seems to do wonders for our well-being, especially in these trying times.

I recently read an article in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel about how the use of state parks has boomed during the pandemic. Being outdoors is one of the best ways to ensure both your emotional and physical wellness. Even before the pandemic, the Vagabonds hosted numerous outdoor activities, and the club continues this practice today.

We are lucky to live where we do: Wisconsin is home to 49 state parks; Waukesha County has 12 parks, and Milwaukee County has over 150. In addition, there are many bike trails. The club uses many of these parks and trails for our hikes, walks and bike rides. I believe it is important to support the parks we use by purchasing an annual pass. The prices are very reasonable, and many offer a Senior Rate. You can purchase these passes online, in person or over the phone. ...

To buy a Wisconsin vehicle admission sticker or state trail pass, visit dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/admission or call (888) 305-0398.

For a Waukesha County annual pass, go to waukeshacounty.gov/parksystem I hope you see you outside during the next few months. ...

Stay well and healthy!

Regards, Joyce



**From Membership
 Jan Breitbach**

WELCOME NEW OR RETURNING MEMBERS:

(Up-to-date information is available in the online directory.)

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If you have any questions, contact **Jan** at (414) 732-9749 or Jan.Breitbach@gmail.com.

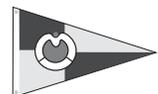
Printed copies of the 2021 Vagabond Directory are still available.

Send a \$5 check to Jan Breitbach

7809 W. Mt. Vernon Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53213.



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



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Ted: 262-786-1475; tmsmyczek@netzero.net.



From the
Vice President
Linda Horn



Sporting
Activities
Mary Beth Braun

INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

Africa • October 28 - November 9
\$9,995 per person, double occupancy.
Single supplement is \$2,595 additional

This trip is limited to 12 people (minimum 6). Price includes roundtrip airfare, 10 nights' lodging, most meals, and trip insurance. (Upgraded, cancel-for-any-reason trip insurance is also available).

This dream trip explores Cape Town, Private Big 5 Game reserve drives in Kapama, sunset cruise on the Zambezi River, viewing majestic Victoria Falls and even seeing the African penguins. No visas are required, but your passport must be valid for six months beyond November 2021.

First deposit of **\$3,000** is fully refundable and due by April 15. Second deposit is **\$4,000**, due May 12, and final payment is due Aug. 13. Upgraded insurance is due with first deposit.

For a complete brochure, including a daily itinerary, contact event administrator **Barb Schumacher** at (414) 305-1060.



Greek Isles & Italy • September 2021

We will depart from Athens and travel through the Greek Islands by cruise ship – the newest one in the line. Then we are off to Rome for an Italian adventure. As usual, we will stay at 4- and 5-star hotels, with many parties and dinners.

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

Are you a member of AARP Wisconsin?

If so, click to connect with AARP every Thursday from noon to 12:30 p.m. without leaving your home. Stay up to date on topics related to healthy living, fraud prevention, volunteering and more.

Facebook: [facebook.com/aarpWisconsin](https://www.facebook.com/aarpWisconsin)

Visit aarp.org/wi for more information.

(Reminder: Ensure that your computer is up to date and has the necessary software loaded.)

Sunday Hikes

Meet at 1:30 pm • Hike 1:45-3:45 pm

Feb. 7 – Glacier Hills County Park: 1664 Friess Lake Road, Hubertus. Hwy 41/45 north to Hwy 167, west on Hwy 167 (Holy Hill Road) to Friess Lake Road. Turn left (south), go 1/8 mile to park entrance. Trail is hilly, rugged, narrow. May have snow and ice. Admission fee; mail in. Leader is **Gary Kovach**, (414) 712-3897. Food/beverage at the Sawmill in Richfield optional.

Feb. 14 – Richard Bong State Recreation Area: 26313 Burlington Rd, Kansasville, WI 53139. Meet in the parking lot of Trailhead. Leaders will be **Joyce Szulc** and **Jim**.

Feb. 21 – Whitnall Park: We need a leader! Meet at the golf course parking lot along S. 92nd St.

Feb. 28 – Pike Lake State Park: We need a leader! Take I-41 (or Hwy 164) to Hwy 60, west 3 miles to park entrance. Meet at the beach parking lot. Trail is hilly, may be snowy and icy.

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Please consider having proper clothing, boots and equipment while on the winter hikes. We stressed this in the December *Life* and repeat here: Layer clothing, wear hats and gloves, and prepare for snowy and icy conditions, using crampons on your boots. Hiking poles may help with stability. Stay hydrated, and bring high-protein snacks.
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A note of gratitude to **Gary Kovach** for bringing us a variety of hikes for the past two months. We are open to suggestions from anyone with hiking experience.

Is there someone to volunteer to lead a Milwaukee Lakefront hike? Is there someone familiar with Muskego Park to lead a hike? (Meet at the Piggly Wiggly parking lot, Hwy Y [Racine Ave] and Janesville Road). Is there someone familiar with Scuppernong State Park to lead? (Meeting at the parking lot on CTH ZZ) Please contact Mary Beth at (262) 443-7291 if you will volunteer to lead hikes.

Wednesday Walks

Our Wednesday Walks, 1-2 p.m., continue with volunteers naming a different location each week. Follow each week's email notification. We welcome new places and new faces and new leaders! Park locations should have paved and clean walkways. Contact **Mary Beth** at (262) 443-7291.

Think Snowshoes

For those who own a pair of snowshoes, you can trek with **Bonnie Lemmer** as your leader in the northern Milwaukee area. Call her at (262) 370-6673. To the west of Waukesha, **Retzer Nature Center**, S14 W28167 Madison St., Waukesha, offers the opportunity to rent snowshoes and trek around their countryside. Rental fees: \$5 for 4 hours; \$9 all day.



Tech Tips by
Linda Horn

A New Way to Add a Photo to Your Vagabond Profile Page

Have a photo on your smartphone that would be great on your Vagabond profile? Here's a new way to add that photo from the Wild Apricot app on your smartphone.

1. Open the Wild Apricot app.
2. Below your name you will see the club's name in blue. Tap it. You are in the **Members Only Section** of the website.
3. Tap **VIEW PROFILE**.
4. Tap **EDIT PROFILE**.
5. Scroll down a little and tap **Choose File** under the **Photo** heading.
6. Tap **Photo Library**.
7. Tap the photo you want to add. Tap **Choose** at the bottom of the screen. (May differ depending on the phone being used.)
8. Tap **SAVE**.

Helpful hints:

- Turning your phone to landscape view makes seeing the website easier.
- Don't have the Wild Apricot app on your phone?
 - Go to VagabondSkiClub.com.
 - Tap **Members Only Access** in the **Popular Links** box on the right-hand side of the screen.
 - Continue with Step 3 above.

Now your Vagabond friends will see your photo when they go to your profile page!

Print your directory

The 2021 Vagabond Directory printable (pdf) version, including member listings and ads, is on the Members Only website. To access it:

- Go to **VagabondSkiClub.com** and click or tap **Members Only Access** on the right-hand side of the screen.
- Click the **PUBLICATIONS** tab.
- Click **'2021 Vagabond Printed Directory'**
- From this screen, you may view or print the directory.

Print it the same way you would any PDF:

- Either right-click anywhere in the document and click **PRINT**.
- Or hover the cursor over the top part of the screen and click **PRINT**.

Please remember that the most up-to-date information is online using the **DIRECTORY** tab on the Members Only section of the website or the Wild Apricot App on your smartphone.



Ski Activities
Joyce Szulc

How to Ski Safely

Downhill skiing is a big part of our club. But, like many sports, it can be dangerous. To reduce the risk of injury, here are some tips:

- **Exercise in advance.** You will have much more fun on the slopes if you are in good shape. Exercise year-round on a regular basis. The Vagabonds offer a variety of ways to keep in shape throughout the year, including biking, hiking, walking, tennis, golf and pickleball.
- **Use proper ski equipment.** It is generally not a good idea to borrow someone else's equipment. Rent from a ski shop or the ski resort. When buying your own equipment, make sure your ski boots are fitted properly. Be sure your bindings are properly adjusted.
- **Wear a helmet.** Wearing protective headgear while skiing makes good sense. Additionally, a helmet helps keep your head warm!
- **Prepare for the weather.** Wear layers of clothes. Wear gloves or mittens. And bring an extra pair in case the first pair gets wet.
- **Get proper instruction.** If you are new to the sport, sign up for lessons (either individual or group). Even experienced skiers can polish up their skills with a lesson now and then.
- **Wear goggles.** Ski goggles should fit properly around your helmet. If you wear eyeglasses, buy goggles that fit comfortably over them or consider prescription goggles.
- **Take a break.** If you are tired, take a break and rest for a while. While resting, make sure you eat and drink enough. Skiing burns a lot of energy! Near the end of the day, don't overexert yourself to get in one more run if you are tired. Quit while you are ahead and save your energy for the next day.
- **Ski with a friend.** It is safer to ski with someone so you can watch out for each other. Carry your mobile phone and be sure you have each other's number plus the number of the Ski Patrol.
- **Respect your limits.** Do not ski trails that are above your skill level. Always be in control of your skis and focus on the trail you are skiing.
- **Follow the rules.** Obey posted trail closures and other warning signs. They are there for a reason. Remember that skiers who are in front of and below you have the right-of-way.

-- Excerpted from *LiveAbout.com*

Vagabond Race Team



The Vagabond men's team has won the first six races of the MMSC senior ski race season.

The Vagabond women's team (composed of the two fastest Vagabond women each race) has placed second in four of the six races, led by Stephanie Wampole, Leslie Jamieson and Jennifer Wampole. The men's team (composed of the four fastest

racers) was led by Zach Bluvstein, Kenny Butler, Nick Leonard, Norm Schlimbach, Eric Van Wormer, Reiner Schlimbach and Al Lemke.

Other Vagabonds who have placed first in their class are Kurt Sandstrom, Chris Wells, Justin Gigstad and Jan Vojta.

For the season, the Vagabonds lead the overall combined (men and women) team standings.

Spectators are encouraged to come out and cheer on the team at the next race, **Feb. 7 at Sunburst**. This is a great opportunity to get outside! (The season finale will be Feb. 13 at Heiliger Huegel's private ski area, near Holy Hill. Unlike past MMSCSR Vagabond race days at HH, restrictions this year will allow you to ski there only if you plan to race. Contact Al Lemke at (414) 688-2938 or aklemke2993@gmail.com for more information.)

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 team. Getting people interested in ski racing is a great way to add some youth to the club. After all, that is how the Vagabonds started in the first place!

Visit www.mmcsr.com for more information, or contact
Al Lemke: (414) 688-2938, aklemke2993@gmail.com.



Tennis & Pickleball
Dee Hollstein-Pizur

Tennis & Pickleball

We are working with the Highlander to set up a few Friday-night tennis events, possibly starting in February.

Until then ... Don't forget about the tennis videos from Vagabond member Gene O'Kelly. Gene, who has been conducting the popular tennis drill program for the past few summers, put together a series of 10 tips on how to improve your serve. You can find them at VagabondSkiClub.com.

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

CANCELED

The weekend bus trip to Indianhead, planned for Feb. 26-28 with the Sitzmark Ski Club, has been canceled due to COVID-related restrictions in Michigan.

Updates to Western Ski Trips

Breckenridge, Colorado • Feb. 6-13

CANCELED

Due to COVID restrictions in Summit County, this trip was canceled; refunds have been processed.



Park City, Utah • March 6-13

This trip is still on! Although it is filled, we are accepting waitlist applicants. Contact one of the trip leaders if you want to join the waitlist.

Departure

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

Return

- Saturday, Mar. 13: SW #2850 - Lv SLC 11:30 am; Ar DEN 12:55 pm
- Saturday, Mar. 13: SW #2833 - Lv DEN 1:45 pm; Ar MKE 4:55 pm

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

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

Visit us on Facebook

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You can also post pictures from club events.



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DATED MATERIAL

Deliver by Thursday, January 28

Facebook Help Wanted

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
3/6 Park City Ski Trip Sept. Greek Isles & Italy Trip 10/28-11/9 Africa Trip   In light of the current pandemic, all events are subject to change.	31	1	2	3 Walk Virtual General Meeting	4	5	6
	7 Hike Ski Race – Sunburst	8	9	10 Walk	11	12	13
	14 Hike	15	16	17 Walk	18	19 Midwest Masters Ski Races	20
	21 Hike	22	23	24 Walk	25	26	27
	28 Hike	1	2	3	4	5	6

FEBRUARY