

Zoom/Phone-in General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

6:45 pm Roundtable:

Featuring Jim Piontek: "AARP in Your Community"

7:15 pm General Meeting

Founded in 1958, the AARP is an influential lobbying group at both the state and national levels. It is a non-partisan association that does not support or oppose political candidates or parties. According to Wikipedia, AARP focuses on issues for those of us over the age of 50 (which includes the majority of Vagabonds!) At more than 38 million members, its publications claim to have the largest circulation in the country.

We will learn first-hand what the organization offers to its members. AARP provides up-to-date information on family caregiving, financial planning, fraud prevention, retirement, health, wellness and travel, among other topics. It also sells different types of insurance. Many of you may have an AARP Medicare Supplement plan. Join us to learn what the AARP can do for you; you might be surprised!

Zoom Video/Audio:

Join the meeting via Zoom video using your computer, tablet or smartphone. Sign in on your tablet or smartphone app using the Meeting ID and Password listed below. Or click on 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:

Learn what AARP can do for you



Jim Piontek

After retiring from Rockwell Automation in 2003, Jim Piontek began volunteering with AARP. As a member of the AARP Wisconsin - Milwaukee County Outreach team, Jim enjoys speaking to and working with the public to help support the 50+ population of Wisconsin. He is also a member of the AARP Wisconsin Executive Council and is the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide District Coordinator for tax sites in Milwaukee County. Jim has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and an MBA from Cardinal Stritch.



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**From the President
 Joyce Szulc**

Spring is here! Not only are the days longer and warmer but that means the annual election for Vagabond Board Members is approaching.

Several longtime and valuable directors have decided not to run for re-election. As a result, we have openings on the Board. Now is the time

to step up and invest some of your time and energy in the club as a Director. Help your club navigate through this transition period as we walk toward the end of the pandemic.

We need enthusiastic volunteers with the time and energy to do the work. Without a full slate of directors, we may be forced to limit the number of events offered – something that I do not believe any of us want. If you wish to help decide on the future of the Vagabonds, please call me at (262) 886-9328 so we can discuss how you can make a difference.

Planning is under way for a full roster of summer activities: Look in this issue of the Life for registration details for a variety of tennis programs, including the Monday night tennis league, along with the Gene O’Kelly drills. If you are interested in singles tennis, Gene is putting together a plan for that as well. Also in this issue, you will find information about pickleball, golf and biking.

As many of you know, Serb Hall is for sale and is closed for in-person events. As a result, the Board is reviewing venues for in-person meetings. We need to consider price, location, parking and capacity.

Enjoy the arrival of spring. It means summer is not far behind.

Regards, Joyce



**From Membership
 Jan Breitbach**

WELCOME NEW OR RETURNING MEMBERS:

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

Cindy Anderson • Harvey Vollriede

Contact **Jan** at (414) 732-9749 or Jan.Breitbach@gmail.com.

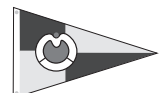
Printed Directory Still Available

If you would like a printed directory of club members and their contact information, there are still copies available.

Send a \$5 check made out to VSSC to:

Jan Breitbach • 7809 W. Mt. Vernon Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53213.

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



**Milwaukee Sail & Power Squadron
 www.milwakeepowersquadron.org**

The U. S. Power Squadrons®/America’s Boating Club® offers virtual courses on navigation, weather, and much more. For course and seminar schedules, go to our website or contact:

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



**Sporting
Activities
Mary Beth Braun**

Sunday Hikes

Meet at 1:30 pm • Hike 1:45-3:45 pm

April 4 (Easter Sunday) – No hike planned.

April 11 – Racine Lakefront: Meet in free parking lot on Walton Avenue and North Wisconsin (one block east of Racine Zoo, 2131 N. Main St.) Hike south on the Lake Michigan Parkway along the lakefront past North Beach, through Harbor Park and Reefpoint Marina to overlook structure with great views of the harbor and Lake Michigan, ending at Monument Square in downtown Racine. Return via Main Street. For those who wish, dining will be at a local restaurant. Hike Leaders: Joyce Szulc and Jim Stephens.

April 18 – Lapham Peak State Park, Delafield: Entrance to park is on Hwy C, just south of I-94. Drive past the Ranger's office and take the first right to the parking lot. ... *We need a leader for this hike.*

April 25 – Minooka Park: Meet at the park's first parking lot on Sunset Drive in Waukesha, just west of Hwy Y (Racine Ave.) *We need a leader for this hike*

Wednesday Walks

We need volunteers to lead for April

We continue to find new and interesting places to walk, and we welcome more ideas. Thank you to all who have volunteered to organize these one-hour, Wednesday afternoon outings. Keep updated through our website and Joyce's Friday emails to learn the location of the next walk. To offer ideas and to volunteer, contact **Mary Beth** at (262) 443-7291 or lornat4l@yahoo.com.

Nature Walk – Introduction to Trees

Tues., May 4 • 10 am-noon

Cedar Creek B&B, 26619 Washington Ave., Waterford
Vagabond **Jay Hager** will lead a nature walk on his farm to point out different species of trees, highlighting what is different and what is the same. There will be a walk into the woods, so be prepared and able to hike on uneven terrain. Then we will hike back, and he will point out various trees and shrubs nearer to his home.

There is no fee, but the limit is 20 participants; contact Jay at (262) 534-7839 or lornat4l@yahoo.com to reserve a spot.

Golf

Tuesdays & Fridays at Brookfield Hills

16075 Pinehurst Drive
near Moorland Road, just south of I-94

We will have two “no-frills” leagues this year at Brookfield Hills. You can sign up for one or both. Email Judy if you have a

particular partner you would like to play with. Single players will be matched to a partner and each week there may be a mix-up of twosomes so we all get to play with one another. Golf will start the **first week of June** and go for 15 weeks, ending the **second week in September**. Tee times will be from **1 to 2 p.m.**

The fee for each league is **\$187**, which includes a pizza party at the end of the season.

We will have a sub list this year; subs pay **\$15** (and are invited to the pizza party).

Sign-up is open online.

Event leader: **Judy Cimbalnik**, JcJudyCim@gmail.com, (262) 391-9869.

Wednesdays at Songbird Hills

W259 N8700 Hwy 164, Hartland

Think warm weather ... green grass ... exercise ... and Wednesday afternoon golf at Songbird Hills.

All levels of play are welcome.

This 13-week season will run from **June 2 to Aug. 28**. Tee times begin at **1:30 p.m.**

Fee is **\$175** for regular players and **\$30** for subs. Subs pay the **\$12** green fee to the regular player. Included is a beverage after each round, and a season-ending corn roast.

Register online or send an event coupon and check to **Dave Nicholson**, 15930 Raven Rock Road, Brookfield, WI 53005. Call him at (262) 782-0599 or (414) 418-5243.

Biking

Weekly rides

Thank you to everybody who volunteered to lead a bike ride last year, and also to those who have already volunteered to lead a ride this season. There are still many open dates.

We usually ride on Sunday afternoons but are open to other days and times. We ask leaders to map out routes of 12-15 miles or more. Along with the bike ride leader, we also have a “sweeper” to help monitor the group and assist in case of emergency. After each ride, we meet for food and drink.

To schedule your date, contact **Jim Stephens** at (262) 694-2115 or jstephens3@wi.rr.com.

Weekend Bike Trip

Boulder Junction • July 22-25

Registration opens April 1

Join us for biking in the heart of Vilas County. The trail system is a scenic, 52-mile paved trail that connects the communities of St Germain, Sayner, Boulder Junction and Manitowish Waters in Vilas County and Mercer in Iron County.

Bring your own lawn chairs, drinks and snacks so we can gather outside for happy hour.

We will be staying at the Boulder Junction Motor Lodge. All rooms are to be booked by the event leader. Continental breakfast is included. All other meals will be at your expense.

Fee: **\$155** per person, double occupancy. Trip leaders **Denise Kremel** at (262) 524-1023 or **Dan Heidemann** at (414) 416-1678.



Tennis & Pickleball Dee Hollstein-Pizur

SUMMER TENNIS LEAGUE

June 7 to Aug. 23 • 6-7:30 pm

(Every Monday except July 5)

Elm Grove, Brookfield East, Brookfield Central

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, from beginners to accomplished players. 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.

Note: Due to COVID restrictions, the club will not be organizing an indoor social event after tennis. We are looking for an outdoor venue where players can safely gather. If you have any suggestions, contact **Cheryl Jaeger** at (262) 510-9676 or cheryljaeger@wi.rr.com or **Diana Schneider** at (414) 491-2217 or bschneider95@wi.rr.com.

The fee to play tennis for the season is **\$15**. You may sign up as a substitute player instead for **\$10**. The same court locations have been reserved as last year: Elm Grove, Brookfield East and Brookfield Central.

If you are a beginner tennis player and would like lessons for **\$15**, call Dave Nicholson at (414) 418-5243.

TO SIGN UP:

- Go to VagabondSkiClub.com for online registration to pay by credit card.
- Fill out the registration form at a tennis party and pay by check or credit card.
- Go to VagabondSkiClub.com, download and print the registration form, then mail it with your check.
- Contact cheryljaeger@wi.rr.com to request a registration form by email.
- Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Diana Schneider, S75 W20101 Ridge Road, Muskego 53150, for a registration form by mail.

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

Indoor Tennis at Brookfield Elite • \$18

13825 W. Burleigh Road

April 24 • Sign in @ 3:30 pm, play from 4-5:30 pm

Players will be paired with similarly rated partners whenever possible. (Brookfield Elite is the former Highlander.)

Water and tennis balls will be provided. Afterward, for those who wish, we'll enjoy food and beverages at a local restaurant.

Questions? Email DeeHPizur@gmail.com.

Monday Night Summer Tennis • June 7 to Aug. 23

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Weekly Tennis Player (6-7:30 pm) – \$15 Rating _____

Beginner Tennis Lessons (6-7:30 pm) – \$15 (Instructors: Dave Nicholson and Bill Gaertner)

Substitute Player – \$10 _____ I will fill out foursomes _____ Do not schedule me

Dates I cannot play: June 7 June 14 June 21 June 28 (no matches July 5)

July 12 July 19 July 26 Aug. 2 Aug. 9 Aug. 16 Aug. 23

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
S75 W20101 Ridge Road • Muskego, WI 53150

Signature _____ Date _____

Beginner Tennis Lessons • \$15

Mondays • 6 pm • Starts June 7

Ending date depends on the number of participants.

Burleigh Elementary School

(between Pilgrim and Calhoun)

Instructors: **Dave Nicholson** and **Bill Gaertner**.

Questions: Call **Dave** at (414) 418-5243.

Tennis drills

Wednesday mornings

Wirth Park

May 19 to July 21

One-time fee of \$10.

Two sessions: **10-11 a.m.** and **11 a.m. to noon**, with the latter especially for less accomplished players. But either time slot is OK for all.

Facilitator **Gene O'Kelly**, (414) 526-2719, will be available before or after the sessions for personal attention if arranged in advance.



Singles tennis league – modified

Gene O'Kelly is organizing a league for tennis players ready for a challenge: singles, with some adjustments.

To avoid lopsided, tiresome matches, “handicap scoring” will be used to promote more level competition, and a “short-set, no-ad” format will keep the games moving along. It will not be the physically taxing type of tennis we associate with singles.

And for comfort, we will play in the cool of the evening.

Participants will be able to show up when they wish, with no week-to-week commitment.

Contact Gene at (414) 526-2719 if you are interested.

Pickleball League

Thursdays • 6-7:30 pm • June through August

Fee to be determined

Banting Park

Limited number of paddles and balls available.

Coordinator: **Pat Hummer**, (262) 894-3375.



Registration reminders

Sign-ups are beginning for Vagabond summer activities. For many of us, it has been a while since we registered for an event online. Below is a little refresher to help jog our memories:

To register yourself for an event online:

Using a computer:

1. Go to **VagabondSkiClub.com**
2. Click '**Members Only Access**' in the right-hand portion of the screen.
3. Click **UPCOMING EVENTS**.
4. Click **REGISTER** under the name of the event you want to attend.
5. Your email address automatically appears. Click **NEXT**.
6. Check the profile information, add additional required information, and click **NEXT**.
7. Click **PAY ONLINE** and complete the credit card payment information.

Using a Smartphone (or tablet) with the Wild Apricot App:

1. Tap the Wild Apricot – Members App.
2. Tap **EVENTS**.
3. Tap the event you want to attend.
4. Tap **REGISTER**.
5. Check the profile information, add additional required information (if any), and tap **CONTINUE**.
6. Tap **PAY ONLINE** and complete the credit card payment information

Online event registration requires logging in to the Members Only section by entering your email address and password. If you need help registering or logging in – or if you have lost your password – call **Linda Horn** at (262) 707-1450.

Please sign up online for all events.

Go to **VagabondSkiClub.com**, log-in with your email and Vagabond password to sign up and pay with your credit card.



2022 Ski Season Preview

Due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, many ski clubs canceled their 2021 trips and simply moved their reservations to 2022. Because of this, many of the lodging choices are already fully booked and/or have limited capacity. Air fares (due to pent-up demand) are looking quite high at the moment. Lodging deadlines are even earlier than for this past season. As a result, you will be asked to make your 2022 ski commitment earlier than usual.



Save the Date

For the following ski trips:

Big Sky, Montana • Jan. 8-15

Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado • Feb. 12-19

Banff, Alberta, Canada • March 12-19



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



Social Activities
Cindy Hummer

Milwaukee Milkmen – Udderly Different!

Tues., June 22 • 6:30 pm

7035 S. Ballpark Dr, Franklin

Join us as we cheer on the Milkmen, a professional baseball team that plays its home games in Franklin. We will be sitting in the Leinenkugel Hop Yard. The Hop Yard has a large seating area that is gated off and has picnic tables, high-top tables and a rooftop.

Your ticket includes an all-you-can-eat-and-drink menu, hot dogs, brats, chips, fruit, candy and soda or beer and a complimentary baseball hat. Soda-only tickets are \$31, beer tickets \$36.

Sign up online or mail your check, payable to VSSC, with event coupon to **Denise Kremel**, 2711 Portage Circle, Waukesha, WI 53189. Questions? Call her at (262) 524-1023.

Hamilton • October

Marcus Performing Arts Center

929 N Water St, Milwaukee

The Marcus will reopen for a return of Hamilton in October. If anyone is interested in seeing this show again – or if you didn't get a chance last time – contact **Cindy** at (262) 894-1383 or cjhum1383@gmail.com. The Marcus asked for a count of how many tickets we might be need. No price is available yet.

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta • Santa Fe, NM

Sun.-Fri., Oct. 3-8

Approx. \$1,800 (double occupancy, optional balloon ride \$400 more)

Turn your eyes skyward to New Mexico's multicolored tapestry of hot-air balloons at the world-renowned Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Trace Native American life back hundreds of years and learn how Puebloans have managed to retain their lands and traditions for centuries. Enjoy a one-of-a-kind experience learning about New Mexico and the world's premier ballooning event.

If you are interested in this event and are considering attending, please call or email trip leader **Helen Hankwitz**, as she needs to make reservations soon. Contact Helen at (414) 461-7772 or Helen7456@wi.rr.com.



From the
Vice President
Linda Horn

Greek Isles & Italy • September

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 both in Athens and Rome, with many parties and dinners.

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

INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

Africa • Oct. 28-Nov. 9

\$9,995 per person, double occupancy.



This dream trip will explore 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.

This trip is limited to 12 people (minimum 6). Price includes airfare, 10 nights lodging, most meals and cancel-for-any-reason trip insurance (a \$399 value).

Price is \$9,995 per person, double occupancy. Single supplement is \$2,595 additional. First deposit of \$3,000 is fully refundable and due by April 15. Second deposit is \$4,000, due May 12, and final payment Aug. 13.

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

Visit us on Facebook

@Vagabond Ski & Social Club

You can also post pictures from club events.



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Vagabond Ski & Social Club Membership
 P. O. Box 26173
 Milwaukee, WI 53226

DATED MATERIAL

Deliver by Monday, March 29

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
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
May 4 Nature Walk Cedar Creek B&B							
5/19-7/21 Tennis Drills							
June-Aug Pickleball League							
6/2-8/28 Golf – Songbird Hills	4 Hike	5	6	7 Walk General Meeting	8	9	10
June-Sept Golf-Brookfield Hills Tuesday League Friday League							
6/7-8/23 Tennis League Beginners Tennis	11 Hike	12	13	14 Walk	15	16	17
6/22 Milwaukee Milkmen Baseball Game							
7/22-25 Boulder Junction Bike Trip	18 Hike	19	20	21 Walk	22	23	24 Tennis Party Brookfld Elite
September Greek Isles & Italy Trip							
10/3-8 Albuquerque Balloon Fest	25 Hike	26	27	28 Walk Board Meeting	29	30	1
October Hamilton – Marcus Center							
10/28-11/9 Africa Trip							

APRIL