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April General Meeting WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

New Berlin Banquet Center • 16000 W. Cleveland Ave.

(Meeting rooms on east side of building)

6 pm: Doors open and check-in at Welcome Area begins

Socializing & event sign-ups

7 pm: General Meeting

7:30 pm: More socializing & event sign-ups

8 pm: Dancing to the music of **Our House**

Guests welcome – \$10 admission

Sign up in advance

◆ To help us plan, please register for the meeting online (an event announcement will be sent via email)

◆ Contact Membership Director Jan Breitbach at (414) 732-9749 or Jan. Breitbach@gmail.com.

Reminders

- ♦ Wear your Vagabond name tag.
- ♦ Parking is available on both the east and west sides of the building.
- ♦ If you have renewed your membership online, you may update your name tag at this meeting.

Dinner ideas

- ♦ For a meal beforehand, we suggest the New Berlin Ale House (on the west side of the building).
- ♦ No food or beverages may be carried into the meeting rooms.



THIS MONTH'S MUSIC: Pleasing crowds since 1998, Our House consists of members who have been playing professionally around southeastern Wisconsin for decades. A

> variety band that features four-part harmonies makes for an exciting stage show. Great song selection and the desire to make people happy is a winning

combination for Our House. The band

plays songs that everyone knows and loves. You will sing and dance with the band all evening.

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From the President Joyce Szulc Each month we ask members to register in advance for the monthly meeting. It is simple and easy to do: just click on the green "register" button to sign up from the email invitation that is sent out. Alternately, you can email or call our Membership Director, Jan.

Our venue, New Berlin Entertainment Center, requests an attendance estimate so they know if we will need additional bartenders or need to set up the room differently. Also, this helps the club's Secretary, Carol, know how many calendars to print. It seems like a little thing for you to do, but it is important.

May elections are next month. My second term as president is ending, and in addition to a president, there is room for you on the Board. We need a full slate of Board members to keep the club running at its high level. Please consider giving back to the club as a Board member.

I believe that most of you own a smartphone. If you do, you can download free of charge an app called "Wild Apricot for Members" on your phone. Once you enter your email address and Vagabond password, the app provides you right at your fingertips most everything you need about the Vagabonds: an up-to-the-minute member directory, the ability to register and pay with your credit card for events, plus a listing of each Vagabond activity that you have signed up for. One cool feature allows you to call a fellow member directly from the app without dialing the number. Try it out!

One of our favorite bands, Our House, is providing entertainment for the April 6 meeting. Be sure to bring your friends, and I will see you there!





From the Vice President **Linda Horn**

International trip

Greece and Italy • May 31 to June 15 • \$5,794

Departing May 31, we will spend three nights in Athens, before a seven-night cruise to the islands of Kusadasi, Rhodes, Crete, Santorini, Milos and Mykonos. The trip concludes with a four-night stay in Rome. Accommodations will be at five-star hotels, and the flights are non-stop out of Chicago. Plans for the pre-trip party will be announced in a few weeks.

Call **Bob** at (414) 276-6331 for availability and more details.



WELCOME NEW OR RETURNING MEMBERS:

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

Larry Andersen • Robert Dohnal • Jonathan & Donna Moberg
John Ward & Karen Hosterman Ward

The club is looking for friendly and smiling faces to assist at the Welcome Desk on meeting nights. Call (414) 732-9749 or email Jan.Breitbach@gmail.com.

Printed 2022 Directories will be available at the April meeting for \$5 each.

They are also available on the club's web site in PDF form, free to download.

Call for Candidates!

In May, the club will be holding 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.

What's in it for you?

- Satisfaction of moving the club forward with **your** ideas and suggestions
- Chance to interact with a wide range of people
- Opportunity to learn how the club operates behind the scenes

ARE YOU READY RUN?

The Board meets once a month, on the last Wednesday of the month, generally at the New Berlin Library. Want to learn more? Contact **Joyce** at (262) 886-9328. Already made up your mind to run? That's great! Email a short paragraph with your qualifications and photo to **Linda** at Linda.Hornl@gmail.com





Racquet Sports
Linda Horn

TENNIS, TENNIS, TENNIS & MORE FUN TENNIS! Saturday Indoor Tennis Parties April 30

More fun tennis! More great food! More fun socializing with Vagabond friends, and the nicest tennis players in the world.

Elite Brookfield (aka Highlander Elite) Tennis Club 13825 W. Burleigh Road

13825 W. Burleigh Roa **4 pm** – Check in

4:30 pm - Tennis matches begin

6 pm - Food and social time



Bottled water is provided. The tennis club will have a selection of beer and wine available for purchase. (You may bring in your own soda but no alcoholic beverages.)

Matches are arranged according to your tennis rating. We will rotate partners and courts after 45 minutes to add to the fun.

Fee: \$31 per person

Includes 90 minutes of tennis, balls, food, dessert, bottled water, and social time. Social participants are welcome, too.



Fee of \$14 includes everything except tennis.

Online sign-up preferred — Look for *Tennis Party — April 30*. Event Coordinator: **Linda Horn**, linda.horn1@gmail.com, (262) 707-1450.

SUMMER TENNIS LEAGUE

June 6 to Aug. 22 • 6-7:30 pm (Every Monday except July 4) Elm Grove, Brookfield East, Brookfield Central Registration deadline: May 9

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: The club will not be organizing an after-tennis social event this year. We are looking for an indoor/outdoor venue in the Brookfield area where players can gather for beverages, food and social time. If you have any suggestions, contact **Cheryl Jaeger** at (262) 510-9676 or cheryljaeger@wi.rr.com or **Diana Schneider** at bschneider95@wi.rr.com or (414) 491-2217.

The fee is \$15 to play tennis for the entire season. You may sign up as a substitute player instead for **\$10**. The same court

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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, call Bill Gaertner at (414) 750-1316.

TO SIGN UP:

- Go to <u>VagabondSkiClub.com</u> for online registration to pay by credit card.
- Go to <u>VagabondSkiClub.com</u>, 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.

Beginner Tennis

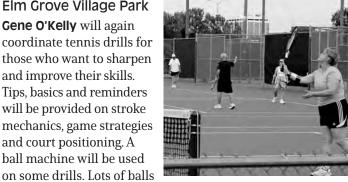
Bill Gaertner will teach beginner tennis lessons again this year. Sign up online or reach out to Bill at (414) 750-1316 for more information. Fee: \$15 for the season.



GENE'S TENNIS DRILLS

Wednesdays, May 18 -July 6 • 9 am

Elm Grove Village Park Gene O'Kelly will again coordinate tennis drills for those who want to sharpen and improve their skills. Tips, basics and reminders will be provided on stroke mechanics, game strategies and court positioning. A ball machine will be used



will be available to maximize the hitting opportunities. You just need to be a willing practice partner for parts of the drills. We may be able to facilitate drills by skill level.

This year, we will move to the Elm Grove courts due to overcrowding at the previous site. Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m., May 18 to July 6 with an optional fun tournament at the end. Fee: **\$10 for the entire summer**. Sign up online or in person.

Summer Pickleball

Thursdays, June 2-Aug. 18 • 6-7:30 pm 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, as we Vagabonds like to do!

The fee is \$25 for the entire 12-week season. Online sign-up preferred. Event coordinator: Pat Hummer, (262) 894-3375.

Monday Night Summer Tennis • June 6 to Aug. 22

Name	Phone ()	
Email		
○ Weekly Tennis Player (6–7:30 pm) – \$15 Rating		
O Beginner Tennis Lessons (6–7:30 pm) – \$15 (Instructor: Bill Gaertner)		
O Substitute Player – \$10 I will fill out foursomes Do not sch	edule me	
Dates I cannot play: O June 6 O June 13 O June 20 O Jul	ne 27 (no matches July 4)	
O July 11 O July 18 O July 25 O Aug. 1 O Aug. 8) Aug. 15) Aug. 22	

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 9

Sign up online or return this form to:

Diana Schneider

S75 W20101 Ridge Road • Muskego, WI 53150

Signature



Ski Activities Joyce Szulc

Vagabond race team wins championship

 $T_{\mbox{\sc he}}$ Vagabond combined men's and women's ski racing team finished the season as champions of the four-team MMSCSR league.

A total of 34 Vagabonds competed. The men's team won all 14 races. Our women's team finished second, 84 points to 82. Overall, the Sitzmark team finished second, followed by Holy Hill and the Snowmads.

In the individual race classes, men and women competed against each other in eight competitive ability classes. If a racer improves enough, they move up to a higher ability class during the season. Racer times from the previous season are used to place each racer in an appropriate race class the next season regardless of age or gender.



Eric Van Wormer,

racing in Class 1, was the MMSCSR's top overall racer, winning 7 of the 14 races.

Race-day awards were won by most of our racers throughout the season. Racers who finished in the top half of their class for the season will also be presented a

season award at our banquet May 7. Any Vagabond member is welcome to attend and bring a friend to the banquet, which will be at Heiliger Huegel's hillside lodge.

Our race team is one of our club's draws for young members. Please promote the Race Team to attract members as young as 21. Skiers under 21 can race with a special independent membership, or as a temporary at each race. We've had fun practicing, racing, drinking, dining, and doing whatever else always comes after the skiing.

The following racers started the required combination of six slalom and giant-slalom race starts and earned an award for finishing in the top half of their class.

Class 1: ① Eric Van Wormer, ② Zach Bluvstein, ③ Kenny Butler, ④ Nick Leonard, ⑤ Justin Gigstad

Class 2: ① Eric Regal, ② Jon Sarver

Class 4: 2 Pete Cannon, 3 Hans Schlimbach, 4 Jan Vojta

Class 6: Mark Mueller, Sarah Mueller

If you ski, consider going "around the poles" on a racecourse and having some fun with us next year. Encourage your children,

grandchildren and friends to join us. We had an especially enjoyable time skiing at Holy Hill, with the incredible view of the spires of St. Mary's Church and a beautiful country-side. If we race there again next year, hopefully non-racing Vagabonds may be able to join us as in past years to ski, watch the races and gather in the rustic, hillside lodge afterward with food and drink.

For more information, contact **Al Lemke** at aklemke2993@ gmail.com or (414) 688-2938. Find complete race results at MMSCSR.com.

Ski awards banquet May 7

Heiliger Huegel, in the scenic Holy Hill area, will be the location for the Metro Milwaukee Ski Council Senior Racing awards banquet **Saturday**, **May 7**.

Cocktails (BYOB) will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the club's hillside, log-cabin lodge, with dinner at 5.

Price is \$27. Former and potential racers are invited, too. Sign-up deadline: April 15. Make your check payable to Carolyn Murphy and mail it to her at 8715 Glenwood Drive, Greendale, WI 53129.

Contact **Carolyn** at carolynmurphy559@yahoo.com or (414) 559-6335.

Changing of the Guard

I would like to **acknowledge and thank Al Lemke for 19 years of service** as the Vagabond Race Team Captain. Al is stepping down after another successful year leading the team. He will still be a member of the club and plans to continue racing.

Taking his place is fellow racer (and editor of the *Life*) John Podsedly. Thanks to you both!

Planning for Next Year

If you are a skier, look for an email poll asking for your opinion on where the club should ski next year. If you think you will be skiing with us next season, please take a few minutes to share your input.

We are looking for trip leaders as well. Do you have the time to devote to running a trip? Do you have good planning and organization skills, and are you able to use the club management software? If so, we need YOU to volunteer to run a trip next year! If you haven't run a trip before, consider being a co-leader to learn the ropes.

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



Sunday Hikes

Walk for the Fun – or Just for the Health – of It! Meet at 1:30 pm • Hike 1:45-3:45 pm

We welcome volunteers to lead hikes. Please contact **Dan Heidemann** at danlmark@gmail.com or (414) 416-1678 if you can be a leader. Hikes without leaders will be canceled.

April 3 – Nashotah Park: Meet at Hwy 16 & C Park and Ride. Arrive at 1:30 in the parking lot. Hike 1:45 to 3:45, then head to Revere's Wells Street Tavern at 505 Wells St. in Delafield for chili and drinks. Hike Leaders are **Gary Kovach** and **Connie Sandell** (414) 712-3897.

April 10 – Downtown Racine and Lakefront: Meet in the parking lot one block west of the Racine Zoo, 2131 North Main St. (Walton Avenue & North Wisconsin). Hike is about 5.5 miles south along the Lake Michigan lakefront and back up Main Street in Racine. Hike from 1:45 to 3:45 pm. Guests welcome! After, for those who wish, food and drinks at Reefpoint Brew House, 2 Christopher Columbus Causeway, Racine. Hike Leaders: Joyce Szulc and Jim Stephens. Questions? Call Joyce at (262) 902-3248.

April 17 – Muskego Park: Meet at Piggly Wiggly parking lot at Hwy Y (Racine Ave.) and Janesville Road. Then to park entrance, and hike from 1:45 to 3:45. Trails likely will be wet and muddy, so be prepared! Dinner decision will be choice of hikers attending. Leader is **Dave Nelsen**, (414) 350-1433.

April 24 – 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 street. Hike from 1:45 to 3:45, then to Neighbor's Bar and Grill, S16 W22255 Arcadian Ave. in Waukesha, to eat and drink. Sticker or park entrance fee is required to park vehicle within park. Leader: **Betty Riley**, (262) 888-9978.

Wednesday Short Walks are back!

Our one-hour walks are back on Wednesdays. We start promptly at 11 a.m. The location is announced every Friday via email. Come join us, and bring your friends!

We are asking for volunteers to lead the walks and to pick their favorite parks. We suggest paved walkways, with relatively flat terrain. To volunteer, call **Mary Beth** at (262) 443-7291.

GOLF

Tuesdays & Fridays @ Brookfield Hills 16075 Pinehurst Drive near Moorland Road, just south of I-94. Online registration begins April 1.

We will have two "no frills" Leagues this summer at Brookfield Hills. They will each be for 15 weeks: **Tuesdays:** May 31 to Sept. 6; **Fridays:** June 3 to Sept. 9

Tee times are between 1 & 2 p.m. Golfers can sign up for one or both leagues. 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 all get to play with everyone.

Fee for each league is \$195, which includes a season-ending Pizza Party. Subs can sign up for \$15, and they are invited to the pizza party. Subs pay \$12.50 for the round of golf, payable to the person they are subbing for. **Golf carts are \$9 per rider**.

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

Wednesdays at Songbird Hills

W259 N8700 Hwy 164, Hartland June 1 to August 24 (13 weeks) Online registration begins April 1.

Songbird Hills is a beautiful golf course just south of County Line Road.

Price: \$175. An option to play 18 holes is available for extra cost for green & cart fees. Price includes a corn roast for the end-of-season party.

Tee times start at 1:30 for 18-hole players and 1:52 for 9-hole players. Golf carts are \$8.50 per rider.

Golfers can sign up as a single and name a partner. You will be playing with the same foursome each week. Call (262) 305-8444 if you would like to request specific players for a foursome.

Registration fee for subs is \$15, which includes the corn roast. **Subs pay \$11.75** for their round of golf, payable to the person they are subbing for. We will have a sub list.

Event Leader: **Suzanne Wiedner**, suzieQrn333@hotmail.com, (262) 305-8444.

BICYCLE RIDING • Weekend trip in Elgin, III. July 14-17 • Registration opens March 30

We will ride the **Fox River Bike Trails** in Elgin, Ill., from July 14-17. These trails run for more than 40 miles beside the scenic Fox River in Northern Illinois, alongside historic railroad lines, crossing six bridges and passing through nature preserves and charming towns. There is a custard stand along one of the trails that will make a nice destination for a ride. There are many restaurants to choose from for dinner, and there also is a casino nearby.

We will be staying at the Hampton Inn in Elgin. All rooms will be double occupancy, and you will need a roommate to sign up. All rooms will be booked by event leaders only -- no exceptions. There are a limited number of rooms available. Breakfast at the hotel is included, and all other meals will be on your own. We will plan a group dinner for Saturday night for those who wish to dine with the group. Please bring drinks and snacks for Thursday and Friday night if you wish to sit outside on your lawn chairs with the group.

Price: \$225 per person

Trip leaders: **Denise Kremel**, (262) 524-1023, and **Dan Heidemann**, (414) 416-1678.

Weekly rides

We are preparing for the summer bike riding season. Thank you to everybody who volunteered to lead a bike ride last year. We are now looking for volunteers for this year. We usually ride on Sunday afternoons and ask leaders to map out routes of 15 miles or more. Along with the ride leader, we have a "sweep" to help monitor the group and assist in case of emergency. After each ride, we meet for food, drink and camaraderie.

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

BOWLING @ New Berlin Bowl

ZANY BOWLING • Thursday, May 19 @ 6 pm

Zany Bowling, a Vagabond tradition, is returning to the lanes

Thursday, May 19. This one-night event features three different games: 9-Pin Tap (nine pins down on the first ball counts as a strike); 8-Pin Tap; and then a Leaster – where the lowest score wins. (But even in this one, gutter balls are bad. Bad!) The fun begins at 6 p.m. at New Berlin Bowl, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave., with practice at 5:50 p.m. Sign up as an individual, couple, or a team of four or five.

Fee: \$10, which includes shoe rental and prizes. Register online. Event Leader: **John Podsedly**, (414) 369-4199.

Bowling League

Second Friday of the month @ 2 pm

We bowl at **New Berlin Bowl**, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave. To register as a substitute, call **Judy Williamson**, league secretary, at (262) 691-9391.



Scrabble

Every other Tuesday @ 1-4 pm New Berlin Ale House

Scrabble is every other Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m. at the New Berlin Ale House. **Cost is \$1 per person** for the server tip along with a purchase of one beverage either alcoholic or non-alcoholic. **Next games are April 12 and 26.** Food is also available for purchase. Non-members are invited.

Contact **Carol Palmert**, (262) 366-5080, or **Lynn Kozlowski**, (414) 545-2208, for questions.

Game Night

Tuesdays, April 12 and 26 @ 6-9 pm

The next Game Nights at New Berlin Ale House will be **April** 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 a few friends to come along. Cost is \$1 per person along with a purchase of one beverage, either alcoholic or non-alcoholic. Food is available for purchase. Non-members are encouraged to attend. All levels of play are welcome! Contact Jae Hartnell, (608) 712-7440, for questions in general or for Sheepshead & Dominoes. For Mahjong, call Cindy Hum at (262) 573-6783.

FESTIVAL CITY SYMPHONY

2nd St. and Wisconsin Ave. • \$8 Season finale: Saturday, April 9 • 2 pm

If you haven't been to a Festival City Symphony concert yet, **April 9** is your last opportunity until autumn. **Price is \$8** for two hours of beautiful music in a beautiful theater.

Contact **Deb Habeck** at (262) 364-7710.

No April Fish Fry – Stay Tuned for the Cinco de Mayo Taco Night on Friday, May 6.

Hello Spring Style Show, Luncheon & Raffle

Thursday, May 12 @ at Golden Mast Inn Sponsored by the Oconomowoc Memorial Auxiliary. Tickets \$42 • Sign up by April 10

11 am: Social Hour & Gift Box Boutique 11:45 am: End of Raffle Ticket Sales

Noon: Luncheon 1 pm: Style Show

Register online or mail your check, payable to VSSC, to **Lavonne Grenlie** at P.O. Box 1043, Brookfield, WI 53008.

Questions? Call **Lavonne** at (262) 542-2004

MATC Luncheon – two dates available

700 W. State St., Milwaukee

Enjoy a meal prepared by the culinary students of Milwaukee Area Technical College. Only 10 diners allowed for **Thursday, April 28**, or **Thursday, May 5 at 11:30 a.m.** This is a three-course meal for **\$20**, not including tax or beverage. Pay by cash or credit card at the venue. Tip to be paid in cash. Menu will be available one week prior to the event and can be viewed on Wild Apricot. Since only 10 diners are allowed each session, please sign up for only one sitting. Park at the Highland Garage for \$2. Questions? Call **Jean Dueling** at (414) 321-0258.



Over 64 Years of Fun and Friendships

DATED MATERIAL

Deliver by March 28

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

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 on club events and activities, including news and photos, visit VagabondSkiClub.com.

FUTUR	E EVENTS			
May 5	MATC luncheon			
May 7	Ski race banquet			
May 12	Fashion show			
May 18	Tennis drills			
May 19	Zany Bowling			
May 31	Greece / Italy			
May 31	Tuesday Golf			
June 1	Wednesday Golf			
June 2	Pickleball			
June 3	Friday Golf			
June 6	Tennis league			
June 15	Milwaukee Milkmen			
July 14	Weekend bike trip			
RTH DAL				

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Hike			Walk General mtg		Bowling	Festival City Symphony
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Hike		Scrabble Game Night	Walk			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Hike			Walk			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Hike		Scrabble Game Night	Walk Board meeting	MATC luncheon		PTball party Tennis party