

February General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

New Berlin Banquet Center • 16000 W. Cleveland Ave.
(east side of building)

6 pm: Check-in

6:30 pm: Socializing and event sign-ups

7 pm: General Meeting

7:45 pm: Dancing to the music of Close Enuf

Guests welcome – \$10 admission

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 brought into the meeting room.

THIS MONTH'S MUSIC



We are experienced musicians ... having fun playing your favorite danceable pop hits from the 1950s, 60s, and 70s eras!

Next month: The Hit-Men

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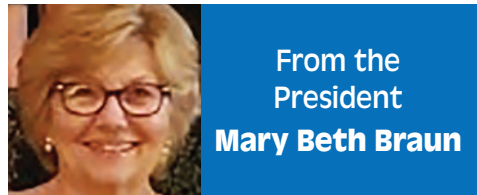
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Opportunities

Welcome to the New Year! **Make 2025 a new opportunity** for you and the club! With the New Year, I hope you have excitement in your heart for new opportunities to come your way, and I hope those opportunities come to the Vagabond Club. As always, we need volunteers to run this club. If you have an idea for an event, contact a director (Social, Sporting, Skiing, Tennis, Meetings). Do we hear you say that you are too busy? Our volunteers do not necessarily have the time, but they have **heart** ... they have **interest** ... they have **leadership** to help and get things done.

We are a club of good people, and so far our leaders – officers, directors and event leaders – have been moving us forward. We need more people. We are **encouraging new members to step up** and get involved. Show us your talents and strengths; give us your ideas, and come to the meetings.

At another level, we need people to step up and consider volunteering to **join the board** as there are positions to be filled in May. The December and January issues of the *Life* explained the responsibilities of each role so you could see where you might fit in. Feel free to talk to any member of our board and ask questions; get answers. Come to a board meeting. Candidates should be a member of the club for at least one year, and they will be approved by the board before the election.

Without leaders, there will be no club!

The board members wish everyone the very best this new year, and we wish you happiness, good health and success in seeking opportunities!



Welcome New and Returning Members

For an online directory of current members, see VagabondSkiClub.com.

**Richard Albert • Mary Keiller • Bradley Moran • Ruth Peterson
Diane Petsch • Joyce Rewolinski • Joseph and Marianne Woody**

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



Hideaway at Royalton Riviera, Cancun • Feb 12-19

Enjoy a premium getaway in the sun, just south of Cancun, Mexico. Flights are non-stop charters between Milwaukee and Cancun. Call **Sue** at (414) 421-6248 for availability.

Vagabond Ski and Social Club's Spectacular 15-Day Enchanting Japan with Cruise + Optional Seoul Extension

Cruise and Land

Thursday, Aug. 21 to Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025

\$5,194*

Seoul - Sept. 4-8

(see extension price below)



Hurry! Only a few spaces left!

Be part of this phenomenal Vagabond trip – 3 nights in Tokyo and 10-night cruise with a 4-night Seoul, South Korea, extension.

Princess Cruise line – Diamond. Stateroom choices are Inside*, Window or Balcony. With one of the longest & most complex histories of any country, Japan's colors, sights and traditions have fascinated visitors for thousands of years. It's a fascinating look at old-meets-new. Japan holds strong to its traditions and roots while still making room for innovation and contemporary trends. We will cruise around it!

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Japan with Cruise:

- Aug. 21: Leave from: MKE Airport or by Bus - MKE to O'Hare - to Tokyo – 1 Stop
- Aug. 22-25: Tokyo – 3 nights @ Intercontinental Hotel – 5 Star
- Aug. 25 – Sept. 4: Lv: Tokyo by ship – Diamond Princess – for 10 nights to: (Day 2) Toba, (Day 3) Osaka for Kyoto, (Day 4) Kochi, (Day 5) Hiroshima, (Day 6) Kanmon Straits, (Day 7) Busan, South Korea, (Day 8), Nagasaki, (Day 9) At Sea, (Day 10) Shimizu for Mt. Fuji. Arrive back in Tokyo.

- Sept. 4: Air -- Tokyo to ORD/MKE

OR:

Seoul Extension:

- Sept. 4: Air -- Tokyo to Seoul for Extension Group
- Sept. 4-8: Four nights at Sofitel Hotel – 5 Star
- Sept. 6: Full-day tour to DMZ (optional)
- Sept. 8: Air: Seoul to ORD/MKE.

INCLUDES

- AIR – MKE airport or O'Hare + Return to MKE
- BUS: To and from O'Hare & from Airports/Hotels/Cruise.
- Ten nights Luxurious Cruise on Diamond Princess, *Inside Stateroom included in price, Window Stateroom + \$594 pp, Balcony Stateroom + \$988 pp, Seoul Extension + \$1,794 per person. The following amenities are included:
- Cruise Meals – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner - Unlimited Beverage Package up to \$15 each drink – Cocktails/Wine/Beer/Juice/Soft Drinks, Free Internet, All Crew Tips and Gratuities, Unlimited Room Service / Delivery Anywhere on Board ++. Some Shore Excursion at greatly reduced prices.
- Hotel Nights at 5 Star Hotels above with Breakfast 3 nights in Tokyo and 4 nights in Seoul.
- TOURS – Sightseeing - City Panorama Tours – Tokyo and Seoul +
- PARTIES - As usual, many parties, dinners and surprises.

NOT INCLUDED

- TRAVEL INSURANCE - Cancellation FOR Reason & Trip Interruption - NOT included but required by Vagabond
- Board of Directors – Call Bob for group rate and Cancel for any Reason rates
- Some optional ports of call tours, additional city / outside-of-area tours & possible entry fees to some attractions.
- Tips and Meals not indicated above and possible exchange-rate increases, airline and boat supplemental fuel charges, possible \$211 port taxes and fees.

Contact trip leader, Bob Spindell (contact info below), for availability and questions.

Trip Leader **Bob Spindell**
1626 N. Prospect Ave, # 2210
Milwaukee, WI 53202.
Questions, (414) 276-6331.

First payment of \$2,000 due with sign up.



Ski Activities
Joyce Szulc

Ski racing

Vagabond skier Mark Regal has won three of the six Class 2 MMSCSR races this season. In Class 4, Mark Mueller also has won three races and has placed among the top three in all six. Other race winners representing the Vagabonds have been Eric Van Wormer and Amy Kopfmann in Class 1, Kurt Sandstrom in Class 2 and Pete Cannon in Class 3.

The final three race dates of the season are scheduled for Feb. 1 at Heiliger Huegel, Feb. 8 at Sunburst and Feb. 16 at Sunburst. Spectators are encouraged to come out and watch the team in action, along with the trophy presentation. Several people have joined the club after experiencing a race day.

Contact Al Lemke at aklemke2993@gmail.com or (414) 688-2938 or visit MMSCSR.com.



Vagabonds start the ski season in Colorado

A group of three dozen Vagabonds headed to Vail on the second Saturday of January and enjoyed the

sunshine, skiing, shopping, camaraderie and even tutus. Our next ski adventure is set for Feb. 9-15 at Lake Tahoe.



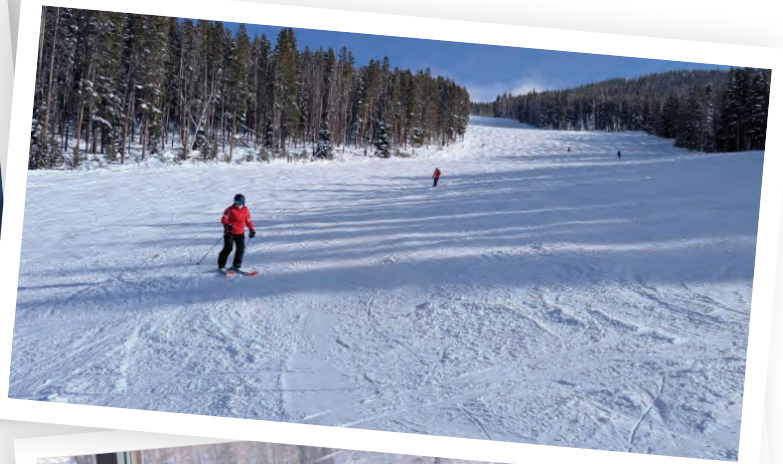
CMSC's 2026 European trip

The Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council is organizing a trip to Madonna di Campiglio, Italy, from **Jan. 23-31, 2026**. There will be an extension, but the destination has not yet been determined.

Details should be available by late April. Contact **Randy Baustert** at (847) 254-9396 or SkiWithRandy@aol.com.

Questions? Contact Ski Activities Coordinator Joyce Szulc, 262-902-3248 or jszulc@wi.rr.com





HELP REQUIRED!

Your club has been hosting a variety of ski trips for over 60 years. In order to continue this in the future, the club needs people to lead ski trips and also to join the Board as the Ski Activities Director. Ski trip leaders need to be well-organized and to be able to use common word processing software like Word. Knowledge of Excel is also a plus. Joining the Board as the Ski Activities Director is a two-year commitment and does involve a good deal of time and energy. In addition, both volunteer positions offer you the opportunity to learn the club management system, Wild Apricot. If you are interested, contact **Joyce Szulc** at 262-902-3248 or jszulc@wi.rr.com.





Sporting Activities
Mary Beth Braun

Sunday Hikes

Meet at 1:30, hike from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m.

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

Join us for Sunday hikes at area parks and urban locales. Please note that hikes begin promptly at the time indicated; late arrivals will not be accommodated.

We welcome volunteers to lead hikes in future months. 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.**

Feb. 2 – Nashotah Park: Meet at the Park & Ride Lot at Hwy 16 and Cty C at 1:30 p.m. We will shuttle in from the Park & Ride with individuals who have park permits to inside the park. Bathrooms in the park are open. Food and beverages afterward at Revere’s Wells Street Tavern, 505 Wells St., Delafield. Wear proper hiking shoes. Trails of mulch, grass, gravel. Ground may be partially frozen or muddy. Trails are generally flat and gentle, with a few steep but short hills. Hike Leader is **Gary Kovach** (414) 712-3897.

Feb. 9 – Lapham Peak State Park: Take I-94 west to Hwy. C, then turn left to park entrance. Meet at the middle parking lot, which is called Homestead Hollow: type “Homestead Hollow, Delafield WI” on Google Maps. From the entrance station, go up the main road 0.7 of a mile; the parking lot is on the left. This is the area where we usually stop for bathrooms. This significantly reduces the number of hills for the hike. We will hike 5 miles, from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m., then head to Revere’s Wells Street Tavern at 505 Wells St. in Delafield for chili and drinks. Hike Leader is **Betty Riley**, (262) 888-9978.

Feb. 16 – Milwaukee Lakefront: Meet at McKinley Park’s parking lot (1750 N Lincoln Memorial Drive). Starting at 1:45 p.m., we will walk south to a point near the Summerfest grounds, then turn around, for a total distance of four miles. Afterward, we will go to Colectivo Coffee (across the street, at 1701 N Lincoln Memorial Drive). Hike leaders are **Jim Stephens** and **Joyce Szulc**. Questions? Call **Joyce** at (262) 902-3248.

Feb. 23 – Whitnall Park: DMeet at the golf course parking lot, along South 92nd St., south of College Avenue. Hike from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m., then head to Bosch Tavern, 5871 S. 108th St., Hales Corners, for food and drinks. **Hike Leader needed!**

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.



Thanks to Terese and Jay for leading the Greendale hike, and thanks to Cindy for the photo.

State park admission

Vehicle admission passes for Wisconsin state parks are now valid for 12 months from the time of purchase (rather than just the remainder of the calendar year).

The fee is **\$28** for a vehicle with a Wisconsin license plate, with a senior rate of **\$13**. To buy a pass online, go to <https://yourpassnow.com/ParkPass/wi>

Bowling

Our fun, monthly Vagabond Bowling League is looking for substitutes. We bowl on the second Friday of each month at **2 p.m.** at **New Berlin Bowl**. Our league secretary is **Dee Hollstein-Pizur**, (262) 227-6322. Sign up at VagabondSkiClub.com.



Stay tuned ...

GOLF information is coming in the March issue. **Midweek Walks** on Thursday mornings may return in March, depending on the weather. We encourage everyone to go out and walk whenever possible. Walking is good for your spirit and health.

Bike and Barge Trip

France
Sept. 6-13

Tour the South of France by boat and bike Sept. 6-13. A week of cycling, suitable even for less experienced cyclists. The stages are led by a guide, mainly on back roads from Avignon to Aigues Mortes, with little traffic.

Price: \$2,000 per person, payable by check and based on double occupancy. Does not include airfare or bike rental. Meals included.

For details, go to Sitzmark.org/event-5665633; contact Trip Leader **John Graff** at jgraff1809@gmail.com or (414) 403-3478.



Social Activities
Denise Kremel

Radium Girls

April 12 • 7 p.m.
Oconomowoc Arts Center



In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie was an international celebrity, and luminous watches were the latest rage -- until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story, Radium Girls traces the efforts of Grace, Irene and Kathryn as they fight for their day in court against the U.S. Radium Corp.

Called a “powerful” and “engrossing” drama by critics, the play offers an unflinching look at health and wealth, the power of the underdog, and the injustice laborers have faced.

Join other Vagabonds at the April 12 evening performance of Radium Girls at Oconomowoc High School, 641 E. Forest St.

Sign up online at VagabondSkiClub.com. Tickets are \$16. Contact Denise Kremel at (262) 524-1023.



Friday Fish Fry

Feb. 7

Diamond Jim's, Hales Corners

Our next fish fry will be Friday, Feb. 7, at Diamond Jim's Steakhouse, 11811 W. Janesville Road, Hales Corners. Meet at the bar any time after 4:30 p.m. Dine at 5:30 p.m.

Prices: \$22 for two-piece dinner, \$26 for three-piece dinner, \$29 for broiled. Separate checks will be available.

Questions? Call Nancy Droishagen at (414) 491-3147

We are limited to 25 reservations; kindly call to cancel if you are unable to attend.

Over the Hump

Feb. 19 • New Berlin Ale House

Our next Over the Hump gathering will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at New Berlin Ale House, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave. Enjoy Happy Hour specials until 6 p.m.

No sign-up is necessary -- just show up. And send us your ideas for future gatherings!

Call Nancy Droishagen at (414) 491-3147.

Road Warrior update: Nashville in October

The Vagabonds' Christmastime trip to Branson was well-received. Our next bus trip will be Oct. 6-11 to Nashville and the Grand Ole Opry. Sign-ups will open March 1.

Contact Denise Kremel at bike4icecream1@gmail.com or at (262) 524-1023.

Scrabble

1-4 pm Tuesday, Feb. 4 and 18
New Berlin Ale House



We play Scrabble 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 alcoholic or non-alcoholic. Next games are Feb. 4 and 18. Food is also available for purchase. Non-members are welcome. Call Lynn Kozlowski, (414) 539-8114.

Sheepshead

6-9 pm Tuesday, Feb. 11 and 25
New Berlin Ale House

We play Sheepshead from 6-9 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at New Berlin Ale House. The next gatherings will be Feb. 11 and 25. Non-members, members and all levels of play are welcome.

Fee: at least one food/beverage order (plus tip) plus \$1 per person; bring more money, and you may win or lose. Questions: Jae Hartnell, (608) 712-7440.



Festival City Symphony

The Vagabond Ski & Social Club continues a long tradition of promoting the Festival City Symphony to our members. Visit FestivalCitySymphony.org/order-Saturday-Classics-Tickets to purchase tickets in advance or on the day of the concert at the Bradley Symphony Center box office, 212 W. Wisconsin Ave. The requested donation is \$8 for seniors.

Concerts are at 2 p.m. Saturdays

Schedule

March 8 -- Harmonies of the Heartland

April 12 -- Spanish Dreams and Dances

Visit festivalcitysymphony.org/orchestra-concert-schedule for descriptions of each concert.

Over 65 Years of Fun and Friendships

Vagabond Ski & Social Club Membership
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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.

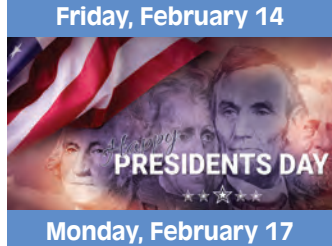
Stay Informed

For up-to-date information on club events and activities, including news and photos, visit VagabondSkiClub.com.

DATED MATERIAL

Deliver by January 28

FUTURE EVENTS	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 7 Japan	26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Ski race
March 8 Symphony							
April 12 Symphony							
April 12 Radium Girls							
Aug. 21 Japan	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Ski race
Sept. 6 France	Hike		Scrabble	General mtg		Diamond Jim's	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Heavenly Hike		Sheepshead	Cancun		Bowling	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Ski race Hike		Scrabble	New Berlin Ale House			
Friday, February 14	23	24	25	26	27	28	1
Monday, February 17	Hike		Sheepshead	Board mtg			



February