

March General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

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

7:30 pm: Dancing to the music of Four Wheel Drive

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



Our band for March is Four Wheel Drive. They will drive your feet to move.

Next month: Dirty Boogie

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VagabondSkiClub.com

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From the President
Mary Beth Braun

Welcome to March! Our March *Life* Newsletter is full of upcoming events. You can sign up for a wonderful European trip in September that includes a Danube River cruise and time in Sicily and Malta on the Mediterranean. Coming soon are details on our domestic trip to New Orleans in November. Plan to sign up for a golf league opening April 1 at Songbird or Sunny Slope. Details are in this *Life*. Also coming soon will be the tennis league, pickleball and the Weekly Walks starting up again in April. Join us for the Fish Fry at Double D's and at the Over the Hump get-together at Open Flame. We are active Vagabonds!

Being active makes me think of how important exercise is to good health, no matter the type or endurance of the exercise. Walking is excellent whether it's 4 blocks or 4 miles. You do things at your level, ability and circumstance. That's why we have our sports events open to everyone who can play at his/her level.

As you all know and discover, our Vagabond Club offers some great exercise: tennis, pickleball, hiking, golfing, biking, skiing and dancing! We offer a low-impact sport with our weekly walks. On your own time, visit a gym and use weight machines for resistance training or weight lifting. Take a yoga class or swimming class. We really want our members to exercise and be healthy. It is not surprising that we have many active 80/30 members! (Or just simply '70' & '80')

March 17 is right around the corner: Happy St. Patrick's Day and wishing you lots o' Irish luck!

"May you have all the happiness and luck that life can hold – and at the end of your rainbow may you find a pot of gold"

We'll see you March 4 at the general meeting.

Mary Beth



Vagabonds enjoyed a few mild days in Aspen, then welcomed some snowfall. (See Pages 5-6.)



Membership
Jan Breitbach

WELCOME NEW OR RETURNING MEMBERS

See the online directory at VagabondSkiClub.com for an up-to-date list of current members.

Cathy Hofmann Bertrandt • Jim Kopp

Joe Mohr • Lisa Sharp

Ron & Kris Weber • Pamela Wennesheimer

The club is looking for friendly and smiling faces to assist at the Welcome Desk on meeting nights.

Email JanBreitbach@gmail.com or call (414) 732-9749.

Our Vagabond Travelers' Top Choice for 2026

Vagabond Ski & Social Club's 16 Day Spectacular!

Magnificent Sicily – Vibrant Malta – Land & Majestic Danube River Boat Cruise

IMPT: Trip Opens Sunday or Monday, Feb 1/2, 2026

Sept 4 – Sept 19 2026– Best Weather Time of the Year!

NEW: Medical, Air-Evac, Baggage & Trip Delay Insurance Included

\$7,144*

**The trip has been expanded and a few spots may be available!
Contact Bob Spindell for availability and details.**



Sicily



Malta



Danube

Be part of this phenomenal Vagabond trip to Sicily, Malta, and up the Danube River. Space is Limited! The Land Portion takes us to the Magical World of Sicily, an Island with Unique Geography, Rich History, Vibrant Culture and Complex Character. Malta is known for its Stunning Architecture, Clear Waters, Diverse Culture and Unique Blend of Prehistoric, Medieval and Modern Sites. This 15 Night Trip is an Adventure of a Lifetime!

ITINERARY:

- Sept 4 Lv: by Bus MKE to O'Hare – to Budapest – 1 Stop
- Sept 5 Board in Budapest
 - Sept 6, Budapest
 - Sept 7, Bratislava
 - Sept 8, Vienna
 - Sept 9, Weissenkirchen (for Durnstein) / Ybbs / Grein
 - Sept 10, Linz (for Salzburg or Cesky Krumlov)
 - Sept 11, Passau / Vilshofen
 - Sept 12, Vilshofen
- Sept 12 - 16, Lv Munich for Sicily – 4 nights at 4.5 Star Hotel NH Porco degli Aragones Hotel, Catania
- Sept 16 - 19, Lv: Sicily for Malta – 3 Nights at 5.0 Star Malta Intercontinental Hotel

INCLUDES:

- **AIR** - O'Hare to Budapest + Munich to Sicily + Sicily to Malta + Malta to O'Hare – 1 Stop
- **BUS:** To & from O'Hare, all Airports/Hotels/Cruise.
- **SEVEN** Nights, Luxurious River Boat Cruise - Panorama Window Stateroom (included in price) or *Balcony Cabin

both French or Step out Balcony (Add \$1,244 pp.) Total 76 Cabins on ship!

- Cruise Meals – All Breakfasts, Lunches and Dinners w/ Beer & Wine on board with Nightly Cocktail Party & Entertainment.
- Tour at Each Port – Choice of Easy, Moderate, Advanced with free Bicycles.
- Hotel Nights at 4.5 & 5 Star Hotels above with Breakfast. 4 nights in Sicily and 3 nights in Malta.
- **TOURS** – Sightseeing - City Panorama Tours – Sicily & Malta & Budapest.
- **Medical, Air-Evac, Baggage & Trip Delay Insurance**
- **PARTIES** - As Usual, Lots of Nightly Parties, Dinners and Surprises, etc., in planning stages!

NOT INCLUDED:

- **Comprehensive TRAVEL INSURANCE** - Cancellation FOR Reason / Trip Interruption & Cancel for Any Reason available at Extra Group Rate Cost, check with Bob.
- Some optional ports of call tours, additional city / outside of area tours & possible entry fees to some attractions.
- **Tips** (are not included for cruise & others). Meals not indicated above & possible exchange rate increases, airline & boat supplemental fuel charges. Taxes & Port Fees.

Trip Opens Feb 1 & 2, 2026. Trip Leader **Bob Spindell** - 1626 N. Prospect Ave, # 2210, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Questions - Tel: 414-276-6331 / Fax: 414-276-3582. – Bob@Spindell.com.

Payment Schedule by credit card or check – 1st Payment of \$2,000 due NLT Sunday, Feb 8, 2026. Dates of Additional Payments, TBD.



Sporting Activities Mary Beth Braun



Whitnall Park

Sunday Hikes

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

RSVP to the leader of the hike experience you wish to enjoy. We don't want to leave anyone behind! Also, if the weather is questionable on the day of the hike, check with the hike leader. Usually, the hike goes on as planned.

We welcome volunteers to lead hikes in the future months. Scheduled hikes without leaders will be canceled.

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

March 1 – Lapham Peak State Park: Take I-94 west to Hwy. C, then turn left to the park entrance. Meet at the middle parking lot, which is called Homestead Hollow: type "Homestead Hollow, Delafield WI" on Google Maps. From the entrance, go up the main road 0.7 of a mile; parking lot is on the left. This is where we usually stop for bathrooms. This significantly reduces the number of hills for the hike.

We will hike approximately 3 miles, from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m., then head to Revere's Wells Street Tavern, 505 Wells St. in Delafield, for food and drinks. Hike leader: **Betty Riley**, (262) 888-9978.

March 8 – Hoyt Park via Menomonee River Pkwy in Wauwatosa: Meet in the parking lot of Collectivo Coffee or inside the coffee shop, 6745 W. Wells St., Wauwatosa. Park in the parking lot or on the street. Arrive at 1:30 p.m.

The hike will be 4+ miles, from the coffee shop to Hoyt Park and back. The trails are paved on Menomonee River Parkway or sidewalks, and we'll hike some hills in the village. Afterward, meet at Café Hollander, 7677 W. State St. Leaders: **Jay** and **Terese Zinn**, (414) 708-1663.

March 15 – Minooka County Park: Meet at 1:30 in the parking lot on Sunset Drive in Waukesha, just west of Hwy. Y (Racine Avenue) and just east of Hwys. 164 and 59. County sticker for park entrance fee is required to enter with a vehicle and park within the park. Optional parking is just outside the park entrance on a side street.

Hike from 1:45 to 3:45, then to Michael's Restaurant, 1400 S. Grand Ave. in Waukesha, to eat and drink. Hike Leader: **Betty Riley**, (262) 888-9978.

March 22 – Whitnall Park: Meet at the golf course parking lot at the corner of Whitnall Park Drive and S. 92nd Street. Trails are dirt and have rolling terrain. Hike from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m., then head to Bosch Tavern, 5871 S. 108th St. in Hales

Corners, for food and drinks. Hike Leader: **Betty Riley**, (262) 888-9978.



Scuppernong Trails

March 29 – Glacier Hills County Park: Drive north on 41/45 to Hwy. 167 west (Holy Hill Road). Turn left (south) onto Friess Lake Road (look for the Fox & Hounds sign), then left to the park entrance. The daily entrance fee is \$7. Prepay online or get a mail-in envelope at the entrance.

This is a moderate-level hike: hilly, with gravel, grass, pavement and mulch trails. Maybe muddy, wear proper hiking shoes; hiking poles optional. Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the parking lot near the main building. Restrooms should be open. Hike from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m., then meet at the Sawmill Inn & Pub, 1729 Wolf Road, Richfield, for food and drink. Hike leader: **Gary Kovach**, (414) 712-3897.

Weekly one-hour walks

Our Thursday-morning walks are suspended for winter. They will resume in April.

Bowling • March 20 New Berlin Bowl

Our monthly bowling league needs substitutes. We bowl on the third Friday of each month, starting at 2 p.m. Sign up online. You pay \$12 each time you substitute.

League secretary is **Dee Holstein-Pizur**, (262) 227-6322.

Golf Leagues

Fridays at Sunny Slope

June 12 to Aug. 28 (no golf July 3)

5285 S. Sunny Slope Road, New Berlin

We have different options to choose from:

Option 1: Full-time golfer walking, 9 holes of golf. Fee \$151. Cart is \$9 per person weekly.

Option 2: Full-time golfer includes the cart rental in the total fee at the start of the season. Fee \$250.

Option 3: Sign up for part-time golf on the Vagabond website \$5, and weekly golf is \$16 per game for walkers, and \$26 for golf plus cart per session. You pay directly to Sunny Slope before beginning your golf session.

We are not including an after-season pizza party cost.

You can sign up as a single or as a twosome; singles will be matched with a partner, and each week there will be mix up of twosomes so we will get to play with everyone. If you have a particular partner you would like to play with, specify their name on the registration form. Sign up online in Wild Apricot.

Subs, please sign up online \$5. Subs pay \$13 for walkers and \$22 for golf plus cart for each round of golf directly to the person they sub for, and the cost is according to how

the golfer is registered.

Sign-up starts April 1. We play READY golf; players need to be alert and ready to strike the ball!

League captain is **Jean Dueling**, duelingj@gmail.com, (414) 321-0258.

Wednesdays at Songbird Hills

May 27 to Aug. 19

Songbird Hills is a beautiful, rolling golf course just south of County Line Road in Hartland. The fee for 9 holes of golf will be \$245 for 13 weeks. This includes an end-of-season party, hole event prizes, and raffle. Golf carts are \$10 per rider. An option to play 18 holes is available for an extra charge. Tee times begin at 1:30 p.m.

Experienced golfers can sign up as a single, twosome, or foursome. Foursomes will be put together, and you will play with the same foursome each week. Contact Suzanne if you have special requests for your foursome.

The fee for subs to sign up is \$6. Subs pay \$16 to the person they are playing for. Subs can attend the season-ending party if they wish for an additional \$25. (Guests are also welcome for \$25.)

Sign-ups begin April 1.

The event leader is **Suzanne Wiedner**, (262) 305-8444. Text or call her with questions.





Ski Activities Sally Borchardt

Snowmass in February

Forty-three Vagabonds (including three new members!) enjoyed a week of skiing together in February. Snowmass, the largest of Aspen's four ski areas, was just outside our doorstep. We even received some fresh snow!

Social activities during the week included a pizza party and a barbecue dinner catered by the legendary Hickory House. Many of us also visited downtown Aspen, with its many restaurants, bars and shops.



Where to next?

Wow. March is almost here and the skiing year comes to a spectacular close with Aspen/Snowmass as we prepare for next year! Heads up, everyone - even non-skiers may like our destinations. So be prepared for your input on where we go!

If you listed skiing in your bio with the club, you will be getting an email asking for your preference for next year. Vail has been suggested. We could then pick an additional one or two destinations that use the Epic Pass: Telluride, Crested Butte, Park City, Breckenridge, Keystone, Whistler ... ? So be sure to let Sally know where you would like to go!

In the meantime, keep exercising on our wonderful hikes, bike rides, walks, tennis and pickleball matches, or any of our other activities. They're all fun, and we welcome all our new people, too! Maybe we will have a special sign that we make for our new members in case you are shy. We are here and never bite (hard), more encouraging you than anything else - I'm sure.

Ski racing

Vagabonds **Mark Regal**, in Class 2, and **Dennis Novak**, in Class 3, each won four races and placed among the top three finishers in eight of the other 10 MMSC senior ski races this season.

Other Vagabonds who won at least one race were **Eric Regal** and **Eric VanWormer** in Class 1, **Kurt Sandstrom** in Class 2, **Mike Kidd** and **Erica Schlimbach** in Class 3 and **Mark Mueller** and **Stephanie Wampole** in Class 4.

The Vagabonds competed against three other Metropolitan Milwaukee Ski Council teams. For complete, final team and individual results, go to MMCSR.com. We continue to practice at 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Sunburst. Call or text **Al Lemke** at (414) 688-2938.





Social Activities
Denise Kremel

Fish Fry • March 6

Double D's, Hales Corners



Our next fish fry will be Friday, March 6, at Double D's Pub and Eatery, 5171 S. 108th St., Hales Corners.

The two-piece dinner will be \$17, and the three-piece will be \$19. Dessert is included. .

Meet at the bar at 4:30 and dine at 5:30.

Call **Nancy Drolshagen** at (414) 491-3147 with questions.

For reservations, go to VagabondSkiClub.com. Kindly call to cancel if you are unable to attend!

Over the Hump • March 18

Open Flame, Hales Corners

Our next Over the Hump get-together will be Wednesday, March 18, at Open Flame Restaurant, 5081 S. 108th St., Hales Corners.

Show up between 4 and 7 p.m.

Call **Nancy Drolshagen** at (414) 491-3147 with questions.



Scrabble

1-4 p.m. Tuesday,
March 3 and 17

New Berlin Ale House

We play Scrabble on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 1-4 p.m. at New Berlin Ale House. The fee is \$1

per person for the server tip along with a purchase of one beverage, either alcoholic or non-alcoholic. Food is also available for purchase.

This month's games are **March 3** and **17**. Non-members are welcome. Call **Lynn Kozlowski** at (414) 539-8114.



January's fish fry at Clifford's.

Sheepshead

6-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 10 and 24

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 games are **March 10** and **24**. 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 • 2 p.m. March 7

Bradley Symphony Center

The Vagabonds have a long tradition of promoting the Festival City Symphony to our members. Hear classical music on Saturday afternoons at the Bradley Symphony Center, 212 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee.



Order tickets online at FestivalCitySymphony.org. The suggested donation for seniors is \$8.

Saturday Classics concerts begin at 2 p.m., preceded by "Unlocking the Score," an onstage presentation at 1:30.

Schedule

March 7 – Pictures at an Exhibition

April 18 – Faith, Persistence and Celebration



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Vagabond Ski & Social Club Membership
 7809 W. Mount Vernon Ave.
 Milwaukee, WI 53213

DATED MATERIAL
Deliver February 26

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Help us find new members through Facebook: Click Like on the Vagabond Ski and Social Club page.

Stay Informed

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

FUTURE EVENTS	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 5 General meeting	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
April 8 Mt. Bachelor	Hike		Scrabble	General mtg		Double D's	Symphony
April 18 Symphony							
May 27 Wednesday golf	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
June 12 Friday golf	Hike		Sheepshead				
Sept. 4 Danube/Sicily/Malta							
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Hike		Scrabble	Open Flame		Bowling	
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Hike		Sheepshead	Board mtg			
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	Hike						



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