

## April General Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2**

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 Dirty Boogie

*Guests welcome – \$10 admission*

### Sign up in advance

- ◆ Please register for the meeting online, call (414) 732-9749 or email [Jan.Breitbach@gmail.com](mailto: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



Dirty Boogie has the best that moves your feet.  
On the dance floor, you will want more.

Next month: Our House

Vagabond Ski & Social Club Inc.

[VagabondSkiClub.com](http://VagabondSkiClub.com)

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From the President  
**Mary Beth Braun**

**HAPPY SPRING!** Welcome back, snowbirds! For Vagabonds, April is like our “hump” month, waiting for spring and summer. Here we are with all the anticipation of so many activities in our club. Check out this *Life* edition for tennis, pickleball, weekly hikes, golf leagues, walks, performance at Oconomowoc Arts Center, spring style show with luncheon, Milwaukee Milkmen baseball game, dinner and over-the-hump night – and a trip to Nashville! Don’t hesitate on any of your favorite activities. **Sign up!**

Another way to get involved is to be a leader helping with the direction of the club. Everyone loves all the activities the club offers, but few people are generous enough to volunteer and lead. The month of May brings elections for positions on the board of directors. We are looking for qualified people to fill several positions on the board this year. *The Club has so many talented members with unique abilities and knowledge who could step up into a position on the board. As a board member, you could use your talents and knowledge to benefit all Vagabond members. (taken from March 2023 Life)*

If you are interested, please contact me, President Mary Beth Braun, at (262) 443-7291 or [mbbraun4@wi.rr.com](mailto:mbbraun4@wi.rr.com). Please do so as soon as possible.

Lastly, one of our special occasions in Spring is always Easter: a big deal in our churches and a sweet deal in the retail world. **Wishing you a colorful Easter filled with fun, laughter and blessings! Have a great April!**



International Travel  
**Linda Horn**

**Cruise Japan • Aug. 21 to Sept. 4 • \$5,194**  
**Join the waiting list**

**O**ur trip to Japan this summer is full, with a waiting list started. Departing Aug. 21, we will spend three nights in Tokyo, followed by a 10-day cruise and then an optional extension Sept. 4-8 in South Korea. Call **Bob** at (414) 276-6331.



# Racquet Sports

## Summer Tennis League

**Mondays, June 2 to Aug. 18 • 6-7:30 pm**  
**Opens April 1. Registration deadline: May 12**



**C**ome and join other enthusiastic individuals and enjoy a game of tennis on Monday nights. The tennis league is for all skill levels. 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.

After tennis each week, players will gather nearby for beverages, food and social time. The location is to be determined.

The one-time fee is **\$35** to play tennis for the entire season. You may sign up as a substitute player instead for **\$15**.



## Summer Pickleball League

**Thursdays, June 5 - Aug. 28 • 6-8 pm**  
**Banting Park, Waukesha**  
**Opens April 1**



**J**oin the Vagabond Summer Pickleball league. All levels welcome. After pickleball, we will adjourn to a nearby location for food and drinks (not included in fee) and socializing, a favorite of the Vagabonds! The fee is **\$50 for the entire 12-week season**. Online sign-up preferred. Event coordinator: **Pat Hummer**, (262) 894-3375.



**PLEASE SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Online Sign-Up Is Preferred.**

### Monday Night Summer Tennis • June 2 to Aug. 18

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- Weekly Tennis Player (6-7:30 pm) – **\$35**      Rating \_\_\_\_\_
  - Substitute Player – **\$15**      \_\_\_\_\_ I will fill out foursomes      \_\_\_\_\_ Do not schedule me
- Dates I cannot play:     June 2     June 9     June 16     June 23     June 30     July 7     July 14
- July 21     July 28     Aug. 4     Aug. 11     Aug. 18     I can play all dates

Schedules will be posted at [VagabondSkiClub.com](http://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 12**

Sign up online or return this form to:

**Diana Schneider**  
 S75 W20101 Ridge Road  
 Muskego, WI 53150

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





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](mailto:danlmark@gmail.com) or (414) 416-1678 if you know you can be a leader. **Hikes without leaders will be canceled.**



Thanks to Erv for leading the hike at Monches and to Cindy for the photos.

**April 6 – 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 will be on the left. This is the area where we usually stop for bathrooms. Hike from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m., then head to Revere’s Wells Street Tavern, 505 Wells St. in Delafield, for chili and drinks. Hike Leader: **Betty Riley**, (262) 888-9978.

**April 13 – Glacier Hills County Park:** Drive north on 41/45 to Hwy 167 west (Holy Hill Road). Go west to the road that leads to Fox & Hounds, then go left (south) to the park entrance. Daily entrance fee is \$7. Pre-pay online or get a mail-in envelope at the entrance. This will be a moderate-level hike; hilly, with gravel, grass, pavement and mulch trails. It may be muddy, so wear proper hiking shoes; hiking poles optional. Meet at 1:30 p.m. at the main building parking lot. Restrooms are open. Hike from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m. Afterward, meet at the



Sawmill Inn & Pub, 1729 Wolf Road, Richfield, for food and drink. Hike leader: **Gary Kovach**, (414) 712-3897.

**April 20 –** Easter Sunday, no hike scheduled.

**April 27 – Downtown Racine and Lakefront:** Meet in the parking lot one block west of the Racine Zoo, 2131 N. Main St. (Walton Avenue & North Wisconsin). Hike is 5.5 miles: south along the Lake Michigan lakefront and back up Main Street in Racine. Hike from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m. Guests welcome! After, for those who wish, food and drinks at Reefpoint Brew House, 2 Christopher Columbus Causeway. Hike Leaders: **Joyce Szulc** and **Jim Stephens**. Questions? Call Joyce at (262) 902-3248.

## Midweek Walks

Our one-hour walks are **every Thursday morning** from 11 to noon at various parks and area locations. The organizer is **Sherry Dobson**, (262) 498-4067, and she welcomes volunteers to lead a walk.

**April 3 – Frame Park, Waukesha:** Along the Fox River. Entrance is at the north end along Moreland Boulevard, next to the Fox River Bridge. Meet just past the children’s play area. Walk on paved surfaces.

**April 10 – Hart Park and Honey Creek Parkway:** Meet in the parking lot of the Wauwatosa Senior Center, 7300 W. Chestnut. From downtown Wauwatosa on State Street, turn south on 70th Street and follow the road into the Senior Center parking lot.

**April 17 – Lime Kiln Park, Menomonee Falls:** Meet in a public parking lot behind O’Brady’s Irish Pub & Grille, N88 W16495 Main St. (next to the river and across from the “Falls”). Walk along a paved walkway.

**April 24 – Brookfield Reserve in Brookfield:** Meet in the parking lot behind the Coffeerville Company (café), 2825 N. Brookfield Road. Walk on paved surfaces.

## Bowling

We bowl at 2 p.m. on the second Friday of each month at New Berlin Bowl. To be a substitute bowler, contact league secretary **Dee Holstein-Pizur**, (262) 227-6322.

## GOLF LEAGUES

### Wednesdays at Songbird

W259 N8700 Hwy 164, Hartland • June 4 to Aug. 27

We will play golf Wednesday afternoons at Songbird Hills, just south of County Line Road in Hartland. **Our tee times will start at 1:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$200 for 9 holes** each week for 13 weeks; includes an end-of-summer party and prizes.

If you wish, play 18 holes for a higher fee.  
Cart rental is \$10 per rider weekly.

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 specific requests for your foursome.

Substitutes pay \$6 to sign up and \$12 to the person they are playing for. The end-of-summer party will be an additional \$25 for subs if they wish to attend. Guests are also welcome to attend the party for \$25.

**Sign-ups start April 1.** Call or text league captain **Suzanne Wiedner** at (262) 305-8444.

## Fridays at Sunny Slope

5285 S. Sunny Slope Road, New Berlin  
June 6 to Aug. 29

(No golf July 4; two rain dates in September.)

**Fee: \$180** for the weekly golfer who **walks**; includes the end-of-season pizza party. Cart rental is \$9 per person weekly.

A second, all-in-one payment option includes the golf fee, cart rental and party for **\$276**.

You can 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 get to play with everyone. If you would like to be paired with a particular partner, please specify their name on the registration form.

**Substitutes pay \$20 to sign up**, which includes the party, and then \$13 or \$21 for each round of golf paid directly to the person they are playing for.

**Sign-ups start April 1.** We play READY Golf; players need to be alert and ready to strike the ball!

Call, text or email league captain **Jean Dueling** at (414) 321-0258 or [duelingj@gmail.com](mailto:duelingj@gmail.com).

## Weekend Bike Trip

Root River • June 19-22

**B**ack by popular demand. ... Our annual weekend bike trip this summer will be on the Root River trail in Minnesota's Driftless Region. We will stay at the Country Trails Inn and Suites in Preston, Minn. Root River is a paved trail through quaint towns, with the famous Aroma Pie Shop along the way. There is also golf, canoeing, shopping and tennis nearby.

Transportation will be on your own.

Breakfast is provided by the hotel. Dinners will be on your own. After you arrive, bring your own beverages for a Thursday-night pizza party. There will be a group dinner Saturday night, if you wish to attend. Friday night will be on your own.

**Price is \$285 per person**, double occupancy. Sign up on Wild Apricot.

Contact **Denise Kremel** at (262) 524-1023 or **Dan Heide-mann** at (414) 416-1678.



Ski Activities  
Joyce Szulc

## Feb. 7-14: Snowmass

**Y**our club has reserved Feb. 7-14, 2026 (Saturday to Saturday), for a ski trip to one of our most popular destinations: Aspen Snowmass. We'll be staying at the Top of the Village in two- and three-bedroom, ski-in/ski-out condominiums.

Lift ticket options: Reasonably priced group tickets will be available for this trip. If you plan to ski at multiple Ikon pass locations, you may wish to purchase an Ikon pass; just be sure to choose the option that includes Snowmass.

## Where to next?



**T**he Vagabonds have been organizing ski trips for over 60 years. To keep going, the club needs more volunteers to lead trips and/or join the board of directors.

Ski trip leaders need to be well-organized and familiar with basic computer programs such as Word. Joining the board as a director is a two-year commitment to help the club continue to thrive.

To get started, contact **Joyce Szulc** at (262) 902-3248 or [jszulc@wi.rr.com](mailto:jszulc@wi.rr.com).

## CMSC's 2026 European trip

**T**he Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council is organizing a trip to Madonna di Campiglio, Italy, from **Jan. 23-31, 2026**.

Contact **Randy Baustert** at [SkiWithRandy@aol.com](mailto:SkiWithRandy@aol.com) or (847) 254-9396.

## Ski racing

**V**agabond ski racers enjoyed another successful season, finishing first among the four teams in the Metro Milwaukee Ski Council standings. **Eric VanWormer** again was our top racer. He placed second in Class 1, with **Justin Gigstad** third and **Eric Regal** fourth. **Amy Kopfmann**, placing fifth overall for the season, was the fastest among all 33 competitors in one of the slalom races.

**Mark Regal** won Class 2, with **Kurt Sandstrom** fourth. In Class 3, **Al Lemke** finished the season in second place, and **Mike Kidd** was third. **Mark Mueller** placed second in Class 4.

See complete details at [MMSCSR.com](http://MMSCSR.com). To join the team, call **Al** at (414) 688-2938 or email [AKLemke2993@gmail.com](mailto:AKLemke2993@gmail.com).

The MMSCSR awards banquet will be **May 3** at Heiliger Huegel Ski Club. For tickets (\$29), contact **Carolyn Murphy** at (414) 559-6335 or [carolynmurphy559@yahoo.com](mailto:carolynmurphy559@yahoo.com).





**Social Activities**  
**Denise Kremel**

## Spring Style Show

May 8

Golden Mast Inn, Okauchee

The Oconomowoc Memorial Auxiliary's annual fashion show will be Thursday, May 8, at the **Golden Mast Inn** on Okauchee Lake, W349 N5293 Lacys Lane, Okauchee.

### The schedule:

11 a.m. -- Social Hour and Gift Box Boutique

Noon -- Luncheon

1 p.m. -- Style Show

Tickets are \$57.

Sign up by April 15.

### Luncheon menu:

Cobb salad

Tenderloin and two shrimp with three-cheese risotto, carrots and asparagus

Cheesecake with strawberry topping

If you have any questions, call **Lavonne Grenlie** at (262) 542-2004.

## Baseball in Chicago

1:10 p.m. July 27

Cubs at White Sox



The Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council's annual baseball outing will be Sunday afternoon, July 27, as the Cubs play the White Sox on the South Side. Tickets are \$96 and include a pregame party.

For details, email [MaryCMSC@outlook.com](mailto:MaryCMSC@outlook.com).



## Friday Fish Fry

April 4

Maxim's, Brookfield

Please join us for our next fish fry, on Friday, April 4, at Maxim's, 18025 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield.



5 p.m. for drinks and 5:30 p.m. for dinner.

Price: \$18.75 for the two-piece fish fry, \$22.50 for the three-piece. Separate checks will be available.

Sign up in Wild Apricot. Questions, call **Jean Duelling** at (414) 321-0258 or **Greg Larson** at (414) 588-4998.

## Over the Hump

April 16

O'Donoghue's,  
Elm Grove

Meet your friends for fun, food and drinks: Our next Over the Hump gathering will be April 16 at O'Donoghue's Irish Pub, 13275 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove..

No sign-up is necessary; just show up between 4 and 7 p.m.



## Scrabble

1-4 pm Tuesday, April 1 and 15

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 **April 1 and 15**. Food is also available for purchase. Non-members welcome. Call **Lynn Kozlowski**, (414) 539-8114.



## Baseball in Franklin

6:35 p.m. May 15

DockHounds at Milkmen

Cheer on two local baseball teams at 6:35 p.m. Thursday, May 15: the Milwaukee Milkmen vs. the Lake Country DockHounds, at Franklin Field, 7035 S. Ballpark Drive, near 76th and Rawson.

Price: \$46, which includes game ticket, food and drinks.

The all-inclusive menu at Leinenkugel's Hop Yard: burgers, bratwurst,

hot dogs, cookies, chips, popcorn, soda, water and draft

beer (Miller Lite, Coors

Lite, Miller High Life,

Leinenkugel's Summer

Shandy, Angry Orchard,

Lakefront IPA).

Pay by credit card on Wild

Apricot or at the monthly meeting.

Questions? Call **Denise Kremel** at (262) 524-1023.



## Sheepshead

6-9 pm Tuesday, April 8 and 22

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 **Tuesday, April 8 and 22.**

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.

## Nashville Road Trip

with Diamond Tours

Oct. 6-11



Kick it up in the home of Country Music as we visit Nashville by bus Oct. 6-11.

Our trip will include:

- \* Motorcoach transportation.
- \* Five nights lodging, including three consecutive nights in the Nashville area.
- \* Eight meals: five breakfasts and three dinners.
- \* Two great shows: Grand Ole Opry and Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theater.
- \* Guided tours of Nashville and the Belle Meade Historic Site and Winery.
- \* Admission to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum.
- \* A behind-the-scenes tour of the Grand Ole Opry House or the Ryman Auditorium.

**Price:** \$975 double occupancy or \$1,215 single occupancy, not including trip insurance, which is highly recommended.

Sign-up deadline is **May 31**. A \$75 deposit is due upon sign-up. Balance due July 30. All payments must be made in Wild Apricot or at the monthly meeting via credit card.

Any questions, call **Denise Kremel** at (262) 524-1023.

## Festival City Symphony

April 12

The final concert of the Festival City Symphony's Saturday Classics season will be at 2 p.m. April 12. Join fellow Vagabonds for "Spanish Dreams and Dances," featuring works from Emmanuel Chabrier, Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Manuel de Falla and Maurice Ravel, including his iconic Bolero.



"Unlocking the Score," a pre-concert, onstage presentation, begins at 1:30 p.m.

Purchase tickets in advance at [FestivalCitySymphony.org](http://FestivalCitySymphony.org) or on the day of the concert at the Bradley Symphony Center, 212 W. Wisconsin Ave. The requested donation for seniors is \$8.



Membership  
**Jan Breitbach**

### Welcome New or Returning Members

For an up-to-date list of current members, see the online directory at [VagabondSkiClub.com](http://VagabondSkiClub.com).

**Linda Jenzake • Tim Mellema • Dan Stone**

We could always use more friendly and smiling faces for help at the Welcome Desk on meeting nights. Contact Jan, (414) 732-9749 or [Jan.Breitbach@gmail.com](mailto:Jan.Breitbach@gmail.com).

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**Deliver by March 28**

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

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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](mailto:jszulc@wi.rr.com).

**Stay Informed**

For up-to-date information on club events and activities, including news and photos, visit [VagabondSkiClub.com](http://VagabondSkiClub.com).

FUTURE EVENTS	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 3 Ski racing banquet	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
May 8 Fashion show			Scrabble	General mtg	Walk	Maxim's	
May 15 Franklin baseball							
June 2 Tennis							
June 4 Songbird golf							
June 5 Pickleball	Hike		Sheepshead		Walk	Bowling	Symphony Radium Girls
June 6 Sunny Slope golf	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
June 19 Root River biking							
July 27 Chicago baseball							
Aug. 21 Japan	Hike		Scrabble	O'Donoghue's	Walk		
Sept. 6 France	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Oct. 6 Nashville							
Jan. 23 Italy							
Feb. 7 Aspen							
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Sheepshead		Walk		
	27	28	29	30	1	2	3
	Hike			Board mtg			



Earth Day, April 22

April