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Zoom/Phone-in General Meeting WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

6:45 pm Roundtable: Steering Clear of Scams • 7:15 pm General Meeting

Internet fraud, always a threat to our financial security and identity, has only become more serious over the past year. A representative from the Better Business Bureau will join us virtually **May 5** to explain how we can avoid these threats.

The BBB has identified which scams pose the highest risk by looking at three factors: exposure, susceptibility and monetary loss.

In this informative session, BBB Serving Wisconsin President/CEO Jim Temmer will discuss the top 10 scams based on the BBB Risk Report

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:

Better Business Bureau can help you stay safe

Jim Temmer, President/CEO of the BBB Serving Wisconsin, is committed to promoting integrity and increasing trust in the marketplace. In November, he was elected chairman of the board of the International Association of Better Business Bureaus.





Temmer previously served as Executive Director of the Milwaukee Bar Association and the MBA Foundation. He spent 10 years leading museums and cultural organizations around Wisconsin.

Temmer has degrees from the University of Wisconsin and Marquette. He lives in West Bend with his wife, Janet, their dog, 10 chickens and about 60,000 bees.



Jim Temmer



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Wow! What a year it has been for all of us! Your club has shown resilience and the willingness to adapt to ever-changing restrictions and regulations. During these last 12 months, we have been OPEN with a variety of events and activities, including Zoom monthly

meetings, hikes, walks, bike rides, tennis, golf, pickleball, fishing and ski trips.

And there is light at the end of the tunnel. Your Board of Directors has decided to resume in-person meetings beginning in July. Plus, we have a new meeting location: New Berlin Banquet Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave. (west of Moorland Blvd).

As I told members who signed into our April Zoom meeting, I believe you will be delighted with this choice based on its location, parking and meeting room configuration. There is a separate area for the meeting and event signups. Then there is another larger space where the bar is located, along with a large dance floor, plenty of room for a band or DJ plus tables for mingling with your Vagabond friends. In the same building is the New Berlin Ale House, an ideal place to enjoy a meal before the meeting.

Keep watching my emails, our website and the Life for further updates on the July meeting. Expect some changes and some surprises.

Don't forget to sign up now for summer activities: a variety of tennis events, three golf leagues and a baseball game, plus more. Details are in this issue of the *Life*. Remember, the easiest way to sign up is online with your credit card.

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WELCOME NEW OR RETURNING MEMBERS:

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

Kairy Ibrahim • Dana Kowalewski • Dave & Ellen Lappe Steve Meyer • Val Tetzlaff

The club is looking for friendly and smiling faces to assist at the Welcome Desk once we resume in-person meetings. Contact **Jan** at 414-732-9749 or jan.breitbach@gmail.com.



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



go to our website or contact: Ted: **262-786-1475**; **tmsmyczek@netzero.net**.



Sunday Hikes

This month is the end of our seasonal Sunday hikes. Be prepared with proper footwear all through May, as conditions may be wet.

May 2 – Nashotah Park, 1:30 pm: The main entrance is on Hwy C just north of Hwy 16. Meet in the main parking lot. *We need a leader!*

May 9 – Pike Lake State Park, 1:15 pm: Take Hwy 41 north to Hwy 60, west about 3 miles to the park entrance on the left. (Watch for sign entrance: Kettle Moraine Drive), south into the park to the beach parking lot, just past the check-in booth. *We need a leader!*

May 16 – Milwaukee's Lakefront, 1:30 pm: Hike starts at 1:45 p.m. Meet in the parking lot of Lake Park Bistro, 3133 E. Newberry Blvd., Milwaukee. The walk is 5.5. miles on asphalt path and concrete sidewalk for about 2 hours. A mostly flat walk, except for one hill on the return. This is a rain-or-shine event. Food and drink are optional afterward. Leaders: **Gary Kovach** (414-712-3897) and **Connie Sandell**.

May 23 – Minooka Park, Waukesha, 1:30 pm: Meet at the park's first parking lot on Sunset Drive in Waukesha, just west of Hwy Y (Racine Ave.). *We need a leader!*

May 30 – Memorial Weekend Hike and Picnic Whitnall Park, 12:30 pm: Final hike of the season. Meet at Picnic Area No. 5 at 12:30 p.m. Bring food and beverage and chairs for afterward. Hike from 12:40 to 2:40 p.m. *Looking for a leader!*

Everyone is invited for the picnic, not only hikers. Be there at 2:45 pm.

Wednesday Walks

Wednesday Walks continue through May. Watch for the location in Joyce's Friday "Week at a Glance." New places to walk are welcome, as well as the volunteers to lead them. 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.

There is no fee, but the limit is 20 participants. Contact Jay at (262) 534-7839 or lornat4l@yahoo.com.

Golf

Tuesdays & Fridays at Brookfield Hills

16075 Pinehurst Dr near Moorland Rd, just south of I-94

We will have two "no frills" golf leagues at Brookfield Hills. You can sign up for **Tuesday** or **Friday** or both. Email Judy if you have a particular playing partner in mind. Single players will be matched to a partner, and each week there will 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 Sept**. Tee times will be between 1 and 2 p.m.

The fee for each league is **\$187**, and includes a pizza party at the end of the season. We will have a list of substitutes this year; **subs pay \$15** (and are invited to the pizza party). 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. This 13-week season will run from **June 2 to Aug. 28**. Tee times begin at **1:30 pm**. 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 corn roast at the end of the season.

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

Time for a safety check on your bike

Before the summer biking season gets into full swing, take your bike to a local bicycle shop for an inspection. Technicians will check the tires, brakes and overall condition.

Summer Biking

Thank you to all volunteers who led a bike ride last year, and to those who have volunteered to lead a ride this season. There are still many open dates. To ensure a safe ride, all rides must have both a leader and a sweep. We plan to publish the names of each in the monthly *Life* article and on our website. The pace of our rides will be 10-12 mph. Riders who wish to ride faster are on their own. Leaders will ask riders to sign in each week.

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

Weekend Bike Trip • Boulder Junction

July 22-25 • \$155 per person, double occupancy.

Join us for biking on a scenic, 52-mile paved trail that connects the communities of St Germain, Sayner, Boulder Junction, Manitowish Waters and Mercer.

We will be staying at Boulder Junction Motor Lodge. All rooms are to be booked by the event leader. Continental breakfast is included. Bring your own lawn chairs, drinks and snacks so we can gather outside for happy hour.

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

Do you canoe?

A canoe trip on the Fox River is being planned for Saturday, June 19. Details will follow soon.



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. 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.

Possibilities for postgame socializing are being discussed. We are looking for an outdoor venue where players can safely gather. If you have any suggestions, contact **Cheryl Jaeger** at cheryljaeger@wi.rr.com or (262) 510-9676 or **Diana**

Schneider at bschneider95@wi.rr.com or (414) 491-2217.

The fee to play tennis for the season is **\$15**. You may sign up as a substitute player instead for **\$10**. Courts are being reserved at: Elm Grove, Brook-field East, Brookfield Central and Wauwatosa West.

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.

Drop-in Tennis

Saturdays • 9 am to noon Nathan Hale High School

Vagabonds meet and play tennis with players of similar ability. Bring your own water and balls. Around noontime, we normally go to Oscar's for lunch and/or treats.

Before the Vagabond summer league begins, we also play on **Mondays** at **6 pm** at **Elm Grove Village Park**.

Tennis drills • One-time fee of \$10 Wednesday mornings • May 19 to July 21 • Wirth Park

Two sessions: **10-11 a.m.** and **11 a.m. to noon**, with the latter especially for less accomplished players. Balls will be suppled; bring your own water. Facilitator **Gene O'Kelly**, (414) 526-2719, will be available before or after the sessions for personal attention if arranged in advance.

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: O June 7 O June 14 O June 21 O June 28 (no matches July 5) O July 12 O July 19 O July 26 O Aug. 2 O Aug. 9 O Aug. 16 O Aug. 23 Schedules will be posted at <i>VagabondSkiClub.com</i> 							
 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						

Date ____

Singles, anyone?

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.

Summer Pickleball

New Day, New Location! Tuesdays, June 8 to Aug. 24 • 6-7:30 pm Lowell Park • corner of Grandview and Madison, 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 socialization, as we Vagabonds like to do!

The fee is **\$25** and covers the entire

12-week season. Or sign up as a substitute for \$15; you could be called upon when a regular player is unavailable. Event coordinator: **Pat Hummer**, (262) 894-3375.



From the Vice President Linda Horn

Exotic Greek Isles Cruise with stays in Athens and Rome September 11, 2021 for 15 nights!

Our cruise ship will depart from Athens and travel through the Greek Islands for 7 nights, 8 days. Then we are off to Rome for an Italian adventure – or it could be before the cruise. As usual, we will stay at 4- and 5-star hotels, with several tours and parties.

Full details will be online and in the June *Life*. Contact **Bob Spindell** at RSpindell@Gottesman-Company.com or (414) 276-6331.



2022 Ski Season Preview



Big Sky trip • Jan. 8-15, 2022 **Est. Price: \$1,600 for sign-ups by June 25** Registration opens May 15

Details are being finalized for the first weeklong trip of the 2022 ski season, to Big Sky, Montana. Lodging will be at the Huntley Lodge (hotel rooms), two people per room. Included in your trip is round-trip airfare from Milwaukee to Bozeman, bus transfers to Big Sky, seven nights lodging plus baggage handling. Bus driver tips, porter tips and taxes are included, along with a daily breakfast buffet. Available for your use is a pool, hot tubs and fitness center.

Early Bird sign-up discount of \$50 will be available to anyone signing up and paying at least \$800 by **June 25**. Final payment is not due until Nov. 15. An email event announcement with all registration details will be sent out May 15.

Registration opens June 15 for the Aspen/Snowmass and Banff trips

Next month's *Life* will include more details about these two trips:

Feb. 12-19 • Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado Lodging: Top of the Village Condos

March 12-19 • Banff, Alberta, Canada Lodging: Banff Ptarmigan Inn (lodge rooms)

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



Monthly Vagabond Pop-Up Fri., May 21 • 4-9 pm • Muskego Park Thurs., June 24 • Mukwonago Park

This summer, we are going to try something **NEW**. In place of our monthly fish fries and monthly Over the Hump gatherings, we will stay outdoors and join a Waukesha County Park Beer Pop-up tent event. It will be a different day and different Waukesha County Park each month.

Raised Grain Brewery will be selling beer and hard seltzer at the events. Meals can be purchased at a food truck. No reservations needed. Just bring a chair, your mask, maybe a lawn game. Look for the blue Vagabond canopy.

Our first meet-up will be Fri., May 21 from 4-9 p.m. at Muskego Park, S83 W20370 Janesville Road. A park sticker is required. Matty's Food Truck will be onsite. Questions? Call or text Cindy Hummer at (262) 894-1383.

The June Pop-Up will be Thurs., June 24 at Mukwonago Park.

Milwaukee Milkmen – Udderly Different! Tues., June 22 Game Begins at 6:30 pm; Gate opens at 5:30 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, which includes a large seating area that is gated off and offers your choice of picnic tables, high top tables and a rooftop to sit. Your ticket includes an all-you-can-eat-and-drink menu, all-beef hot dogs, brats, chips, fruit, candy and soda or beer and a complimentary baseball hat. Soda-only tickets are \$31, beer tickets are \$36. Guests are allowed.

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

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta • Sun.-Fri., Oct. 3-8 plus Santa Fe art and culture

\$1,800 double occupancy, + \$400 for optional balloon ride

Includes air fare, hotel with kitchenette, all breakfasts, some lunches and dinners, tram, most admissions, and bus.

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. Besides seeing the Balloon Fiesta, we will also spend a day in Santa Fe, taking the Sandia Tram, seeing Old Town Albuquerque, going to Sky City and the Indian Cultural Center.

Registration opens May 1. Sign up online or mail your check payable to VSSC to Helen Hankwitz, 10108 W. Sunset Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53222. Envelopes must be postmarked May 1 or later. Envelopes received prior to May 1 will be subject to the Vagabond event policies noted in the directory. For more information, call Helen at (414) 461-7772.



Tech Tips by Linda Horn

Online registration: Two at a time

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Using a Computer:

- Log on to the Members Only website.
- Click UPCOMING EVENTS.
- Click **REGISTER** below the event you want to attend.
- Click **NEXT**. View your profile information and click **NEXT** again.
- When you get to the "Review & Confirm" screen, click INVOICE ME.
- On the next screen, click NEW REGISTRA-TION.
- Overtype your email address with the email address of the person you are registering.
- Continue clicking **NEXT** as you did for your registration until you reach the "Review & Confirm" screen.
- Click **PAY ONLINE**. Continue with the payment screens.



VOTE ONLINE: Members with email addresses will receive an email message with a link to the online ballot. Click the link and log into your Vagabond account with your email address and password. For technical assistance, contact Linda Horn, (262) 707-1450; Joyce Szulc, (262) 886-9328; or Jan Breitbach, (414) 732-9749.

ANNUAL ELECTION INFORMATION

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Vagabond Ski & Social Club May 2021 Election Ballot

FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Vote for no more than four (4) • Use Check Mark or "X"

O Carol Gavigan

Lester Radtke
 Tom Wendt

O Linda Horn

FOR PRESIDENT: Vote for one (1)

O Joyce Szulc

Signature_

Phone _

X

Ballot must be received by Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

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Carol Gavigan

I have been a member since 2001. I served as Director of Sporting Activities from 2014 to 2018. I have also run several Midwestern ski trips and one Western ski trip. I've run several activities such as the Racine/

Kenosha breakfasts, square dance events, ice golf, and bike rides. I decided it was time again to serve on the board. My hope is that others will also volunteer as we again are able to have more in-person events.



Linda Horn

I am asking for your vote for another term on the Board of Directors. It has been my good fortune to be a Vagabond and to have served on the Board as Secretary, Tennis Director, President and Vice President

during these last few years. Serving in these various roles has allowed me to meet so many wonderful Vagabonds and to learn more and more about this great club. It would be an honor to continue serving on the Board for another term.



Lester Radtke

I have been a member of the board of directors since December 2017, serving as treasurer. I have enjoyed working with the directors to establish the system for

accounting for credit card receipts. I have been active in biking, tennis and skiing with the club. I am a graduate of UW-Madison and a CPA. Prior to retiring in 2015, I owned a CPA practice and financial services practice for 25 years. I am respectfully asking for your vote for a third term.

PAPER BALLOT VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

For information regarding each candidate, refer to the profiles found below.

- 1. Complete the ballot and cut it out from this issue of the *Vagabond Life*.
- 2. Place the completed ballot in an envelope and mail to:

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

Note: Envelope and postage to be provided by the voter.

Completed paper ballot must be received by **Wednesday, May 5**, 2021. Ballots received after this date will not be accepted.



Thomas Wendt

I have been a Vagabond member since June 2019. In October 2020, I was asked to consider volunteering to fill the unexpired term for the position of Meetings Director. I am glad I said yes. In the last few months,

I have been involved with live board and now Zoom board and general meetings. In addition to the Vagabonds, I volunteer with five other organizations, including the retirement club at Milwaukee Electric Tool, where I am on the board and assist with meetings and other functions. I would like to continue as the Meetings Director for the next two-year term, and I am seeking your vote.

Candidate for President



Joyce Szulc

This has been a difficult year for all of us. Truthfully, during my term as your president, I felt that any action I took required that my right arm be tied behind my back and that I had to jump only on my left leg.

However, I am optimistic looking forward with multiple vaccine options available that will allow us, I believe, to offer a full lineup of events and travel. We have taken the first step in announcing the return of in-person meetings along with a new venue.

I reflected for quite some time about running for a second term and did not make this decision lightly. I want this year to be one of growth and positivity for the club. With your cooperation, we can do it.

I respectfully ask for your vote.



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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. DATED MATERIAL Deliver by April 28

FUTUR		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Pickleball League	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
6/1-9/7	Tues. Golf League Brookfield Hills							
6/2-8/25	Wed. Golf League Songbird Hills	2 Hike	3	4 Intro to Trees,	5 Walk	6	7	8
6/4-9/10	Fri. Golf League Brookfield Hills			Waterford WI	General Meeting			
6/7-8/23	Tennis League	9 Hike	10	11	12 Walk	13	14	15
6/7-8/23	Beginners Tennis				Walk			
6/22	Milwaukee Milkmen Baseball Game							
7/22-25	Boulder Junction Bike Trip	16 Hike	17	18	19 Tennis Drills Walk	20	21 Summer Pop-Up	22
9/11	Greek Isles & Italy Trip						Muskego Pk	
	Albuquerque Balloon Fest	23 Hike	24	25	26 Tennis Drills Walk	27	28	29
October	Hamilton – Marcus Ctr.	Hike Picnic			Board Meeting			
		30	31					