

## May General Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7**

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

**Board of  
directors  
election**

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6 pm: Check-in

6:30 pm: Socializing and event sign-ups

7 pm: General Meeting

7:45 pm: Dancing to the music of Our House

*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



**A tribute to the 60s & 70s**



We are expanding our space for Our House.  
They are that popular and that good.

**Next month: Music Bingo, with cash prizes**

## Vagabond Ski & Social Club Inc.

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

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From the  
President  
**Mary Beth Braun**

Easter has passed; hopefully, cold weather and snow are gone. Warm weather is ahead, and vagabond activities are full steam ahead for spring and summer.

But let's take a step backward first, and say **thank you** to all members who have been volunteering all winter long to lead hikes, ski trips and bowling, plan dinners/fish fries, theater, Over the Hump, Game Night, Scrabble and ski racing and work at our welcome table. Thank you for your time and organization. And thank you to our board of directors, coordinators, and *Life* newsletter staff for the wonderful work they do.

At this time, we extend a **Thank you** to our volunteers who have been busy setting up spring and summer events: golf leagues, racquet sports, biking, dinners, theater, Over the Hump, baseball game, weekly walks and trips. Without our volunteers, we would not be able to offer anything to the club!

May 7 is our Annual Club Meeting and our election night for the club's board of directors. Information about the candidates is in this newsletter. We have one major change this year. I am running for a third term as president because we have no other candidate to run for the position. In order to maintain continuity in the club, I agreed to run. The board needed to change a line in the Articles of Incorporation (Article VI) to allow this. The original article read: *No person shall serve as president for more than two consecutive full or partial terms*. Please read about our candidates in this issue and then VOTE online. Voting is also available at our May 7 annual meeting up until 6:59 p.m. Election results will be announced at the meeting.

See you May 7!!



International  
Travel  
**Linda Horn**

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

Our trip to Japan and Seoul 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.



Membership  
**Jan Breitbach**

### Welcome New or Returning Members

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

**Kathleen Bero • Greta Fayle • Brian Kobishop • Jerry Putnam**

We are always seeking 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).

## Racquet Sports

### Drop-in Tennis

Vagabonds meet and play tennis at **10 a.m. Saturdays** at Nathan Hale High School and at **6 p.m. Mondays** (until league play begins in June) at Elm Grove Village Park. There is no fee, and no sign-up is necessary. Just show up and get on a court with others at your ability level.

Coordinator: **Greg Larson**, (414) 588-4998.



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.

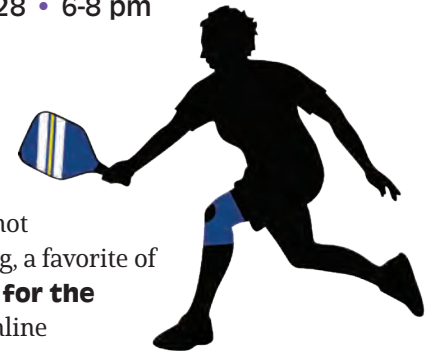
The one-time fee is **\$35** to play tennis for the entire season. You may sign up as a substitute player instead for **\$15**.

### Summer Pickleball League

Thursdays, June 5 - Aug. 28 • 6-8 pm

Banting Park, Waukesha

Join 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.



### Summer Tennis League

Mondays, June 2 to Aug. 18

6-7:30 pm

Registration deadline: **May 12**

Come and join other enthusiastic individuals for tennis on Monday nights. All skill levels are welcome. The matches are social, mixed doubles, with teams paired up



**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**

575 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 arranged time; 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.**

**May 4 – Pike Lake State Park:** Take I-41 north to Hwy 60, then go west 3 miles to the park entrance on the left (Kettle Moraine Drive), then south into the park to the beach parking lot. Entrance fee required.

It's a hilly, moderate hike. Wear proper hiking shoes. Hike rain or shine, dress and equip accordingly. Meet at 1:30 p.m., hike from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m. Afterward, head to the Mineshaft restaurant, 22 N. Main St., in Hartford, for food and drink. Hike Leader is **Gary Kovach**, (414) 712-3897.

**May 11 – Scuppernong Trails:** This beautiful hike will be in the Kettle Moraine State Forest Southern Unit in Waukesha County. Parking at the trailhead is located on County Highway ZZ, east of Hwy 67 and north of the village of Eagle; address for your map app is S58 W35820 County Road ZZ, Dousman 53118. The trail is considered intermediate to advanced due to uneven surfaces, some inclines and rocks/stones in some places. Hike distance is 5.5 miles. Gather at Sports Page Bar and Grill afterward for food and drinks.

Hike Leaders: **Joyce Szulc** and **Jim Stephens**. Questions? Call Joyce at (262) 902-3248.

**May 18 – Milwaukee Lakefront:** Meet at the Gift of Wings Kite Store, 1300 N Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee (inside Veterans Park, on the lakefront). We will hike 4-plus miles from the lakefront to Kilbourn Reservoir Park, crossing the Milwaukee River to the Lakefront Brewery. Dinner afterward



Glacier Hills hike, led by Gary Kovach.

at County Clare Irish Inn and Pub, 1234 N Astor St. Hike Leader is **Jay Zinn**, (414) 708-1663.

**May 25, 12:30 p.m. – Memorial Day Weekend gathering at Whitnall Park:** The Vagabond gathering will be at Picnic Area No. 5 (as in past years). We will take an abbreviated hike in Whitnall Park so we don't miss out on socializing with our non-hiking Vagabond friends. Hike Leaders are **Dan Heidemann**, (414) 416-1678 and **Betty Riley**, (262) 888-9978.

## 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.

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.

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).

## Memorial Weekend Picnic

May 25 • Whitnall Park

The Vagabonds will have **Area 5 at Whitnall Park** available for our annual picnic get-together on **Sunday, May 25**. We have the area from 10 a.m. if you would like to set up a game or socialize. The weekly hike will start at 12:30, followed by a picnic at 2 p.m. Parking is just across the road from Area 5, and restrooms are nearby. Guests are invited; bring your own food and drink. Bring a dish to pass if you would like (fruits or sweets, for example). Plates and utensils will be supplied. Any questions? Contact **Mary Beth** at (262) 443-7291.

## 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. Upcoming walks:

**May 1 – Scout Lake, 5902 W. Loomis Road, Greendale:**

Parking is at the main entrance. The path is paved, with some hills. The park is a wonderful gem in the middle of a residential area.

**May 8 – Greenfield Park, West Allis:** Meet in the parking lot on Lincoln Avenue, just east of 124th Street. Most of the walk is on paved surfaces.

**May 15 – Al Stigler Preserve:** 17400 W. Liberty Lane, New Berlin (just off Calhoun Road). The paths are mostly mulched, but some areas may be wet. No hills.

**May 22 – Whitnall Park:** Meet at the golf course parking lot off the 92nd Street entrance (6751 S. 92 St.). The paths are generally not paved.

**May 29 – Mitchel Park and Fox Brook Park, Brookfield:** Meet in the parking lot of Sharon Lynne Wilson Theater. We will walk through Mitchel Park and cross over to Fox Brook Park to walk around the pond and back. All paths are paved or boardwalk.



Frame Park walk.



## Feb. 7-14: Snowmass

The club has scheduled one ski trip next year: Feb. 7-14 to Aspen/Snowmass. We will stay at Top of the Village condos again.

Group lift tickets will be sold through the club at the time of trip registration. Please note that group lift tickets for this trip will be available at the following prices:

Adults	Seniors (65+)
4/10 days -- \$462	3/10 days -- \$297
5/10 days -- \$616	4/10 days -- \$396
6/10 days -- \$770	5/10 days -- \$495
	6/10 days -- \$594

Additional information will be communicated in a couple of months after airline fares are available.

## CMSC's 2026 European trip

Join other CMSC club members **Jan. 24 to Feb. 5** on a trip to Madonna di Campiglio, Italy, with an extension to Venice. Price is \$3,397 double occupancy. Contact **Randy Baustert** at (847) 254-9396 or [SkiWithRandy@aol.com](mailto:SkiWithRandy@aol.com). The CMSC website is [SkiCMSC.com](http://SkiCMSC.com).

## Ski racing banquet

The Metro Milwaukee Ski Council Senior Racing 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).

Friends, food, and live music from our own fast racers. BYO beverage.

## Weekly Bike Rides

### We need leaders

The Vagabond bike-riding season starts Sunday, June 1. Thank you to everybody who volunteered to lead a bike ride last year. We now need volunteer leaders for this year. We ride on Sunday afternoons and need leaders to map out routes of 15 to 25 miles. Along with the ride leader, we will have a sweeper to help monitor the group and assist in case of emergency. After each ride, we meet for food, drink and camaraderie. (No local ride is scheduled June 22 because of the annual Weekend Bike Trip.) The June schedule is already full, but we need leaders for July, August and September.

To reserve your date, contact **Jim Stephens** at (262) 694-2115 or at [jstephens3@wi.rr.com](mailto:jstephens3@wi.rr.com).





## Social Activities Denise Kremel

### Baseball in Franklin

6:35 p.m. May 15

#### DockHounds at Milkmen

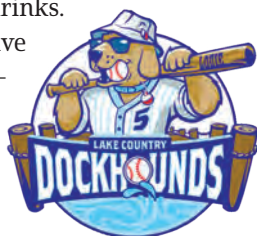
Cheer on two local baseball teams at 6:35 p.m. Thursday, May 15: the Milwaukee Milkmen vs. the Lake Country DockHounds, at Franklin Field, 7035 S. Ballpark Drive, near 76th and Rawson.



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).



Sign up by April 30. Questions? Call **Denise Kremel** at (262) 524-1023.

### 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

May 9

Parkside 23, Brookfield



Please join us for our next fish fry, on Friday, May 9, at Parkside 23, 2300 Pilgrim Square Drive, Brookfield.

Meet at the bar at

5 p.m. (Happy hour is 3-6 p.m.) Dine at 5:30 p.m.

Prices: **\$25** for beer-battered cod; **\$24** for roasted cod loin. Please bring cash.

This restaurant grows its own produce.

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Any questions, please contact **Nancy Drolshagen** at (414) 491-3147 or **Cathy Faust** at (414) 429-2384.

Register on Wild Apricot beginning April 27.

### Over the Hump

May 21 • O'Donoghue's, Elm Grove

Meet your friends for fun, food and drinks: Our next Over the Hump gathering will be May 21 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, May 6 and 20  
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 **May 6 and 20**. Food is also available for purchase. Non-members are welcome.

Call **Lynn Kozlowski**, (414) 539-8114.

### Sheepshead

6-9 pm Tuesday, May 13 and 27  
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 **May 13 and 27**. 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.



## Supper club outing

June 10

Diamond Jim's, Hales Corners

Join us for a supper club dinner on June 10 at Diamond Jim's Steakhouse, 11811 W. Janesville Road, Hales Corners. Attendance is **limited to the first 25** Vagabonds who sign up online. Registration opens May 1.

**Cocktails** will start at **4 p.m.**, with **dinner** at **5**. We will order from the party menu:

- Filet Mignon
- Half-Rack of Ribs
- Broiled Cod
- Chicken, Grilled or Fried
- Pork Chop
- Dinners include bread, relish tray, salad and baked potato.

**Price: \$47**, which includes tax and 20% gratuity, no exceptions. You will receive separate checks for your beverages. Questions? Call event leader **Pam Cole** at (414) 750-6011.



## Nashville Road Trip • Oct. 6-11 with Diamond Tours

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.

## Elections

### Candidate for President



#### Mary Beth Braun

I've been on the board for the last five years, serving as president for the past two years and sporting activities director for five years. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our board members, and I have come to know so many members through events. I have talked to you and listened,

and because of this, our club has brought back some old events and brought in some new ideas.

We want to move the club along for everyone's enjoyment. Your participation in events makes my efforts worthwhile.

I am running for a third term as president for the welfare and continuity of the club. I will continue to work for you.

### Candidates for the Board

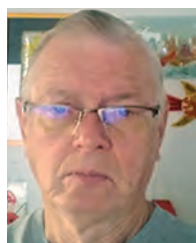


#### Lester Radtke

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 fifth term.



#### Gregory Larson

My career has been in Credit for over 45 years with a dual role in the United States Navy. I achieved Management Positions responsibility for five states. My highest rank is Chief Petty Officer. My experiences will help the club to continue to grow. I believe in keeping the club moving forward with fun for all.

### Sally Borchardt



For those who are new to the Club, my credentials are as follows: Ski/Tennis Director, Ski Trips Director, President, Vice President, Ski Trips Director (multiple years). There was a time when running an event, helping hands were many, and if no one came forward, all one had to do was call a few fellow Vagabonds, and they made time for you. Not quite sure where those feelings fell off and volunteers no longer exist, but I think they still DO exist in our Club. So I am asking for your vote.

*Over 65 Years of Fun and Friendships*

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

### 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](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).

### DATED MATERIAL

**Deliver by April 28**

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

