

## May General Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

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 American Graffiti

*Guests welcome – \$10 admission*

**Election  
Day -**

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### 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



The band for May is American Graffiti. They can play all night long but will stop at 10 so you can rest and go home.

Next month: Advance Classic Rock

Vagabond Ski & Social Club Inc.

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

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From the President  
**Mary Beth Braun**

Warm weather is ahead, and Vagabond activities are full steam for spring and summer. Thank you to event leaders who have done all the planning and scheduling for our summer events. Without our friends who help out volunteering, we would not be able to offer anything to the club!

Let's take a step back and say **thank you** to all members who have been volunteering all winter to lead hikes, ski trips and bowling, planning fish fry Fridays, Over the Hump Wednesdays, game nights and Scrabble, and working at our Welcome Table.

Our Memorial Day weekend picnic is scheduled for May 24 at Whitnall Park, Area 5. Lunch will be at 2 p.m., when the hiking group can join everyone else. See the details on Page 6.

Weekly hikes are scheduled through the end of May.

May 6 is our annual club meeting and election night for the club's board of directors. Information about the candidates is on Page 7. Please read about our candidates and then VOTE online. Or you can vote in person at our May 6 meeting up until 6:59 p.m. Election results will be announced at the meeting.

This marks the end of my terms as president, and I would like to say **Thank You** to **all** of you for your cooperation and participation in events these last three years, thus making everything a success. And I extend a special thank you to the club officers, directors, event leaders and our *Life* editor -- they all have worked for the club so generously by giving their time and talents in the past three years, and have helped me to keep everything moving in the right direction.

*Mary Beth*



International Travel  
**Linda Horn**

**Vagabond 16-Day Land and Sea Trip**

**Danube River Cruise plus Sicily and Malta**

**Sept. 4-19**

**NEW: Medical, Air-Evac, baggage & trip delay insurance included**

Be part of this phenomenal Vagabond trip to Sicily, Malta, and up the Danube River. Cruise the Danube River beginning in Budapest, then to Bratislava, Slovakia; Vienna, Weissenkirchen and Linz, Austria; and Passau and Vilshofen, Germany. Then fly to the magical world of Sicily, an island with unique geography, rich history, vibrant culture and complex character. And lastly, on to Malta, 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!

Price is \$7,144 for Panoramic Window cabin or \$8,388 for Balcony cabin.

There may be a couple of spots available. Contact trip leader **Bob Spindell** at **(414) 276-6331** or [Bob@Spindell.com](mailto:Bob@Spindell.com).

# Racquet Sports

## Drop-in Tennis

Saturday mornings & Monday evenings

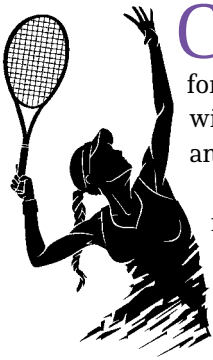
Vagabonds meet to play tennis at 10 a.m. Saturdays at Nathan Hale High School in West Allis and at 6 p.m. Mondays (until league play begins) at Elm Grove Village Park. There is no fee, and no sign-up is necessary. Just show up and get on a court with others at your ability level.

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

## Summer Tennis League

Mondays, June 1 to Aug. 17 • 6-7:30 pm

Registration deadline: **May 11**



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.

A nearby place to gather after tennis for beverages, food and social time is being planned.

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

Tuesdays, June 2 to Aug. 25 • 6-8 pm

**Lowell Park, Waukesha**

Please note the new day this year (Tuesdays) and location (Lowell Park, at the corner of Grandview and Madison) for the Vagabond Summer Pickleball



League. All levels are 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!

Fee: **\$45** for the entire 12-week season. The league is full at this time. Add your name to the waitlist if you missed the sign-up. There are always cancellations, and you don't pay anything until you have a place in the league.

League coordinator: **Pat Hummer**, (262) 894-3375.

**PLEASE SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Online sign-up is preferred.**

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

### Monday Night Summer Tennis • June 1 to Aug. 17

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 1     June 8     June 15     June 22     June 29     July 6     July 13  
 July 20     July 27     Aug. 3     Aug. 10     Aug. 17     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 11**

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

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

**R**SVP to the leader of the hike you are interested in. We don't want to leave anyone behind! 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.

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

#### **May 3 – Forest Exploration Center and Sanctuary Woods:**

Meet at Milwaukee County grounds, 1800 Exploration Drive, Wauwatosa. Directions: From I-41/45 and Watertown Plank Road, travel east one block and turn left (north) onto Discovery Parkway. Take the roundabout to Forest Exploration Drive. Meet there in the parking lot. We will hike 3 miles to include both parks. There are paved and dirt paths, and bathrooms are available. Afterward, meet at Dave & Busters, 2201 N. Mayfair Road, for food and fellowship.

Hike Leader: **Betty Riley**, (262) 889-9978.

**May 10 – Menomonee Park:** Meet in the parking lot at Lannon Village Park, located on North Lannon Road (Hwy Y) about a quarter-mile north of Good Hope Road. Wear proper hiking shoes, as conditions may be muddy. Trails are easy and are mostly grass, mulch, packed gravel. Afterward, meet for food and beverage at Rumors Sports Bar & Grill, W232 N6368 Waukesha Ave. (Hwy F) in Sussex.

Hike leader: **Gary Kovach**, (414) 4712-3897.

**May 17 – Milwaukee Lakefront:** Meet at Gift of Wings Kite Store, 300 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee (inside Veterans Park on the lakefront). We will hike 4+ miles from the Lakefront to Kilbourn Reservoir by crossing Milwaukee River to the Lakefront Brewery. Afterward, dinner at County Clare Irish Inn and Pub, 1234 N. Astor St. Hike leaders: **Jay** and **Terese Zinn**, (414) 708-1663.

**May 24 – Whitnall Park: Start time 12:30 p.m.**

**Memorial Day weekend gathering at Whitnall Park for the Vagabonds:** Meet in the parking lot across from Picnic Area #5. We will take an abbreviated hike in the park and return at 2 p.m. so we don't miss out on socializing with our non-hiking friends. Hike leader: **Betty Riley**, (262) 888-9978.

**May 31 – Loew Lake unit of the Kettle Moraine:** We will meet in the parking lot of Hwy K just north of Hwy Q in Monches. From there, we will caravan on K and Emerald Drive to the parking lot on Emerald Drive on Loews Lake unit. Trails may be uneven, so wear proper footwear and

consider using hiking poles. We will travel about 3 miles. Afterward, meet at Fox and Hounds, 1298 Freiss Lake Road, Hubertus. (Their special: Buy one dinner and get a second of equal or lesser value for free.) Hike leader: **Betty Riley**, (262) 888-9978.



Glacier Hills

### Midweek one-hour walks

**O**ur one-hour walks are every **Thursday** from **11 a.m. to noon** at various parks and other locations. The organizer is **Sherry Dobson**, (262) 498-4067; she welcomes volunteers to lead a walk. **Meet at 10:50 a.m.** Lunch afterward is optional.

**May 7 – Greenfield Park, West Allis:** Meet in the parking lot on Lincoln Avenue, just east of 124th Street. Meet near the children's play area. The paths are paved and flat.

**May 14 – Al Stigler Preserve, 17400 W. Liberty Lane, New Berlin:** Turn onto Liberty Lane off of Calhoun Road, two blocks north of Cleveland. Liberty Lane is between apartments and commercial businesses on Calhoun. The parking lot is small, but you can park along the road. The paths are mostly mulched, but some areas may be wet.

**May 21 – Hart Park in Wauwatosa:** Meet in the parking lot of the Wauwatosa Senior Center, 7300 W. Chestnut St. From downtown Wauwatosa, take State Street to 70th and turn south/right, or take Honey Creek Parkway to 70th Street and turn north/left on to Chestnut Street. We will walk on the parkway and paths are paved.

**May 28 – Whitnall Park, Greenfield:** Meet in the golf course parking lot off of 92nd Street entrance (6751 S. 92nd St.). Turn left at the stop sign and then left again into the parking lot. The walk is not paved; some spots may be muddy or wet.



Ski Activities  
Sally Borchardt

## Golf Leagues

### 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.)

Call or text event leader **Suzanne Wiedner** at (262) 305-8444.

### Fridays at Sunny Slope

5285 S. Sunny Slope Road, New Berlin

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

Tee times begin at 1 p.m.

We have different options to choose from:

**Option 1:** Full-time golfer walking or paying for golf cart weekly, 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 for **\$5**, and weekly golf is **\$16** per game for walkers, and **\$26** for golf plus cart per session. You pay Sunny Slope directly 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 and pay a registration fee of \$5. When they are needed, subs pay the person for whom they are filling in: \$13 for walkers or \$22 for golf plus cart, depending on how the golfer is registered. If you are subbing for a walker but want to use a cart, you pay \$9 to the golf course.

We play **READY** golf; players need to be alert and ready to strike the ball!

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

## Ski trips for 2027

### Registration opens June 1

The Vagabonds are planning two Western ski trips for next season, and both are Epic Pass locations: Vail and Park City. Sign-ups for each trip begin June 1. Price adjustments will be available, including single-room supplement and no-air option credit.

#### Vail • Jan. 17-23

**\$2,600 (double occupancy)**

In January, we will head to Colorado and stay at the Manor Vail resort, with its fantastic, ski-in/ski-out condos and popular daily breakfast buffet. It is a great location for the skiers as well as those of us who will be enjoying the Village of Vail, known for its boutiques, eateries, ice skating in the center of town and lots of retail therapy. The city is a one-of-a-kind in the USA and is modeled after European villages. The free shuttle and bus service from Manor Vail is convenient for both in town and nearby. The skiing is superb, for its bowls, groomed runs, gardens of moguls and 5,317 acres of fun!

#### Park City • Feb. 7-13

**\$2,650 (double occupancy)**

In February, we will go to Utah, where Park City is a skiers' delight. We will stay at the Snow Flower condominiums, where you put your boots on, go out your patio or back door with your skis in hand, slip them on and down the mountain you go. Come back the same way, just come down the correct run and home will be there. For a change and a day of fun and wonder, ride the free bus to Deer Valley. You will have to buy a lift ticket to ski, since they are not on the Epic Pass. Upside, when you are done skiing for the day, they will carry your skis back to the bus, and your boots too, if you brought along a change of boots.



## Ski racing banquet

The Metro Milwaukee Ski Council Senior Racing awards banquet will be at 4 p.m. May 2 at Heiliger Huegel Ski Club on Holy Hill Road in Hubertus. Enjoy live music from our own racers, along with appetizers and a barbecue dinner. BYO beverage.

For tickets (\$35), email [CarolyNMurphy559@yahoo.com](mailto:CarolyNMurphy559@yahoo.com) or call (414) 559-6335.



Social Activities  
Denise Kremel

## Memorial Weekend Picnic

May 24 • Whitnall Park

The Vagabonds will have **Area 5** at **Whitnall Park** available for our annual picnic get-together on **Sunday, May 24**. We have the area starting at 10 a.m. if you would like to set up a game or socialize. The weekly hike will begin at 12:30 p.m., followed by a picnic at 2 p.m. Parking is just across the road at Area 5, and restrooms are nearby. Guests are invited; bring your own food and drink (alcohol is allowed with our park permit). Bring a dish to pass if you would like (fruits or sweets, for example). Plates and utensils will be provided.

Questions? Contact **Mary Beth Braun**, (262) 443-7291.



## Brewers game

6:40 p.m. Tuesday, June 30

American Family Field

## Take the shuttle!

This year's Vagabond outing to watch the Milwaukee Brewers will be at 6:40 p.m. June 30 against Cincinnati. Our seats will be in Loge Infield Box Section 214. We will meet beforehand at McGinn's Sports Bar, 5901 W. Bluemound Road. Buy a drink or an entrée to get a ticket for the McGinn's shuttle. Come early to get a table and enjoy dinner with your Vagabond friends.

Tickets are \$33.50 and will be handed out at McGinn's by 5:30 p.m.

Sign up by June 14, online or at a general meeting. If you want to make your own arrangements, call event leader **Sue Bednarczyk** at (262) 781-7329 to pick up your tickets.

## Fish Fry • 5:30 p.m. May 8

Parkside 23 • Brookfield



Our next fish fry will be Friday, May 8, at Parkside 23, 2300 Pilgrim Square Drive. Meet at the bar any time after 4 pm. Dine at 5:30 pm.

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

**Menu:** Beer-battered fish with cole slaw, tartar sauce and

choice of a side (fries, mashed potatoes or veggie of the day), \$25; four-piece dinner, \$36.25

Questions? Call **Cathy Faust**, (414) 429-2384, or **Nancy Drolshagen**, (414) 491-3147.

## Over the Hump

4-7 p.m. May 20

O'Donoghue's Irish Pub • Elm Grove



Our next Over the Hump gathering will be Wednesday, May 20 at O'Donoghue's Irish Pub, 13225 Watertown Plank Road. Show up between 4 and 7 p.m. and enjoy classic pub fare, the Irish atmosphere and the outdoor patio.

Questions? Call **Cathy Faust**, (414) 429-2384, or **Nancy Drolshagen**, (414) 491-3147.

## Sheepshead

6-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 12 and 26

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 **May 12** and **26**. 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.

Please sign up online for all events.

Go to [VagabondSkiClub.com](http://VagabondSkiClub.com), log-in with your email and Vagabond password to sign up and pay with your credit card.



### New Orleans road trip • Nov. 1-9

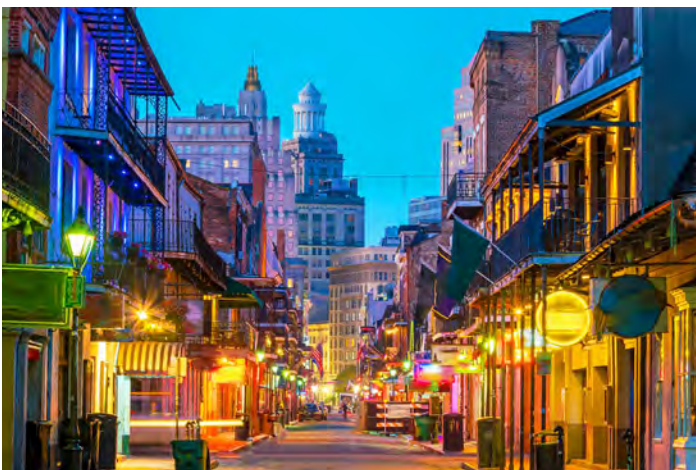
Travel aboard a fully escorted, round-trip motorcoach tour between Milwaukee and New Orleans, offering something for everyone along the Mississippi River and Gulf Coast.

#### Highlights:

- ✦ St. Louis: The Arch and overnight at Drury Inn & Suites.
- ✦ Memphis: Tour Elvis Home and Collection at Graceland with overnight at the Guest House at Graceland.
- ✦ Vicksburg: Civil War history at Vicksburg National Military Park and Cemetery.
- ✦ Biloxi: Two nights at Beau Rivage Casino Hotel on the Gulf Coast.
- ✦ Travel across Lake Pontchartrain to New Orleans for three nights at the Drury Inn Plaza, enjoying Bourbon Street, the French Quarter, Garden District, Mardi Gras World and the Steamboat Natchez Jazz Cruise.
- ✦ On the way back to Milwaukee, we stay in Memphis for another night and a chance to see Beale Street.

Price: \$2,400 for double occupancy, \$3,275 for single. (Please note that single doesn't mean you get your own row on the bus.) Last day to sign up is July 31.

Call **Pam Cole** at (414) 750-6011. To get insurance, contact Travel Insured International at (855) 376-2037.



## Elections

### Candidate for President



#### Gregory Larson

I have served on the board for the past year as vice president. As a director, I also arrange our meetings and entertainment every month; I have reviewed and updated our bylaws and coordinated an audit of our financial reports.

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

### Candidates for the Board



#### Mary Beth Braun

I've been on the board for the last six years, serving as president for the past three years and sporting director for six years. I am running for another term on the board for the welfare and continuity of the club. I will continue to work for you.



#### Dave Nelson

I enjoy hiking and biking and want to enhance the board of directors to keep it moving forward.



#### Membership Jan Breitbach

### WELCOME NEW OR RETURNING MEMBERS

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

#### Amy Berger • Anthony Dols

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

Email [JanBreitbach@gmail.com](mailto:JanBreitbach@gmail.com)

or call (414) 732-9749.

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**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 April 26**

FUTURE EVENTS	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 1 Tennis	26	27	28	29	30	1	2
June 2 Pickleball							Tennis Ski racing banquet
June 3 General meeting							
June 12 Friday golf	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
June 30 Brewers	Hike	Tennis		General mtg	Walk	Parkside 23	Tennis
Sept. 4 Danube/Sicily/Malta							
Nov. 1 New Orleans	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Hike	Tennis	Sheepshead		Walk	Bowling	Tennis
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Hike	Tennis		O'Donoghue's	Walk		Tennis
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Picnic Hike		Tennis	Sheepshead	Board mtg	Walk		Tennis
	31						
Hike							



May