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Pizza, Past Event Pictures, Plenty of Fun for Summer (Monthly Meeting)

Friday, April 22, 6:00 pm

Enjoy plenty of free pizza as we look back on club events and trips this year and preview what's coming. The Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee will hold its last monthly meeting of the season Friday, April 22.

We'll gather again at the Elks Lodge 400 in Waukesha. You'll see a photo presentation of our ski trips, snowshoe outings, hikes and other events. And we'll preview future campouts, bike rides, paddling excursions, hikes and our 50th anniversary celebration in August (see below). It's a great chance to catch up with friends and plan outings.

You'll need to register below by Wednesday, April 20 if you plan to eat pizza, and there will be a cash bar for beverages. The meeting starts about 6 p.m. at the Elks Lodge #400 in Waukesha. We'll also have a drawing for \$50 for people who led events between Nov. 1 and March 31. Lead an event yourself in the next six months, and you'll be eligible for a similar drawing in October.

If you have photos from events from summer 2021 through March 2022, please email them by April 6 to Paula at pbrookmire@gmail.com. If you took photos with your phone and can only text them, send to Paula at 414-491-4636 but it's easier for her if you email photos. Include date,

Next Month,
Look For:

***Menomonee River Hike
May 1st***

***Milwaukee River GSP River Paddling Trip
May 7th***

***Milwaukee River GSP River Paddling Trip
May 14th***

***Milwaukee River GSP River Paddling Trip
May 15th***

event and names.

What: NSCM last monthly meeting of season

When: April 22, Friday, 6 to 10 p.m.

Where: Elks Lodge 400, 2301 Springdale Rd., Waukesha

Directions: Enter the lower level door from the back parking lot.

Pre-register by clicking here (we need to know how much pizza to order)



David Rosenberg, Jenny Peters and Pat Doornek stopping along the trail at Minocqua Winter Park in February 2022

Hike Along the Scuppernong

Saturday, April 16, 10:00 am

You can sing. You can skip. You can walk in the woods. You can even try to figure out where they got the name Scuppernong. This former cross-country ski trail in the southern Kettle Moraine State Forest is used mostly for hiking now. April can be the best time to go--before mosquito season.

Meet leader Julie Amundson near the shelter in the main parking lot, which is off HWY ZZ, a little before 10 a.m. For directions, look under [Scuppernong Nature Trail](#) on the Internet. It's not far from Ottawa Lake. The group usually chooses a 4-mile trail along rolling terrain that takes about 2 hours, but you can choose a different route, if you want. There should be outdoor toilets near the shelter.

After the hike, Julie will lead a lunch outing to the Cornerstone Restaurant in Genesee Depot, S43W31343 State Road 83. The place has a nice variety from regular sandwiches and burgers to sweet potato burgers and walnut burgers, a salmon sandwich and several chicken and vegetarian options. For more information, call Julie at 262-468-8223 or email at jpammo@sbcglobal.net.

West Bend to Newburg Milwaukee River GSP Paddling Trip

Saturday, April 30, 10:00 am

Join the Glacier State Paddlers for a fun day canoeing on the Milwaukee River from West Bend to Newburg. This will be an easy, pleasant 12-mile paddle. The trip will start at Riverside Park in West Bend and will end on the west end of Firemans Park by Main Street (Cty Rd MY) in Newburg.

You can get to the start by taking Hwy 45 north into West Bend and turning right on Hwy 33 (E.

Nashotah Park Hike
May 21st

Nordic Trail Hike
May 28th

New Berlin Trail Bike Ride
May 31st

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Washington), south on Indiana, and north on Riverfront Pkwy. We will meet at 10:00 am and shuttle vehicles from the start before beginning the trip. The trip should take 2 to 3 hours, so a bag lunch is optional. Please bring a beverage and gloves to protect your hands.

Call GSP trip leader Mike Biskobing at 262-334-8140 or team_m_and_m@yahoo.com to reserve a spot on the trip and to get additional trip details. Identify yourself as a Nordic Ski Club member.

Easy River Hike Along the Menomonee in Wauwatosa

Sunday, May 1, 1:15 pm

This is a hike with options: dirt path vs. paved path, hill or no hill, short or long. We meet at the northwest corner of Hartung Park at the intersection of Menomonee River Parkway and Keefe Avenue in Wauwatosa. Note: You'll want the parkway on the east side of the river (there's also one on the west side). For directions, look up Hartung Park on the Internet as there is no street address. Park along the river parkway across from the park. There's usually a Port-a-Potty at the park, but the hike leader's house is nearby, too.

We'll hike through this hilly park to a high spot with a four-story view of the park and then to the labyrinth (which you can walk later if you want). Then it's south along the parkway past Burleigh to Center St. To make it longer, continue south to North Avenue. We can walk the dirt path close to the river, or, if the path is muddy, we'll take the paved bike path next to the parkway. On the return north, at Burleigh St., one option is to walk along the west side of the river up to HWY 100 and over the river back to the parkway and where we started at Hartung Park. The park is the only hilly spot, and you can skip the hills, if you want. Estimated time is 1 1/2 hours of slow walking or longer if you take the longer routes. At any time, you can turn back since it's easy to find your way. Paula Brookmire is the trip leader. Call her at 414-491-4636 to let her know you're coming or email her at pbrookmire@gmail.com



A hill at Hartung Park in Wauwatosa overlooks a labyrinth and a pond.

On August 28, Celebrate 50 Years of Promoting Skiing in Wisconsin

We have quite a legacy here at the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee. We're the group that made cross-country skiing popular in southeastern Wisconsin. We taught thousands to ski. We held a

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The Nordic Ski Club runs on volunteers. Please contact Renee Couture at acoutr@att.net if you are interested in learning more.

Club Membership

Membership Renewals due Oct. 1. Renew online. Then pay through PayPal or mail

variety of races. We designed ski trails. And we have continued to support ski venues throughout Wisconsin and in northern Michigan. Plus, we've always been a year-round outdoors group. We'll celebrate all these decades of fun this summer on Aug. 28, 2022. We'll be outdoors in a tented venue on a Sunday afternoon. So plan to sign up in June for our 50th anniversary celebration.

The club was founded in December 1971, and our fiscal year runs October through September. So it makes sense to celebrate over two years. We started in 2021 with a 50th anniversary award at the Milwaukee County Historical Society awards dinner.

We continue with our club dinner in August. The location is Matty's Bar & Grille on College Avenue in New Berlin. There will be awards, recognitions, prizes and a look back over five decades. We hope to have about 100 people, including many past presidents and club members. *Every club member gets \$10 off the dinner price*, which we promise will be reasonable. A lot of people know and like Matty's, and the venue will be creating a special cocktail just for our club.

2022 Birkebeiner

This year's Birkebeiner XC Ski Marathon from Telemark to Hayward, WI was held on Saturday, February 26 while the Korteloppet and Prince Haakon were held on Friday, February 25. It was an interesting Birkebeiner race with temps starting in the single digits and hitting 33 degrees in the afternoon on Saturday. 15 mph head winds with gusts over 25 mph made for some tough conditions in open areas especially going across Lake Hayward near the end of the race.

Congratulations to all Nordics who finished either the 50 km Skate Birkebeiner or the 29 km Korteloppet races! Classic racers are indicated by ©. Times listed below are for club members. Congratulations to Elly Miller who finished in 2nd place in the Female 70-74 Korteloppet Classic age group! My apologies to any member who was accidentally omitted. (Paul Keber)

Birkebeiner Times

Michael Dix	6:58:21.23
Robert Garner	4:14:29.99
Mary Lou Geralts	4:38:09.54
John McCarthy	5:20:49.38
Paul Keber	3:58:04.25

Korteloppet Times

Debbie Kania	© 3:13:37
Jim Kania	© 3:13:38
Elly Miller	© 2:39:03
Jonathan Tomko	3:26:22
Barb Tremel	5:31:16

Election Results from the Club's Online Annual Meeting

Thanks for helping keep our cross-country ski club running by voting in March. For the third year in a row, the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee conducted our annual meeting and elections online, via email. What started as a response to the dangers of the Covid-19 pandemic has become a much quicker way to hold our annual meeting and board elections. By holding the election online over 11 days, members can vote at their convenience, the simple process takes only minutes, and we get a better response. This also allows us to provide written announcements, recognitions of volunteers and other news that would take place at an in-person

check to Pat Doornek.
Dues -
Individual \$25
Household \$35
Must be a current member to book ski trips at member rate.

Web Tips

Adjust your profile settings so that fellow Nordic Members can see your name, address and phone numbers. Select "Members Only" to protect the information from the general public. That is the default for new members. Go to www.nordicskiclub.org and login to your profile. The login is in the upper right-hand corner. From there, the Member Tab will appear on the menu. Full instructions are located on that page in a PDF file.

Add Photos To The Nordic Website

As a member of the Nordics, you may upload photos to your personal photo album or to the public albums. Simply log-in so all member privileges are available. Then the upload and edit buttons are visible for you to add to the fun. Need help? katiebivens@ymail.com

If you are interested in leading a Nordic Event, or have a great idea for a member event, please contact a member of the Program Committee or Paul Keber, pkeber@milwpc.com

annual meeting.

Balloting ran March 16 through 26. Besides approving the minutes of the March 20, 2021, annual meeting, NSCM members elected four current board members who were running for two-year terms starting March 26, 2022: Paula Brookmire, Dorothy Riesing, Ellen Riley and Mary Wozniak. They will join the five board members whose two-year terms continue through March 2023: Julie Amundson, Renee Couture, Carol Doebler, Stephen Fabina, and David Rosenberg. The new board will choose its officers at its April 11 board meeting. Current club officers are Carol Doebler, president; Renee Couture, vice president; Stephen Fabina, vice president; Dave Herrewig, treasurer; and Paula Brookmire, secretary.

*Note that the Nordic Ski Club has staggered elections. This year four people were elected to the nine-member board; next year five people will be elected. This keeps continuity and stability so we don't lose all board members at once.

Camp Out & Paddle at Black River Forest

If you like kayaking or canoeing with a group, sign up for a July 1-5 paddle on the Black River in northwestern Wisconsin. David Rosenberg, a board member for the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee, will lead a Glacier State Paddlers campout and outing over the July 4 holiday. You'll paddle down sections 3-6 of the Black River and camp at the large Black River Forest East Fork Group Campground. You can camp in a tent or a camper (no electrical hookup). Water is available and there are cement block toilets (showers a mile down the road at family campground). There's a fish fry on Friday, July 1. Total cost is under \$20 per person. Contact David at 414-975-2298 or rosenbergdm@att.net. For a full schedule of paddlers' events, go to their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/%20939851256093491>.

2022 Winter Ski Trips Review

How did the winter ski trips do? Even with Covid-19 concerns, we were able to successfully hold our normal four weekend bus trips even though the total number of skiers on this year's ski trips was down 28% from the 2020 ski season. Those who did come on a ski trip did enjoy more open seats and more storage room on the bus. Based on the ski trip evaluations, Minocqua was the highest rated ski trip due to excellent ratings in group meals and skiing and very good in lodging. Keweenaw was rated second and Hayward was rated third. Valley Spur was the lowest rated ski trip due to the lowest skiing and group meals ratings even though it had the highest lodging rating. Even though skiing on Friday at Valley Spur was excellent with our group using the log cabin shelter as a private party, the low ski rating was due to rain on Saturday and icy trails that couldn't be groomed on Sunday.

The Program Committee will be working on selecting dates for next winter's ski trips that will probably consist of Keweenaw Peninsula, Minocqua, ABR Trails, and Valley Spur. 95% of Valley Spur ski trip participants agreed to change the dates for Valley Spur to be held in January or February while ABR Trails would be held the first weekend of March. ABR Trails has trail grooming equipment that can handle any type of snow conditions including ice. The wonderful soup, bread, and desserts that Peggy Carberry provided for our private party would also be provided if our Valley Spur trip is held in January or February. There will also be fewer crowds of skiers at Valley Spur if we avoid the Taste and Glide weekend. (Paul Keber)

Valley Spur Ski Trip: When Mother Nature Opens Her Bag of Tricks

A group of 39 Nordic skiers and snowshoers headed to the Valley Spur ski trails in Munising, MI, March 4-6 for the final bus ski trip of the season. The trip was led by Stan Rosenstiel with assistance from David Rosenberg. We were happy to have 4 of our Madison members along (so Joy Chen could lead yoga again), as well as one from Illinois plus a new member, who was made to feel welcome. Conditions on Friday were nearly perfect with a fresh dusting of snow covering everything in the woods and temperatures in the 20's with little wind. Our destination for the weekend was the Holiday Inn Express in Munising and we had our group dinner Friday evening at Foggy's Restaurant in nearby Christmas, MI.



Valley Supper Chalet

While there were no frigid conditions on this trip, Mother Nature had many other tricks in her bag for Saturday and Sunday—none of them favorable for skiing! Freezing rain started mid-morning on Saturday and turned to sleet, then snow, then back again. This mixed bag of unpleasant weather sent all but one skier home on the early bus. One positive note that day was that the beech leaves that can be a problem on the trails there were all frozen flat by the rain so were easy to ski over. As the trails got icier some people switched to snow shoes, while others had chosen snowshoeing over skiing from the beginning. By Sunday morning the rain had stopped and was replaced by gusty winds and light snow at times, but 31 hearty Nordics set out on the bus for our last day to ski on natural snow. Everything was coated in ice (see photo above) and the tree branches were especially pretty, but the trails were very challenging. The forest service only has home-made grooming equipment (see photo below) and no Pisten Bully, so they were unable to groom the icy, rutted snow. Over half of the group tried snowshoeing that day, including John McCarthy (see photo) who missed gliding and went right back to skiing. A small group of people took the bus up to a new alternate parking area so they could ski back on some flat trails and the good news for everyone was that we weren't soaking wet that day and no one got hurt on the icy trails.



Forest Service Grooming Equipment

What made this trip special, besides the usual great camaraderie among the group, was that the forest service had agreed to open the shelter just for our group as a private party for all 3 days. In addition, on both Saturday and Sunday we were treated to delicious home-made soups, bread, and desserts by Peggy Carberry, owner of Cooking Carberry's Wood-Fired Pizza & Catering. It was like having our own private Taste and Glide for a nominal price. Peggy's soups were beef barley, sweet/sour Ukrainian cabbage, Indonesian curry carrot, and tomato/butternut squash with rice. This proved to be the ideal place all weekend to hang out when not outdoors, and to enjoy the delicious food, visit, play cards and games, read, snack on desserts, and stay warm and dry until returning on the bus.



John McCarthy on Snowshoes

On Sunday everyone went back on the early bus, which allowed us to leave for home an hour early. Since we had been eating on and off most of the day at the shelter and we only had a five-hour drive ahead of us, the group voted to skip the usual fast-food stop in favor of getting home much earlier. We got back to the park & ride at 7pm, a record early time. Our bus driver Curt was very helpful with the skis & luggage, as well as transportation around Munising on Saturday evening for dining options. He got us everywhere safely and on time and we again enjoyed the comfort of one of Lamers new buses, like we had for the Minocqua trip. We thanked Paul Keber, program committee chair, for requesting new buses for our last two ski trips, our great bus driver Curt, and Stan & Dave for making all the arrangements for this memorable trip. Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow, nor gusty winds, nor frozen trails could stop determined, adventurous Nordics from enjoying the outdoors and making memories. (Joanne Ziarek)

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*The Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee (NSCM) continues to practice social distancing and the use of face masks, **as recommended by the CDC and Wisconsin authorities.** Know that your participation in any event is at your own risk. Before attending any NSCM outing or event, please check with the event leader. Use good judgment and continue to keep us all safe.*

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