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Monthly Events

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.

Nixon Park Beer Garden

Thursday, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (7-9pm)

What Do Music, Fresh Air, and Camaraderie Have in Common?

Answer: Live music at Hartland's Nixon Park on Thursdays from 7-9 pm!

Starting the end of May and continuing through mid-September, there will be live music playing at Nixon Park in Hartland. Every week there will be a different band. The music genre changes weekly. You can bring your own picnic or even a pizza! They do sell some food and drinks. So come on down, bring your lawn chair, possibly dancing shoes and join us. Look for us (pink flamingo) on the right side of the audience facing the stage. Questions, call Julie 262-468-8223.

Please see the attached link to view further details: [Nixon Park Concerts](#)

View Fireworks From Fairgrounds July 4

Sunday, July 4, 8:30pm

We're back for the 14th year of viewing a multitude of fireworks without huge crowds at Wisconsin's State Fair Park in West Allis. There were no fireworks last year due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee will be meeting at the grandstand bleachers in the fairgrounds on Sunday, July 4. Here you can get a 180-degree panoramic view of fireworks from numerous other cities and parks plus the West Allis fireworks right in front of you. Usually a concert band plays about 8:30 p.m., and the West Allis fireworks start at 9:30

Next Month,
 Look For:

Nixon Park Beer Garden
August 5, 12, 26

Local Bike Ride
August 7

Lulu Lake GSP Paddling Trip
August 8

South Shore Bike Ride & Beer Garden
August 15

Milwaukee River GSP Twilight Paddle
August 18

Sheboygan River GSP Paddling Trip
August 22

Lowes Lake GSP Paddling Trip
August 29

p.m. We hope to sit in the comfortable blue seats high in the bleachers at State Fair Park. For those with difficulty walking, there is an elevator in one of the pillars that can take you almost to the top. So if you don't find us near the top rows of the center section directly overlooking the band, call Paula at 414-491-4636.

Gary Braun and Paula Brookmire have been leading this outing since the year they got married, 2006. Meet us by 8:30 p.m., while it's still light. We'll wear red and blue and wave a flag. Wear red and/or bring a flag. The restrooms are open and easy to use. Call us to R.S.V.P.: (414) 527-0040. Enter off 84th St. There is a parking charge. To avoid it, park near 85th St. and Washington St. (one-quarter mile north of Greenfield Ave.) and walk into the west entrance of the park and to the grandstand.

Waukesha to Dousman Bike Ride & Picnic

Saturday, July 10, 9:30am

Join Paul and Rita for a 32-mile bike ride starting at their home on the NW side of Waukesha. We will proceed thru city streets to the Waukesha bypass bike trail and from there to the Glacial Drumlin bike trail heading to Dousman. We'll take a break at Cory Municipal Park in Dousman with modern bathrooms that are open. Besides the Glacial Drumlin bike trail, we'll take some lightly traveled roads before heading back to Waukesha on the Lake Country bike trail. The first half of the ride will be easy with several big hills on the way back. A Wisconsin State Trail Pass is required on the Glacial Drumlin bike trail. A daily pass costing \$5 can be purchased from a machine in Wales if you don't have an annual pass.

After the ride, join Paul and Rita in their backyard for a picnic lunch. Please bring a dish to pass. We will provide hamburgers, chicken, and drinks. Be ready to start the ride at 9:30 am. Bike helmets are not required, but are strongly recommended.

For additional information and directions to our home, call Paul at 262-547-4827. During the ride Paul can be reached at 262-309-1918.

Milwaukee River GSP Twilight Paddle

Wednesday, July 21, 6:00 pm

Enjoy a summer evening with a twilight paddle on the Milwaukee River. Join other Nordics and Glacier State Paddlers members Wednesday evening on July 21 starting at 6:00 pm and ending at dusk, so please bring a flashlight. We'll paddle the Milwaukee River through downtown Milwaukee. Launch site is the Kiwanis Boat Landing at 2135 N Riverboat Rd - on river side of street with on-street parking. Come 15 minutes before the 6:00 launch to help get canoes and kayaks into the water.

Let GSP trip leader Debbie Luetzow know you are attending by calling or texting her at 414-333-0064. Identify yourself as a Nordic Ski Club member.

Mark Your Calendars:

Friday, September 3 - Monday, September 6 –
Labor Day Camping Weekend at Lake Wissota State Park

2022 Motorcoach Ski Trips (8:00 am departure times)

Lake Wissota State Park Camping Trip September 3-6

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Thursday, December 30 - Sunday, January 2 – Keweenaw Peninsula, MI.

Friday, January 21 - Sunday, January 23 – Hayward (Birkie Trail), WI.

Friday, February 11 - Sunday, February 13 – Minocqua Winter Park, WI.

Friday, March 4 - Sunday, March 6 – Valley Spur, Munising, MI. .

Nordic Member Profile Joanne Ziarek

By Sally Heuer

Joanne Ziarek discovered the Nordic Ski Club from a listing in the Milwaukee Journal's Outdoor section in 1992. The event was windsurfing on Pewaukee Lake. Joanne found the other Nordic members to be friendly and generous with their boards and expertise.

"I fell off a few times but enjoyed it until my last fall when I came up to the surface and the booms mashed across my nose," she remembers. She drove herself to St. Luke's hospital while holding a bag of ice across her nose. One broken nose and two black eyes later, Joanne decided to join the Nordics that fall.



Joanne at the start of the Prince Haakon race near Hayward, WI in February, 2018

Joanne experienced a sort of "Little House on the Prairie" childhood on a small farm in southeast South Dakota. "Our family of seven lived in three rooms with no indoor plumbing or running water," she says. "We raised nearly everything we needed to eat and my mother sewed all of our clothing besides milking the cows and tending the huge garden." All five children shared chores. Joanne remembers one of her least-favorite chores was being sent to the dark, spidery root cellar for food. As one of the first people up in the morning to catch the bus to high school, Joanne would start a fire in the wood stove using corn cobs (the stove burned coal overnight). She remembers getting electricity in the house when she was five years old. All the

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Volunteers

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

children attended grade school in a one room country school.

Joanne grew up in a musical family. Her mother was organist at their small country church, and her father sang in the choir, and everyone sang in the car. Joanne played accordion and clarinet and remains active in her church choir and bell choir.

At the age of 17, she graduated high school and entered South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. That was her first time living away from home. She graduated with a BS in Pharmacy and moved to Racine, Wisconsin for her first job. Later, she worked at a hospital pharmacy in Milwaukee, and retired after 37 years as an oncology pharmacist at Aurora St. Luke's.

Originally a downhill skier, Joanne came to really enjoy the club's bus ski trips. Another favorite club event was participating in a "foodie" group. They would meet at members' homes, and each person would bring a dish based on the pre-planned menu.

Joanne skied her first Kortelopet in 1981. "I had no real idea of what I was getting into," she remembers. She later skied a total of ten Kortelopets, and three Prince Haakon events. Now she describes herself as a "happy, relaxed spectator."

One of Joanne's favorite travel memories is a solo backpacking trip in Alaska in 1984. She has visited nearly all 50 U.S. States and travelled in Canada, Europe, the Caribbean, and Great Britain.



Joanne hikes on lava trail at Sunset Crater near Flagstaff, AZ in September, 2019

Joanne is a member of the Nordic Program Committee, which she joined in 1992 when Dave Fowler was chair. She has led events including the holiday party, hikes, wine, food & dine triathlons, and is a frequent ski trip assistant. She met her long-time partner John McCarthy in the Nordics.

Joanne is past president of the Wisconsin Vintners home wine making association, and is a judge for the annual Wisconsin State Fair amateur wine making competitions.

She values the lifelong friendships formed from meeting people in the club. "We're all a little older and some of us are a little slower, but everyone is still friendly, enthusiastic, and welcoming."

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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

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