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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.

Mirror Lake Area Rivers GSP Paddling Trip

May 28 - June 1

Join Glacier State Paddlers from Friday, May 28 thru Tuesday, June 1 during Memorial Day weekend at Mirror Lake State Park for a group camping, paddling, biking, hiking, and swimming weekend. There is optional group paddling and shuttling for paddling trips on the Lemonweir River, two sections of the Wisconsin River, and possibly the Baraboo River. Mirror Lake can be paddled at your leisure. There is an optional Friday night fish fry pay-your-own way opportunity. We will car pool and leave the campsite at 6 pm for that.

Group campsite 301 has been reserved. It can accommodate 20 people for tent camping. Pit toilets are at the campsite with showers and flush toilets nearby.

Next Month,
Look For:

***Nixon Park Beer
Garden
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29***

***Local Bike Ride
July 10***

***Lower Fox River
GSP Paddling Trip
July 18***

***Milwaukee River
GSP Twilight
Paddle
July 21***

Those with campers will have to reserve a site for themselves, and they will have to do it soon to get a spot.

There is a \$10 non-refundable reservation fee for tent campers. Notify David Rosenberg to make your reservation. 414-975-2298 or rosenberdgm@att.net.

Nixon Park Beer Garden

Thursdays June 3, 10, 17, 24

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](#)

Bark River GSP Paddling Trip

Saturday, June 5, 10:00 am

Join the Glacier State Paddlers for a fun day canoeing on the Bark River from Princes Point south of Hebron to Burnt Village Park on Cty N. Meet between 9:30 and 10:00, as the shuttle will begin at 10:00. This will be a 6-mile trip on a slow moving, wide river. There are no homes and very few roads paddling down the Bark River. 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 and Nordic member David Rosenberg at 414-975-2298 to reserve a spot on the trip and to get additional trip details. Identify yourself as a Nordic Ski Club member.

UPAF Ride for the Arts

Sunday, June 13, 9:30 am

You can support the local arts, while joining other Nordics for a bike ride.

This year, the United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF) is having a 3-ride, 3-location series. The traditional, single large event, with many riders descending on the Lakefront the first Sunday in June, has been reimagined. Cancelled in 2020 due to Covid-19, this year the UPAF Ride for the Arts Series is a new concept that provides a fun, purpose-driven event for cyclists of all ages and abilities.

Our Nordic group will gather for the June 13 ride, beginning and ending from the Sharon Lynn Wilson Center in Brookfield. We will choose an approximately 15-mile route before ending at the "Ride Series Reward Station." We'll meet at the Sharon Lynn Wilson Center at 9:30 a.m., distribute our route maps and take off. We must return to the Reward Station before 1:00 pm.

Questions? Call Sally at 414-403-7911, or email smiles@metrodish.net.

Registration was required by May 17 in order to have a ride packet mailed to you. However, you may still register, but pick up your ride packet at a local Wheel and Sprocket. Follow this link and register as an individual for the June 13 ride. The cost is \$45.

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June 13: Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts/Mitchell Park.

Milwaukee River GSP Twilight Paddle

Wednesday, June 16, 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 June 16 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.

Oak Leaf to Interurban Trail Bike Ride

Saturday, June 19, 9:00 am

Join other Nordics for a fun bike ride on the Oak Leaf and Ozaukee Interurban bike trails. The group will meet in the southwest corner of Glendale-River Hills SD parking lot (2600 W Mill Rd, Glendale, WI 53209) departing at 9 am, Saturday June 19th (we have permission to park there). We will follow the Oak Leaf trail north and then on the Inter-Urban trail to Cedarburg Creek Park (rest, snack – bathroom). Cedarburg Public Library is just north of the trail exit for an alternative bathroom. On the way back we stop at the Brown Deer Park boathouse for a self-brought lunch. An optional bicycle around the Brown Deer Park “road loop” is about 2 miles and then back to your car. Bathrooms should be available at the Brown Deer Park Pavilion. For those extra energetic, feel free to continue south on the Oak Leaf trail as far as you would like.

The ride is 24+ miles and mostly flat. Be sure to bring your water, helmet, spare tube etc. Bike helmets are not required, but are strongly recommended. I will bring some cue sheets, so let me know if you plan to come by Monday June 14.

Any questions contact Alan at acesiegl@yahoo.com. Also note, if it is raining the ride is canceled.

Bark River GSP Paddling Trip & Picnic

Sunday, June 20, 10:00 am

Join Glacier State Paddlers for paddling on the Bark River from Lower Nemahbin Lake to Genesee Lake Rd on Sunday, June 20. The trip will begin with a 1:00 pm launch starting at Sugar Island Road off Cty P. This is an easy, scenic trip on a surprisingly clear “close to town” river. Cool off along the way with a swim in Crooked Lake. After we take out at Genesee Lake Rd, we will head to Cushing Memorial Park west of Delafield for a cookout. Bring your own entrée, drinks, and a dish to pass. Grills will be provided.

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Volunteers

The Nordic Ski Club runs on volunteers. Please contact Renee Couture at acoutrr@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 rate.

Web Tips

Adjust your profile settings so that fellow Nordic Members can see your name,

Contact GSP trip leader Lynn Pagenkop at lynnhp45@gmail.com or 414-540-1161 to reserve a spot on the trip and to get trip details. Identify yourself as a Nordic Ski Club member.

Virmond Park Bike Ride

Friday, June 25, 9:30 am

Virmond Park in Ozaukee County is a great place to meet at 9:30 a.m. on June 25th for a 15-mile bike ride to Port Washington. This ride is on quiet roads with an occasional view of Lake Michigan; the terrain is mainly flat with a longer hill in and out of Port Washington. We will enjoy lunch together outside at the scenic harbor before biking back. Plan to bring a lunch or purchase food at a local eatery there. Restroom facilities with water are available at Virmond Park and at the harbor in Port Washington.

Virmond Park is located at 10606 N. Lake Shore Drive, Mequon. Take exit 85 from I-43 onto Mequon Rd east and then south on Lake Shore Dr. (about 1.5 miles).

Please let Mary know you plan to come at 414-477-5710 or mjmueller.uef@gmail.com. We may cancel if rain is predicted.

Upper Rock River GSP Paddling Trip

Saturday, June 26, 10:00 am

Join the Glacier State Paddlers for a fun day trip along a scenic section of the upper Rock River. The trip starts at 10:00 am at Harnischfeger Park (3048 N Crawfish Rd, Ixonia). Directions: Take Hwy 67 north from the Hwy 16 Oconomowoc bypass a little over 3 miles. Turn left onto Evergreen Rd and go 2.1 miles, then turn right onto Highview Rd and go 1.1 miles, then turn right onto N Crawfish Rd and go to the parking lot near the Rock River. The canoe trip will end at the Hwy 16 wayside for a distance of 10 to 11 miles. This trip is suitable for beginners.

Please bring a bag lunch, beverage, and gloves to protect your hands. Call GSP trip leader and Nordic member David Rosenberg at 414-975-2298 to reserve a spot on the trip and to get additional trip details. Identify yourself as a Nordic Ski Club member.

From the Program Committee

NSCM Motorcoach Ski trips are back for the winter of 2022! Hopefully all participants will be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by then.

The following ski trips have been scheduled for next winter:

Keweenaw Peninsula: Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021 (8 am) – Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022

Hayward (Birkie Trail): Friday, Jan. 21 (8 am) – Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022

Minocqua Winter Park: Friday, Feb. 11 (8 am) – Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022

Valley Spur: Friday, Mar. 4 (8 am) – Sunday, Mar. 6, 2022

Lodging at the popular 4-day Keweenaw trip will be at the Quality Inn & Suites. The Franklin Square Inn, where we stayed the past couple of years, is in the process of being changed to a Hampton Inn but is not yet open. Lodging for the Hayward trip will be at the Flat Creek Lodge in Hayward. It has an onsite restaurant and saloon. Lodging for the Minocqua trip will be at the Best Western Plus Concord Inn. Finally, we will be staying at the popular Holiday Inn Express once again for the Valley Spur ski trip.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Labor Day Weekend camping trip that will be held

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

at Lake Wissota State Park near Chippewa Falls from Friday, Sept. 3 through Monday, Sept. 6. The large group site has a large covered picnic shelter with electricity. The park has hiking trails and a beach. Several nice paved biking trails are near the park.

-- *Paul Keber*



Paula at Zion Canyon in 2008

Member Profile: Paula Brookmire

By Sally Heuer

Growing up in snowy Sherman, New York, Paula Brookmire developed a love for winter, but did not become a skier until moving to Wisconsin.

A journalism fellowship at the University of Wisconsin-Madison brought Paula to Wisconsin. This led to a career of more than 20 years at The Milwaukee Journal, and as an assistant editor for the paper's Sunday magazine, called Wisconsin. Later, Paula was publications coordinator for the Zoological Society of Milwaukee for 18 years.

Paula joined the NSCM in 1982 at the invitation of Chuck Utermohlen, whom she had met through another group. "Chuck taught me to cross-country ski," said Paula. "Since I've always loved winter, I took to skiing -- but not without a lot of swearing, as I had some spectacular falls in the first years."

"I missed the first decade of the club even though I moved to Milwaukee about the same time the club was founded," Paula said. "I didn't know anything about cross-country skiing and didn't hear about the club until about 1981."

Those of us who know Paula Brookmire may not be surprised that she has always been an organizer. Paula remembers that when she was four years old, she would organize neighborhood children to play house. "Although the other kids were several years older than me, I would be the mom," she said.

Many of us have seen Paula at Nordic events with her camera, in her role as our NSCM club historian for the past 25 years. Photography has been a passion for most of Paula's life. "I got my first camera at age 8, a Kodak Brownie." She soon formed a camera club. Paula credits her mother with teaching her a lot about photography.

For the club's 50th anniversary in 2021, Paula has been creating digital archives of the club's newsletters, minutes, member directories, ski trips and photos, with the help of past presidents Kathy Wacker, Ralph Ehlinger and Gary Hansen.

Paula has a B.A. degree in psychology and journalism from the State University of New York at Buffalo. In her 40s, she went back to school to become a neuromuscular massage therapist and continues as a therapist today.

Paula met her husband, Gary Braun, in the Wisconsin Go Hiking Club. During Paula's tenure as president of NSCM (1999 - 2001), Gary was vice president. They married in 2006, the first marriage for both of them.

As of 2021, Paula has been active with the club for 39 years. She has served in all four NSCM officer positions, and 15 years on the board of directors. She also is NSCM's longtime public relations director, newsletter contributor, and event leader. The club awarded Paula a life membership in 2001 for extensive volunteer work; she is one of 13 life members still alive.

Paula's favorite events are the motorcoach ski trips. "I love the ski trips because you get to know people and there's plenty of time to ski and build your skills and stamina."

What does Paula like most about XC skiing? "It's peaceful, a fresh snowfall can create dazzling photographic scenes, and I feel like I'm conquering the cold when I'm skiing at 10 degrees."



Paula skiing at Lapham Peak in February 2021

As a trip leader for eight years, most recently in 2019 to Marquette, Michigan, Paula has plenty of stories. One of her first trips in the U.P. was cancelled for lack of snow. Another U.P. trip encountered a blizzard. The bus driver said they had to leave early on Sunday and skip skiing because roads would be closed. The group left early, but as soon as they crossed the Wisconsin border, the blizzard disappeared into a sunny day. Another trip faced a government shutdown that closed Valley Spur trails in Hiawatha National Forest. So the club skied at Anderson trails and Blueberry Ridge, where the bus was used as a warming hut because there was no lodge.

"A favorite memory was our 45th anniversary celebration in 2016. Gary Hansen and I had designed a club-history game show based on NPR's 'Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me.' Our version was called 'Wait, Wait, Don't Snow Me.' Each of our three panelists -- Georgene Voutila, Gary Hansen and David Harrison -- presented a story, and contestant Ellen Riley had to guess which was true. I created a couple dozen crazy anecdotes that weren't true but matched our real -- and often crazy -- historical anecdotes. For example, the answer to 'What was the first Nordic Ski Club budget written on?' was not '*a piece of birch bark collected during a ski outing*' but '*a cocktail napkin*.' And why was Klaus Walden, a club ski instructor in the '70s, arrested? It was for trespassing when he used a private snowmobile to make ski tracks for our club at Anvil Lake Trails near Eagle River."

Paula also has memories of international travel – from Haiti and the Dominican Republic in the Caribbean to countries in Europe. For their honeymoon, she and Gary flew to the Czech Republic, where they traveled with a friend who had been a foreign exchange student at Paula's

high school.

Swimming outdoors is another of Paula's passions. She doesn't mind cold water and has swum at Ottawa Lake in Waukesha County as late as November 1, she says.

Paula recognizes some key leaders in the club's history. They include past president Fred Schimian, "a tremendous advocate for cross-country skiing with the Department of Natural Resources, fighting for our trails. He also worked to improve the way the club was run, and he encouraged the love of skiing. Gary Hansen was also an inspiration, serving terms as president in each of three decades and keeping the newsletter lively. I worked with him on the newsletter a lot. Katie Bivens, president for 10 years, brought us into the digital age and designed an outstanding website. Kathy Wacker, who served two terms as president in the 1980s, has been helping this year with cataloging club history."

Paula gives a shout out to NSCM current president Carol Doeblner; program committee chair Paul Keber, who has been planning bus trips for three decades; and Dave Herrewig, our treasurer for years and previously a newsletter editor.

"The club draws dedicated people, and I like to think I'm one of them."

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