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March Meeting Is Online - A Quick Way to Vote

The Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee's March annual meeting will be online. All the announcements, thank-yous, annual treasurer's report and other news that in the past were made at an in-person meeting are now online. We won't have our popular potluck, but you can come to the April 21 meeting for food. Plus, at the March online meeting, we'll have a very quick vote on the new board of directors. Online elections have worked well for the last three years during the Covid pandemic. So NSCM has decided to make the easy, safe process permanent. We will conduct our annual meeting and elections via email. The simple process takes only minutes. We need your response to help us keep the club running. Please make sure you have paid annual dues before voting on these few items:

- approving the minutes of the March 26, 2022, annual meeting
- voting in five board members who are re-running for two-year terms*
- voting to adjourn

Balloting runs March 15 through 25, 2023. Look for announcements, recognitions of volunteers and an online ballot in your email.

Nominations and Resolutions: Our bylaws allow us to take nominations for anyone who wants to run for the board, even though we have a full complement of volunteers willing to run. Some of those volunteers would be happy to give up their seat on the board if someone else comes forward to run. The only feasible way to do this is to have you email a nomination for the board by Wednesday, March 1, to President Carol Doebler. For the nomination to be valid, you must get permission from the person you are nominating (or you can nominate yourself) and you must get another club member to second your nomination. Email these by March 1 [so we

Coming Up:

Local Hike
April 15, 2023

Spring Nordic Meeting
April 21, 2023

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Nordic Officers

President
Carol Doebler

Vice Presidents
Renee Couture
and Ellen Riley

have time to get them on the ballot] to tortoisieski@wi.rr.com. To this same email address, you can send any resolutions to propose -- with the name of a club member who is seconding them.

*Note that the Nordic Ski Club has staggered elections. This year five people will be elected to the nine-member board; next year four people will be elected. This keeps continuity and stability so we don't lose all board members at once. Current board members who are up for re-election to two-year terms, starting March 25, 2023, are Julie Amundson, Renee Couture, Carol Doebler, Stephen Fabina, and David Rosenberg. If elected, they will join the four board members whose two-year terms continue through March 2024: Paula Brookmire, Ellen Riley, Dorothy Riesing and Mary Wozniak. Once elected, the new board will choose its officers, as our bylaws direct. Officers are elected annually. Current club officers are Carol Doebler, president; Renee Couture, assistant vice president; Ellen Riley, assistant vice president; Dave Herrewig, treasurer; and Paula Brookmire, secretary. Note: Dave Herrewig is looking for someone to take over as treasurer next year, and Dave would train that person in 2022. If you're interested, please email tortoisieski@wi.rr.com.

ABR Ski Trip, Ironwood, MI

March 3 - 5, 2023

ABR Trails (Active Backwoods Retreat) is a family-run system with 101 km of scenic trails meticulously groomed and over 13 km of snowshoe trails, just outside of Ironwood, MI. We ski both Saturday and Sunday at ABR Trails, with two lodge areas, a waxing room, and a ski shop that sells and rents ski equipment and rents snowshoes. On Friday we ski at Nine Mile Forest ski trails near Wausau, with 30 km of ski trails, 11 km of snowshoe trails and chalet with ski rentals.

Our accommodations are at the Quality Inn in Ironwood, with swimming pool, whirlpool, free continental breakfast, and a microwave and refrigerator in each room. Lunch options will be available both Saturday and Sunday, or you may bring your own lunch.

Contact trip leader Alan Siegl at 262-744-4929 or acesiegl@yahoo.com for more information.

[Click here to access the trip reservation form.](#)

Spring into Spring Hike at Fox River Park

Saturday, March 18, 10:00 am

As Spring quickly approaches, join fellow Nordics for a Welcome to Spring hike. Fox River Park, just southwest of Waukesha has 4.4 miles of hilly, wooded trails and an additional 2.5 miles of paved trails. Weather and trail conditions will determine our route and distance. Pack a drink and lunch for a post hike picnic. Park address is Fox River Park, W264 S4500 River Road, Waukesha.

*****There is a new system in Waukesha County Parks with a license reader at the entrance station. You will have to go online to register! Click the link below to get your pass and pay the fee. Do it now so you don't forget!**

Daily Park Entrance Permit

A daily park entrance permit (\$6/vehicle) or an annual park membership is required for all vehicles entering all Waukesha County parks other than Retzer. To purchase online, you will be asked to log in or sign up for an account. *Important: Have your license plate information ready. The Park System's Automatic License Plate Reader Systems requires user vehicle plate information upon purchase (all capital letters, no spaces, no hyphen).

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Call Dorothy Riesing at 262-939-4166 with comments and questions. Looking forward to seeing you 10:00 am Saturday, March 18 in the first parking lot on the left at Fox River Park.

P.S. Attention bird lovers - February 12 we heard a barred owl hooting mid-day in the woods.

Nordic Newsletter Team Member Needed

Sally and Chris are looking for a third person to join our team. Would you like to help the club with this important volunteer position? You'll need a computer, printer and internet access.

- Be the first to learn about upcoming events!
- Work from home!
- Your efforts are needed just four times per year!
- Free training on the club's simple online software!

To learn more, call or text Sally at 414-403-7911 or email smiles@metrodish.net We'd love to hear from you!



Skiers get ready for the trails at Valley Spur

Plenty of Snow at Valley Spur in Munising, MI

By Joanne Ziarek

Nine inches of fresh snow greeted 31 Nordics at Valley Spur January 20-22, which was a welcome sight to snow-deprived Milwaukeeans, but a little too much for the grooming equipment at Valley Spur. The trails were a bit soft on Friday, great on Saturday, and not groomed until midday on Sunday. It was a bit like the movie *Ground Hog Day*, but in a good way every day, with temps in the mid-20's, no wind or sun, beautiful snow-covered trails and scenery, and few other people besides our group. Peggy Carberry provided her delicious home-made soups, breads, desserts, and hot drinks for sale on Saturday and Sunday.

Our home for the weekend was the Comfort Inn and Suites on Lake Superior in Munising. This was a change from our usual Holiday Inn Express but it turned out to be one of the best things on the trip. The rooms were spacious, the breakfast was great, the staff was friendly and helpful, and there were no snowmobiles, as this hotel is only for silent sports guests. A few people missed not having a pool or whirlpool but that was outweighed by having everyone get a lake view room and, best of all, being able to keep our rooms Sunday instead of dealing with changing rooms. This proved to be very popular, as well as moving the trip from the Taste and

New memberships or renewal forms may be mailed to:

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Contact Us:

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, 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

Glide the first weekend in March to January as the second trip of the season.

On Friday night most of the group ate at the local Moose Lodge that stayed open after 7:00 for us. They were friendly and quite pleased to have us. The group dinner on Saturday was at Foggy's north of Munising in Christmas. On both nights the bus driver Howard was a willing taxi driver making pre-arranged drop offs and pick ups in various places, which was much appreciated.

The trip was led by Stan Rosenstiel assisted by Paul Keber and they had everything well-organized. We made a short supper stop in Menomonee and were back in Milwaukee around 9:00 pm where a very icy parking lot required careful foot work to avoid falling as we walked to our ice-covered vehicles.

Spring Skiing in Early February at Minocqua's Winter Park

By Joanne Ziarek

With the fickle winter weather so far this season, 32 Nordics headed to Minocqua February 10-12 in search of snow and good skiing. The trip was led by the well-organized John McCarthy with assistance from Joanne Ziarek and we were driven everywhere safely and on time by our bus driver John (very common name on this trip!). Nearly every departure was a few minutes ahead of schedule because everyone was so prompt. We were happy to welcome 3 new members for their first trip: Andrew VanHulle, Marisa Merkl, and Erin Wichtoski, and did our best to make them feel welcome. We hope to see them at future events.

On Friday we stopped at Nine Mile Forest near Wausau to ski for the whole afternoon. That proved to be a bit longer than we needed as the warm temperatures and rain two days before with freezing at night had turned many of the trails icy. The volunteer groomers did their best under the circumstances, and some of the trails were fine while others were quite challenging. It gave everyone an opportunity to visit and to get to know one other in the warm chalet.



An Eagle scout made this ski-covered trash can holder at the lodge at Nine Mile Forest in Wausau. (Photo by Chris Pantazon)

This year we stayed at the AmericInn in Minocqua and had our group dinner on Saturday night at the White Tail Inn north of Minocqua in St. Germain. The food was very good as always. With lodging right in town, there were also many places within walking distance to eat on both nights.

Winter Park does a great job of grooming so the skiing was quite good both Saturday and

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

Sunday. The ski shop gives us a 10% discount so that enticed several members to purchase items. With temps in the 40's, we saw people skiing in t-shirts, and sun screen was definitely in order. When we got on the early return bus on Sunday afternoon, it was so hot inside that we asked the driver to turn on the AC to cool it down. Now that was a first for February 12!

On the way home we saw a beautiful sunset near Wausau and made a quick supper stop in Stevens Point getting back to Milwaukee around 9:00 pm. Sadly, there was no snow to scrape off our cars.

African Photo Safari Show at April 21 Nordic Meeting

Friday, April 21, 6:00 pm

With the snow season over, let's turn the temperature to hot. We'll head to Kenya with Don Hynek and Joy Chen, longtime members of the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee. While many of us were celebrating the club's 50th anniversary on August 28, 2022, Don and Joy were taking photos of elephants, giraffes, zebras, flamingos and water buffalo. Their two-week trip to southwestern Kenya included stops at four national parks, including the Maasai Mara National Reserve. You may remember this Madison couple's past NSCM shows on kayaking in the Greek Islands and around Isle Royale National Park in Michigan. By the way, they're planning another Greek kayaking trip in 2024.

In addition to the show, we'll have updates on the progress of Lapham Lodge construction, on NSCM's fundraising project for ski venues both up north and at Lapham Peak State Forest, and on NSCM's spring and summer events. The club also will provide free pizza (if you sign up in advance).

WHAT: Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee season-ending meeting

WHEN: Friday, April 21, 6 to 10 pm

WHERE: Elks Lodge 400, 2301 Springdale Road, Waukesha

ENTER: from lower level back parking lot

FOOD: Pizza. Cash bar.

SIGN UP: Food is free if you register by April 19 [Register Here](#)



Joy and Don in southwestern Kenya

*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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