



# Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee

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## How to Celebrate the Holidays Without Our Club's Annual Party

Christmas isn't cancelled, but our club's annual holiday party is. Large indoor groups still aren't a safe idea during the pandemic. So the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee board has another way to celebrate. We're planning a house-to-house scavenger hunt for clues to club history. At each home you'll get a clue and a holiday treat provided by the club. Some homes may offer you hot chocolate and come outdoors to greet you. Every one of the eight or so club member homes have different offerings. The clues may be left in marked containers outdoors so everyone will keep socially distanced. Or hosts may bring a clue and treat to you outdoors.

We'll do this over three days in December to give you plenty of time. The dates are Dec. 1, 3 and 4—all weekdays. Times of day may vary depending on the host. The scavenger-hunt winner is the person or family who gets the most clues in the shortest time, as judged by the date on your email that you'll send with all your answers to scavenger hunt coordinator Paula Brookmire. That winner will get a \$20 holiday gift certificate to a venue of your choosing. Please [register here](#) through our club website no later than Nov. 24 (before Thanksgiving so we have time to plan). We will email you a list by Nov. 29 of club members holding the clues and their addresses, along with times you can stop on Dec., 1, 3 or 4. Paula also will email you a list of scavenger hunt questions.

This event is limited to club members. Please make sure you have paid your club dues before registering for this scavenger hunt. Our holiday party was originally scheduled for Dec. 18 at Seven Seas restaurant. Instead, we'll be using our holiday deposit for our June 13, 2021, 50th anniversary banquet at Seven Seas restaurant. Club members will get \$10 off the banquet price.

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Next Month,  
Look For:

***Holiday Scavenger  
Hunt  
December 1, 3, 4***

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## Glacier Hills County Park Hike

Saturday, November 7th, 1:00pm

Join your fellow Nordics for a hike at Glacier Hills County Park on Saturday, November 7th at 1 p.m. The address is 1664 Friess Lake Rd. Richfield. Meet in the parking lot by shelter area 1. Bring a mask please. This park has shorter trails with a total of about 5-6 miles. You will need either a daily park sticker (\$5 per car) or a Washington County annual sticker. If you have any questions, please call Cathy Ward 262 227-4551. We will cancel if raining.

### [Glacier Hills County Park Brochure](#)

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## Lapham Peak Snowmaking – 2020 Update

Wednesday, November 18, 7:00pm

The snowmaking project for cross country skiing at Lapham Peak, started by the Friends of Lapham Peak in 2004, will achieve a major milestone in 2020 with the acquisition of a new Pisten Bully 100 grooming machine. The Pisten Bully will be used to spread the piles of manmade snow on the trails and to regroom the trails after the thaw-rain-refreeze events that are so common in the region. It will also be able to set a double set of tracks for classic skiing, the likes of which have never been seen in southeast Wisconsin.

The Friends are also constructing a new garage to house the Pisten Bully and other snowmaking and grooming equipment adjacent to the trails. The new Winter Recreation Storage Building (WRSB) will protect the Pisten Bully from the environmental and rodent damage that has caused so many problems with the 40-year old LMC snowcat. These new additions, coupled with an updated fleet of SMI Polecat snowguns, will provide an 'up-north' cross country skiing experience on the 2.4 kilometers of snowmaking trails at Lapham Peak during the upcoming winter and beyond.

John McCarthy of the Friends snowmaking committee will review the history and configuration of the snowmaking system at Lapham Peak, and provide an exciting update on the new Pisten Bully and the WRSB for 2020 via a Zoom meeting at 7 pm on November 18.

**You must register online by Tuesday, November 17 if you wish to "attend" this free Zoom meeting to obtain the confidential link to the program. [Click Here to Register](#)**

**A link to the Zoom program will be sent to registered participants via e-mail the morning of November 18.**

## Pay Dues Now, Get \$10 Back in 2021

Please help us by renewing your Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee membership this month. Our cross-country ski club has year-round events, including hikes, camping trips, bike rides, ski outings, and social get-togethers. When you renew or join now, you'll get \$10 back in 2021 if you register for our 50th anniversary party June 13, 2021. In light of the coronavirus pandemic, our club is following safety guidelines, but we're still holding outings. Our June 13th banquet will be in an outdoor venue that is covered.

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### Volunteers

The Nordic Ski Club runs on volunteers. Please contact Renee Couture at [acoutr@att.net](mailto:acoutr@att.net) if

You should have received reminders about your dues via email. But if you have not received anything, or you're not a member and want to join, please click on this [Link to the Member Application page](#) where you can download our member signup form or see instructions on how to renew if you are a current Nordic member.

Our membership year coincides with our fiscal year: Oct. 1 through Sept. 29. So renewals are due Oct. 1. If you renew online via AffiniPay (the payment plan our website uses instead of PayPal), you will not be charged any fee for using your credit card. If you prefer to pay by check, make sure you make it out to NSCM and mail it with our filled-out membership form--including waiver on the back that you have signed -- to Pat Doornek, 3463 N. Newhall St., Milwaukee, WI 53211. Dues: Individual \$25; household \$35. Note: Even lifetime members need to fill out a membership form and waiver each year to stay active.



### Member Profile: Treasurer Dave Herrewig

By Paula Brookmire

There's nothing like surviving a near drowning to create a deep bond. At his very first Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee meeting, Dave Herrewig met Kathy Glynn, the woman who would become his wife. That was May 1989. It was a year later, however, at a club baseball game outing, that "the sparks started," says Dave. "We discovered we both had traveled to Latin America and we had the same outlook about going to out-of-the way places. So I asked her out."

"We had been going out maybe two months when we went on a Nordic Ski Club camping trip to Perrot State Park on the Mississippi River. I suggested we rent a canoe. Based on our first conversation, Kathy thought I knew a lot about canoeing. The river was swollen by rain. The canoe was going fast, and to slow us I grabbed onto an overhanging branch. That was a mistake. I swamped the canoe. We went sideways, and the canoe started filling with water. We both went under water. I was scared. 'Where is she?' I thought. Then we both popped up. I maneuvered us and the canoe to a bank, but I couldn't get the 17-foot canoe weighted down with water onto the shore. A strong young man nearby yanked the thing out. I was amazed that all we lost was my wallet." Kathy and Dave married in 1992. Camping trips and canoeing remain Dave's favorite outdoor activities.

What got Dave to join the cross-country ski club, especially in May? "The biking was what really brought me to the Nordic Ski Club, which offers year-round outings. I didn't join for the ski trips by bus [which are a draw for many]. In fact, I was in the club for 25 years before I went on a bus trip to ski up north; that was the 2014 trip to Medford, Wis. But I was on a bunch of carpool trips to ski. [In the 2020-2021 season the club hopes to do more carpool trips since the danger of catching the coronavirus caused the club to cancel its bus trips.]

Dave learned to cross-country ski in the winter of 1976-'77, taking lessons at Milwaukee's Washington Park. "I held off joining the Nordics for several years," he says. He had joined a Milwaukee downhill ski club, the Vagabonds, because it offered some cross-country skiing. "We viewed the Nordics as super serious, higher level skiers. I didn't feel I'd fit in." Some

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](http://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@gmail.com](mailto:katiebivens@gmail.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](mailto:pkeber@milwpc.com)

Nordic Ski Club members are serious racers, but he discovered many members just enjoy recreational skiing, snowshoeing or the social life.

Dave has three degrees, a bachelor 's in business administration, a master's in science and social work (1968) and a master's in history (2002). He has had several careers, from parole officer to publishing, but his dream job was as the archivist-historian for Miller Brewing Co. (now Molson Coors), which he was for 11 1/2 years. He has used those skills in his volunteer work for the Nordic Ski Club. Dave has been club treasurer since 2016 and was on the board from 2013 through 2017. He was newsletter editor from 2000 through 2002. And he has led many hikes and events ranging from an ice skating outing to a Labor Day campout.

What did Dave do this summer, during the pandemic? Normally he'd be enjoying water sports such as fishing or canoeing. "This year I got a new bike--for the first time in 34 years. It's a hybrid bike, a cross between a road bike and a mountain bike. So I've been doing more biking."

In 2021 Dave will celebrate 32 years in the club and Kathy, 37. His favorite anecdotes from club ski trips involve getting lost. A few years ago at Swedetown ski trails in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula, after a long day he decided to ski one more short, easy trail. Only he got mixed up and took a maximum-difficulty trail that was leading him well away from the lodge. "I came to a hill and thought, 'That wasn't here yesterday.'" Luckily, people came along and got him on the path back to the lodge.

"Another time both Kathy and I got lost. The bus was taking the club to Houghton, Mich. We looked out the window to see a lake with snowmobilers crossing it. Kathy said, 'You'll never catch me out on a lake.' Later that day we were snowshoeing around a frozen lake, but the trail was longer than we thought, and we got lost and tired. Some snowmobilers came along and offered to take us the quick way back, across the lake. So there we were, snowmobiling across a lake, even though Kathy swore she'd never be on one."

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### **Exploring a Wauwatosa Forest**

It was a new forest to most of the Nordic Ski Club hikers. They had come out on a sunny, cool October 2 morning to walk at the Forest Exploration Center. This urban, second-growth forest holds some trees that are 3 to 4 feet in diameter. Patches of dappled light and a tall forest canopy gave the feeling of being up north in Wisconsin. But walkers were actually in Wauwatosa, just west of Milwaukee. A new red-gravel path made the circular, 1-mile trail easy to navigate. Some of the 11 hikers, all members of the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee, continued on nearby trails, such as the Monarch Trail and the treeless trail along the deep water-retention area near Underwood Parkway. Gary Braun led the 9:30 a.m. outing. He noted that the forest's refurbished trail is managed by a private, non-profit group in conjunction with Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources. Several signs along the route describe forest flora and fauna. To help protect against the coronavirus, almost everyone wore a mask. Except for a brief group photo, people kept socially distant. Still, it was good to see old friends.

Nordic Ski Club hikers met at the entrance to the Forest Exploration Center Oct. 2, 2020.



Kris and Bob Riedel show how big some trees are in this Wauwatosa forest.



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### **New Nordic Facebook Page**

We now have an operating Facebook page, with photos already posted from Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee fall hikes. You're encouraged to check out the page and post photos from hikes, bike rides or other club events. We thank Ellen Riley for her efforts in dealing with Facebook to get a new page (our old one was inactive because no one could remember the password). The page is called **Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee – NSCM**.

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is a membership-based outing association  
active year-round since 1971.**