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Harnischfager Park will also be offered. This trip is suitable for beginners. Please bring a bag lunch, beverage, and gloves to protect your hands.

Call Mike Craig, GSP trip leader and Nordic member, at 414-552-5011 to reserve a spot on the trip and to get trip details (where to meet, etc.). Identify yourself as a Nordic Ski Club member. Canoe rental cost is a maximum of \$6.00 per person. Money should be paid directly to Mike. There is no fee if you have your own canoe or kayak.

Bark River GSP Canoe Trip & Cookout

Sunday, June 17, 1:00 pm

Join Glacier State Paddlers for canoeing on the Bark River from Lower Nemahbin Lake to Genesee Lake Road on Sunday, June 17. The trip will begin with a 1:00 pm launch starting at Sugar Island Road off County 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 Road, 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. Call GSP trip leader Lynn Pagenkop at 414-540-1161 to reserve a spot on the trip and to get trip details (where and when to meet, etc.). Identify yourself as a Nordic Ski Club member. Canoe rental cost is \$5.00 per person. Money should be paid directly to Lynn at the launch site. There is no fee if you have your own canoe or kayak.

Summer Solstice Concert at Lapham Peak

Saturday, June 23, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Join fellow Nordics for a fun-filled evening of music featuring Tom Klein-AKA the Bike Doctor and The Front sponsored by the Friends of Lapham Peak. Join us at the Mike Fort Picnic Shelter by Homestead Hollow area. You may bring a chair, blanket or sit at picnic tables. Brats, hamburgers, beer and bottled water will be available for purchase. Cost: \$10.00 for adults, 12-18 years \$5.00; kids 11 and under are free. Proceeds from this event benefits snowmaking and other park projects. If you have questions, contact Rita Keber rkeber@milwpc.com or 262-547-4827.

Lake Michigan South Shore Hike

Sunday, June 24, 10:00 am

Join fellow Nordics for a Sunday morning hike along the lake bluffs and ravines of Warnimont and Grant Park including the Seven Bridges Trail. Plan for a 4-5 mile hike, mostly flat with the exception of the descent from the bluff to the beach at Seven Bridges. Afterwards we will gather at a local eatery.

Meet at 10 am inside the Warnimont Park Golf Clubhouse. The parking lot is adjacent to Lake Michigan on Sheridan parkway off of 5400 S Lake Dr, Cudahy. Note: it can be cooler at the lake versus inland.

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Warnimont+Golf+Course/@42.9484316,->

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

Next Month,
Look For:

**July 4th
Fireworks
July 4, 2018**
Paula Brookmire

**Ravinia Concert
July 15, 2018**
Cindy Wiktorek

**Oconomowoc
River GSP Canoe
Trip
July 21, 2018**
Mike Craig

**Fox River GSP
Canoe Trip
July 22, 2018**
Judy Liebl

**Milwaukee River
GSP Twilight
Paddle
July 25, 2018**
Debbie Luetzow

If you are interested in leading a Nordic Event, or have a great idea for a member event, please contact a member of the

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New memberships or renewal forms may be mailed to:

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If you have questions, email Dennis Drake at drakedennis@sbcglobal.net or call 414-481-0967 (home) or 414-218-5053 (mobile).

Horicon Marsh GSP Canoe Trip

Saturday, June 30, 9:30 am

Join the Glacier State Paddlers for an interesting day paddling in Horicon Marsh. The trip will start at the end of Green Head Road on the east side of the marsh and end at Bowling Green Park in the city of Horicon for a distance of 6 or 7 miles. We will meet at 9:30 am and shuttle vehicles from the start before beginning the trip. Please bring a bag lunch and beverage for the trip and gloves to protect your hands. Contact GSP trip leader Mary Kay Linari at 414-486-5411 or mkinari@sbcglobal.net to let her know you are coming and to get additional trip details. Identify yourself as a Nordic Ski Club member. Canoe rental cost is a maximum of \$6.00 per person. Money should be paid directly to Mary Kay. There is no fee if you have your own canoe or kayak.

Join the Program Committee!

Our club's Program Committee is in need of additional, volunteer committee members... and YOU are invited to consider joining the committee.

Q: What's the committee's function?

A: To plan most of the club events and secure event leaders, in four-month increments.

Q: Why join?

A: Volunteering for the club is a great way to give back, plus it's fun. Program Committee members have priority sign-up status at the annual ski trip sign-up meeting, a voice in the type of events the club offers, knowledge of events before being announced to the general membership, and personal satisfaction from giving your time to the organization.

Q: When are meetings?

A: Typically the first Tuesday of most months from 7 to 9pm at committee members' homes or public meeting rooms. It's helpful but not required to attend every meeting.

Q: How can I find out more?

A: Talk to Program Committee members for additional information. Check out the meeting minutes and job description in the members' area of the NSCM website. Contact the chair, Paul Keber, to attend the next committee meeting as a guest (pkeber@milwpc.com or 262-547-4827).

Program Committee or
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Q: How else can I help?

A: Share your ideas for new club events, or volunteer as an event leader—please discuss with any Program Committee member. (If it’s something you like to do, others probably will, too.)

Please consider joining the Program Committee—thank you!

Thanks to Dan Davies for the work he has done on the committee for the past two years. Dan has decided to leave the committee.

Member Profile: Gary Hansen

By Paula Brookmire

Gary Hansen has been active in the Nordic Ski Club since almost the beginning. “They asked for someone to do a newsletter, and my wife volunteered me. That was 1972,” he says. “The neat thing at the time was that there was a core of 20 people, and we all learned together. The only thing that mattered was our love of the sport, not where you worked or how much money you had or where you lived. Bring some skis and you became a friend.” Teaching them how to ski were Klaus Milinski Walden, who grew up in Germany; Knute Huebert, a Norwegian citizen working in the U.S. as an engineer; and Jim McCredy, who came to Milwaukee from Minneapolis and the North Star Ski Club.



Hansen served as club president in three decades, first in 1973-‘75, then in 1982-‘83 and finally in 1994-‘96. His enthusiasm for cross-country skiing came through in his ski clinics, where he taught hundreds of Wisconsinites to cross-country ski. Like many of the early club presidents, he was a good writer. As longtime newsletter editor for the *Nordic News*, he conveyed the camaraderie and fun of the sport. He also has been an unofficial club historian. His wry recollections and amusing anecdotes provided material for the club’s 30th and 45th anniversary celebrations. He even participated in a game-show-style quiz in 2016 for the 45th anniversary.

For each era, the club seemed to attract the type of leaders it needed for the challenges it faced, says Hansen. In the 1970s, the challenges were teaching and promoting cross-country skiing. In the 1980s, the club focused on ski trips, races and events. The 1990s brought less snow and some threats to popular ski trails, and the new century brought new technology and many members from “tech” fields.

In the ‘70s, the club grew dramatically by holding competitive ski races for adults and children, some of whom went on to become Olympic skiers. “Our peak membership year was 1978-’79, when we had 1,000 plus members,” says Hansen. The club held at least 20 races over the years. The Kettle Moraine Nordic race went from 1976 through 1985 and toward the end was averaging 500 participants. It first was held in Greenbush and later moved to McMiller Sports Center in the southern Kettle Moraine State Forest.

The Milwaukee Nordic children's race was held in Brown Deer Park and then Dretzka Park. It went on for eight years. The Esker Odyssey, held 1980 through 1985 at McMiller Sports Center, was difficult enough (30km and climbing 5,295 feet) to be a qualifying race for the American Birkebeiner, the state's largest cross-country ski race.

Gary Hansen was forced to give up skiing after a motorcycle crash in 1985 injured his leg and foot. In 2016, he retired from his job as Inventory Control Manager for Bearings Inc. He and his wife, Ann, live in northwest Milwaukee.

*Top photo: Gary Hansen in 2016 at the ski club's 45th anniversary party.
Bottom photo: Gary Hansen at McMiller in 1985 at a Kettle Moraine Nordic Ski Club race.*

Mark Your Calendar!

- Peninsula State Park Camping – Thursday, August 30 to Monday, September 3.

Announcing the 2018-2019 Ski Trips:

- Keweenaw Peninsula - Saturday, December 29 (8:00am) to Tuesday, January 1.

- Marquette, MI - Saturday, January 19 (8:00am) to Monday, January 21. NEW!

- Minocqua Winter Park - Friday, February 8 (8:00am) to Sunday, February 10.

- Valley Spur - Friday, March 1 (8:00am) to Sunday, March 3.

- Snow Mountain Ranch, Colorado (YMCA of the Rockies) – Saturday, March 16 to Saturday, March 23.

Please call Paul Keber at 262-547-4827 if you are interested in being a ski trip leader or an assistant ski trip leader for the Marquette or Valley Spur ski trip. There will be a training session on Thursday, Oct. 6 that will teach you everything you need to know about leading a ski trip. In addition to helping the club, you also get a free ski trip!

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