



<p>April 2017</p>	<p>A Year-Round Recreation Club Since 1971</p>	<p>Vol. 46 Issue 4</p>
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<p>Contact Us:</p> <p>Email nordicskiclub.mke@gmail.com</p> <p>For membership information, call Pat Doornek</p>	<p>Date: Friday, April 21, 2017</p> <p>Where: Greenfield Park Pavilion, 2028 S. 124th St., Greenfield</p> <p>6:30 p.m. dinner (if you register), slide shows, silent auction</p> <p>7 p.m.: Flamenco dancer Josefa Gallego Carvia</p> <p>7:15 p.m. Rhumba dancing with Chuck Utermohlen, Jean</p>	

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8 p.m. club meeting and announcements

8:15 p.m. Presentation on biking in Cuba

9 p.m. Fundraising grand total announced. Check presented.

Register for dinner with Paula Brookmire,
pbrookmire@gmail.com.

April 21 Meeting Auction Items

The following items will be up for bid during a silent auction at the April 21 Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee Cuban-themed party and meeting. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. at Greenfield Park (see story above). More details on the auction items will appear in an email blast before that meeting.

1. **Title: Armageddon on a Mountain Landscape.** This fantasy futurescape by former club president David Harrison is a photo David took in Kluane National Park in the Yukon and then rendered into a metallic image that he laminated under UV acrylic and bonded to an acrylic backing. It's 7 ¼ inches square. "The swollen sun threatens to swallow the most treasured landscapes I have traversed," says David. Production date: 9-27-16



2. **Wine & Cheese Basket.**

3. **Sunday Sailing:** Enjoy a day of adventure on Lake Michigan with Sally Heuer and Steve Culver in their 28-foot sailboat. Date to be determined between June 4 – October 22, 2017.

4. **A basket with all the makings for margaritas.**

5. **Title: Solitary Alpine Bonsai.** This photo taken by former club president David Harrison during his climbing adventures is 3 ¼ inches by 6 inches. David rendered the photo into a metallic image and laminated it under UV acrylic and bonded it to an acrylic backing. Produced on 9-27-16, it is a limited edition.



6. **Bottle of wine and two wine glasses.**

7. **A stay in a Door County cottage** owned by a club member.

8. **Title: Scolding Blue Jay,** a print by the famous wildlife artist Owen Gromme.

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?

paul_matteoni@hotmail.com

Next Month,
Look For:

**May 6
Local Hike**
Nancy Zoltowski

**May 7
Tosa 4 O'clock
Concert**
Ann Derse

**May 13
Milwaukee River
GSP Canoe Trip**
Mike Craig

**May 20
Milwaukee River
GSP Canoe Trip**
Mike Craig

**May 27
Local Bike Ride**
Paul Keber

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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*New memberships or
renewal forms may be
mailed to:*

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New Officers, New Board

Carol Doebler (pictured below) is the new president of the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee. Katie Bivens, who stepped down after 10 years as president, nominated Carol for the office. The board elected her unanimously at the March 17, 2017, club annual meeting. Carol was club vice president for the last year and has been on the board for several years. Katie was honored with an award for her decade of service at the annual meeting at Greenfield Park Pavilion. The other officers elected were two new vice presidents (Carol asked for two VPs instead of one, to spread the workload), Renee Couture and Cathy Ward; treasurer David Herrewig; and secretary Paula Brookmire.



First, however, the new board was elected by voting members present at the meeting. Board members serve two-year terms, and every year about half of the nine-member board is up for election. The staggered terms allow continuity so that there are always carryover board members who are familiar with club operations. This year the five board members whose terms were up were Renee Couture, Carol Doebler and Nancy Zoltowski (who all ran again), and Bob Bivens and Carol Palmert, who both chose not to run again. Nominated for those two open positions were Steve Fabina and Crystal Hoecherl. Members voted approval by acclamation for the full slate.

The new board members for 2017-2018 are Renee Couture, of New Berlin; Carol Doebler, of Menomonee Falls; Crystal Hoecherl of Milwaukee, Steve Fabina, of New Berlin; and Nancy Zoltowski, of Cedarburg. The four continuing members of the board, whose terms will end in March 2018, are Katie Bivens, of Milwaukee; Paula Brookmire, of Wauwatosa; Dave Herrewig, of Milwaukee; and Cathy Ward, of Pewaukee. The board meets the second Monday of the month. Thank you all for your service!



Past club presidents gathered for the Oct. 21, 2016, celebration of the Nordic Ski Club's 45th anniversary. From left: Bill McNamara (1985-'87), Bob Bivens (2002-'07), Gary Hansen (1973, 1982, 1994), Dave Harrison (1972-'73), Jim

Dieball (1991-'92), Paula Brookmire (1999-2001) and Katie Bivens (2007-2017).

Let's Play Games on Board Games Night

Saturday, April 8, 7:00 pm

Enjoy light-hearted, good company at the very popular Nordic board games night. The April edition will be hosted by Katie and Bob Bivens. We've got room for several tables of games to be played at the same time so bring out an old favorite, or try something new. Bring your favorite game and an appetizer or dessert to share. If you are new to the club, games night is always a wonderful way to meet other members in a small group setting. Please RSVP by Friday April 7 to (414) 321-5487 or to katiebivens@ymail.com. Directions: 3245 S 83rd St., Milwaukee. We are two blocks south of Oklahoma and one block east of 84th Street. Turn east on Ohio and north one house on 83rd Street.

Snow White & the Magnificent Seven - Waukesha Civic Theater

Friday, April 7 - Sunday April 9, pm

Snow White is the last to find out that she is the fairest of them all. Her jealous step mother won't stand for such competition and devises plans to take out the innocent princess. But it's the Magnificent Seven to the rescue in this lively adaptation of the classic fairy tale. This is a production of the ACAP players which offers theatre experience to individuals with special needs. Our newly elected NSCM President Carol Doebler's son Prescott and Dorothy Riesing are part of the cast. Carol's husband Todd and Dorothy's husband Tom work the crew. *Snow White and the Magnificent Seven* is being presented at Waukesha Civic Theatre on Friday, April 7 at 12:30 pm and 7:30 pm, Saturday, April 8 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm, and Sunday, April 9 at 2 pm. Adult tickets are \$13 and Seniors are \$11. Watch for us as a segment on the local CBS Sunday morning news show on channel 58 at 7:00 am Sunday, March 26. For more information, go to <http://www.waukeshacivictheatre.org/60thSeason/SnowWhite.html>.

Exploring Cuisines

Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 pm

There's an interesting restaurant that opened fairly recently called The Farmers Wife. Located at 6533 W. Mitchell Street, it is described as having "sustainably sourced American comfort food classics" and being a sort of "Sunday dinner" restaurant. Robin, one of the owners, says that they have a policy of Wisconsin made/Wisconsin grown as much as possible for their ingredients.

Exploring Cuisines will visit The Farmer's Wife on Tuesday, April 18. We will meet at the restaurant at 6:30. Some of their menu items include an Oyster Mushroom Po-Boy (\$10), Pot Roast (\$14), Chicken Pot Pie (\$12) and Pear Salad (\$11). You can check out the rest of the menu at www.thefarmerswife66.com.

If you would like to join us please call Cindy at (414)336-8695 by Monday April 17 so I can make reservations.

Nordic Trails Hike and Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 22, 10:00 am

Need a change, want to up your activity level, celebrate Earth Day, go to a planetarium, and listen to music? Here's your chance.

Start your day hiking with fellow Nordics at Nordic Trails in Southern Kettle Moraine at 10:00 am Saturday April 22. Choose a trail of your choice distance and difficulty. For details, check out this website: http://www.trailville.com/wiki/WI_Kettle_Moraine_South_Nordic_Trails.

We can take a break and eat lunch at the Backyard Bike Shop. The second half of your adventure can take you to Retzer Nature Center's Earth Week. It's a free day. There will be a Planetarium Show every half hour until 3:00 pm, music from 3 - 5 pm, or try the Magical Mystery Tour from 7:15 - 9 pm, which is a Guided Twilight Hike into Brown's Fen and listen to nature's symphony. For more details go to page 9 at http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/uploadedFiles/Media/PDF/Parks_and_Land_Use/Parks_System/Retzer/Feb-Aug17EEGuideWeb.pdf.

We'll meet at the Shelter at Nordic Ski Trails at 10:00 am. For questions call Julie Amundson 262-468-8223. A state park sticker is required at the Nordic Ski Trail Head. Entrance to Retzer Nature Center is free this day.

Doctors Park Hike

Sunday, April 23, 1:00 pm

Join Wisconsin Go Hiking Club and NSCM members for a local hike starting at 1 pm in the Doctors Park parking lot. Enjoy a leisurely 7-mile hike through local neighborhoods before returning to Doctors Park.

Directions (from downtown): Go north on Highway I-43. Exit I-43 at Brown Deer Road; head east about 2 miles until it ends at Lake Drive. Then turn right and go 1 mile to Dean Road; turn left and go 1 mile to Fox Lane. Doctors Park is at 1870 East Fox Lane, Fox Point. Call Nordic Ski Club member Mike Craig at 414-552-5011 if you have any questions.

Fundraising Update

Supporting cross-country skiing and outdoor groups and venues is part of our tradition at the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee. We started a fundraising project this year to replace our biannual auction, which had become too labor-intensive. As the end of the project approaches, we need just \$140 more in direct cash donations to reach the matching funds amount of \$690 pledged by individual members of the Nordic Ski Club board. Direct cash donations are separate from funds we have raised from auctions at our meetings. Our overall goal is to raise \$2,300 for this year.

The largest portion, \$1,300, will go to the snowmaking project at Lapham Peak State Forest, where many of us ski regularly. We also have requests to provide funds to the Chris Kegel Foundation to support bicycling in Wisconsin; the Peak Nordic children's ski program; and Minocqua Winter Park. The board is open to other requests to support outdoor-activity programs in Wisconsin.

The fundraising project includes both direct cash donations and funds raised via mini-auctions at the January through April meetings. Through March the mini-auctions have raised \$845. Many of our board members have contributed to the auctions as well as to the pledged matching funds. If you can't make it to one of our meetings, consider donating directly to the club via check, made to Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee (and marked "donation" in the comments field). Send by April 18 to treasurer Dave Herrewig, 9713 W. Debbie Lane, Milwaukee, WI 53224. Cathy Ward runs the mini-auctions. If you'd like to donate services or items, contact her at cward4@att.net.

Valley Spur 2017 Trip Recap...A Nice End to the Season!

Submitted by Ann Derse

Valley Spur in Munising, Michigan won us over once again with its superb conditions during all three days of skiing starting on Friday, March 3. The snow was dense and dry for both skiing and snowshoeing by 43 participants. Temperatures were pleasant, and it was mostly sunny with some wind. A large branch crashed down on the ski trail right in front of Kay K. To start off Friday's skiing, Paul and Karen M had made chocolate covered strawberries for us!

For the annual "Taste and Glide" fundraiser on Saturday, we wore fun shirts, crazy hats, and bright necklaces. Overall turnout was better than for last year. Food was available in the log chalet, outside the chalet, and at two tables on the trails. The live music prompted many sing-alongs. The food was especially good this year with tons of wonderful homemade salads, four soups from a volunteer, tasty pasties made by local Moose Lodge ladies, chicken salad croissants from a local brew pub, homemade cookies and bars and cupcakes, fruit pieces (even a carved pineapple "bird"), baked brie, ham, shredded BBQ turkey...groan...that's why I fondly refer to this event as the "Stuff and Shuffle."

Many people enjoyed our group's camaraderie during a spaghetti dinner at Falling Rock Café on Friday evening. On Saturday evening, quite a few stayed at the hotel to talk, eat, order pizza, or watch a movie. Others tried new restaurants, such as the Duck Pond pub in Christmas or Pictured Rocks Pizza for yummy wood-fired pizzas. Everyone liked the Holiday Inn Express and its beautiful view of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

Thanks to Stan for leading a great trip and to Jim for driving our bus for the third time. What a way to end the season! At the time of this publication, Valley Spur still has plenty of lovely

snow on the ground... <http://valleyspur.org/>

Note: Please upload your trip photos to our club website, and check out what's already posted there.

From the Program Committee

How did the winter ski trips do? Based on the ski trip evaluations, they all did pretty well depending on how much emphasis you place on the three categories being graded: skiing, lodging, and group meals. Placing equal emphasis on each of these categories, Valley Spur was the highest rated because of the high skiing rating and highest lodging rating. Minocqua was rated second and ABR was rated third. Keweenaw was the lowest rated due to the lowest lodging and group meals ratings even though it had the highest skiing rating by far.

What did we learn from your comments? Since Swedetown is the favorite place to ski on the Keweenaw trip, we will plan on skiing there the first and last days and let you choose between MTU and Maasto Hiihto (striding only) the second day in the Keweenaw. That would also allow for longer time skiing at Maasto Hiihto since it won't be on the last day. Since everyone has signed up for the Taste & Glide event the past two Valley Spur ski trips, that event will be included in the cost of next year's Valley Spur ski trip, making life easier for you and the ski trip leader.

The Program Committee is currently working on selecting dates for next winter's ski trips, although the Keweenaw Peninsula ski trip will be Fri., Dec. 29 thru Mon., Jan. 1 and the Valley Spur ski trip will be Fri., Mar. 2 thru Sun., Mar. 4. Jim Michler will be leading a ski trip to Snow Mountain Ranch (YMCA of the Rockies) in Colorado beginning Jan. 12 or 13 thru Jan. 20. We still plan on having 4 bus trips next winter and possibly one or more car pool ski trips. Stay tuned for updates in future newsletters.

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