



## FIRED UP FOR FIREWORKS!

*Saturday, July 4*

Climb high into the bleachers at State Fair Park to join Nordic Ski Club members for the third annual July 4th fireworks outing with Gary Braun and Paula Brookmire. You can see more than 20 suburban fireworks displays at once with a 180-degree view of the eastern sky. On a clear July 4th night, the view is three-dimensional: small bursts of fireworks in the background while the West Allis display looms large in front of you. July 4th is a Saturday this year, and that's when most suburbs do their fireworks. It's fun trying to guess which city's fireworks pop up in the distance between 9 and 10:15 pm at State Fair Park (which has indoor bathrooms) you don't have to fight the crowds or stand in Port-o-Potty lines as you will on Friday, July 3rd, at Milwaukee's main fireworks next to Lake Michigan. We'll be sitting fairly high up in the comfortable blue seats (with full backs, not just bleachers). We plan to sit in the center area, but call us beforehand to get an exact location and to R.S.V.P.: (414) 527-0040. Please bring a red hat, red scarf, red top or something else red so we can stand out as a group. Parking is free on State Fair Park grounds. It's best to get there by 8 or 8:30 pm for a parking spot and to find our group while it's still light. There's entertainment on the grounds as early as 7:00 pm. West Allis fireworks start at 9:20 pm, but others start earlier. State Fair Park faces Greenfield Ave. and is east of 84th St.

### NSCM 2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

Unlike a lot of the big banks, the Club is in good financial condition. Here's a snapshot of the finances for the Club's fiscal year ended 9/30/08:

- Total Club Assets (Cash): \$ 17,725
- Net Income (Loss) for the year ended 9/30/08: (\$5,928)

The loss reported for the past year reflects a couple of unusual items including an accounting method change for membership, and delayed contributions from the 2007 service auction. Ski trips paid for themselves. Year-to-date net earnings for the current year beginning 10/1/2008 are closer to normal.

The Club needs to have a cash balance of about \$15,000 - \$20,000 in the event that a ski trip is cancelled without the ability to obtain refunds of amounts paid for hotel, bus, etc.

The Club's ski trips are budgeted very tightly. Membership dues are intended to cover the other club expenses. The Club does make charitable contributions as well. In the last couple of years, dues alone have been insufficient to cover all club expenses and so the club has run small deficits. The Board is keeping a close eye on this and is exploring ways in which we can bring expenses more in line with dues.

Contact Treasurer Becky Yakes with any questions.

### SERVICE AUCTION DONATIONS

The 2009 Service Auction earned **\$2,631**. Below is a list of how the money will be donated:

- **\$600** Minocqua Winter Park
- **\$650** to Friends of Valley Spur
- **\$650** to Friends of Lapham Peak
- **\$240** will be used to pay the entry fees for high school Kortelopez skiers in 2009 & 2010
- **\$500** Maria Stuber Olympic Fund

None of this would be possible without the generous donations by the club members of their items, time and talent, as well as of the club members' wealth for bidding and buying all the wonderful items. Thank you very much for making the 2009 Nordic Service Auction a grand success!  
- Katie Bivens

# NORDIC SKI CLUB



Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee, Inc. (NSCM) is a membership-based outing association active year-round since 1971.

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## RAVINIA

Saturday, July 25

This year's trip to Ravinia will be on Saturday, July 25 when we will hear the Chicago Symphony Orchestra play the familiar New World Symphony. Also on the program is a Brahms piano concerto played by Peter Serkin. The cost of a lawn seat ticket is \$10 and is purchased when we get to Ravinia. We will meet at the northeast lot of the Ryan Road Park and Ride at 2:15 pm. (Note this year's new meeting location). Due to construction on I-94, we will leave promptly at 2:30 pm to carpool to Waukegan to catch the 4:10 pm Metra train that will take us directly to Ravinia Park. The Metra weekend pass is \$5 cash, paid on the train. You can bring food, beverages, blankets, lawn chairs and candles. There is also a wide variety of food that can be purchased there. You can also rent chairs and tables if you don't care to lug yours around. This is a lovely way to spend a summer evening. The music is always wonderful, the people watching can't be beat and we know how good Nordics are with food. If you are interested please call Cindy at (414) 483-5912. No money will be collected ahead of time.

## WANTED - HOLIDAY PARTY LEADER

One of our best-attended and enjoyable events of the year is our annual Holiday Party. However, we can only have a Holiday Party if someone agrees to lead it. How about you being that someone? The event is tentatively planned for the first weekend of December although the date is not set in stone. Many club members are always willing to help plan and assist you with this event. We already have some good ideas for party locations, so pick up a phone and call Paul Keber at (262) 547-9447. It's also a great way to meet club members.

## EXPLORING CUISINES

Wednesday, July 15



If we are lucky we will be able to enjoy outdoor dining on Mexican and Latin American food outdoors at the next Exploring Cuisines. The restaurant is Antigua, 5823 W. Burnham St, West Allis. They offer tapas, appetizers, soups, salads and entrees such as Mole Poblano (\$13), Chiles en Nogada (\$14.79) and Ropa Vieja (\$13). The menu can be viewed online at: <http://antiguamilwaukee.com/>. If you would like to join us for a leisurely and, hopefully, tropical summer evening of great food call Cindy *by Tuesday July 14* at (414) 483-5912 to let her know you are coming.

## WANTED - NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

The Nordic Ski Club is seeking a new Membership Chair. After a stint lasting several years as newsletter editor and then membership chair, Kay Krebs has asked to relinquish her position. We are very grateful for the tremendous job Kay has done over the years. The tasks of the membership chair have been streamlined and far more efficient than before. The member information is kept in Excel. Comfort with that program, ability to speak with prospective members and attend the September and October Ski Club meetings would be great qualifications for the new Chair. Most membership renewals are from September to November. Replying to inquiries from prospective members is year-round. If you are interested in learning more about the role of Membership Chair, please speak with Kay or Katie Bivens.

## **SOUTH SHORE FARMERS MARKET BIKE RIDE**

*Saturday, July 11*



Here's a way to multi-task and have fun at the same time! Meet at the south parking lot of the Grant Park Golf Course Clubhouse in South Milwaukee at 7:30 am on Saturday, July 11. We will ride

the Oak Leaf bike trail to the South Shore Farmers Market in Bayview. This is one of the best farmers markets in the area. You can have coffee, juice, bakery, fruit or omelets for breakfast. After breakfast wander the market and stock up on your weekly veggies. Remember to have bike bags, panniers or a backpack to put your purchases in for the ride back to the clubhouse. Bring a lock for your bike. Helmets are strongly recommended. If you have questions, please contact Barb Johnson at (414) 762-0741.

## **HOLY HILL BIKE RIDE**

*Saturday, July 18*



Join us for a 30 mile bike tour and take in the unique landscape of the Holy Hill area. Along the way we will take a break and visit with the animals at Monches Farm, and possibly take in an outdoor art

exhibit. The terrain is hilly but the pace will be gentle. Afterwards, we will stop at a local eatery for food and beverage. We will depart at 10 am from the parking lot of Glacial Hills County Park in Washington County.

Directions: Hwy 41/45 north to Hwy 167 west (or Holy Hill Rd). Turn left (west) on 167 and drive 5.5 miles to Friess Lake Rd. (Fox N Hounds sign), turn left (south) and drive 0.3 miles. The park entrance is on your left. Take the first left into the park (at the park sign) and then onto the gravel parking lot. Please call Jim Aveni with questions and to R.S.V.P. at (414) 429-0827.

## **LABOR DAY CAMPING TRIP AT HARTMAN CREEK STATE PARK**

*Friday, September 4 - Monday, September 7*

Time to celebrate summer with your fellow Nordics over a three day weekend filled with adventure. This area supports something for everyone: the Chain of Lakes for the Paddler, beautiful country roads for the road biker, a lake for swimmers, and trails for the hikers. We'll be in the group campsite. Campfires will be held nightly, no sacrifices required. Traditional group Potluck will be held on Saturday night.

Hartman Creek State Park is approximately 6 miles west of Waupaca and requires a State Park sticker. Look for further details in our August newsletter. Please call with questions Julie (262) 567-4531

## **UPPER ROCK RIVER AYH CANOE TRIP**

*Sunday, July 12*

On Sunday, July 12, the Nordics will join the AYH (American Youth Hostels) trip along a 12-mile section of the upper Rock River. This is a calm river suitable for beginners. Bald eagles and many great blue herons were seen on this same stretch of river two years ago. The trip will begin on County O west of Ashippun and end at Kanow County Park 5 miles west of Oconomowoc. Meet at the firehouse parking lot just west of Hwy 67 in the town of Ashippun (about 6 miles north of Oconomowoc) at 9:30 am. Please bring a bag lunch, beverage, and gloves for the trip. Call Mike Craig, AYH trip leader and NSCM member, at (414) 552-5011 to reserve a spot on the trip and to get trip details such as where to meet. Identify yourself as a Nordic Ski Club member. Trip cost is \$12 per person for canoe rental or a \$3 activity fee if you have your own canoe or kayak. Money should be paid directly to Mike.

## **NORDIC SUMMER PICNIC AT PIKE LAKE**

*Sunday, July 26*

It's time for the Nordic summer picnic, held once again at the Kettle Moraine State Forest-Pike Lake Unit. Enjoy biking, hiking, swimming, kayaking, canoeing, or just visiting with friends. The north shelter is reserved from 9 am until dark. Depart at 9:30 am for a beautiful 25 mile bike ride through the Holy Hill area.

Our famous potluck picnic will begin at 1 pm. Charcoal, napkins, paper plates, utensils, and basic condiments will be provided. Bring your own beverage, meat to grill, and a dish to pass. In addition to your swimsuit, hiking boots, bike and helmet, kayak or canoe, you may want to bring sunscreen, bug repellent (if you want to hike), a lawn chair, and outdoor games to share. A State Park admission sticker is needed for your vehicle (annual \$25; daily \$7). Call Nancy Zoltowski at (414) 254-0523 or e-mail at [nlzoltowski@gmail.com](mailto:nlzoltowski@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Directions: Take Highway 45 north from Milwaukee to Highway 41 north and exit at Highway 60. Go west about 3.5 miles and turn left/south on Kettle Moraine Drive, just west of Slinger. Go one mile south to the beach parking lot on the right/west. Look for the Nordics at the north shelter, which is to the right/north side as you enter.

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS TODAY!**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JULY

- 4 July 4th Celebration  
- Gary Braun and Paula Brookmire  
(414) 527-0040
- 11 South Shore Farmers Market Bike Ride  
- Barb Johnson (414) 762-0741
- 12 Upper Rock River AYH Canoe Trip  
- Mike Craig (414) 552-5011
- 15 Exploring Cuisines Restaurant  
- Cindy Wiktorek (414) 483-5912
- 18 Holy Hill Bike Ride  
- Jim Aveni (414) 429-0827
- 25 Ravinia Concert  
- Cindy Wiktorek (414) 483-5912
- 26 Pike Lake Summer Picnic  
- Nancy Zoltowski (414) 254-0523
- 7/31 - 8/2 Sip and Glide Canoe / Kayak Trip Backup Date  
- Paul Erspamer (414) 963-4081  
- Jim Walsh (414) 228-8229

## AUGUST

- 7 Tichigan Marsh AYH Moonlight Paddle  
- Gary Johncox (262) 534-2131
- 8 Local Bike Ride  
- Bob & Kris Riedel (262) 549-1179
- 9 Lulu Lake AYH Canoe Trip  
- Marge Brewer (414) 873-4565
- 15 Local Bike Ride and Cookout  
- Chris & John Pantazon (920) 474-3203
- 19 Milwaukee River AYH Twilight Paddle  
- Bill Ross (414) 332-1889

**Nordic Ski Club** events may be changed or canceled up to the last minute. For the latest information, always call the Nordic Hotline.  
414-299-9639

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## SAVE THE DATE!

- September 4-7* **Hartman Creek State Park Camping Trip**  
See the July and August Newsletters for more details.
- September 25-27* **Up North Fall Weekend Trip**  
See the September Newsletter for more details.



## THINK SNOW IN JULY? 2009-2010 SKI TRIPS

### ABR Trails

Fri., Dec. 11 (6 pm) – Sun., Dec. 13

### Keweenaw Peninsula

Thurs., Dec. 31 (8 am) – Sun., Jan. 3

### Minocqua Winter Park


Fri., Jan. 22 (8 am) – Sun., Jan. 24

### Telemark Lodge

Fri., Feb. 12 (8 am) – Sun., Feb. 14

### Valley Spur

Fri., Mar. 5 (8 am, 6 pm) – Sun., Mar. 7



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