

## MARCH

### ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK DINNER

*THURSDAY, March 19*

Catch up with old and new friends while reminiscing about the recent ski season at the NSCM Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner. From the first bus trip of the season at ABR Trails, to the final trip of the season at Valley Spur with its popular "Taste and Glide" event, come and share your memories of friendship, fun, great trails, and lots of snow!

Bring a dish to pass and savor the creativity of delicious skier cuisine. After that last delicious bite of your tasty dessert, the annual meeting will begin with the election of board members, followed by the announcement of this year's spring and summer events.

**Time:** 6:30 pm Potluck dinner & socializing;  
8:00 pm Annual meeting, board election, and information on upcoming events;  
9:30 - 11 pm Socializing

**Location:** Greenfield Park Pavilion  
2028 S. 124th Street  
West Allis, WI

**What is provided:** Soda, coffee, dinnerware, and condiments.

**What to bring:** A dish to share – please call Mary Lucas at (414) 486-1933 to coordinate food.

The meeting is open to everyone and is free to those bringing a potluck dish.



*Last Chance!*

### VALLEY SPUR SKI TRIP

*Friday, March 6  
- Sunday, March 8*

Sign up now for our popular ski trip to Valley Spur near Munising, Michigan. Bus 1, which is full with a short waiting list, departs at 8 am Friday and may stop to ski on 25 km of well-groomed ski trails at Brown County Reformation Camp near Green Bay. Bus 2, departing at 6 pm Friday, has seats available and travels directly to Munising.

On Saturday and Sunday, we ski at Valley Spur Ski Trail in Hiawatha National Forest. Valley Spur has some of the most scenic ski trails found anywhere and a quaint, heated log cabin to keep you warm. Saturday is the annual "Taste and Glide" event (optional, about \$11 extra) that benefits Valley Spur and features lots of tasty food, such as chocolate-covered strawberries, at several tables along the trail, as well as in the log cabin.

Accommodations are at the Days Inn in Munising with sauna, whirlpool, swimming pool, and free continental breakfast. Contact trip leaders Jim Aveni (Bus 1) (414) 429-0827 or Mark Blackman (Bus 2) (262) 542-4185 for more information.

### BOERNER FISH FRY AND BLUES MUSIC

*Friday, March 27*

How about a tasty fish fry, Sprecher beer, and live blues music? Join us at Bartolotta's at Boerner Botanical Gardens Education and Visitor Center in Whitnall Park, 9400 Boerner Drive in Hales Corners. Meet in the lobby at 6:30 pm. Entrees such as Tempura Battered Shrimp and Great Lakes Yellow Perch range from \$14.95 to \$18.95 and include a delicious all-you-can-eat soup and salad bar, which is also available by itself for \$9.99. The Jim Liban Harmonic Blues Trio provides live music until 9 pm. Call Cindy *as soon as possible* at (414) 483-5912 to reserve your place, as this is a popular dining spot and early reservations are required to lock in our time slot.

# 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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## CONTACT US AT HOTLINE

### 414 299-9639

[www.nordicskiclub.org](http://www.nordicskiclub.org)

For membership information, call  
Kay Krebs (262) 794-0351

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#### To Update Your Contact Information:

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## NORDIC PICTURES WANTED

Shutterbugs take note!  
Please share your digital pictures  
taken at recent club events with  
Newsletter Designer Beth Donnelly  
at [badonnelly@gmail.com](mailto:badonnelly@gmail.com) for  
possible inclusion in future news-  
letter issues. Thanks!

## ARTICLES NEEDED

Do you attend Nordic  
events and like to write? We are  
looking for written recaps of our  
past activities (especially for this  
season's ski trips) to be published  
in club newsletters, space permit-  
ting. Please email your short  
articles to Beth Donnelly at  
[badonnelly@gmail.com](mailto:badonnelly@gmail.com).



## CANDLELIGHT SKI EVENTS

Check the Wisconsin DNR  
website for upcoming candlelight  
ski/hike events: [http://dnr.wi.gov/  
org/caer/ce/news/candlelight.htm](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/news/candlelight.htm).



## CONDITIONS AT S.E. WIS. SKI TRAILS

For honest reports from  
fellow skiers about skiing condi-  
tions at trails in southeastern  
Wisconsin, go to this link on the  
Lapham Peak Friends website:  
[www.laphampeakfriends.org/Vi  
ewSkiereportsExpanded.php](http://www.laphampeakfriends.org/Vi<br/>ewSkiereportsExpanded.php)

## SPREAD THE WORD!

Invite your friends to any  
of our monthly meetings, events, or  
social get-togethers. A friend of  
yours is a friend of ours! Extra  
copies of the newsletter can be  
emailed from our website or printed  
and handed to your friends with an  
invitation to join. To help promote  
the club, business cards listing the  
Nordic Ski Club hotline and web-  
site are available from President  
Katie Bivens or Membership Chair  
Kay Krebs. Give the cards out  
liberally, and post them wherever  
you think there might be interest.  
Remember, we're a year-round  
recreation club. Spread the word!

## CLUB T-SHIRTS & LUGGAGE TAGS FOR SALE

Promote our club with  
pride! Luggage tags (\$2 each, or  
3 for \$5) and navy, long-sleeved  
t-shirts (\$15) are available with  
the NSCM logo. All money  
raised will be donated to outdoor  
nonprofit organizations. Contact  
President Katie Bivens for more  
information.

**MARK  
THESE FUN  
EVENTS  
IN YOUR  
CALENDAR  
TODAY!**

## NORDIC SERVICE AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

THURSDAY, April 23

Can you donate your services for handyman work or waxing a pair of skis? Do you bake a great pie or make tasty cookies? How about donating a favorite photograph you took? Now is the time for your creative donation to the club's auction to be held at Greenfield Park Pavilion. A list of items secured so far is included to inspire and tempt you, as more auction items are needed. Money raised will be awarded to wonderful causes associated with the out-of-doors.

If you have item(s) for the auction, please contact Jean Jantzen at (262) 446-0030 or email [jean\\_jantzen@hotmail.com](mailto:jean_jantzen@hotmail.com) (Subject: "Nordic Auction"), or Anne Riendl at [annemr@execpc.com](mailto:annemr@execpc.com). Thank you for helping to make the auction a big success!

NSCM GOODS AND SERVICES AUCTION LIST AS OF 2/10/09	
Ideas - Rake Lawn, Books, CDs, Home Repair, Clean Closets, House Sit, Pet Sit, Ski Waxing, Baked Goods, Gardening, Weeding, Pruning, Planting, Plants...use your imagination!	
Donor Name	Item/Goods/Service
Hansen, Eric	Book - Hiking Upper Peninsula
Storey, Betty	Homemade Apple Pie
Johnson, Barb	Trio of Soups
Fischer, Dick	Dicks' Famous Herring Potato Salad
Doebler, Carol	Wash Windows only on 1st floor with easy access
Jantzen, Jean	Pet Sitting 1 week for friendly pet in your house in/near Waukesha
Aveni, Jim	Cheesecake
Pfeiffer, Edna	Plants - Tomato, Flower
Tekus, Anresa	CDs (4)
Carlson, Millie	Biscotti
Farrell, Priscilla	Baked Goods
Keber, Rita	Rita - dinner for 4 Juanita Becker playing Piano
Rozanski, Ann	Handmade Bead Jewelry
Zizzo, Linda	Homemade 9x13" Veggie or Meat Lasagna
Couture, Renee	Artwork - Pastel Drawing, Photo, Pot?
Keber, Paul	Ski Waxing (3)
Heuer, Sally	Swix Kickwax and Klisters
Sugden, Sandy	Small Pottery/Cement Sculpture
Riendl, Anne	Pet Sitting for 2 weekends, Fri-Sun
Utermohlen, Chuck	Chocolate Cake
Pfeiffer, Edna	Cat Sitting for 2 weekends (no meds)
Wisotzke, Arlene	Mending of Clothing
Haverfield, Anne	Baked Item
McCarthy, John	Handmade Ski Waxing Bench
Fix, Wayne	Baked Item
Cummings, Stephen	Bottle of Wine
Heuer, Sally & Steve Culver	Sailboat Ride on Lake Michigan
Schneider, Jane & Greg	Baked Goods and Wine
Pingel, Alice	Lasagna and Bread, delivered
Keene, John	Dental Exam and X-rays
Keene, John	Door County Cottage for 4 for 2 nights
Brookmire, Paula	1-hr Massage or Pain Relief Treatment
Heuer, Sally	Fur Stole
Walsh, Jim	Nice Bottle of Red Wine
Schrader, Dee	Dee's Famous Rum Cake
Ziarek, Joanne	Silk Flower Arrangement
Craig, Mike	Chocolate Chip Cookies

## ONE CANDIDATE SOUGHT FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It is election time! Please consider becoming a Nordic board member candidate! A nine-member board of directors leads our club, and every year in March, elections are held for half of the board members. Terms are staggered so that only four or five members of the board are elected/re-elected each year to serve two-year terms. The new board then elects officers of the club to serve one-year terms.

The primary duties are to oversee club activities in order to maintain a dynamic, smooth running organization. The board also plans the monthly meetings and obtains the speakers. Board meetings are usually held on the second Monday evening of the month at the homes of board members.

We value the time commitment of the board and strive to keep meetings brief. From the current board, only one member is stepping down. Three current members are volunteering to serve another term if re-elected.

If you are interested in serving on the board or if you have questions about the board and its functions, please contact President Katie Bivens at (262) 327-4899 or any current board member.

## SKI TRAILS GROOMED AT THREE MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS

Big news - ski on groomed trails close to home! Check out the article by Tom Held of the Journal Sentinel about the new grooming at Brown Deer, Whitnall, and Grant parks at: <http://www.jsonline.com:80/blogs/lifestyle/35500674.html>. Grant Park will be for striding only. Ski rentals will be available at the Whitnall Park golf club house on Saturdays and Sundays starting at 10 am. The trail conditions report for Brown Deer Park is at: [http://wsacltd.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=296&Itemid=171](http://wsacltd.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=296&Itemid=171).

## JULY - OCTOBER EVENT IDEAS?

The Program Committee is now planning our calendar of events for the months of July through October. If you have a fun activity to suggest—or better yet, to lead—please contact Chairperson Paul Keber or any committee member. Ideas can range from simple events, such as a hike or gathering for a summer concert, to bigger events...the more creative, the better!

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MARCH

- 6 - 8 Valley Spur Ski Trip  
- Jim Aveni (414) 429-0827
- 19 Annual Meeting & Potluck Dinner  
(Thursday night)
- 27 Boerner Fish Fry  
- Cindy Wiktorek (414) 483-5912

## APRIL

- 18 Board Games Night  
- Rita Keber (262) 547-4827
- 23 Monthly Meeting & Service Auction  
- Jean Jantzen (262) 446-0030
- 25 Wild Flower Walk  
- Joe Neidinger (262) 786-8539

## MAY

- 2 Exploring Natural Wisconsin  
- Crystal Hoecherl (414) 873-3034
- 3 Oconomowoc River AYH Canoe Trip  
- Mike Craig (414) 552-5011
- 12 Exploring Cuisines Restaurant  
- Cindy Wiktorek (414) 483-5912
- 16 Local Bike Ride  
- Paul Keber (262) 547-4827
- 23 Wild Flower Walk  
- Juanita Becker (262) 785-7587

**THINK  
SNOW!!!**  
(For just one more month!)

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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## NORDIC PHOTO GALLERY

**-14°? What's the big deal?**



Paul Keber - Minocqua



Paula Brookmire - Minocqua



Alice Pingel, Jim Walsh, Jerry Dalsky,  
Becky White, Mary Lucas - Minocqua

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