

APRIL ANNUAL MEETING & SERVICE AUCTION

FRIDAY, April 1

Once again, we are hosting the very exciting Service Auction on Friday, April 1st. *No Foolin' folks!!* We'll start off with our Annual Meeting with the election of board members, followed by the announcement of this year's spring and summer events. Afterwards, we'll continue a great evening of fun, socializing and contributing to the development of cross-country skiing and outdoor recreation facilities. Auctioneer extraordinaire Paul Keber will entertain and keep the goods flowing. Visit our website to view the list of services and goods already donated. Your generous bidding on the auction goods and services will fund the club's charitable donations. Bid high and bid often!

Time: 6:30 pm Socializing
7:00 pm Annual meeting, board election, and information on upcoming events;
7:30-10 pm Socializing & Auction checkout

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

What to bring: Your generosity in the form of a checkbook or cash, in addition to your friends! Your items for the auction. Last-minute donations will be accepted.

The meeting is *free* and open to everyone.

Requests for funds are due *by Friday, March 31* to Katie Bivens at katiebivens@ymail.com. The board will then review all applications and award the auction proceeds based on our club's interests and focus.

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EXPLORING NATURAL WISCONSIN: BUTLER LAKE AND FLYNN'S SPRING STATE NATURAL AREA

Saturday, April 2

The first exploration this year, on Saturday, April 2 will be to an area close to home but known worldwide. We may be a bit early for the spring ephemerals, but before the trees leaf-out is a great time to explore the glacial features of the North Kettle Moraine State Forest. Butler Lake is a seven-acre spring-fed kettle that lies between 2 eskers, one of which is the Parnell Esker, known world wide. The esker is 5-35 feet high and about 4 miles long. The lake is surrounded by sedge meadow; tamaracks grow along the northwestern and southern shores. You may enjoy the area enough to return when it's warmer to find the rare unicorn clubtail dragonfly. A portion of the 3.1 mile trail is shared with the Ice Age Trail, so if you're trying to finish the IAT, you have the bonus of hiking a portion of it that afternoon. Be sure to bring water, a snack if you like and footwear that will keep your feet dry while hiking in a low-lying area in the spring. We'll meet to carpool at noon at the Good Hope Park N Ride off HWY 41. We can meet those coming from the north at the Jackson Park N Ride. On the way back we can stop at a hidden gem: a coffee shop that makes all their own delicious breads and other treats on-site. Please call Crystal Hoecherl at 414.614.3034 to *RSVP by April 1st* so we know to look for you at the Park N Ride.

FRIDAY FISH FRY WITH LIVE MUSIC BY THE NORDICS VERY OWN DAVE IMPERL

Friday, April 8 & Friday, May 13

Live at Callanan's Parkway Pub at 9pm
11505 W. National Ave., West Allis

Friday Fish Fry: Open to Close
Drinks: 6pm to Close

\$7.95 - Beer Battered Cod
\$8.95 - Baked Cod

For more information or questions, contact
Dave Imperl at (414) 870-1213 or dimperl@att.net

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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FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE . . .

Once again another successful ski season is in the books! Thanks to all of you who signed up for one of the 5 bus trips or 2 carpool ski trips. Both carpool trips were a success and may be repeated in future ski seasons. As far as the bus trip evaluations go, the Valley Spur ski trip was rated best in all three categories: skiing, lodging and group meals. Too bad it was the least attended of the 5 bus trips. The Marquette ski trip was rated the lowest mainly due to lodging and group meals. Keweenaw was rated second lowest mainly due to skiing and lodging. It is evident the majority of our club members prefer the trips leaving in the morning as opposed to the evening. We were planning on doing that for Valley Spur next year and will look at what days the New Years trip should be held since New Years Day is on Sunday. Maybe Friday morning thru Monday? Think about saving vacation days for that trip. We will probably keep ABR on a Friday night schedule since there is a very low likelihood of finding snow to ski on the way up that time of year plus we should have at least one trip available for club members who can't get off during a weekday. As far as lodging, I would definitely upgrade the Marquette trip lodging the next time we schedule that trip. We will also look at possibly upgrading the Keweenaw trip's lodging. Telemark Resort looks like it will be open next year so we will consider whether that should be one of our destinations next winter.

- Paul Keber

JULY - OCTOBER EVENT IDEAS?

The Program Committee is 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!

EXPLORING CUISINES

Tuesday, May 10

Our May Cuisines will be Charro restaurant, 17800 W. Bluemound Ave. in Brookfield. Charro offers Central and South American food. Entrees include Enchiladas (\$12), Pollo Ahumado (\$19) And Ropa Vieja (\$15). Small Plates like Torta Sliders (\$8) are also available. As always, we will meet at the restaurant at 6:30pm. If you would like to join us, please call Cindy Wiktorek at (414) 483-5912 *by Monday May 9.*

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR FUN CLUB!

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 website are available from President Katie Bivens or Membership Chair Betty Schraith. 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!

NORDIC TRAIL HIKE

Saturday, April 16

Join other Nordics for a scenic hike on the rolling hills of the Nordic Trails in the Southern Kettle Moraine State Forest. The hike will begin at 11am at the trailhead and will be about 6 miles. After the hike we will head to the La Grange general store for refreshments. To get to the trails, take I-43 southwest to Hwy 20 (East Troy) and go west on Hwy 20 to Hwy 12. Go west on Hwy 12 to County H (La Grange), then head north on County H several miles to the parking lot on the east (right) side of the road. Those people who live in Milwaukee may wish to carpool from the south lot of the Watertown Plank Rd Park & Ride. Plan to leave the Park & Ride by 10am. Call Mike Craig at (414) 552-5011 if you have any questions or to let him know you are coming.

EXPLORING NATURAL WISCONSIN: **HORICON MIGRATORY** **BIRD FESTIVAL**

Saturday, May 7

Come explore more aspects of the wildlife found in Horicon Marsh with us Saturday, May 7. The annual Horicon Migratory Bird Festival has new offerings each year. This year we'll enjoy the Wild Birds of Prey presentation, which includes live birds, at the Marsh Haven Nature Center on HWY 49 at the NW corner of the marsh from 1pm-2:10pm. There is a \$2 fee for this event. Afterward you can choose between a hike on one of the 3 looped hiking trails, which traverse woodlands, grasslands and wetlands or an Introduction to Birding Hike from 2:45pm to 4pm. We'll conclude with a dinner visit to the Celtic Crossroads in Mayville.

We can carpool from the Watertown Plank Park N Ride at 12pm, and if desired, meet those coming from farther north at the Jackson Park N Ride. Please RSVP to Crystal Hoecherl at (414) 614-3034 **by Thursday, May 5** so we'll know to look for you at the Park N Ride.

Here's a link to more information in case you are interested in other festival events, ranging from boat tours to night sounds hikes:
<http://www.horiconmarshbirdclub.com/birdfestivalevents.cfm>

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS TODAY!**

2011 AMERICAN BIRKEBEINER RESULTS

This year's Birkebeiner XC Ski Marathon from Telemark to Hayward, WI was held on Saturday, February 26. The course was in terrific shape with a good base and very fast for the first half of the race but slowed down a bit in the second half. The temperature was stated to be -10 degrees at the 8am start, but I'm guessing it was only a few degrees below zero for my 8:45am start. The temperature around 1:30pm was 8 degrees in Cable, so it never got over single digits for the high. It was not shocking news when it was later announced that it was the 2nd coldest race in history! Congratulations to all who finished either the 50 km Birkebeiner, 54 km Classic Birkebeiner, or the 23 km Korteloppet race! Classic racers are indicated by ©. Times listed below are for club members as of mid-January. My apologies to any member who was accidentally omitted.
- Paul Keber

Birkebeiner Times

Michael Dix	4:16:07
Paul Eiche	3:59:59
John Idzikowski©	4:49:55
Paul Keber	3:15:35
John McCarthy	3:00:54
Anne Riendl	6:33:47
Barb Tremel	7:51:33

(© indicates classic skiers)

Korteloppet Times

Kathy Clavette	2:36:00
Beth Donnelly©	2:51:09
John Pantazon	1:44:57
Chris Pantazon	2:33:53
Jim Walsh©	2:13:37
Joanne Ziarek©	3:52:45



SPRINGTIME BOARD GAMES NIGHT AT THE KEBERS

Saturday, April 30

Enjoy a spring evening playing board games with friends on Saturday, April 30 at 7pm at the Keber homestead. Bring your favorite games, and please bring a snack or dessert to share. It's always a fun night with laughs and camaraderie. Please call Rita at (262) 547-4827 to RSVP **by 5 pm on Friday, April 29.**

Directions to Keber's: Take I-94 west to the County T (Waukesha/Pewaukee) exit, which is just after the Hwy 16 exit. Turn left and head south 1 mile to Northview Road (a stoplight intersection where Cty T goes down from two to one lane). Turn right and go 2 short blocks to Pebble Valley Rd. Turn right and go 2 blocks to Cobblestone Ct. on your left (about 0.2 miles). Turn left onto Cobblestone Ct. and it's the first house on your right (2000 Cobblestone Ct).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 1 Monthly Meeting & Service Auction
at Greenfield Park - *FRIDAY*
- 2 Exploring Natural Wisconsin
- Crystal Hoecherl (414) 614-3034
- 8 Friday Fish Fry with Live Music
by Dave Imperl at Callanan's Parkway Pub
- 16 Local Hike
- Mike Craig (414) 552-5011
- 30 Board Games Night
- Rita Keber (262) 547-4827

MAY

- 7 Exploring Natural Wisconsin
- Crystal Hoecherl (414) 873-3034
- 10 Exploring Cuisines Restaurant
- Cindy Wiktorek (414) 483-5912
- 13 Friday Fish Fry with Live Music
by Dave Imperl at Callanan's Parkway Pub
- 21 Ride Against Lyme Bike Event
- (*CANCELLED*)
- 28 Local Bike Ride
- Paul Keber (262) 547-4827

JUNE

- 12 Local Hike
- Paula Brookmire (414) 527-0040
- 25 Bark River AYH Canoe Trip
- Mike Craig (414) 552-5011

JULY

- 4 July 4th Fireworks
- Paula Brookmire (414) 527-0040
- 16 Lake Country Classic Bike Ride
- Katie Bivens (414) 321-5487
- 21 Exploring Cuisines Restaurant
- Cindy Wiktorek (414) 483-5912
- 23 Local Canoe / Kayak Trip
- Jim Walsh (414) 517-8330
- 31 Long Lake Summer Picnic
- Nancy Zoltowski (414) 254-0523

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

NORDIC SKI CLUB
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SAVE THE DATE!

July 31 Long Lake Summer Picnic
See the July Newsletter for more details.

September 3-6 Peninsula State Park
Camping Trip
See the July and August Newsletters for more details.

THINK SPRING!!! (Wheeeeeeee!)

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Ideas - House work, Books, CDs, DVD's, Home repair, Electronic, House or Pet Sit, Ski Wax, Baked goods, Clothes, Outdoor Equipment, Gardening, Plants, Lead a trip, Gift Cards, use your Imagination ---				
	Name	Item/Goods/Service	Value	Type
1	Amundson, Julie	Food / Candy		Food
2	Bicycle Doctor	TREK 1.2 Road Bicycle - Winner can use \$889.99 value on any bike	\$890	Goods
3	Bivens, Bob	Banana Bread - 2 loaves		Food
4	Bivens, Katie	Computer Lessons		Service
5	Blackman, Mark & Jane	Wine Basket		Food
6	Braun, Gary	Pie		Food
7	Brookmire, Paula	Massage or bodyworks - 1 hour		Service
8	Couture, Renee	Photos Framed (2)		Goods
9	Couture, Renee	Pastel Painting		Goods
10	Craig, Mike	Baked Desert Breads		Food
11	Culver, Steve	Computer 911 Free Diagnostic		Service
12	Diamond, Cathy	Motorboat ride - tour of Milw River		Service
13	Dix, Mike	Rain Gutter Cleaning		Service
14	Doebler, Carol	Orange Brownies		Food
15	Doebler, Carol	Orange Brownies		Food
42	Doebler, Tod	Bike Maintenance Stand	\$115	Goods
43	Domka, Mary	Knit Hat		Goods
16	Ekers, Rita	Sewn item - ski bag or vest		Goods
17	Emery's Bicycle Shop	Bike Tune Up	\$50	Service
18	Emery's Bicycle Shop	Bike Tune Up	\$50	Service
19	Erspamer, Paul	Simple Will, Living Will, POA		Service
20	Gaskin, Karen	Food / Baked Goods		Food
21	Heuer, Sally	Sailboat Ride on Lake Michigan		Service
22	Hoecherl, Chrystal	Day Lilies - 2 types		Goods
23	Jantzen, Jean	Baked Goods		Food
24	Johnson, Barb	Skating Skis - gently used		Ski Equip
25	Keber, Paul	Ski Waxing (1 or 2 pair) * 3 sets		Service
26	Keber, Rita	Dinner for 4 w/ piano music		Food
27	McCarthy, John	Ski Waxing Bench		Ski Equip
28	Miller, Elly	Lasagna for 6 people		Food
29	Pingel, Alicia	Basket		Food
30	Riendl, Anne	Week pass ProHealth WW F.C. (2)	\$80	Service
31	Riendl, Anne	Week pass ProHealth WW F.C. (2)	\$80	Service
32	Riendl, Anne	Pet care in Waukesha - 2 weekends		Service
33	Rozanski, Ann	Bead Jewelry		Goods
34	Samolyk, Vicki	Art Work		Goods
35	Schneider, Jane	Wine and Baked Goods		Food
36	Schrader, Dee	Rum Cake		Food
37	Stoltz, Jane	Key Lime Pie		Food
38	Sugden, Sandra	Pottery soda fired bowl	\$30	Goods
39	Tekus, Anresa	Books / Food		Goods
40	Tobin, Eric	REI Gift Certificate	\$50	Goods
41	Utermohlen, Chuck	Chocolate Cake		Food

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Clothes, Outdoor Equipment, Gardening, Plants, Lead a trip, Gift Cards, use your Imagination ---				
44	Wheel and Sproket Delafield	Salomon Equipe 8 Skate Skis - No bindings - 169 to 209 lbs	\$204	Ski Equip
45	Wiktorek, Cindy	Zucchini Bread w/ orange & choco		Food
46	Wiktorek, Cindy	Coffee Cake		Food
47	Wisotzke, Arlene	Sailboat Ride on L. Michigan for 4		Service
48	Wyder, Greg	Noquemanon Race Entry Fee 2012		Ski Equip
49	Wyder, Greg	Noquemanon Trail Pass (2011-12)		Ski Equip
50	Ziarek, Joanne	Gift Basket of Tea		Food
51	Ziarek, Joanne	Silk Flower Arrangement		Goods
52	Ziarek, Joanne	Silk Flower Arrangement		Goods
53	Zizzo, Linda	Handmade Greeting Cards (6 pk)		Goods