



# Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee

January 2011	A Year-Around Recreation Club Since 1971	Vol. 41 Issue 1
<p><b>Nordic Calendar</b></p> <p><b>JANUARY - 3, 10, 17, 24, 31</b> <b>NSCM Ski at Lapham Peak</b> John McCarthy 262-549-3604</p> <p><b>6 Coffee House Music Night</b> Al Burrill 414-327-3257</p> <p><b>7 Lapham Peak Lessons</b> Carol Doebler 262-424-2924</p> <p><b>7 Lapham Peak Winter Picnic and Monthly Meeting</b> Rita Keber 262-547-4827</p> <p><b>14 Local Snowshoe Outing - Havenwoods</b> Barb Johnson 262-385-8102</p> <p><b>15 Local Ski or Hike - Nordic Trail</b> Paula Brookmire 414-527-0040</p> <p><b>18 Exploring Cuisines</b> El Seniorial Restaurant Cindy Witorek 414-483-5912</p> <p><b>20 - 22 Minocqua Winterpark Ski Trip</b> John McCarthy</p>	<p><b>Monthly Meeting And Events –</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Happy New Year!!</b></p> <p><b>January Monthly Meeting: Ski Lessons and Winter Picnic</b> <i>Saturday, January 7</i> <b>We are doing something different</b> - The January Membership meeting will be held in conjunction with the winter picnic and ski lessons at Kettle Moraine State Forest-Lapham Peak Unit in Delafield on Saturday, January 7. Get your skiing skills honed for upcoming ski trips with lessons offered by club instructors at 10 am at Homestead Hollow area. We'll have a noon picnic at Trecker Lodge by the Homestead Hollow parking lot. The club will supply the noontime picnic lunch for club members (\$5 for non-members) – IF you make reservations by Wednesday, January 4th. Please call Rita Keber at (262) 547-4827 or email at <a href="mailto:rkeber@milwpc.com">rkeber@milwpc.com</a> if you plan on attending the lunch.</p> <p>After picnicking, Wheel &amp; Sprocket will probably be renting skies in the small building by the red machine shed by Evergreen Shelter area. Lapham Peak is located one mile south of I-94 on County Highway C at the Delafield exit.</p> <p>You will need a 2012 State Park vehicle sticker (annual \$25; daily \$7) and a Trail Pass (annual \$20; daily \$4) per person. These can be purchased at the Lapham Peak entrance station. Lines can be long at the entrance station so come early.</p> <p>Contact Carol Doebler at <a href="mailto:tortoiseski@wi.rr.com">tortoiseski@wi.rr.com</a> for questions regarding the ski lessons. Non-members are encouraged to attend the free lessons, so spread the word!</p> <hr/> <p><b>Winter Ski Trip Sign-Ups</b> If you haven't signed up for the 2011-12 winter ski trips yet, don't delay! The sooner you sign up, the better chance you have to being assured a spot on one or more of these great trips. Use the signup forms from the ski trip flyers you received in the October mailing or print off the form from our website: <a href="http://www.nordicskiclub.org">www.nordicskiclub.org</a>. To check on the status of a trip or to get more information, contact the trip leader or check the Ski Trip Status page on our website. <i>Looking forward to seeing you on the snow!</i></p>	<p><b>Short Notes</b></p> <p><b>Volunteers</b> The Club still needs a newsletter editor and treasurer. Beth Donnelly and Becky Yakes have been doing a fantastic job but are ready to step down. Call Beth, Becky or Katie Bivens if you are interested in learning more.</p> <p><b>Club Membership</b> Membership Renewal due Oct. 1. Renew online and mail check or pay through PayPal. Dues - Individual \$25 Household \$35 Yes, they increased slightly. It's been about 10 years since the last increase.</p> <p>Must be a current member to book ski trips at member rate.</p> <p><b>Web Tips</b> <i>Add Events to your calendar - Click the "Add To My Calendar" Link in the upper RH corner of an event. Open the .ics file and then save the event.</i></p>

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**27 - 29 Medford Carpool Ski Trip**

Mary Lucas  
414-232-4196

**FEBRUARY - 4 Local Ski Outing**

Paul Erspamer  
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**7, 14, 21, 28 NSCM Ski at Lapham Peak**

John McCarthy  
262-549-3604

**10 - 12 Marquette Ski Trip**

Greg Wyder  
414-477-9016

**17 Monthly Meeting**

Greenfield Park Pavilion - Ski Techniques

**18 Board Games Night**

Bob & Katie Bivens  
414-321-5487

**24 - 26 Waupaca Bed & Breakfast Car Pool Ski Trip**

Sally Heuer  
262-786-8731

**MARCH -**

**2 - 4 Valley Spur Ski Trip**

Jane Stolz  
414-226-5076

**16 Monthly Meeting**

Greenfield Park Pavilion, Pot Luck and Nordic Social

**Contact Us**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Coffee House Music Night – Updated!**

*Friday, January 6*

Join fellow Nordics for another evening of music, coffee, and conversation. The Coffee House began in 1967 and features acoustic music, jazz and poetry in a smoke- and alcohol-free environment. This Friday, the theme is the **Songs of Leiber & Stoller** as interpreted By Eron Laber, The Moxie Chicks, Tom Plutshack and a Special Mystery Guest. Doors open at 7:30 pm, and entertainment starts at 8 pm. Cover charge is \$4. This is a food pantry benefit so please bring 2 cans of food for the food pantry. The Coffee House is in Milwaukee at 631 N. 19th Street (19th and Wisconsin Ave.) in the basement of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Free parking is available in the lighted lot or on the street. If you would like to meet at 6:30pm for dinner at Miss Katie's Diner, 1900 W. Clybourn, please contact Al Burrill by Wednesday, January 4 at (414) 651-0695 or [awburrill@earthlink.net](mailto:awburrill@earthlink.net).

**Tuesdays - Nordic Night At Lapham Peak**

*January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28*

Lapham Peak is the premiere location for cross country skiing in Southeast Wisconsin for many reasons, including 5km of lighted trails, of which 1.2km are served by snowmaking. Weeknights at the Peak are alive with activity, with the Peak Nordic Kids on Monday and adult and high school racing on Wednesday. This year, we are designating Tuesdays as Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee night. The event will be very informal – show up when you feel like it – meet your friends in the Evergreen Shelter – head out and stride or skate a couple of loops around the lighted or snowmaking trails -- then around 7:30 to 8pm, come back to the shelter building to have refreshments with the group. Bring something simple to share – your beverage of choice, and an easy snack. No advance sign-up is required. If you have questions or suggestions, contact John McCarthy at (262) 549-3604 but you should expect to leave a message, because he'll probably be out at Lapham, skiing.



**Local Snowshoe Hike: Havenwoods State Forest**

*Saturday, January 14*

Havenwoods State Forest is a 237 acre green space in the city of Milwaukee that may be unfamiliar to some members of the NSCM. Please take this opportunity to explore on snowshoes the 6 miles of trails in this state forest located at 6141 North Hopkins Street, Milwaukee. On January 14, 2012 meet at the parking lot in front of the headquarters at 10am. We will shoe through a variety of open and sheltered areas so dress for the weather. A state park sticker is not required for your car. Please contact event leader Barb Johnson (262) 385.8102 if you have any questions.

**Ski (Or Hike) The Nordic Trail**

*Sunday, January 15*

It's a Sunday afternoon ski on a trail that's named for the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee: the Nordic Trail in the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State

*Did you know that by clicking the **RSS link** on an event, forum or blog page, you will get updates forwarded to your Google Reader or any other reader?*

**Program Committee**

After Oct. 21, you may sign-up online

[Minocqua Winter Park](#)

Fri., Jan. 20 – Sun., Jan. 22

[Medford Car Pool Trip](#)

Fri., Jan. 27 – Sun., Jan. 29

[Marquette, MI](#)

Fri., Feb. 10 – Sun., Feb. 12

[Waupaca B&B Car Pool](#)

Fri., Feb. 24 – Sun., Feb. 26

[Valley Spur](#)

Fri., Mar. 2 – Sun., Mar. 4

If you are interested in leading a Nordic Event, or have a great idea for an event, please contact a member of the Program Committee or Paul Keber, [pkeber@milwpc.com](mailto:pkeber@milwpc.com)

For membership information, call Betty Schraith (414) 453-2350

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Forest. This scenic system of cross-country ski trails is less than an hour's drive from Milwaukee. Designed by a member of the Nordic Ski Club back in the 1970s, the trail system has options for different levels of skiing. If there's snow, ski with us here on Sunday, Jan. 15. We'll meet at 1 p.m. in the warming lodge and head out to ski about 1:15. This way, you may be able to find a ski partner. Note: The restrooms are in nearby, unheated buildings. If the snow is better at another location, we will go there; if no snow, we'll hike but possibly at another place. Please call Paula Brookmire at (414) 527-0040 Saturday evening or between 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday to confirm the ski or hike location. Also, let her know if you are coming and if you want to carpool (11:50 a.m.) or meet us there at 1 p.m.

**Exploring Cuisines: El Seniorial Restaurant**

*Wednesday, January 18*

Warm up your winter when Exploring Cuisines visits El Seniorial restaurant, 1901 S. 31 St in Milwaukee. A cold January night will be a great time to try Shrimp Soup (\$10.95), Enchiladas topped with Mole Poblama Sauce (\$9.95) or Bistec Ranchero (\$10.95). We will meet at the restaurant at 6:30 PM. If you would like to join us please call Cindy at (414) 483-5912 by Tuesday, January 17.

**Minocqua Winter Park Ski Trip (Minocqua, WI)**

*Friday, January 20 (8am) - Sunday, January 22*

Don't delay signing up for our bus trip to Minocqua Winter Park and Nine Mile Forest from January 20th to the 22nd. The bus, which leaves Friday morning at 8 am, may still have a few openings; or you could get on the waiting list, with a good chance of still getting on the trip. We will be stopping on the way up to ski at Nine Mile Forest, in Wausau. Nine Mile Forest, which is the home of the Badger State Winter Games, has about 30 km of trails, groomed for striding and skating, and suitable for all abilities. There is a nice chalet, with ski rentals. We will ski at Minocqua Winter Park on Saturday and Sunday. Minocqua Winter Park has 75 km of beautifully groomed trails for striding and skating, including both flat and hilly terrain for all skiing abilities. It has a large ski lodge with a café that serves a variety of excellent food, and has a well-stocked ski shop where ski and snowshoe rentals are available. Both Nine Mile Forest and Minocqua Winter Park have designated snowshoe trails.

There are exciting things happening at Minocqua Winter Park, which has made several improvements to the existing trail system, and acquired a new grooming machine. Much of the park is now permanently protected from future clear cutting and development as part of the newly dedicated Winter Park Pines Preserve.

Accommodations are at the AmericInn in Minocqua with swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, and free continental breakfast. A group dinner option will be available for Saturday night. Contact trip leader John McCarthy at 262-549-3604 or 414-412-0331 for more information. Don't miss this opportunity for some truly great skiing at two wonderful locations. .

**Medford Car Pool Ski Trip (Medford, WI)**

*Friday, January 27 - Sunday, January 29*

On January 27-29, there will be a Car Pool Ski Trip led by Mary Lucas to the

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Medford, Wi. area. This will be an "If There's Snow, We'll Go Trip". The trip leader will provide information on the trip, but it will be the responsibility of the member to make their own reservation at the motel and pay for it themselves. The cost of the room is \$70 per night but that would be shared with a roommate. Lists of interested participants will be emailed prior to the trip so roommate and car pool arrangements can be made. We will be skiing the Rib Lake Ski Trails. The trail system includes approximately 19 miles of trail in itself and is connected via the 10 mile long Timm's Hill trail. The 20km of the Camp Forest Springs Trail can also be accessed via the Rib Lake Trail system. We will be staying at the Woodland Inn in Medford. It is about a 13 mile drive to the ski trails from the motel. Last year, we did a shuttle and were able to ski from Timm's Hill back to a parking lot on the Rib Lake Trails. These are all groomed for both striding and skating. There are some beginner loops, but there are also some very challenging trails for those who are interested. There are a number of restaurants within walking distance the motel. Since this is a car pool trip, some can leave on Friday morning and ski on the way up and for those who have to work can join us on Friday evening. Medford is about an hour Northwest of Wausau at the Intersection of Highways 64 and 13. More information about the area can be found at these websites: [www.woodlandsinnwi.com](http://www.woodlandsinnwi.com), [www.skiriblake.com](http://www.skiriblake.com), [www.campforestsprings.org](http://www.campforestsprings.org). For additional information about this trip, please contact Mary Lucas at [plomvorn@wi.rr.com](mailto:plomvorn@wi.rr.com) or (414) 232-4196 (cell).

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**Marquette Ski Trip (Marquette, MI)**

*Friday, February 10 (8am) - Sunday, February 12*

Try something new this year and join us on the Marquette ski trip. We will leave Friday morning at 8am and stop to ski at Green Bay Reforestation Camp with 30km of trails. Skiing for Saturday and Sunday in the Marquette area will include the Lower Noquemanon Trail around Forestville consisting of 35km of trails including 15km of new loops around Forestville that has a heated shelter. Other possible ski areas include Saux Head, Big Bay, or Blueberry Ridge. Accommodations are at the Ramada Inn in downtown Marquette with sauna, whirlpool, swimming pool, sauna, restaurant, and lounge. Contact trip leader Greg Wyder at (414) 477-9016 for more information.

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**Waupaca Bed & Breakfast Car Pool Ski Trip (Waupaca, MI)**

*Friday, February 24 - Sunday, February 26*

Pamper yourself with a midwinter stay at Apple Tree Lane Bed & Breakfast just two hours north of Milwaukee in Waupaca, Wisconsin. We'll be a few minutes east of XC ski & snowshoe trails at Hartman Creek State Park and 18 miles south of Iola XC ski trails. Choose your favorite roommate and join Sally Heuer and Steve Culver as the Nordics take over this beautifully restored Victorian home for the weekend. This is a great weekend to get away if you are not skiing the Birkie. You can bring your favorite board games to play in the parlor and living room – our hosts Kerri and Mike Thiel will provide card tables. Or, read a book by the fireplace, or watch a movie in your room. Take some quiet time by the Crystal River, just a short stroll from the house. A list of local restaurants and a map of area attractions will be provided. Let me know if you would prefer the first floor room. The remaining four rooms are on the 2nd floor. Each room has a queen bed and private bathroom. Please sign up with your choice of roommate. The trip leader will not assign roommates.

Room cost for the weekend is \$234 (including tax); per person Nordic Member weekend cost with shared room is \$117. A deposit of \$59 per person is requested to hold your reservation. Please make your deposit check to Apple Tree Lane B&B and send to Sally Heuer. Questions? Contact

Sally Heuer at [smiles@comp911.com](mailto:smiles@comp911.com) or (262) 786-8731. To see photos and discover more about the Chain of Lakes area, go to [www.appletreelanebb.com](http://www.appletreelanebb.com).

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**Valley Spur Ski Trip (Munising, MI)**

*Friday, March 2 (8am) - Sunday, March 4*

Good news, there is still space for signing up on the popular Valley Spur ski weekend, March 2 - 4. The 45km of well-groomed trails are located in splendid Hiawatha National Forest. Trail difficulty varies so there are plenty of choices for all cross country ski levels. There is a separate snow shoe trail system. One of the highlights is Saturday's "Taste and Glide". Sydney's, a local restaurant, sponsors this annual, tasty event featuring chocolate covered strawberries, other assorted fruit, sandwiches, hot soup, and beverages. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express with a Lake Superior view in the quaint community of Munising, Michigan. If there are questions, please contact trip leader Jane Stoltz. Her contact information: home phone (414) 226-5076 or email [milwbirder@yahoo.com](mailto:milwbirder@yahoo.com) Don't delay!

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**Reminder: If you are INACTIVE, please renew today!**

A valuable benefit of paid-up membership is discounted rates for ski trips. The new club year began on October 1; so current members and life members, it's time to renew your membership. Contact Membership Chair Betty Schraith at (414) 453-2350.

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