

MARCH ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK DINNER

FRIDAY, March 18

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 contact Mary Lucas at 414.232.4196 or plomvorn@wi.rr.com to coordinate food. The meeting is open to everyone and is **free** to those bringing a potluck dish.

EXPLORING CUISINES

Tuesday, March 22

Join us on Tuesday March 22 at Via Downer, 2625 N. Downer Ave. Milwaukee. We will meet at the restaurant at 6:30pm. Via Downer offers an enticing menu including Fettuccini Milano (\$14), Chicken Saltimbocca (\$16) and a ton of pizzas. If you would like to join us please call Cindy at 414.483.5912 **by Monday, March 21.**



YUM!

Hurry and Sign up!

VALLEY SPUR SKI TRIP

*Friday, March 4
- Sunday, March 6*

Last chance to sign up for the Valley Spur ski trip! We may still have room for you on this trip, but you need to

act quickly! The bus leaves Friday evening at 6 pm. We plan to ski Saturday and Sunday at Valley Spur Ski Trail in the Hiawatha National Forest with 45 km of trails that are some of the most scenic to be found anywhere. Saturday is the annual optional "Taste and Glide" event that benefits Valley Spur and features lots of delicious food, such as chocolate-covered strawberries, at several stops along a beginner trail as well as in the log cabin. On Sunday morning there will be an option of skiing at the very scenic McKeever Hills ski area with 10 km of striding only trails, returning to Valley Spur in the afternoon. Accommodations are at the Holiday Inn Express near Munising with sauna, whirlpool, swimming pool, and free continental breakfast. Contact trip leader Paul Keber at 262.547.4827 for more information.

CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD

The March Pot Luck Supper is being held on Friday, March 18 at Greenfield Park Pavilion. It is also the Annual Member meeting with elections. Please plan to attend with a dish to share and a vote to cast. We are looking to fill several Club positions - 2 board members, treasurer and newsletter editor. The strength of the Nordic Ski Club of Milwaukee lies in the willingness of members to volunteer their time to see that the club runs efficiently. If you are interesting in learning more about these positions, please contact the current office holder or call Katie Bivens at 262.327.4899.

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SKIING THE OJIBWE WAY IN MARQUETTE, MI

Cleverly Written By Joanne Ziarek

Greg Wyder led a great trip to Marquette, MI, February 11-13, where we skied on Saturday and Sunday at the Forestville Trail System on the **Noquemanon (Land of the Noque Tribe)** Trail Network. In addition to the actual **Noque** trail, all the other trail names are in Ojibwe as well and hard to pronounce. This prompted many people to make up their own names, often in relation to words from a song. (See what you can do with *animoosh*, *gookookoo*, and *papassay* for starters!) Here, instead, is a report using the Ojibwe name of every trail. (**with translations**).

Apparently not many ski groups visit this area so the locals made us feel very **boozhoo (welcome)** both on our evenings in town as well as at the ski area. The 40Km trail system is groomed for both skating and classic skiing, and they have a fondness for allowing dogs on some of them. The trails were sometimes **zhing (flat)**, but more often full of **chiwaji (hills)**, and sometimes they went **bagwaji (into the wild)**. When skiing under the power lines and looking **waaban (east)** one could see the icy blue waters of **Gitche Gumee (you know this one!)**. There wasn't much wildlife besides a few birds and squirrels but there were lots of dogs. We did hear a **papassay (woodpecker)** pecking high up in a dead tree but didn't see it. We didn't see any **migizi (eagles)** soaring overhead or hear any **gookookoo (owls)** either but we skied on their trails. Luckily the **mukwa (bear)** were either hibernating or chasing all the **animoosh (dogs)** on the other trails.

The weather was great making for a perfect ski weekend for everyone. Those of us on the second bus on Sunday learned that a **Bombardier (snowcat groomer)** can pull an eight ton bus out of the ditch and straight up the hill as if it were a toy. Quite amazing! Our bus driver was very grateful and, who knows, the bus company may even make a contribution to the Forestville Indoor Toilet Fund!



CANDLELIGHT SKI EVENTS

The Wisconsin DNR website has a list of upcoming candlelight ski/hike events:

<http://new.dnr.wi.gov/Default.aspx?Page=a551e59f-5a56-48c3--beb1-daacd98c0c4>

CONDITIONS AT S.E. WIS. SKI TRAILS

For honest reports from fellow skiers about skiing conditions at trails in southeastern Wisconsin, go to this link on the Lapham Peak Friends website: www.laphampeakfriends.org/ViewSkireportsExpanded.php



FRIDAY FISH FRY WITH LIVE MUSIC BY DAVE IMPERL

Friday, April 8 & Friday, May 13

Mark your calendars for April 8 & May 13. Join Dave Imperl, Nordic's own Singer / Guitarist, for Fish Fry and Tunes at Callanan's Parkway Pub in West Allis. Full details on the Nordic Website.

TUESDAYS - NORDIC NIGHT AT LAPHAM PEAK

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Lapham Peak is the premiere location for cross country skiing in Southeast Wisconsin for many reasons, including 5 km of lighted trails, of which 1.2 km 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 8 pm, 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, contact John McCarthy at 262.549.3604 but you should expect to leave a message, because he'll probably be out at Lapham, skiing.

Directions: Kettle Moraine State Forest-Lapham Peak Unit is one mile south of I-94 on County Hwy C at the Delafield exit. You will need a 2011 State Park Sticker for your vehicle (annual \$25; daily \$7) and a 2011 State Trail Pass for each skier (annual \$20; daily \$4), which can be purchased at the Lapham entrance station.

EMERY'S WOMEN'S BICYCLE CLINIC

Thursday, March 3 or 10

Be on the lookout for Emery's Women's Specific Bike Clinic sponsored by TREK, to be held the first or second Thursday in March. If you have questions, contact Carol at tortoiseski@wi.rr.com.

EMERY'S BASIC BICYCLE MAINTENANCE CLINIC

Wednesday, March 16

Join fellow Nordics in Wednesday, March 16th at 6:15pm for a basic bike maintenance demonstration, while mingling amongst other bicycle enthusiasts in training. Do you have a question about your bike? Then bring it along this evening for some professional verbal advice and guidance. Discounts of 15% will be offered on gear. So meet your old friends, and maybe some new ones at Emery's shop, Hwy 45 and Main Street (N88W15036 Main St., 262.250.3481).

2011 NSCM SERVICE AUCTION

Friday, April 1

This article will be the last one before our auction, Friday, April 1st. Please note the list of items already donated and consider what you can add to the list. Remember that all funds go toward areas we enjoy. In the past, we have given to such beneficiaries as Lapham Peak snow making, Minocqua Winter Park, and Olympic hopefuls. Such items as baked goods, handy man services, hand-made jewelry and scarves are always a hit. Be creative! Join the fun while supporting various causes. Please plan to arrive early so that your donation may be readied for auction. If you have any questions, please contact Anne, annemr@execpc.com, Craig, craigsan.wi.rr.com, Carol, tortoiseski@wi.rr.com, or Resa, atekus@wi.rr.com.

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.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
Begins at 2 am
Sunday, March 13, 2011**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 NSCM Ski Night at Lapham Peak
- John McCarthy (262) 549-3604
- 3 or 10 Emery Women's Bicycle Clinic
- Carol tortoiseski@wi.rr.com
- 4-6 Valley Spur Ski Trip
- Paul Keber (262) 547-4827
- 16 Emery Basic Bicycle Maintenance Clinic
- Carol tortoiseski@wi.rr.com
- 18 Monthly Meeting & Annual Potluck Dinner
at Greenfield Park - *FRIDAY*
- 22 Exploring Cuisines Restaurant
- Cindy Wiktorek (414) 483-5912

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
- Beth Donnelly (262) 893-0560
- 28 Local Bike Ride
- Paul Keber (262) 547-4827

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

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