



“A ski and travel club...
and a whole lot more”

February at a glance

Every Sun. Breakfast Club 10 a.m. at Anton's Island Grill, 16 Mile and Dequindre.

Every Sun. Wallyball at 12:30 at Warren Racquet Club

7 Sat. Musical comedy “**La Cage Aux Folles**,” dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Sangria Restaurant, or meet at the theater at 7:30 p.m.

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18 Wed. **Night School** – Free snacks, and activities 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Don Thomas Sporthaus,

20-22 WKND **Lake Anne** Winterfest weekend of cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, playing in the snow.

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GM SKI and TRAVEL CLUB

Website:

www.gmskiclub.org

(recent photos, upcoming events, membership applications, bylaws, forms, and fun music)

MDSC Website: www.mdscski.org

Deadline

The deadline for articles or pictures submitted for inclusion in this newsletter is 5 p.m. sharp on the 20th of the preceding month.

Late submissions will be held for the following issue or discarded.



First Class Mail



c/o Darrell Ahlberg
40377 Kraft Dr.
Sterling Heights, MI 48310



NEWSLETTER

SKI and TRAVEL

FEBRUARY 2009

WEBSITE: www.gmskiclub.org

GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957

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OUR GENERAL MEETING IS AT:

17th Street Bar & Grill

3905 17 Mile Rd.

Just west of Ryan Road

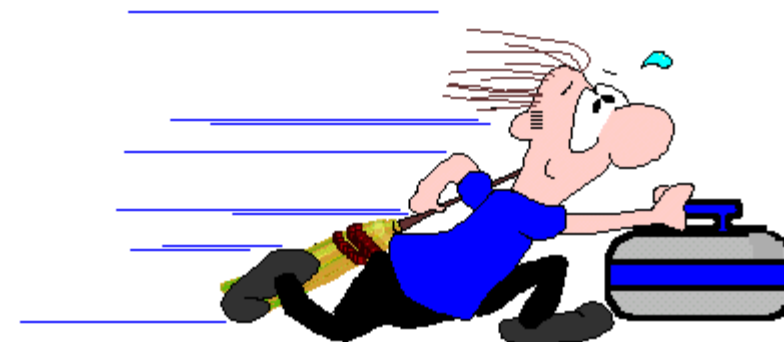
Thursday, February 12

7:00 pm

See You There!

Hospitality Chair

G. Ronan



Join us for a Great Time of Curling

Saturday, March 14th, 2009

3:30 pm until 6:30 pm

Instruction and equipment included. 4 per team; 8 teams; 32 max

These spots will fill up quickly. Detroit Curling Club in Ferndale.

GM Ski Club members \$20.

Non-members \$25

Checks payable to GM Ski Club. Sign up now to reserve your spot.

Debbie Cooke 2880 Roundtree Troy, MI 48083 248-689-7167

Sunsetcar@aol.com with any questions

GM SKI and TRAVEL CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ Zip:_____

Phone: (day)_____(Evening)_____

Date of Birth _____

Email address _____

☐NEW MEMBERSHIP \$30

☐RENEWAL \$25

In consideration for me being able to join the GM Ski and Travel Club, I agree to abide by the GM SKI and TRAVEL Club's by-Laws and constitution.

Membership runs October 1 through September 30.

Signature:_____Date:_____

How did you hear about the GM Ski and Travel Club?

☐ Friend

☐ Newspaper

☐ Racing

☐ Event (list) _____

Skiing Interest:

☐ Downhill

☐ Racing

☐ X-country

☐ Snowboard

Skiing Ability:

☐ Beginner

☐ Intermediate

☐ Advanced

I'd like to help:

☐ Ski Trips

☐ Publicity

☐ Meetings

☐ Activities

☐ Other (list) _____

Referral: I am a new member and was referred to the GM Ski and Travel Club by:

Referring Members Name:_____

Payment made by: Cash Check Check # _____

I like the club so much I wish to make an additional contribution of \$ _____

Treasurers Report

\$8,071.22

Alan Toomey

Treasurer

Editor's Notes

Submissions to this newsletter will be accepted in any visual, but not oral, form. Electronic transmissions are preferred.

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The board meets once a month, the week after the General Meeting

TO JOIN THE GM SKI and TRAVEL CLUB:

Please send completed application at the left along with check (payable to "GM Ski Club") to:

GM Ski and Travel Club
40377 Kraft Dr.
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

Or bring the completed application with you to our General Meeting.

Membership runs Oct. through Sept.

Mail changes of address to the above.

You don't have to work for General Motors to belong to the GM Ski and Travel Club! (but it's okay if you do).

Every Sun.

Breakfast Club starts at **10:00 a.m.** at Anton's Island Grill, 16 Mile Rd. and Dequindre. No RSVP needed. Just show up, and we'll make room for you.

Every Sun.

Wallyball Time! Work off that Sunday breakfast and join us at Warren Racquet and Fitness Club, one block east of Van Dyke at 12 ½ Mile Road. 12:30 p.m. We play for fun! Contact Michael: 586-776-7685.

FEBRUARY

7 Sat.

BaldwinTheater - Stagecrafters present the musical comedy "**La Cage Aux Folles,**" a Tony Award winner for great music, dance, and lots of laughs! We'll meet at Sangria Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, for dinner at 5:30 p.m., ... or meet at the theater at 7:30 p.m. Show starts at 8 p.m., 415 S. Lafayette Ave. Theater only tickets are \$5 for members, \$17 guests. Contact Darrell: 586-899-8203

12 Thurs.

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13 Fri.

Restaurant of the Month - Meet us at **Shilla Restaurant**, featuring excellent Korean/Japanese Cuisine. 1119 W. Maple Rd. in Clawson. Please RSVP two days in advance. Gather at 6:30 p.m. for cocktails, dinner at 7:00. Contact: Brian 248-626-6192

17 Tue.

Board Meeting - Malone's, 32350 Van Dyke in Warren. 6:00 p.m., Contact: Darrell: 586-899-8203

18 Wed.

Night School - Stop in for free snacks, drinks, games, and activities. GMSC members get 10% off. Special for this night only, new members can get their skis tuned for only \$25. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Don Thomas Sporthaus, 690 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham. ... See ya there!

20-22 WKND

Lake Anne Winterfest weekend of cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, playing in the snow, or browsing through the town. Perhaps an evening card game or just a relaxing weekend get-away will be all you desire. Downhill skiing is nearby. Contact Darrell for more details: 586-899-8203

25 Wed.

Meet 'n' Ski - Enjoy an evening of skiing & social at Pine Knob when we hit the slopes! 7778 Sashabaw Rd. in Clarkston. All levels welcome. See this newsletter for more info. Contact Dave for meeting location: 586-754-8151 or email: daveduvali@wowway.com

27 Fri.

Pub & Grub night at **Buffalo Wild Wings**, 18673 E. Big Beaver in Troy. 6:30 p.m. pub, 7:00 p.m. grub Contact Debbie: 248-689-7167

6-8 WKND

Chicago Festival - Ski and party with friends from CMSC and MDSC at Schuss/Shanty Creek. Welcoming party, two nights lodging, two breakfasts, one dinner, weekend super ticket and Nordic pass, much more, prices \$240 quad, \$245 triple, \$265 double, \$350 single. Contact: Gari Chaffin 248-737-2722 or email: GChaffinski@gmail.com

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14 Sat.

Curling - No experience necessary! Detroit Curling Club, 1615 E. Lewiston, Ferndale, MI 48220. 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., \$20 members, \$25 guests. Fee includes instruction & equipment. Contact Debbie: 248-689-7167 or email: Sunsetcar@aol.com

17 Tue.

Board Meeting - TBD, Contact: Darrell: 586-899-8203

21 Sat.

Wine Tasting Party - Details are being made for this exciting, casual event!

27 Fri.

Pub & Grub at **Dueling Pianos**, One N. Saginaw St. in Pontiac. Not your everyday piano club, check this place out! Gather up at 6:30 p.m., dinner around 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP two days in advance. Contact Les: 248-693-1794

APRIL

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14 Tue.

Board Meeting - TBD, Contact: Darrell: 586-899-8203

17 Fri.

Restaurant of the Month - Join us at **Max & Erma's**, 44899 Mound Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48314. Please RSVP two days in advance. Meet at 6:30, dinner soon after. Contact Cathy: 586-206-2424 or email: "Re GMSC" catdancer23@hotmail.com

24 Fri.

Pub & Grub - **Dick O' Dow's Irish Public House** where "A Drink Comes Before a Story." Live entertainment! 160 W. Maple, Downtown Birmingham. Gather at 6:30 for Guinness and food. Please RSVP two days in advance. Contact Brian: 248-626-6192 or email: zirton1@aol.com

ON THE HORIZON

Skiing, curling, bocce ball, restaurants, pubs, feather bowling, theater plays, parties, wine tasting, euchre, concerts, wallyball, and many friends!

How about Kayaking or White Water Rafting? ... Plans are underway for the warmer weather.

Watch your email for our up-to-the-minute E-Newsletter for last minute events and activities



And So It Was... Pine Knob on a School Night

Our first official Ski-N-Meet was held January 7 with an outing to Pine Knob. The club paid \$5.00 toward the cost of the ticket for each member. In all six skiers showed up: Darrell Ahlberg, Les Skrzycki, Dave Duvali, Kathy O'Driscoll, Elena Bankowski, and Brian DeLeo.



It was a warm but windy night. Skiing conditions were great as there was much more packed snow than ice on the hill. We skied together for a couple hours, took a short break in the cafeteria, and resumed skiing until they closed the slopes at 10:00.

We were having such a good time, we were oblivious to the time until several members of the ski patrol told us we had to leave. We agreed but only on condition they have their picture taken with us. So we joked awhile, took some pictures, and then the six of us convened at the bar for a warm afterglow before heading home after a fun evening.

Darrell Ahlberg

Calling All Skiers

Mark Wednesday, February 25 on your calendar for our **next** ski outing at Pine Knob. This date will also be notable because Don Thomas Sporthaus will bring demo ski equipment which you can try out for free. And better still, if we get 20 or more people, we'll get a \$5.00 group discount. So be sure and let Dave Duvali know if you're interested.

In recent years, the bulk of club activities have moved more toward a wide variety of social gatherings and away from skiing activities. But lately, we're trying to get back to our roots and schedule regular downhill ski outings. With enough interest and participation we may be able to revive Ski School and provide instruction for those who'd like to learn more about the sport.

Darrell Ahlberg



Activities Are Filling Fast

In case you've missed it, this year's agenda of events has been attracting huge crowds. The Euchre Tournament in September brought over 70 people, the Bald Mountain weekend had over 50 in attendance, Polonia's in November attracted 65 people, and the Redford Theater Christmas Classic also brought over 60 people.

Moreover, the upcoming Lake Ann Cross Country Ski weekend and the Stagecrafters Theater Outing are currently sold out.

So what's the moral of the story? **Get your tickets early.** We have many exciting upcoming events soon to be announced.

First up is the Curling Outing. What's that? You say you've never played curling? Not even sure what it is? Not to worry, that'll be half the fun of it. Neither has anybody else ever played the sport. So we'll all be learning together. Included in the cost will be all the equipment you need plus an instructor. Afterward, we'll all go out for an afterglow and share the experience. This outing will be March 14. Due to space constraints at the facility, we're limited to 32 people. So if you're interested, be sure to contact Debbie Cooke right away.

Next up will be a Wine Tasting Party at Darrell Ahlberg's house March 21. Last time this event was held, it attracted nearly 50 people. It will surely be another popular event, so if you're interested, be sure to let Darrell know.

We have many other events on the horizon. Be sure to check the calendar often.

Darrell Ahlberg

Free Membership—The Ultimate in Value

Once again our club has been blessed with membership growth with the addition of **seven** new members. So our membership continues to grow. If you're wondering where all these new members are coming from, the answer is they are coming from several different places. Some find out about us from the website, some from our brochures we have around town, and some just from attending our events.

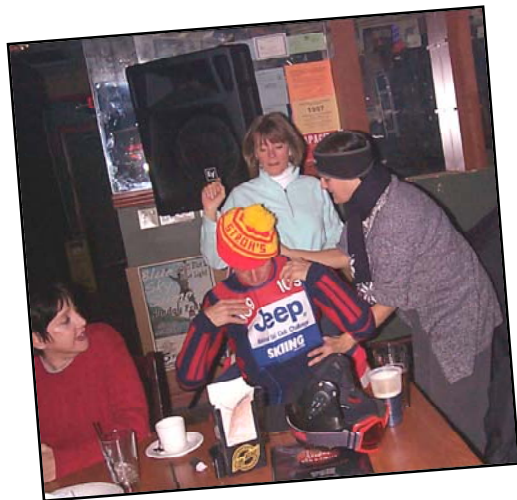
But the most important source of new membership is from our existing membership. We're gratified that, as members you find enough value in the club to tell your friends about it. As an expression of the club's appreciation to you, we'd like to award you a year of free membership for every three new members you recruit. From the following list, you can see that some members are getting close. How about you?? If you know of someone looking for great activities and socialization, why not let them know about your club and invite them to any of our meetings and socials?

Think of it. You have an opportunity to turn a friend or loved one on to a great value and in turn receive that value yourself, free of charge. Now that, my friends, is the "Ultimate Value."

Once again, on behalf of all the GM Ski Club members and board, welcome to the club.

Darrell Ahlberg
Membership Chairman

			Referred By
1	Casey	Connie	<i>Michael Bourke</i>
2	Free	Chris	<i>ski trip</i>
3	Given	Bill	<i>board</i>
4	Given	Patti	<i>board</i>
5	Grewe	Jeff	<i>Shannon Duke</i>
6	Howell	Tina	<i>Teresa Koch</i>
7	Koch	Teresa	<i>Darrell Ahlberg</i>
8	Lavesseur	Elise	<i>Connie Casey</i>
9	Legros	John	<i>ski shop</i>
10	Michilak	Bonnie	<i>euchre</i>
11	Passik	Diane	<i>ski trip</i>
12	Roger	David	<i>ski shop</i>
13	Scott	Thomas	<i>hiking</i>
14	Walny	Teresa	<i>euchre</i>
15	Casey	Matt	<i>Connie Casey</i>
16	Lois	Townsend	<i>Linda Rakocy</i>
17	Mary	Donahue	<i>Teresa Koch</i>
18	Koby	Koebler	<i>Tina Howell</i>
19	Kathy	O'Driscoll	<i>Mary Donahue</i>
20	Townsend	Lois	<i>Linda Rakozy</i>
21	Ross	Phil	<i>e-newsletter distribution</i>
22	Ross	Debbie	<i>e-newsletter distribution</i>
23	Schneidt	Cathy	<i>Avid event Participant</i>
24	Tompson	Ken	<i>Internet - Steamboat Trip</i>
25	MacCulloch	Janet	<i>Carol Kent</i>
26	Kent	Carol	<i>Mutual Friends</i>



Double teaming?



Spanking?!

January 1st 2009



Pointing...two ways at once!



...but we sure do have fun!



Refusing another beer? Noooo!





Theater Outing

Members Value Price Only \$5.00

Regular price for this outing is \$17.00. But the club is subsidizing \$12.00 of your cost as members of the club.

This event will be limited to the first 40 people, members and non-members, who send in their money. It is being offered to the membership first. After the first of the year it will be offered to non-members at the regular \$17.00 rate.

Memorable music, fantastic dance, and hilarious drag converge in one of Broadway's biggest hits. This outrageous, wildly funny musical comedy focuses on a gay couple, George and Albin, who run a drag nightclub in St. Tropez. Twenty years of domestic tranquility is threatened, however, when George's son invites his fiancée's ultra-conservative parents for a visit. George and Albin masquerade as husband and wife, which leads to uproarious complications. A wonderful Jerry Herman score, gorgeous costumes and fabulous dance are just a few of the reasons this show garnered a Tony Award® for Best Musical.

Mark your Calendars now and plan on joining us Saturday February 7 for our Theater Outing to see La Cage Aux Folles.

For those interested we'll meet for dinner beforehand at the Sangria Restaurant which is just two blocks from the theater.

If you are interested, contact Darrell Ahlberg as soon as possible to get your spot assured. Dahlberg7@comcast.net. (586-899-8203).

Welcome

New Members

I'm pleased to announce that over the past two months, the following people have decided to join our club.

**Kathy O'Driscoll
Phil Ross
Debbie Ross
Cathy Schneidt
Ken Tompson
Janet MacCulloch
Carol Kent**

On behalf of the board and the membership, I'd like to welcome all of you to the GM Ski Club. I hope to see you at as many of our activities as your schedule will allow and I hope you make many new friends along the way. I also hope you'll find the value in the activities we offer. But mostly, I hope we will hear from you in terms of what you'd like to see us do in the future. After all, this is your club. Not only does the board want to hear from you, when you're ready, we'd like to extend an invitation to you to participate in board activities. The board meets the first Tuesday after the general meeting. The exact dates and location are posted on the calendar.

**Darrell Ahlberg
Membership Chairman**

Board Welcomes New Publicity Chair

Our board is happy to welcome their newest addition. Cathy Schneidt comes to the board brimming with enthusiasm and anxious to help in any way she can. Initially, she just wanted to lead a Whitewater Rafting trip for the club sometime in August so she showed up at a board meeting to discuss it. Before the night was out she decided to tackle the badly needed vacant position of Publicity Chair.

In the immediate future, she will explore internet social networks such as Myspace and Facebook as a way reach a broad array of people who may be interested in our club. As time goes on, we look forward to hearing new ideas from her as she does her part to move the club along.

Welcome Cathy and good luck in your new position.

**Darrell Ahlberg
Membership Chairman**



New Publicity Chair Cathy Schneidt delivers her Christmas wish list to Santa at the Redford Christmas Classic Outing