SKI and TRAVEL

OCTOBER 2009

WEBSITE: www.gmskiclub.org

GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957

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GENERAL MEETING

Thursday,

October 8, 6:30 pm

We're indoors at Don Thomas Sporthaus, 690 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham (Free admission!)

Theme: **Humuing** Come dressed as <u>a hunter</u>, or as <u>the hunted!</u>

Our Annual Tradition! Bald Mountain Cabin Camping! October 16-18 3 pm Friday till 1 pm Sunday

Inhale the autumn air, hike through the fall color, play games in the cabin or just relax around a bonfire with many friends. We sleep in cabins with bunk-style beds and even roast tasty little marshmallows. Always popular! See flyer inside.

GM SKI and TRAVEL CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION Address: ____Zip:___ City:___ (Evening) Phone: (day)____ Date of Birth ____ Email address □New Membership-\$30 □Renewal-\$25 **□**Married Couple-\$40 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 ☐ New **a**per ☐ Racing ♠ Event (list) Skiing Ability: Skiina Interest: I'd like to help: ☐ Downhill ☐ Beginner ☐ Ski Trips ☐ Racing ☐ Intermediate ☐ Publicity ☐ X-country ☐ Advanced ☐ Meetings ☐ Snowboard ☐ 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 \$_

To join: Please send completed application above 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!

GM Ski and Travel Club Board of Directors

President: Les Skrzycki 248-

693-1794

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248-666-9057.

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

Treasurer's Report \$3,083.47

Alan Toomey Treasurer



Ectober Birthdays

Lance Englund 10/5
Alan Sleeman 10/24
Connie Casey 10/27
Dale Goolsby 10/31





The chili at the general meeting must have been good. It's all gone!

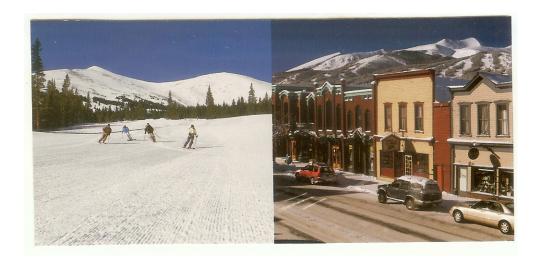
Editor's Notes

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

The deadline is 5:00 p.m. sharp on the 20th of the preceding month.

Michael Bourke 16724 Collinson Eastpointe, MI 48021 Home: 586-776-7685 E-mail: gmskiclub@yahoo.com

Ski Breckenridge, Keystone, et al.



Pictured above is Breckenridge, your base of operations for skiing at A-basin, Beaver Creek, Keystone, Vail and of course, Breckenridge, if you join our distinguished group of fun loving, adventuresome GM Ski Club skiers during the week of Jan. 30, 2010 to Feb. 06, 2010. Here's your chance to explore up to five exciting, world-renowned ski resorts—all available on a single lift pass from a town with great dining, shopping and nightlife.

The trip includes:

Round trip air to Denver on Southwest Airlines – NO LUGGAGE FEES Jan. 30 – depart Detroit 8:10AM, arrive Denver 12:45 PM Feb.06 – depart Denver 2:35PM, arrive Detroit 8:00PM

Ground transportation to and from Breckenridge,

Two to a room, ski in / ski out, 2 blocks to Main Street lodging at the classy Great Divide Lodge,

Five day, five area lift ticket.

Cost: \$1,230.00 for GM members or MDSC affiliated club members and \$1,280.00 for those with no MDSC club membership. \$130.00 due at sign-up. Subsequent payment schedule to follow.

Contact Dave Duvali at (586) 754-8151 or via E-mail at <u>daveduvali@wowway.com</u> for more info.

Mailing address: 27216 Dover, Warren MI 48088



Cancellations:

- 1) If full payment, or written notice of cancellation, is not received by the last payment deadline, then deposit and payments will be forfeited per the schedule below.
- 2) The following schedule details the amount a person may forfeit if they cancel or fail to show on time on the day of the event. Unrecoverable expenses are expenses incurred by the club for transportation, lodging, etc. due to cancellation of the member:
 - a) If more than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the event, he/she is assessed only unrecoverable expenses.
 - b) If less than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the event, he/she is assessed a \$50 cancellation fee plus unrecoverable expenses.
 - c) "No Show" on the day of the event forfeits the total cost of the trip.
 - d) If a canceller finds a substitute for himself, he/she will only be subject to any unrecoverable expenses. The canceller is responsible for collecting all forms and monies for the trip and transferring them to the Trip Leader before the commencement of the trip.

Refunds

- a) A full refund will be made if, for any reason, the trip is canceled by GM Ski Club and/or the Tour Operator.
- b) A refund of the deposit will be made if a member cancels while still wait listed.
- c) Requests for refunds will be processed by the Trip Leader; only after the event is run and all revenues and expenses detailed. The Trip Leader shall provide the respective Trip Chairperson or Activities Chairperson the requests which includes the names, addresses, phone numbers, date of cancellation, and amounts requested within thirty (30) calendar days of completion of the event. At the next Board Meeting, the Treasurer will write refund checks for approved requests
- d) Members may appeal any determination of a refund to the Board of Directors. Any request to deviate from the above policy must be submitted in writing to one of the officers within sixty (60) calendar days of the completion of the event and approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.



Make Checks Payable to the GM Ski Club

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SKI CLUB Trip Application	Destination:	Date:		
Name:				
Address:	City:	State: Zip:		
Primary Phone: ()	Secondary Phone: (_)		
Gender: #F *Smoking: Y #	GM Ski Club Member: 🏋 🗷 (Other MDSC club?		
Please state any roommate preferences:				
Emergency Contact:	Email:			
In consideration for me being able to participate in this activity, I assume personal responsibility for any risks and hazards to my personal safety and equipment. I release the GM Ski Qub, their Directors and Officers, and anyone affiliated with any and all activities from all liability and waive any and all daims I may have or may hereafter acquire related to any and all injuries or damages whatsoever arising as a result of my participation in any and all activities connected directly or indirectly with the GM Ski Qub. I also certify that I am at least 19 years of age or older and that I have read and understand the conditions outlined above. I have read and understand the Refund/ Cancellation policies applicable to this trip.				
Date: Signed:				
*Please see the GM Ski Club By-Laws concerning smoking on club trips or ask the Trip Leader.				

Pub and Grub

Dooley's Irish Tavern

Friday, October 23, 2010



12414 Hall Rd., Sterling Heights, 48313

Meet at 6:30 p.m. Beers are only \$1 before 8 p.m.



Contact Kathy: 248-666-9057, 248 421-4001, email: <u>kathyod7@yahoo.com</u>



Special offers from Don Thomas

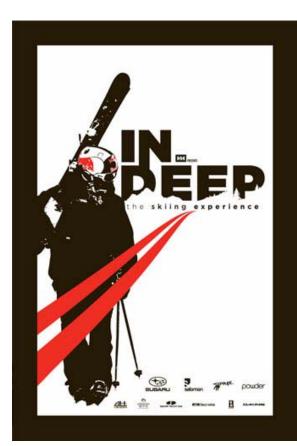
Our general meeting is at Don Thomas October 8th, where:

- Beverages and munchies will be provided.
- Anyone who renews or joins GMSC that night will receive a \$20 gift certificate.

Also, tickets for the Birmingham Theater on Nov. 7th at 8pm can be pre-purchased for **\$10.00** at Don Thomas (\$15 at the door the night of).

This is what is included for the \$10:

- Pick up some munchies before the movie at Kilwins Chocolates 162 N Old Woodward, next door to the theatre,
- The movie "In Deep," an original look at the sport of skiing.
 MSP Films takes you along for the ride deep into the
 experience as we share the love for the greatest sport in
 the world. "In Deep" will feature an epic Shane McConkey
 tribute segment.
- Glenn Plake will be there to sign autographs.
- An after-glow party at Dick O'Dow's—free appetizers and one free drink ticket. 160 West Maple Road. I'm up for a Guinness, aren't you?









You are cordially invited to a Euchre Tournament October 24, 2009. This will be a great opportunity to meet new people. Invitations are being sent to other area clubs, so there will be a good mix of people with lots of opportunity to make new friends and enjoy an evening of fun. The house rules explicitly state this is a friendly, non-competitive event.

The format is simple enough. Every game you get a new partner and a new set of opponents. Whatever score you and your partner get is carried forward toward your point total for the evening.

Here are the particulars:

Darrell Ahlberg's House. 40377 Kraft Drive. Sterling Heights, MI. 48310.

Saturday, October 24

7:00 - 8:00. Arrival and gathering. **8:00** Tournament starts.

Euchre Tournament charge:

\$10.00 members/ \$15.00 non-members.

Party only charge:

\$5.00 members, \$10.00 non-members

Money collected will be used for food, refreshments, and prize money.

Due to space constraints, this will be limited to the first 48 people who respond.

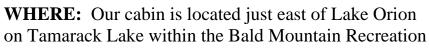
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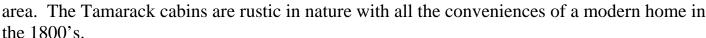
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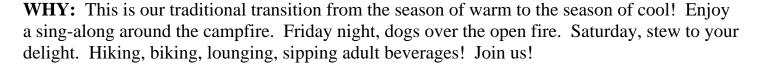


Indoor Camping Weekend

WHEN: October 16-18, 2009. 3 pm Friday till 1 pm Sunday.







Bring your mountain bike, backpack (for hiking), and camera or, just about anything you want.

What do you do when it's too cold to sail and too warm to ski?

You camp!

Games and cards make for laughs and good times. This is an indoor camping trip. There is no electricity so bring flashlights and a lantern, sleeping bag and pillow. Bring your cook stove, coffee pot and something for breakfast. There is always plenty of room.

The cost is \$20.00 per person for one or both nights (\$25.00 for non-members). If you just want to stop by for the day and enjoy our company and a beer—\$5.00 (\$6 for non-members).

For further information please call Les Skrzycki 248-693-1794, or e-mail skiorsail@yahoo.com. Maps will be available.

This is a fun weekend. If you have never been here—try it you'll like it.

Make checks payable to GM SKI Club Mail to: Les Skrzycki 451 Heights Road, Lake Orion, MI 48362

Name		
Address		
City	State Zip	
Phone Home	Work	
Email_		



Glow Golf! Oh What A Night

Participants		
1	Jan Burrows	
2	Joy Lewis	
3	Phil Ross	
4	Darrell Ahlberg	
5	Teresa Koch	
6	Suzanne Vivian	
7	Janet Blair	
8	Doug Bailiff	
9	Bill Given	
10	Patti Given	
11	Karen Kersten	
12	Don Bolieu	
13	Tamara Stipp	
14	Dave Lievens	
15	Michael Hennigan	
16	Justin Zyskowski	

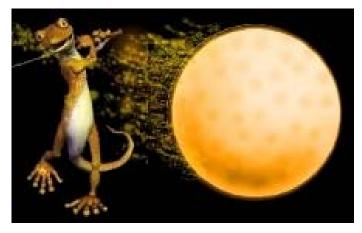
On the evening of September 12, the temps were warm, the sky was clear, and the air was still. In short, it was a perfect night to go golfing. What's that you say? Sure the weather was great, but golfing at night? C'mon. But when you think about it, all you need is a golf ball that glows in the dark, and some magical way to light up the flag on the green, and maybe a little something to light yourself up so others can see you. So Sunnybrook provided the ball, glowing necklaces,



and glow tube wrapping for the green flags. And we were in business.

With exactly 16 participants, we divided into four complete foursomes. After being treated to hot dogs and soft drinks, we were led out to our respective starting tees for a shotgun start.

Because a Glow Golf ball doesn't travel as far as a regular golf ball, the course set up T-mats about 150 yards from each hole and marked each tee with a Tiki Torch. The pathway from hole to the next tee was marked by sporadic candles. Since it was dark, following these candles reminded me of following a cairn marked trail across a rocky trail in the wilderness. You kind of take it on faith they're taking you where you want to go. Although it worked out most of the time, getting lost was the most fun of all.



The ringer of the night award has to go to the combo of Teresa Koch and Suzanne Vivian. Teresa's drives were always sharp and dead on. From there Suzanne took over with some magical night time putting she couldn't quite explain. As she said "I believe that "glow golf" has improved my putting 1000%. "Use the Force Suzanne, use the Force.....!"

Unfortunately, no pictures were taken. But since it was night, they probably wouldn't have shown much. Perhaps Jan Burrows summed it up best. "I imagine if there were any pictures taken - they'd look like those postcards from a "city at night" which are all black w/a few sets of eyes - of course ours would have green glow necklines just below the eyes."

So now you ask, would we, or should we, try it again. Judging from the response of the participants, I think we can look forward to another go next year. Tamara Stipp says "Thank you for putting on this event and for allowing our team to participate. We are already looking forward to doing it next year. We had a BLAST and laughed a lot! It was SO much fun. Anyone who didn't attend missed out."

So there you have it. Next year, nobody should have to miss out.







The excitement of going through the locks, starting down in the pit and rising aboard a multiton vessel until you can see out over the side.

Drifting through miles and mile of dense foliage with hardly any signs of civilization, and then Coming through to charming towns with concerts on the lawn and museums and waterfalls and bike paths.

Taking a picture of the first bridge you go under and then realizing the historic Erie Canal completely bifurcates the state of New York—the long way—and there are *hundreds* and *hundreds* of bridges.

Looking out over the side of the canal and seeing there is a river, or a road, that goes <u>under</u> you and your boat!

Enjoying gourmet meals, courtesy of a chef who's one of the crew.

And the nights, when adult beverages are consumed, and stories are told.

You always know your neighbor, you always know your pal, if you've ever navigated on the Erie Canal.

















Come and experience the difference of *La Saj* Bistro best Middle-Eastern food

SPECIALS

Choice of:

1 Shish Kafta,

1 Chicken Kabob,

1 Shish Kabob,

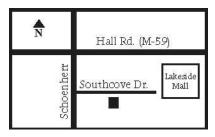
Served with Rice, Soup, or Salad

5 Drink Specials

Domestic Beer \$2.00 - House Wine \$3.00 Martini's \$5.00

13776 Southcove, Sterling Heights 586-566-6600 www.lasaj.com Contact Darrell: 586-899-8203 email: dahlberg7@comcast.net

October 9 6:30 pm



Next to McDonalds in Lakeside Circle

vet's Do It Again POLONIAS

POLISH RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH

FRIDAY 11-6-2009

POLONIA'S ADDRESS: 2934 YEMANS, HAMTRAMCK, MI 48212 (313) 505-3757

You are invited to the 2nd annual polish dinner. This is another opportunity to mingle and meet people from other clubs, in case you missed out on doing so the first time at Polonia's wonderful banquet hall. Invitations are being sent to other area clubs, so there will be a good mix of people and opportunity to make new friends.

Enjoy an evening of music, karaoke & dancing fun in a polish decorated environment.

For those of you who are single and would like to make the evening more enjoyable (interesting), you are encouraged to bring another person. However, this is optional. Also if you have any music you would like to hear, bring it with you (CD or memory stick)

Buffet style to include:

A) City chicken D)

D) Dill pickle soup

B) Roast porkloin

E) Mixed veg. bread & butter

C) Stuffed cabbage

F) Potatoes, baked kraut & potato pancakes

6:30 p.m. for drinks (cash bar), bartender upstairs 7:00 p.m. for dinner

Members: \$23.00 Non members: \$28.00

GM Ski Club deadline to sign up for this event is Wednesday, November 4th, 2009.

There will be no "sign-ups" the day of the event.

R.S.V.P. as soon as possible to: G. Ronan

Make check out to GM Ski Club

Mail check to:

38175 Beecher Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Cell: (586) 219-7669



75 Macomb Place in downtown Mt. Clemens

Saturday, November 21, 2009 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm

GM Ski Club members \$7, guests \$10

24 spaces available to fill 6 folks per team; 4 teams

Sign up today to reserve your spot. Please make checks payable to GM Ski Club.

Please RSVP & mail payment to: Debbie Cooke, 2880 Roundtree, Troy MI 48083

... And if you've worked up an appetite

Restaurant of the Month

immediately follows feather bowling RSVP Debbie for a seat downstairs in the main restaurant @ 6:00 pm For more info, contact Debbie: 248-689-7167 or email: sunsetcar@aol.com

Euchre Tournament, Sign Up Early

This year's Euchre Tournament has been scheduled for October 24, 2009. Last year, this event had a special rush of signups in the final couple of weeks prior to the actual event and was actually full a week ahead of time; and we were forced to turn away some Euchre Tournament hopefuls. Fortunately, many of those simply showed up for the party and had a great time.

This year, we are encouraging GMSC members to get signed up and get their money in as early as possible in order to guarantee your spot. By signing up early, you not only take advantage of your special discounted price as a GMSC member, but you also guarantee your spot for all the fun and glory that goes with participation in the Tournament.

Euchre Tournament charge: \$10.00 members/ \$15.00 Guests.

Party only charge:

\$5.00 members, \$10.00 Guests.

Contact Darrell Ahlberg 40377 Kraft Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48310 586-899-8203 Dahlberg7@comcast.net

Membership Directories Coming

With the membership explosion we've experienced over the past year, there have been several requests for a Membership Directory. This would be a directory that lists the members of the club and their contact information. **Electronic versions will not be e-mailed to anybody. It will be distributed in printed format only and made available only to club members.** Contact information would include: name, address, phone number, and e-mail

In putting this directory together, we want to be sure to respect your privacy. If you prefer some or all of your contact information to not be included in this directory, please let me know. You can reach me by phone or by e-mail: 586-899-8203 or Dahlberg7@comcast.net
Thank you,

Darrell Ahlberg
GMSC Membership Chair

Calendar of Events

Every Sun. Our "Breakfast Club" starts at 10:00 a.m. at Anton's Island Grill, Big Beaver Rd. (16 Mile Rd.) and Dequindre, NW corner. Phone: 248-619-0016. Just show up, and we'll make room for you. No RSVP needed.

Every Sun. Walleyball Time! Work off that Sunday breakfast and join us at Warren Racquet and Fitness Club, one block east of Van Dyke at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile Rd. 12.30 p.m. Everybody is invited, we play for kicks! Call Michael: 586-776-7685

OCTOBER

8 Thurs. General Meeting - We're indoors at Don Thomas Sporthaus, 690 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham.

Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. A new meeting place for the rest of the year will soon be decided.

Suggestions encouraged!

9 Fri. Restaurant of the Month will be LaSaj Lebanese Bistro, 13776 S. Cove Rd. in Sterling Heights. 6:30 pm.

Contact Darrell: 586-899-8203, email: dahlberg7@comcast.net*

13 Tue. Board Meeting - Darrell's place, 6:00 p.m. Contact: Darrell: 586-899-8203
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248-693-1794

23 Fri. Pub & Grub night at Dooley's Irish Tavern, 12414 Hall Rd. in Sterling

Heights, 48313. Meet at 6:30 p.m. Beers are only \$1 before 8 p.m.. Contact

Kathy: 248-666-9057, email: kathyod7@yahoo.com *

24 Sat. "Night of the Euchre Party" - The card game and party you can't beat.

Meet at 7:00 p.m., tournament starts at 8:00 p.m. \$10 members, \$15 guests. Party Only: \$5 members, \$10 guests. RSVP ASAP See this newsletter for more info or contact your host, Darrell: 586-899-8203,

email: dahlberg7@comcast.net

NOVEMBER

6 Fri. Polonias Restaurant is back! So popular, we're doing it again. Enjoy music, karaoke, dancing, new friends,

and a yummy Polish dinner. 2934 Yemens, Hamtramck, 48212. Starts 6:30 p.m., \$23 members, \$28

guests. See additional info in this newsletter. Contact Gregg: 586-219-7669.*

12 Thurs. General Meeting - A new meeting place will soon be chosen. Give us your suggestions.

17 Tue. Board Meeting - Darrell's place, 6:00 p.m. Contact: Darrell: 586-899-8203

21 Sat. Feather Bowling/Restaurant of the Month - C'mon and join the gang for feather bowling, 4:00 - 6:00

p.m., Bath City Bistro, 75 Macomb Place in Mt Clemens, 48043. Members, \$7, Guests \$10, dinner not included. Restaurant of the Month will immediately follow feather bowling. RSVP for a seat downstairs in

the main restaurant @ 6:00 pm. For more info contact Debbie: 248-689-7167 or email,

Sunsetcar@aol.com *

DECEMBER

10 Thurs. General Meeting - TBD

5 Sat. Redford Theatre Holiday-Movie Night - This eve will kick off your holiday spirit! Start off with a great

dinner from Steve's Family Diner in Livonia. Then, it's off to the historic Redford to see the classic film "A Christmas Carol" starring Reginald Owen and Gene Lockhart. This is 1938's black & white version that many of us have seen and loved as a child, but probably have never seen on the big screen the way it was meant to be seen. This festivity includes live organ music, cartoons, and a model railroad display. More details coming soon!

15 Tue. Board Meeting - Darrell's house, 6:00 p.m. Contact: Darrell: 586-899-8203

ON THE HORIZON

An evening wine-tasting party is being planned. December's holiday-movie night at the Redford Theatre returns for the 5th year and our Holiday Party is a sure bet for meeting new and old friends. Of course, we'll be hitting the slopes this winter for skiing at its best in Colorado. ... And when snow arrives in Michigan, our "Meet 'n' Ski" nights at Pine Knob will once again beckon us. Watch your email for our up-to-the-minute E-Newsletter for last minute events and activities

★Please RSVP two days in advance



"A ski and travel club... and a whole lot more"

October at a glance

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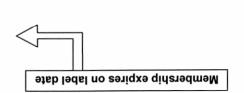
(recent photos, upcoming events, membership applications, bylaws, forms, and fun music)

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



