

## NEWSLETTER

#### **FEBRUARY 2011**

WEBSITE: www.gmskiclub.org

**GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957** 

**VOLUME LV, ISSUE II** 

#### GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, Feb. 10, 6:30 pm

Celebrate Valentine's Day

Hospitality Chair G. Ronan

### <u>Shield's</u> Pizza Restaurant

1476 W. Maple Rd. (Just West of Crooks) Troy, 48084.

No admission charge Just stop by!

- Eat and drink
- Make new friends
- Sign up for fun!



Friday, February 11, 6:30 pm Pub & Grub

## Vívío's II

Warren 3601 East 12 Mile Road (west of Ryan) Warren, MI 48092 RSVP: Al Sleeman 586-596-5276 allan.sleeman@ameritech.net

Friday, February 18, 6.30 pm Restaurant of the month

CK Diggs

Rochester Hills 2010 Auburn Rd (west of Crooks), Rochester Hills 48309 RSVP: Vicki Slicker 248–736–4566 vslicker@sbcqlobal.net



#### Celebrating February Birthdays!

#### Shirley Heleski Linda Hughes Sandy Porter Carolyn Fiscelli Don Jasper Warren Puggini Matthew Walker

#### Treasurer's Report:

\$31,79797





#### Don't you want to just show up, and everybody knows your name?

That's what happens when you belong. When you join, you'll be in on all of the fun happenings. With no effort on your part, your calendar instantly starts to fill up!

#### **Go** to this web site:

http://gmskiclub.org/Membership/ GMSCMemberApplication.pdf

Fill out the application, send us \$30, and you'll belong in no time!



If your newsletter is coming to the wrong address, it means your information is incorrect in our files. Contact the membership chairman. Diane Reaser, at diane.b.reaser@abc.com.

#### **Editor's Notes**

Submissions to this newsletter will be accepted in any visual, but not oral, form. Electronic transmissions are preferred. Submissions can be made at any time. There is no deadline.

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#### GM Ski and Travel Club Board of Directors

President: Les Skrzycki 248-

693-1794

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248-544-4387

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Ski Trips: Dave Duvali

248-689-7167

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Webmaster: Kathy O'Driscoll

248-666-9057.

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



Rolling Out The Carpet
For Our Newest Members

#### Welcome!

Steve Ahlberg Cindy Cappelle Carol Ingall Sue Zazo Michael Nalley Cindy Hollister



#### Got Membership Information Changes?

Don't forget to keep me posted on any changes to your membership listing. If you move, change your telephone number(s) or email address ~ please keep me updated by contacting me at any of the below options. Thanks.

#### Diane.B.Reaser@abc.com

248-544-4387 GMSC Membership Chair 214 Woodsboro Drive Royal Oak, MI 48067

#### Volunteer **≡**

Volunteer

Run for president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer. The election is April 14, and your term of office will be from May 1, 2011 till April 30, 2012.

OR...volunteer to be on the election committee and help assemble a slate of qualified candidates to serve our club for one year. Contact the outgoing president, Les Skrzycki, at 248-236-0837 or skiorsail@yahoo.com.

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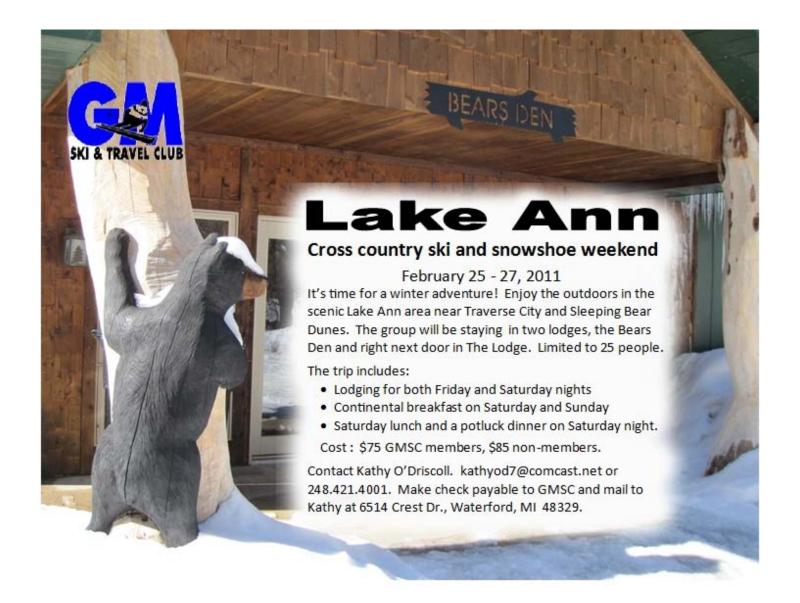


# Superbowl Sunday Why not spend it with friends?

Looking for something to do on Superbowl Sunday, February 6? The GM Ski Club, in conjunction with the Skiwi Ski Club, has a full day of activities. The day begins at 11:00 with a pre-Super Bowl ski at Pine Knob Ski Resort. We will ski for several hours, including a lunch break, and follow it with a 5:00 gathering at Bailey's Bar and Grille. Maple Road west of Crooks. Just a tad west of the GMSC monthly gathering place.

**Pre Superbowl Skiing** –Pine Knob Snowline: (800) 642-7669 Office:(248) 625-0800 7778 Sashabaw Road Clarkston MI 48348 Cost \$38 Lift ticket. Contact Stan Sawicki 586-808-3406 ssawicki@comcast.net

**Superbowl Party** - Bailey's Bar & Grille 1965 W. Maple Rd., Troy, MI, 48084. (248) 435-3044 Time 5.00 PM Contact Darrell Ahlberg 586-899-8203 dahlberg7@comcast.net



We Go Cultural				
Sat	Wine Tasting 223 S. Main Street, Rochester, Michigan 48307 (248) 656-0618			
Mar	Time Time TBD Cost \$10 members, \$12 Non-members Contact Darrell Ahlberg 586-899-8203			
26	dahlberg7@comcast.net			
Fri-Sun	Stratford Ontario Featuring Jesus Christ Superstar			
July	Home of the Shakespeare Festival we'll surely be attending a play while there as well as taking in all			
29-31	the sights and sounds of the magnificent quaint little town. Time Weekend Cost Cost TBD Contact			
	Les Skrzycki 248-693-1794 skiorsail@yahoo.com			
Fri-Sun	Kalamazoo: Air Zoo Kalamazoo, Michigan.			
Sep	Best place to spend a day with your family, the Air Zoo features amusement park-style rides, full-motion			
26-28	flight simulators, 4-D Missions Theater, Magic Planet, Space Ball and Zero G, as well as more than 50			
	rare aircraft. So much to do, we'll be spending the night for at least two days of excitment. Time			
	Weekend Cost TBD Contact Trish Lloyd 810-781-9477 Cinnamontricia@att.net			
Sat-Sun	Grand Rapids Art Prize Weekend Grand Rapids, Michigan			
Oct 8, 9	Art Prize is an international art competition held in Grand Rapids. The attending audience votes for			
tentative	their favorites. The top ten finalists win cash. First place award is \$250,000. Weekend Cost TBD			
	Contact Kathy O'Driscoll 248-421-4001 kathyod7@gmail.com			
Sat	Greenfield Village: Night Walk and Dinner			
Nov	Time TBD Cost TBD Contact Les Skrzycki 248-693-1794 skiorsail@yahoo.com			
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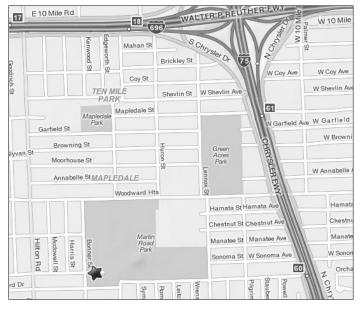


#### **CURLING**

## Sunday March 27 1-3pm ARRIVE 30 MINUTES EARLY (12:30)



Cost \$27 (non-member add \$2) Limited signup-32 persons



Signup/Contact: Alan Toomey 248-391-5180 a.k.toomey@sbcglobal.net

Detroit Curling Club 1615 E. Lewiston, Ferndale, MI 48220

Price Includes: 2 hours sheet time
(6-8 players per sheet)

#### What is Curling?

It's like sliding a supersized hockey puck as big as a bowling ball, flat on the bottom and a handle on top, down a 16 foot wide frozen path and trying to stop closest to a target or bump your opponent off the target like shuffle board. Oh yeah, that's what we're doing.

The club will rent four sheets at the Detroit Curling Club with brief lessons at the beginning.

WHAT TO WEAR: Loose fitting clothing (i.e., jogging pants), short jacket, hat, gloves, CLEAN tennis shoes (Please carry in the shoes you will be wearing on the ice). The arena temperature is usually around 40 degrees.

## **Spring Carnival Ski Trip**

March 4 – 6, 2011 – Schuss / Shanty Creek Resort

Spring Carnival is a multi-club event. All of the MDSC clubs are invited!

The intent of the MDSC Carnival is to have a good time! We celebrate the past skiing season and join fellow MDSC members for a weekend full of fun and games on and off the slopes.

#### The Themes are Mardi Gras, Viva Las Vegas, and Famous Dead People.

The trip includes a weekend super ticket including skiing upon arrival, two nights lodging, two breakfasts, Saturday dinner, two drink tickets and participation in Carnival Games. We compete for club points and individual points to determine champions for the weekend.

#### Trip Payment (Due at Signup)

Prices are per person. Double \$265.00 Friday night party Pizza and beer included.

If you have any questions please contact Les Skrzycki 248-236-0837 or skiorsail@yahoo.com Make checks payable to: GM Ski Club. Mail to Les Skrzycki 145 S. Glaspie Oxford MI 48371



Get the picture? If you think Carnival is a weekend of serious skiing, boy are you going to be disappointed!



#### Whirlyball

Saturday March 12 3-5pm Cost \$22 (non-member add \$5) Limited signup-25 persons



Signup/Contact: Alan Toomey 248-391-5180 a.k.toomey@sbcglobal.net

WHERE: Clinton Township Location
19781 15 Mile Rd. - on the north side just east of Groesbeck

Price Includes: Sub, Salad, Soft drinks and munchies 2 hours court time (2 play sessions per person)

Teams will be randomized so there will be a mix of players every game.

#### What is Whirlyball?

Whirlyball is best described as a combination of Basketball, Hockey and Jai-Alai played while riding an electrically powered machine, similar to a bumper car, called a WhirlyBug. Although the WhirlyBug resembles a bumper car, it is a far superior machine. Quicker, stronger and far more maneuverable, the WhirlyBug powers you and your team down court in a five on five game.

In one hand the player has a Jai-Alai style plastic scoop and in the other hand a steering crank. The ball being tossed around is a softball sized whiffle ball. At each end of the court there are vertically hung backboards with a 15 inch hole in the center. Behind the hole is a swing gate equipped with a buzzer to notify the referee when a score is made. The referee will call play by play during the game, keep score and assess any penalties incurred. Before you go out on the court, the referee will go over the rules, give you a brief rundown of how to play and assist you throughout your rental time with us.



**Date:** Saturday February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Where:** Bloomer Park on John R past Avon Park number for

more directions (248) 656-4753

**Cost:** \$5 park entrance fee per car

**When:** 11:00 am – 1:00 Bring your own sled or toboggan Lunch afterwards at Paint Creek Tavern Restrooms are available at the park. Contact Carol Stanek for more information (313) 443-7527



# Pub And Grub









Gregg giving away money Jan. 13 general meeting raffle winners



# SKIING AT MT. HOLLY





...AND THE AFTERGLOW

Weekend Planner			
Some of our up-coming events are so <u>fantabulous</u> , you need to <u>ink them in</u> on your calendar right now!			

Fri-Sun	Lake Ann Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoeing Lake Ann, Michigan.	Kathy O'Driscoll
Feb 25-27	11 miles west of Traverse City Accommodations at the Bear's Den Lodge	248-421-4001
	at the Sleeping Bear Resort. •Two houses, Eleven bedrooms, Five full	kathyod7@gmail.com
	baths • In each house: living room, full kitchen, dining room, rec room	
	weekend \$75 members, \$85 non-members	
Fri-Sun	MDSC Carnival Weekend – Shuss/Shanty	Les Skrzycki
Mar <del>25-27</del>	This one ski weekend where you don't have to be a skier to enjoy yourself.	248-236-0837
4-6	The weekend features good times, zany games, parties, Saturday night	skiorsail@yahoo.com
	dance, and much more. Weekend Cost TBD	
Sat-Sun	Sailing: Windsor Yacht Club	Michael Bourke
June 18-19	Weekend Cost TBD	586-776-7685
		gmskiclub@yahoo.com
Fri-Sun	Boyne Mtn Summer Weekend	Stan Sawicki
July 22-24	Weekend Cost TBD	586-808-3406
		ssawicki@comcast.net
Fri-Sun	Stratford Ontario Featuring Jesus Christ Superstar Stratford Ontario	Les Skrzycki
July 29-31	Home of the Shakespear Festival we'll surely be attending a play while	248-236-0837
	there as well as taking in all the sights and sounds of the magnificent	skiorsail@yahoo.com
	quaint little town. Weekend Cost TBD	
Sat-Tue	Houseboating: Lake Cumberland	Les Skrzycki
Aug	Weekend Cost TBD	248-236-0837
		skiorsail@yahoo.com
Fri-Sun	Ludington: Camping Kayak/Canoe/Hike, etc Ludington State Park	Stu Saxalby
Aug 26-28	Midwest Living magazine has named the Ludington State Park the #1	248-814-8089
	state park in the Midwest! you can swim, climb a dune, walk along the	stusaxalby@comcast.net
	beach, hike, bike, boat, fish, and relax. Weekend Cost TBD	
Fri-Sun	Kalamazoo: Air Zoo Best Place to Spend a Day with Your Family, the Air	Trish Lloyd
Sep 26-28	Zoo features amusement-park-style rides, full-motion flight simulators, 4-D	810-781-9477
	Missions Theater, Magic Planet, Space Ball and Zero G, as well as more	Cinnamontricia@att.net
	than 50 rare aircraft, plus exhibits and educational activities. So much to	
	do, we'll be spending two nights. Cost TBD	
Sat-Mon	Mackinac Bridge Walk	Diane Reaser
Sep 3-5	Two Night Area Stay featuring area activities for the weekend culiminating	248-544-4387
	with Monday's infamous walk across the bridge. Weekend Cost TBD	diane.b.reaser@abc.com
Fri-Sun	Chicago by Rail. Train Transportation and Lodging	Alan Toomey
Sep 23-25	The plan is to take Chicago by rail so that half the fun is getting there.	248- 391-5180
	Once in Chicago we can take in many of the cultural activities such as	a.k.toomey@sbcglobal.net
	plays, museums, aquariums, and anything else while there. This event is	
	very much in the planning stage so your input as to exciting things to do or	
F-: 0-	good places to stay would be welcomed. TIME: Weekend COST: TBD	India 0 Dath
Fri-Sun	<b>Double JJ Dude Ranch</b> 5900 Water Road Rothbury, MI 49452 (231) 894-	Julie & Beth
9/30-10/2	4444 Weekend Cost TBD	313-378-8174
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Sat-Sun	Grand Rapids Art Prize Weekend Grand Rapids, Michigan	Kathy O'Driscoll
Oct 8, 9	Art Prize is an international art competition held in Grand Rapids. The	248-421-4001
tentative	attending audience votes for their favorites. The top ten finalists win	kathyod7@gmail.com
F.: C	cash. First place award is \$250,000. Weekend Cost TBD	Loo Clamateld
Fri-Sun	Bald Mountain Cabin Campout Tamarack Cabins in Bald Mountain State	Les Skrzycki
Oct 21-23	Park Sleep in the warmth of the cabin * Enjoy the beauty and colors of the	248-236-0837
	crisp fall outdoors. * Great trails for hiking & biking * Roaring campfires *	skiorsail@yahoo.com
	Indoor games & cards Weekend Cost TBD	

## Calendar of Events

**Every Sunday**—Our "Breakfast Club" starts at 10:00 am at Anton's Island Grill, 16 Mile Rd. and Dequindre, NW corner. Just show up, and we'll make room for you. No RSVP needed.

**Every Sunday**—Wallyball at 12:30 pm at Warren Racquetball, Van Dyke at 12 ½ Mile. RSVP to <a href="mailto:gmskiclub@yahoo.com">gmskiclub@yahoo.com</a>

#### 2/5/2011 Sledding at Bloomer State Park Bloomer Park On John R past Avon

Time 11.00 AM - 1:00 pm Cost No Charge Contact Carol StaneK 313-443-7527 carolbarrel1@yahoo.com

2/6/2011 Superbowl - Bailey's Bar & Grille 1965 W. Maple Rd., Troy, MI, 48084

Time 5.00 PM Contact Darrell Ahlberg 586-899-8203 dahlberg7@comcast.net

2/6/2011 Pre Superbowl Skiing – Pine Knob 7778 Sashabaw Road Clarkston MI 48348

Time 11.00 AM Cost \$38 Lift ticket Contact Stan Sawicki 586-808-3406 ssawicki@comcast.net

2/10/2011 GM Meeting: Shield's Pizza Restaurant 1476 W. Maple Rd. (Just West of Crooks) Troy, MI 48084

Time 6.30 PM Cost No charge Contact Greg Ronan 586-219-7669 riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

2/11/2011 Pub & Grub - Vivio's II in Warren East 12 Mile Road Warren, MI 48092

TIME: 6.30 - ?? COST: Your Tab: RSVP Requested CONTACT: Al Sleeman 586-596-5276

allan.sleeman@ameritech.net

2/18/2011 ROM - CK Digg - Rochester Hills 2010 Auburn Rd, Rochester Hills 48309

TIME: 6.30 PM COST: Your Tab: RSVP Requested CONTACT: Vicki Slicker 248-736-4566 vslicker@sbcglobal.net

2/23/2011 Grace Center of Hope 35 E Huron St, Pontiac, MI 48342

Time: 4:30 - 7:00 Contact: Susan Walker swneko@aol.com 248-660-5329 or Patricia Tourney

bonzaibunny@comcast.net 313-418-4351

2/25/2011 Lake Ann Cross Country and Snowshoeing 7700 North Reynolds Road, Lake Ann, MI 49650.

Time Weekend Cost \$75 members, \$85 non-members Contact Kathy O'Driscoll 248-421-4001 kathyod7@gmail.com

#### 3/4/2011 MDSC Carnival Weekend Schuss / Shanty Creek Resort

COST: \$265 per person, Double Occupancy. CONTACT: Les Skrzycki 248-236-0837 skiorsail@yahoo.com

3/10/2011 GM Meeting: Shield's Pizza Restaurant 1476 W. Maple Rd. (Just West of Crooks) Troy, MI 48084

Time 6.30 PM Cost No charge Contact Greg Ronan 586-219-7669 riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

3/11 14 /2011 Detroit Public Television Fundraiser 1 Clover Ct. in Wixom, 48393

TIME: 6:00 pm – Midnight CONTACT: Brian Deleo Zirton1@aol.com 248-626-6192

3/12/2011 Whirlyball 19781 15 Mile Rd, Clinton Township, MI.

Time 2.45 Cost \$22 members, \$27 Non-members Contact Alan Toomey 248- 391-5180 a.k.toomey@sbcglobal.net

3/18/2011 Pub & Grub: The Great Baraboo 35905 Utica Road Clinton Township, MI 48035

Time 6.30 - ?? Cost: Your Tab: RSVP Requested Contact Al Sleeman 586-596-5276 allan.sleeman@ameritech.net

3/19/2011 Sledding at General Squire Park 4725 S. Mill Street, Dryden MI 48428

Time 11.00 AM Cost No Charge Contact Darrell Ahlberg 586-899-8203 dahlberg7@comcast.net

3/25/2011 RoM Kona Grille 30 East Big Beaver Road (Corner of Livernois) Troy, MI 48083

TIME: 6.30 PM COST: Your Tab: RSVP Requested CONTACT: Vicki Slicker 248-736-4566 vslicker@sbcglobal.net

3/26/2011 Wine Tasting: Fieldstone Winery 223 S. Main Street, Rochester, Michigan 48307

Time Time TBD Cost \$15 members, \$20 Non-members (includes tasting and Munchies)

Contact Darrell Ahlberg 586-899-8203 dahlberg7@comcast.net

3/26/2011 Gleaners Food Repackaging 24140 Mound Rd, Warren, MI 48091

Time 9:00 am - Noon Contact Darrell Ahlberg 586-899-8203 dahlberg7@comcast.net

3/27/2011 Curling At The Detroit Curling Club 1615 E Lewiston Ferndale, MI 48220

Time 12:30 - 3:00pm Cost \$27 members, \$29 Non Contact Alan Toomey 248- 391-5180 a.k.toomey@sbcglobal.net

#### 4/8/2011 Pub & Grub - Chelli's Chile 41240 Hayes Road Clinton Twp, MI

Time 6.30 pm COST: Your Tab: RSVP Requested Contact Al Sleeman 586-596-5276 allan.sleeman@ameritech.net 4/9/2011 Tax Relief Party TBD

Time 7.00 - ?? Cost TBD Contact Les Skrzycki 248-236-0837 skiorsail@yahoo.com

4/14/2011 GM Meeting: Shield's Pizza Restaurant 1476 W. Maple Rd. (Just West of Crooks) Troy, MI 48084

Time 6.30 PM Cost No charge Contact Greg Ronan 586-219-7669 riverdanceiii@yahoo.com



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

#### February at a glance

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Every Sunday Wallyball, 12:30 pm at Warren Racquetball
Sat-Sat 1/29-2/5 Western Swing Ski Trip. Lake Tahoe and Reno
2/5– Sledding at Bloomer State Park 11.00 am - 1:00 pm

**2/6- Superbowl** - Baily's Bar & Grille 1965 W. Maple Rd., Troy, 5.00 pm

2/6- Pre Superbowl Skiing - Pine Knob 11.00 am \$38 Lift ticket 2/10-Meeting: Shield's Pizza Maple Rd. (West of Crooks) 6.30 pm 2/11- Pub & Grub - Vivio's II East 12 Mile Road Warren, 6.30 pm 2/18-Restaurant - CK Digg - 2010 Auburn Rd, Rochester Hills 48309: 6.30 pm

2/23– Grace Center of Hope 35 E Huron St, Pontiac, 4:30 – 7:00 2/25– Lake Ann Cross Country and Snowshoeing Weekend

## 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



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