



NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 2011

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GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957

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GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, March 10, 6:30 pm

Hospitality Chair
G. Ronan

Shield's

Pizza Restaurant

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

Polishing materials will be available
if your penny is not shiny enough!

Admission charge:

One Shiny Penny!



Your penny will be cheerfully refunded if you
are not 100 % satisfied!

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



March 25—Restaurant of the Month:

Kona Grille

30 East Big Beaver Road (Corner of Livernois)

Troy, MI 48083 6.30 pm

Contact: Vicki Slicker 248-736-4566

vslicker@sbcglobal.net

March 18—Pub & Grub:

The Great Baraboo

35905 Utica Road (near Moravian)

Clinton Township, MI 48035 6.30 pm

Contact Al Sleeman 586-596-5276

allan.sleeman@ameritech.net



Ya' gotta eat, but you don't have to eat alone! Join us!



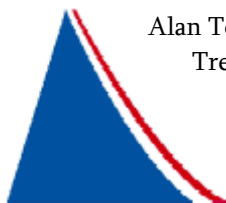
MARCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Steven Ahlberg	3/11
Lindsey Reid	3/11
Darwin Tuttle	3/13
Gary Barden	3/16
Julie Pawlos	3/19
Carol Stanek	3/23
Jeff Rollins	3/24
Jim Hartwig	3/26
Jack Maynard	3/28
Barbara Clark	3/29
Julie DiMambro	3/31
Cynthia Wowk	3/31

Treasurer's Report:

\$18,993⁹⁶

Alan Toomey
Treasurer



GM Ski Club Member Of
Metropolitan Detroit Ski Council

To Join:

\$30⁰⁰

That's less than the price of a half tank of gas! And you only have to pay it once a year, not once a week!

Go to this web site:

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

Fill out the application, send us **\$30,** and you'll belong; you'll be home!

Recruit three...



...get your membership free

Get your friends to join our club! You'll be doing them a favor, and you'll get a little something for yourself as well. Make sure it's your name on the last line of your friend's membership application.

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



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

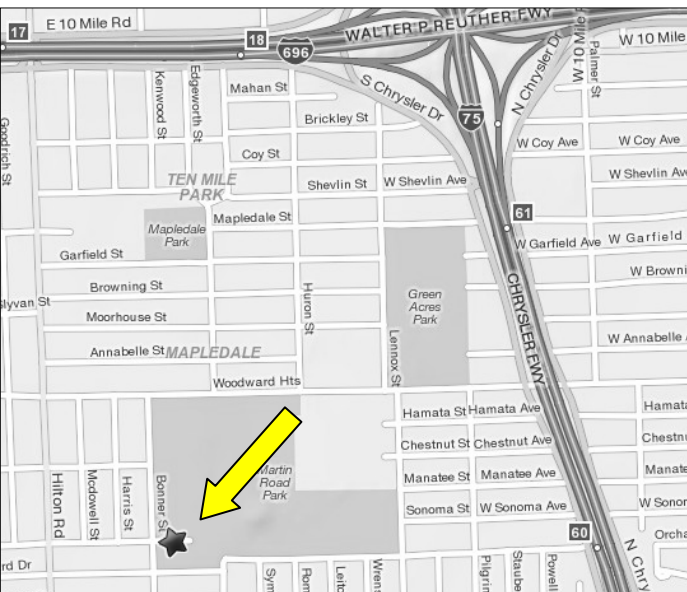
Price Includes: 2 hours sheet time
(6-8 players per sheet)

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.



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.

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



How many times have you said to yourself, "Gee, I wish I could spend more time crawling on my belly in the snow?" Carnival makes your wishes come true!

DETROIT PUBLIC TELEVISION AND THE GM SKI CLUB

It's GM Ski Club night at the Channel 56 studio where we'll volunteer our time to take pledges. It's fun and you will be trained to help out with this fundraiser which is a major source of revenue for PBS programming.

Monday, March 14, 2011

6:00 – 11:00 PM

1 Clover Court

Wixom, MI 48393

This will be a
live broadcast

Your support and enthusiasm is all you need to volunteer!
Contact Brian De Leo: 248-626-6192 or email to Zirton1@aol.com
(We need approx. ten volunteers to sign up before March 8, 2011)

HELP!

We need a new Prez & VP
Les & Brian are term-limited.



We need you to help us.
Committee chairs are set up.
Events are already planned.

President:	<u>Bill Given</u>
Vice-president:	<u>Carolyn Fiscelli</u>
Secretary:	_____
Treasurer:	_____

Contact:

- Debbie Cooke
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GM Ski Club Member

Lake Tahoe North Recap

by Jeff Rollins

We descended on the Reno Nevada area Jan 29-Feb 5th, trying something different this year by staying in a casino in Reno and shuttling to different North Lake Tahoe resorts every day.

The Silver Legacy Casino/Hotel was interconnected with the El Dorado and Circus Circus, so we had a lot of options for dining and entertainment. We took in karaoke, comedy shows, Credence Clearwater Revisited Concert, and the various dining options. Many of us had planned to ski only 5 of the 6 days available to us, but the weather was so nice and sunny and mild that nearly everyone skied everyday.

The first day had 6 inches of fresh powder, and then sunshine and 30's & 40's the rest of the week. We took in Squaw, Northstar, and Alpine. The sunny weather made for some nicely tanned faces, and the last day was so warm that we were found at the Ice Bar at Alpine sitting outside in shirtsleeves! A great week with a nice group! Join us next year wherever it may be!



Participants:

Darrell Ahlberg
Gary Barden
Bob Dennis
Dave Duvali
Don Jasper
Tricia Lloyd
Nancy O'Brien
Chris Rollins
Jeff Rollins
Les Skrzycki
Pat Tourney
Nancy Walker



Centuries ago, our ancestors discovered snow has a low coefficient of friction, and we've been sliding over it ever since, including Feb. 5 at Bloomer State Park and Feb. 6 at Pine Knob



Feb. 6th, Stan Sawicki organized our third "local" ski outing this season, this one at Pine Knob. We also had events at Alpine Valley and Mt. Holly earlier this season. This one was well attended (with about 12 people) despite it being Super Bowl Sunday. With the recent fresh snow, we might manage to squeeze another one in. These are kind of spontaneous—so keep checking our website for the next event and plan on coming out. They are always a lot of fun.

Didja know?

This newsletter has been available, on line, in color, on our website, for more than a decade! Let's play

BLAST FROM THE PAST!



From the December 1999 Newsletter—who's the bearded geek hanging out with the under-age blonde?



Weekend Planner

Plan ahead! Grab the brass ring every time it comes around!

Sat-Sun June 18-19	Sailing: Windsor Yacht Club Boat or drive to the yacht club. Barbecue, volleyball, night-long parties, nasty surprises for anyone who falls asleep first. Spend the night in a foreign country, be back on your native soil by mid-afternoon.	Michael Bourke 586-776-7685 gmskiclub@yahoo.com
Fri-Sun July 22-24	Boyne Mtn Summer Weekend Weekend Cost TBD	Stan Sawicki 586-808-3406 ssawicki@comcast.net
Fri-Sun July 29-31	Stratford Ontario Featuring Jesus Christ Superstar Stratford Ontario Home of the Shakespeare Festival. We'll surely be attending a play while there as well as taking in all the sights and sounds of the magnificent quaint little town. Weekend Cost TBD	Les Skrzycki 248-236-0837 skiorsail@yahoo.com
Sat-Tue Aug	Houseboating: Lake Cumberland Weekend Cost TBD	Les Skrzycki 248-236-0837 skiorsail@yahoo.com
Fri-Sun Aug 26-28	Ludington: Camping Kayak/Canoe/Hike, etc Ludington State Park Midwest Living magazine has named the Ludington State Park the #1 state park in the Midwest! You can swim, climb a dune, walk along the beach, hike, bike, boat, fish, and relax. Weekend Cost TBD	Stu Saxalby 248-814-8089 stusaxalby@comcast.net
Sat-Mon Sep 3-5	Mackinac Bridge Walk Two night area stay featuring area activities for the weekend culminating with Monday's famous walk across the bridge. Weekend Cost TBD	Diane Reaser 248-544-4387 diane.b.reaser@abc.com
Fri-Sun Sep 23-25	Chicago by Rail. Train Transportation and Lodging The plan is to take Chicago by rail so that half the fun is getting there. Once in Chicago we can take in many of the cultural activities such as 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 good places to stay would be welcomed. TIME: Weekend COST: TBD	Alan Toomey 248- 391-5180 a.k.toomey@sbcglobal.net
Fri-Sun Sep 26-28	Kalamazoo: Air Zoo Best place to spend a day with your family, the Air Zoo features amusement-park-style rides, full-motion flight simulators, 4-D Missions Theater, Magic Planet, Space Ball and Zero G, as well as more than 50 rare aircraft, plus exhibits and educational activities. So much to do, we'll be spending two nights. Cost TBD	Trish Lloyd 810-781-9477 Cinnamontricia@att.net
Fri-Sun 9/30-10/2	Double JJ Dude Ranch 5900 Water Road Rothbury, MI 49452 (231) 894-4444 Weekend Cost TBD	Julie & Beth 313-378-8174 beth.kish@gm.com
Sat-Sun Oct 8, 9 tentative	Grand Rapids Art Prize Weekend Grand Rapids, Michigan Art Prize is an international art competition held in Grand Rapids. The attending audience votes for their favorites. The top ten finalists win cash. First place award is \$250,000. Weekend Cost TBD	Kathy O'Driscoll 248-421-4001 kathyod7@gmail.com
Fri-Sun Oct 21-23	Bald Mountain Cabin Campout Tamarack Cabins in Bald Mountain State Park Sleep in the warmth of the cabin * Enjoy the beauty and colors of the crisp fall outdoors. * Great trails for hiking & biking * Roaring campfires * Indoor games & cards Weekend Cost TBD	Les Skrzycki 248-236-0837 skiorsail@yahoo.com
Sat Nov 19	Greenfield Village: Night Walk and Dinner Time and cost to be determined	Les Skrzycki 248-236-0837 skiorsail@yahoo.com

Don't forget, April 14

The exciting election of new club officers!

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 gmskiclub@yahoo.com

March

3/4--- MDSC Carnival Weekend Schuss / Shanty Creek Resort

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

3/10--- 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

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

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

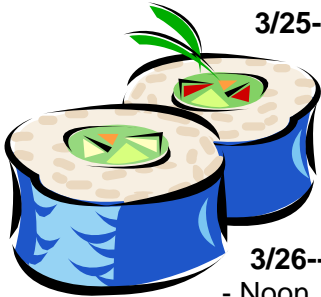
3/12--- Whirlyball 19781 15 Mile Rd, Clinton Township, MI.

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

3/18--- 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--- 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--- 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--- 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--- 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--- 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

April

4/8--- Pub & Grub - Chelli's Chile 41240 Hayes Road (n of 18 Mile) Clinton Twp, MI

Time 6.30 pm Contact Al Sleeman 586-596-5276 allan.sleeman@ameritech.net

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

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

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



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

March at a glance

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 3/4--- MDSC Carnival Weekend Schuss / Shanty Creek Resort
 3/10--- Meeting: Shield's Pizza, Maple Rd. (west of Crooks) 6.30 PM
 3/11--- Detroit Public Television Fundraiser 6:00 pm – Midnight
 3/12--- Whirlyball 19781 15 Mile Rd, Clinton Township, MI. 2:45 pm
 3/18--- Pub & Grub: The Great Baraboo 35905 Utica Road 6.30 pm
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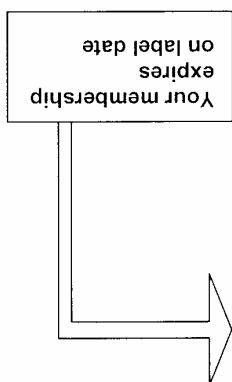
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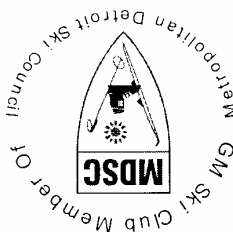
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