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Restaurant of the Month - Grand Tavern, May 27th 6:30pm



Food, sports and family fun at Grand Tavern Grand Tavern in Rochester Hills. Seafood, BBQ, wings, nachos, selections for everyone's appetite. The tavern has 25 flat screen TVs throughout the restaurant and 16 beers on tap.

3512 Marketplace Circle
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
Telephone (248) 289-1350
www.grandtavernrochesterhills.com
Contact Les Skrzycki
(248) 236-0837
Email: skiorsail@yahoo.com
RSVP Required.



Cozumel ARTICLE BY Mildred Toomey

Cozumel is where I met Lewie. He loves the water. Lewie likes to show off his water acrobatic skills and he likes to kiss. He pushed me on the boogie board. He let me put my arms around him. He and I liked each other from the get-go. He let me hold on to his flipper while I sailed through the water. OOPS! I let it slip. Yes, Lewie is a 10 year old dolphin. My first encounter (I hope not the last) with a dolphin. What Fun!

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.

Contact Christy Gonzalez at gmskiclub@yahoo.com

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Mother's Day is May 8th...
Don't forget your card.

Treasurer's Report: **\$18,993⁹⁶**

Alan Toomey, Treasurer



May Birthdays

George Kelly	5-3
Debby Roger	5-3
Philip Ross	5-5
Lee Johnson	5-8
Rita Smith	5-11
Mary Zalewski	5-11
Brian Briggs	5-16
Ron Weishaupt	5-17
Dave Duvali	5-19
Don Hannan	5-21
Ken Colden	5-23
Joe Rokocy	5-26
Deborah Narrin	5-28
Greg Ronan	5-31

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248-236-0837.

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

To Join:

Summer Special: 20⁰⁰

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 **\$20**,
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.



From the President

Time To Invest in **GM Ski Club** Stock ??

By Darrell Ahlberg, President

As the Detroit car companies are rebounding they are now offering the public a chance to invest into their future. Perhaps you are asking, how can I get some stock in the GM Ski Club? If you believe in its future, then you want to get in on its stock. But alas, you say. Sadly, the GM Ski Club doesn't offer stock. But Hark!! Actually, we do. Investments take different forms. You can also invest in an organization with your time and effort. Like any other investment, you need to assess the organization's potential. Are its best days behind it, or are the best days yet to come?

I believe the club's best days lie ahead. So as your new President (thank you for your vote, by the way), I'm looking forward to investing heavily over the upcoming year. I'm happy to report I'm far from alone. We have several new investors this year. You now have a new Vice President (**Bill Given**), Secretary (**Leslie Musser**), Hospitality chair (**Cindy Hollister**), Membership chair (**Carla Hicks**), newsletter Chair (**Christy Gonzalez**), and MDSC Rep (**Dave Norkus**). All these new investors are welcomed by continued investors, **Alan Toomey** (Treasurer), **Kathy O'Driscoll** (Webmaster) **Dave Duvali** (Trips), **Stan Sawicki** (Athletics), **Al Sleeman** (Pub & Grub), and **Vickie Slicker** (Restaurant Of The Month). Lastly, we have our past president **Les Skrzycki** returning to the board in the position of, well, returning as Past President. This prestigious, capable bunch of people are so enthusiastic about the future, they are investing in a big way.

What are the dividends? The reward is in knowing you've contributed to making somebody else's life a little richer by making it possible for people to gain an experience they may not have gotten otherwise. Like the experience you've just given somebody else, this is the kind of reward that is equally special when reaped. Now, I know you're wondering, how can I get some shares? I have good news for everyone. We still have plenty of room for more investors. You can invest by letting us know your ideas and what you'd like to see. Moreover, if you have an idea and some time, we need you to lead events. By leading an event, you can be sure the event is put together in a way that it offers everything you feel it should offer. The members will benefit from your efforts and in turn you will benefit from the efforts of other members. It's a win-win for everybody.

So now, you're saying, hey, I've got an idea, but I'm not sure I can run it very well. It's normal to be anxious about trying something new. Consider all the new board members listed above. They are all stepping outside their comfort zone and taking a chance. I've assured them that nobody expects miracles or perfection. We're all volunteers doing the best we can for the club. And help is never far away. The same would apply to you if you'd like to get involved. Returning board members have lots of experience and are more than willing to assist. So what are you waiting for? Contact any board member, including yours truly, let's get your activity scheduled, let's start the planning and let's turn the membership on to something you already know is pretty cool.

It's going to be a great year!

Sincerely,
Darrell Ahlberg

Carla Heikkinen Memorial



Sunday, June 05, 2011

1st Annual Carla Heikkinen Memorial Golf Outing to benefit Michigan Parkinson's Foundation

We hope to see all of Carla's friends, family and anyone else that wants to come out and enjoy a great day of golf! Please feel free to invite anyone with any skill level.

Location:

Tanglewood Golf Club
53503 10 Mile Road
South Lyon, MI 48178
[click here to view map](#)

Date: 6/5/2011

Time: 1:30:00 PM Shotgun Start

Price: \$100 per golfer, \$25 for dinner only

Includes: Golf, Lunch, Drinks on the course, Dinner including 2 hours of open bar.

Format: 18 hole Scramble

Contests and Prizes: Long Drive, Closest to Pin, 50/50 and more

Event Day Registration: Registration begins at noon

Sponsorship Opportunities: Anyone that cannot play but would still like to make a donation, can sponsor a hole for \$100 apiece. Please contact Michelle at michellenorton22@aol.com. All proceeds going to the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation.



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Cozumel Trip

Members had a week full of sun and fun.

By John Z.

My 2 cents for submitting an article was the Drink of the Day. Everyday I saw Karen Halik and some others – she was asking me what the Drink of the Day was. Here was the list for the week:

Sat – Sex on the Beach Sun – Mudslide

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Mon – Dirty Monkey

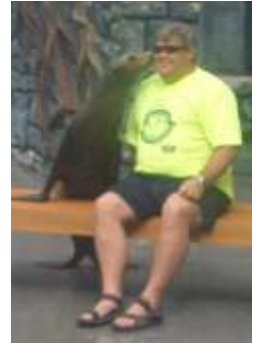
Tues – Blue Hawaiian

Wed – Chi-Chi

Thurs – Miami Vice

Fri – Shark Bite

Had a wonderful time at Chankanaab National Park since I got my picture taken with the sea lion (above right).



Got some good pictures (left) of dolphins jumping out of the water at Dolphin Discovery.
Enjoy
John Z.

Boyne Country Trip Form

Friday July 22 to Sunday July 24

Cost \$80 members, \$85 non-members

Price includes two nights lodging at condos at Boyne Mtn. plus 1 or 2 person kayak or 2 person canoe rentals on the Jordan River. The river trip will be approximately three hours.

Please circle the X's below for the extra activities you are interested in.

X Jet skiing	approx. \$100 per hour – can be split between to 2 or 3 people. Skiing is on Deer Lake behind Boyne Mtn.
X Zip Lining	prices from \$20 basic to \$69 for the whole tour
X Golf	price approx. \$89 including cart for 18 holes, after 2PM the price is \$60
X Disc Golf	free – rental of Boyne Discs extra
X mountain Biking	free chairlift ride with bike – go downhill at various trails
X Tennis	free use of tennis courts

Please make check payable to GM Ski Club

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Member ___ non-member ___

Need: 1 person kayak 2 person kayak 2 person canoe

Send check to:

Stan Sawicki,

35767 Hatherly Place,

Sterling Heights, MI 48310

Contact at 586-808-3406 or ssawicki@comcast.net

Stratford Festival Weekend

July 29-31, 2011

About the Musical

The zeal with which Christ's followers are hailing him as the Son of God has become a source of dismay to his disciple Judas Iscariot. Fearing that this tide of religious fervor will provoke brutal repression by the occupying Romans, Judas must make his fateful choice between faith and betrayal. The Greatest Story Ever Told is a groundbreaking rock opera that reinvented musical theatre for the modern age.



The trip includes: 2 nights lodging at a Bed & Breakfast, tickets for the Saturday 8pm Performance, A+ seating. This will be a drive up weekend. Car-pooling is advised. Checking in time is 3pm on Friday July 29th. If you would like to arrive earlier please notify me. Rooms are Double occupancy. Breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning. Dinner on own or as a group, reservations recommended. Saturday dinner reservations are at The Parlor prior to the play. Will send out a rooming list with B & B name, location and phone numbers. Will have a list for car-pooling.

Price for Members is \$305.00 and Non Members \$335.00.

Please make checks payable to GM Ski Club.

Mailing address:
145 S. Glaspie St.
Oxford, MI 48371

A \$100 deposit is due to at time of registration. The 2nd payment of \$100 is due by May 30th. The final payment of \$105 is due by June 30th.

For more information email me at skiorsail@yahoo.com

The GM SKI & TRAVEL CLUB presents

Beach & Boating Campout at Ludington State Park

Friday, Aug. 26 – Sunday, Aug. 28

Swim, climb a dune, party on a pontoon boat or canoe/kayak, bike, hike, tube down a lazy river... or just relax on the beach at the #1 rated state park in the Midwest.

Two-day weekend adventure includes:

- Camping at the Pines Campground Friday & Saturday
- Group cook-out dinner Friday night
- Breakfast Saturday and Sunday
- Lunch Saturday
- Your choice of a pontoon boat party (Limited to 15 persons) or a canoe/kayak trip. (Saturday)
- Group trail hike (Sunday morning)
- Lots of free time for tubing, biking, beach bumming, etc.

You are free to dine in Ludington on your own or cook out Saturday night.

Optional Extended weekend: Aug. 25- Aug. 28

- Includes these extras:
- Pizza Party Thursday night
- Breakfast and Lunch Friday
- Camping Thursday night

Fee for Members: Two-day camping: \$55 (all-inclusive) Three-day camping: \$75 **Non-members add \$5**

NOTE: Michigan State Parks require a \$10 Annual Recreation Passport for all motorized vehicles entering a park.

Reserve early by contacting **Stu Saxalby** at stusaxalby@comcast.net. We are limited to 32 campers, including 12 for a three-night stay, beginning Thursday, Aug. 25 and 20 for a two-night stay, beginning Friday, Aug. 26. **A non-refundable \$20 deposit will hold your place.** Please make checks payable to GM Ski Club and mail to Stu Saxalby, 2160 W. Buell Rd., Oakland Twp., MI 48363



**In May the GM Outdoor Meetings begin at Halmich Park – under the pavilion
13 Mile Between Ryan and Dequindre Warren, MI
Hot dogs, soda and other beverages included.**

5/12/2011 GM Meeting: Halmich Park
6/9/2011 GM Meeting: Halmich Park
Time 6.30 PM
Cost \$4.00 members, \$6.00 non-members
Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630
cindymhollister@gmail.com

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GM Ski Club Member

Weekend Planner

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

6/18/2011 – 06/19/2011 Sailing: Windsor Yacht Club Departure Location TBD

Cost TBD

Contact Michael Bourke 586-776-7685 gmskiclub@yahoo.com

7/22/2011 – 07/24/2011 Boyne Mountain Weekend Boyne Mountain Condos

Cost: \$80 members \$85 non-members

Contact Stan Sawicki 586-808-3406 ssawicki@comcast.net

7/29/2011 – 07/31/2011 Stratford Weekend Stratford Ontario

Home of the Shakespear 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. Featured play will be Jesus Christ Superstar

Cost \$305 Members \$335 Non-Members Includes: 2 nights lodging at a Bed & Breakfast, tickets for the Saturday 8pm Performance, A+ seating.

Contact Les Skrzycki 248-236-0837 skiorsail@yahoo.com

08/26/2011 – 08/28/2011 Ludington: Camping/Kayak/Canoe/Hike Ludington State Park

Midwest Living magazine has named the Ludington State Park the #1 state park in the Midwest! Swim, climb a dune, party on a pontoon boat or canoe/kayak, bike or hike on trails, tube down a lazy river... or just lay on the beach..

This weekend adventure includes

9/3/2011 Mackinac Bridge Walk Mackinac Area

Two Night Area Stay (Saturday - Monday) featuring area activities for the weekend culminating with Monday's infamous walk across the bridge.

Cost TBD

10/8/2011 Grand Rapids Art Prize (tentative) Grand Rapids, Michigan

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. Date is tentative. Weekend

Cost TBD

10/21/2011 Bald Mountain Cabin Campout Tamarack Cabins in Bald Mountain State Park

Cost TBD

Contact Les Skrzycki 248-236-0837 skiorsail@yahoo.com

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.

Sunday—**Wallyball** at 12:30 pm at Warren Racquetball, Van Dyke at 12 ½ Mile. RSVP to gmskiclub@yahoo.com

5/5/2011 Cinco De Mayo: Pancho Villa's 4127 15 Mile Road Sterling Heights, Michigan 48310
Time 6.30 PM COST: Your Tab: RSVP Requested Contact: Stan Sawicki 586-808-3406
ssawicki@comcast.net

5/12/2011 GM Meeting: Halmich Park Halmich Park. 13 Mile Between Ryan and Dequindre Warren, MI
Time 6.30 PM Cost \$4.00 members, \$6.00 non-members Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630
cindymhollister@gmail.com

5/14/2011 Eastern Market Flower Day: Breakfast at Vivio's 2460 Market St. Detroit, MI 48207
Time 8.00 AM Cost: You Tab Contact Les Skrzycki 248-236-0837 skiorsail@yahoo.com

5/14/2011 Proud Lake Moonlight Canoeing Heavner Canoe Rental, 2775 Garden Rd, Milford, MI
TIME: Paddle : 7:45 p.m. Sunset COST Options: \$30/\$25/\$15/\$5 per person Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630 cindymhollister@gmail.com

5/20/2011 Coalition Dance Boogie Woogie Dance Fever AMERICAN POLISH CENTURY CLUB, 33204 MAPLE LANE DR, STERLING HEIGHTS, 48312
TIME: 6:30 PM COST: Ticket Price \$15.00 in Advance \$18.00 at the Door CONTACT: Contact Les Skrzycki 248-236-0837 skiorsail@yahoo.com

5/24/2011 Pub & Grub: Gator Jakes 36863 Van Dyke Ave Sterling Heights, MI 48312
TIME: 6.30 PM COST: Your Tab: RSVP Requested CONTACT: Al Sleeman 586-596-5276
allan.sleeman@ameritech.net

5/25/2011 Grace Center of Hope 35 E Huron St, Pontiac, MI 48342
Time: Arrive by 4:30 pm and we should be done by 6:30-7:00 pm. Contact: Susan Walker swneko@aol.com 248-660-5329

6/5/2011 Carla Heikkinen Memorial Golf Outing Tanglewood Golf Club 53503 West 10 Mile Road South Lyon, MI 48178
Time Time 1:30 pm Shotgun start Cost \$100 per golfer Includes: Golf, Lunch, Drinks on the course, Dinner including 2 hours of open bar. , \$25 for dinner only. Contact Michael Bourke 586-776-7685 gmskiclub@yahoo.com

6/9/2011 GM Meeting: Halmich Park Halmich Park. 13 Mile Between Ryan and Dequindre Warren, MI
Time 6.30 PM Cost \$4.00 members, \$6.00 non-members Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630
cindymhollister@gmail.com

6/10/2011 Pub & Grub: Typsy McStaggers 7280 E. 12 Mile just west of Van Dyke
Time 6.30 PM COST: Your Tab: RSVP Requested Contact Al Sleeman 586-596-5276
allan.sleeman@ameritech.net

6/18/2011 Proud Lake Sunset Canoeing Heavner Canoe Rental, 2775 Garden Rd, Milford, MI
TIME: Sunset Paddle : 7:45 p.m COST Options: \$30/\$25/\$15/\$5 per person Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630 cindymhollister@gmail.com

6/18/2011 – 06/20/10 Sailing: Windsor Yacht Club Departure Location TBD
Time Weekend Cost TBD Contact Michael Bourke 586-776-7685 gmskiclub@yahoo.com

6/26/2011 Golfing - Hampton Golf Course 2600 Club Dr. Rochester Hills, MI
Time 1:30 Cost: TBD Contact: Stan Sawicki 586-808-3406 ssawicki@comcast.net

7/3/2011 Union Lake party Vickie Slicker's House
Time 2.00 PM Cost TBD Contact Vicki Slicker 248-360-2756 vslicker@sbcglobal.net



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

May at a glance

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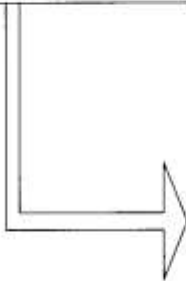
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