



# NEWSLETTER

February 2012

WEBSITE: [www.gmskiclub.org](http://www.gmskiclub.org)

GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957

VOLUME LV, ISSUE II

## **Pub and Grub of the Month**

Typsy McStaggers  
7280 E 12 Mile Road  
Warren, MI 48092

Friday, February 10th 6:30 pm  
Entertainment starts at 9:00 pm featuring  
DJ, dancing and karaoke

## **Restaurant of the Month**

Peabody's  
34965 Woodward Avenue  
Birmingham, MI 48009

Friday, February 17th 6:30 pm  
Must RSVP by Feb 15th.





**GM SKI CLUB**  
**Visit US at [www.gmskiclub.org](http://www.gmskiclub.org)**

*We're at Shields!  
1476 W. Maple Rd.  
(Just West of Crooks)  
Time: 6:30PM*

**MONTHLY GENERAL  
MEETING**  
*February 9<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm*

**Contact Cindy Hollister at 810.444.3630**

### 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.

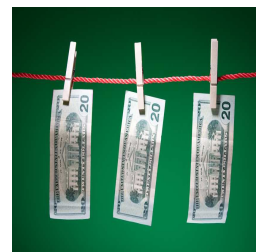
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### Treasurer's Report:

## \$17,323.63

Alan Toomey, Treasurer



### February Birthdays

Todd Lekander	2-02
Adnaloy (AJ) Martinez	2-06
Sandy Porter	2-11
Laura Bousson	2-18
Don Jasper	2-20
Matthew Walker	2-21
Eveline Douglas	2-27

### GM Ski and Travel Club Board of Directors

**President:** Darrell Ahlberg  
586-899-8203

**Vice President:** Bill Given  
248-289-6832

**Treasurer:** Alan Toomey  
248-391-5180

**Secretary:** Leslie Musser  
734-634-4475

**Activities:** TBD

**Hospitality:** Cindy Hollister  
810-444-3630

**Membership:** Anne Demres  
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248-969-1162

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586-754-8151

**Sports and Ski Instruction:**  
Stan Sawicki 586-808-3406

**Webmaster:** Kathy O'Driscoll  
248-666-9057

**Past President:** Les Skrzycki  
248-238-0675 **NEW NUMBER**



# WANTED!

## THREE NEW FACES FOR GM SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP!



# REWARD

RECRUIT 3, AND GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP FREE!  
(GM SKI CLUB GROWS BY THREE NEW MEMBERS WHO  
DESIGNATE YOU AS THE REFERRING MEMBER AT SIGNUP)

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame  
proudly recognizes

## *GM Ski Club*

as a  
contributing member



We appreciate your support!



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## From the President

By Darrell Ahlberg, President

Hard to believe its February already and so far we've been dancing, done some downhill and cross country skiing, sledding, and a Caribbean cruise. All that as well as Wally Ball on Sunday so hopefully everyone is staying busy this winter.

### **April Elections.**

April elections are almost here. Now is the time to think about who you want to lead the club next year. The elected positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. This year's Election Committee is Les Skrzycki, Dave Norkus and Paul Grosso. To make a nomination, yourself or someone else, please see Les or Dave. Step up and become a member of the board. Change is always good, and we want to continue to grow the GM Ski Travel and Social Club.

### **Thinking summer.**

Yes, I know we just started winter and thinking summer seems a little crazy! But it never hurts to start planning early for our summer outdoor meetings. This year, we will be moving to Auburn Hills River Woods Park on Squirrel Road & M59. We enjoyed our 15 years at Hamlich, but our membership roster showed us we needed to change to a more central location. The new location is right on the banks of the Clinton River and features walkways along the river, state of the art picnic facilities with a pavilion and close top notch restroom facilities. We are very excited about this new location and hope you will too.

### **Enjoying Michigan Winters**

Getting back to the present, we have a lot of fun winter activities coming up, both indoors and outdoors. So don't be a couch potato. Check the calendar and start making plans.

-Darrell.



## LARRY JOHNSON PAST PRESIDENT

I regret to inform you that a past President of the GM Ski Club, Lawrence James Johnson passed away on January 1, 2012. Larry was the President of the GM Ski Club back in 1996/1997, he was a lawyer, sailor, and all around good guy.

Donations can be sent to Hospice of Michigan—Donation Processing Center, 400 Mack Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201, or to the Parkinson Foundation.





## Pub & Grub - Topsy McStaggers Friday, Feb 10, 2012

The Name says it all. A great place to meet, drink, and eat with an Irish flair. Home of the piled high corn beef sandwich. Entertainment is a DJ playing dance tunes and some karaoke. Always a great time.

Time: 6:30.

Entertainment starts 9:00 Will feature DJ Dancing and Karaoke.

Cost: Your Tab Contact: Al Sleeman [allan.sleeman@ameritech.net](mailto:allan.sleeman@ameritech.net).



## Restaurant Of The Month - Peabody's 34965 Woodward Avenue Birmingham, MI

Every town has one great landmark. In Birmingham, it's Peabody's. They offer a great menu featuring prime rib and fresh fish, sandwiches and salads, a well-stocked bar and a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere with lofty open spaces on two floors. We'll be upstairs.

RSVP by Feb 15th.

Time 6:30

Cost: Your Tab

Contact: Vickie Slicker 248-736-4566 [vslicker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vslicker@sbcglobal.net)

## ICE SKATING — SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

TIME: 1:00 PM

PLACE: Spencer Park (on John R between South Blvd and Auburn Road)

COST: Free

More than 1 ice pond, those who want to play hockey, bring sticks, if not there is plenty of room to skate.

Contact Carol at [carolbarrell@yahoo.com](mailto:carolbarrell@yahoo.com) or 313-443-7527

Lunch to be determined



## TIME AND SPACE IS RUNNING OUT—GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN NOW!!!

Go to [Gmskiclub.org](http://Gmskiclub.org) to get the trip application space is limited



**GM**  
SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

# Lake Ann

**Cross country ski and snowshoe weekend**  
February 24- 26, 2012

It's time for a winter adventure! Enjoy the outdoors in the scenic Lake Ann area near Traverse City and Sleeping Bear Dunes. The group will be staying in two lodges, the Bears Den and right next door in The Lodge. Limited to 25 people.

The trip includes:

- Lodging for both Friday and Saturday nights
- Continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday
- Saturday lunch and a potluck dinner on Saturday night.

Cost : \$75 GMSC members, \$85 non-members.

Contact Kathy O'Driscoll. [kathyod7@comcast.net](mailto:kathyod7@comcast.net) or 248.421.4001. Make check payable to GMSC and mail to Kathy at 6514 Crest Dr., Waterford, MI 48329.

## THE CADIEUX CAFÉ IS THE ONLY HOME OF FEATHERBOWLING IN THE UNITED STATES!!

### FEATHERBOWLING AT THE CADIEUX CAFÉ, SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2012 7:00-9:00PM

Come test your skill as you try and roll wooden wheels (think wheels of cheese) down a dirt concave alley to come as close as you can to a feather stuck at the other end!! There's nothing to knock down. Finesse is rewarded, rather than testosterone.

We have dinner reservations immediately following. Join us for steamed mussels and other Belgian specialties including more than a dozen Belgian beers!!

The bowling will be limited to the first 24 people who reserve. **Early payment is required.**

Anyone else is welcome to join us after the bowling for dinner and/or beverage but space is limited.

We must have final count by "Leap Day" (Wednesday Feb 29).

**Cost: \$15.00 members/\$20.00 non-members. Includes 2 hours of bowling and appetizers. Dinner and beverages: On your own.**

**Contact: Hannah Costello - 586-222-1363 or [nodie1031@yahoo.com](mailto:nodie1031@yahoo.com). Let us know if you're interested in carpooling**

Cadieux Café is located at 4300 Cadieux Rd, Detroit. Take the Cadieux exit (223) off I-94 and head east on Cadieux for about 1 mile. The café will be on your left.

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY FEBRUARY 14TH SO GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

See Frank, Sammy, Dean and Joey together again!

# THE RAT PACK SHOW



Saturday, March 17 at 8 P.M. at the Macomb Center  
44575 Garfield Rd. Clinton Twp.

**THEATER TICKETS WITH PREMIUM SEATING**  
**\$44.00 MEMBERS, \$49.00 NON-MEMBERS**  
**Purchase no later than February 14th**

Dinner at the BRIO Tuscan Grille at 5:45 P.M.  
17430 Hall Rd. Clinton Twp.  
*You can come for dinner only – RSVP Stan*



Send Rat Pack check payable to: GM Ski Club to:  
Stanley Sawicki, 35767 Hatherly Place, Sterling Heights, 48310  
Contact at: 586-808-3406 or [ssawicki@comcast.net](mailto:ssawicki@comcast.net)

## Board Member Elections

The April General Meeting is Election Night for our club. The four positions members will vote on are:

**President**  
**Vice President**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**

In addition to these four elected positions, there are several appointed positions on the board. One of the duties of the president is to appoint people to fill these positions. As members, you are highly encouraged to get involved with the governance of the club either by running for any of the above elected positions, or seeking an appointed position.

Anyone who has been a member for at least a year is eligible to run. To nominate either yourself or someone else, contact any of the following members of the nominating committee.

Paul Grosso	<a href="mailto:mithunder1965@comcast.net">mithunder1965@comcast.net</a>	586-822-5613
Dave Norkus	<a href="mailto:dnorkus@comcast.net">dnorkus@comcast.net</a>	248-496-2275
Les Skrzycki	<a href="mailto:skiorsail@yahoo.com">skiorsail@yahoo.com</a>	248-236-0837

Once nominations are in, the nominating committee will publish the names of all nominees. Please plan on attending the April meeting and casting your vote.



# **GM Ski & Social Club Presents: Beat the Winter Blahs-Euchre Night at Stus**

## **Play Euchre with Fascinating People**

**(Or if you don't care to play, just enjoy a fun party!)**

**Saturday, March 24th**

**At the home of Stu Saxalby**

**2160 W. Buell Rd., Oakland Twp., MI 48363**



The fun starts at 7 p.m. with food and beverages and continues thru the night. Euchre games (please don't take the game seriously!) begin at 7:30. \$15 (\$20 for non-members) for players and \$5 (\$7 for non-members) for the party only. Make checks payable to GM Ski Club and mail to Stu at the above address. BYOB. Cash prizes for lowest score, lucky number and winners. Reserve your spot now.

**Prepayment is required for players.**

**Contact Stu at 248-814-8089 ([stusaxalby@comcast.net](mailto:stusaxalby@comcast.net))**



## **Whirlyball**

**Saturday March 31 3-5pm**

**Cost \$22 (non-member add \$5)**

**Limited signup-25 persons**

**Contact: Judy Kennedy ([jkennedy0323@yahoo.com](mailto:jkennedy0323@yahoo.com))**

**WHERE:** Clinton Township Location

19781 15 Mile Rd. - on the north side just east of Groesbeck

**Price Includes: Pizza, 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.

## Cross Country Turns To Hiking

Well they say the best laid plans of mice and men often go astray. So no matter how well you plan, its always good to have a backup plan. Fortunately, cross-country ski trip leader **Kaye Sheere** did just that. While the snow gods weren't kind enough to grant sufficient snow for a decent ski, the sun gods were plenty generous. So Kay's back up plan to go for a hike paid off.

It was a gorgeous, crisp, sunny Sunday morning for a hike at Independence Oaks. Eight GMSC Members braved the morning cold and showed up for a fantastic 2.5 mile hike. The day was capped off with a stop at the Union Woods (former Clarkston Café) in downtown Clarkston. Big thanks to Kaye for a well-planned day.

Next on the schedule, Cross-Country skiing at Stoney Creek February 12. Hope to see everybody there.

## HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT GREENFIELD VILLAGE IN DECEMBER



Jan, didn't you say in last months news-letter that you didn't want pictures with your mouth open, well guess Michael took care of that!



## Coming This Summer

The GM Ski Club will move its outdoor meetings to River Woods Park In Auburn Hills

Located on the southeast corner of Squirrel Rd. at M-59, River Woods Park is located along the Clinton River and features a covered picnic shelter with barbeque grills, a paved pathway with a bridge over the Clinton River, basketball courts, and, oh yes, state of the art restroom facilities.

We are very excited about this move and hope you will make plans to join us.







# Upcoming Events

<b>Every Sunday—Our “Breakfast Club”</b> 10:00 am at Jimmy’s Coney Grill, 37246 Dequindre, NE corner at 16 Mile. Just show up. We’ll make room.	<b>Every Sunday Wally ball</b> 12:30 pm at Warren Racquetball, Van Dyke at 12 ½ Mile. RSVP to gmskiclub@yahoo.com
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Month —GM General Meeting</b> Winters at Shields Pizza In Troy, Summers at Hamlich Park In Warren. Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630 cindymhollister@gmail.com	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Month —GM General Meeting</b> Winters at Shields Pizza In Troy, Summers at Hamlich Park In Warren. Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630 cindymhollister@gmail.com

**Thu 2/9/2012 GM Meeting: Shield's Pizza Restaurant 1476 W. Maple Rd. Troy, MI 48084**

Time 6.30 PM Cost No charge Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630 cindymhollister@gmail.com

**Fri 2/10/2012 Pub & Grub - Topsy McStaggers 7280 E 12 Mile Rd Warren, MI 480**

**RSVP Requested.** Time: 6:30. Entertainment starts 9:00 Contact: Al Sleeman allan.sleeman@ameritech.net

**Sat 2/11/2012 Vail Ski trip Vail Colorado**

Click on More Details to see a link to the Vail Trip flyer.

**Sun 2/12/2012 Cross Country Ski - Stoney Creek 4300 Main Park Dr Shelby Township, MI 48316**

Time: 10:30 A.M. Cost: \$5.00 Park Entrance Fee Rentals available at the golf course for \$10 includes skis, boots and poles for 1/2 a day Contact Kay Sheere ktmc1014@wowway.com

**Fri 2/17/2012 RoM - Peabody's 34965 Woodward Avenue Birmingham, MI**

**RSVP by Feb 15th.** Time 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Vickie Slicker 248-736-4566 vslicker@sbcglobal.net

**Sat 2/18/2012 Caberfae Bus Trip - Skiwi Ski Club Bus will leave locally for Caberfae Ski Resort near Cadillac Cost:**

\$70 Ken Colden 248-494-0578 Contact: [kenlee1083@yahoo.com](mailto:kenlee1083@yahoo.com)

**Sun 2/19/2012 Ice Skating - Spencer Park Rochester John R between South blvd and Auburn roads**

Time: 11:00 Cost: Free Contact: Carol Stanec carolbarrel1@yahoo.com 313-443-7527

**Tue 2/21/2012 Down Hill Skiing - Mt Holly 13536 S. Dixie Highway, Holly MI Tremendous Tuesdays.**

Cost: \$20 Time: 10:00 - 5:30 Contact Mike Nalley michaelnalley@hotmail.com

**Fri 2/24/2012 Lake Ann Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoeing 7700 North Reynolds Road, Lake Ann, MI 49650.**

Cost \$75 Members \$85 Non-members Contact Kathy O'Driscoll kathyod7@gmail.com

**Sat 2/25/2012 Down Hill Skiing - Pine Knob 7778 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston, MI Join with GMSC/Skiwi's**

Time: 10:30 Lunch 1:00 Cost: \$39.00 lift ticket Contact Stan Sawicki ssawicki@comcast.net

**Wed 2/29/2012 Grace Center of Hope 35 E Huron St, Pontiac, MI 48342** Doing our part in giving back to the community.

Time: Arrive by 4:30 pm Contact: Susan Walker swneko@aol.com 248-660-5329

**Sat 3/3/2012 Cadieux Cafe - Feather Bowling 4300 Cadieux Rd. Detroit, MI (between Mack & Warren)**

Cost \$15 Members/\$18 non-members Time 7:00 Contact Hannah Costello nodie1031@yahoo.com

**Thu 3/8/2012 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 Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630 cindymhollister@gmail.com

**Fri 3/9/2012 Pub & Grub - Cicerelli's 46793 Hayes RD, Shelby Twp., MI 48315**

Time: 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Al Sleeman allan.sleeman@ameritech.net

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**Sat 3/17/2012 RoM - Brio Tuscan Grille 17430 Hall Rd., Clinton, MI, 48038**

Time 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Stan Sawicki ssawicki@comcast.net

**Sat 3/17/2012 Rat Pack Show - Macomb Center For Performing Arts 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, MI**

48038 Cost: \$44.00 members \$49 non-members Contact Stan Sawicki ssawicki@comcast.net

**Sat 3/24/2012 Euchre Night at Stu's 2160 W. Buell Rd., Oakland, MI 48363**

Time 7.00 PM Gathering. Games start 7:30 Cost Players: \$15.00 members, \$20 Non-members. Party only: \$5.00 Members .

\$7.00 non members Contact Stu Saxalby 248-814-8089 stusaxalby@comcast.net

**Wed 3/28/2012 Grace Center of Hope 35 E Huron St, Pontiac, MI 48342** Doing our part in giving back to the community.

Time: Arrive by 4:30 pm Contact: Susan Walker swneko@aol.com 248-660-5329

**Sat 3/31/2012 Whirlyball 19781 15 Mile Rd, Clinton Township, MI**

Time 2.30 - 5:00pm Cost: \$22.00 members/\$25 non-members Contact Judy Kennedy jkennedy0323@yahoo.com



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

## February at a glance

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2-10	Pub & Grub—Typsy McStaggers
2-11	Vail Ski Trip
2-12	Cross Country Ski—Stoney Creek
2-17	ROM—Peabody’s
2-18	Caberfae Ski Trip with Skiwi Club
2-19	Ice Skating—Spencer Park
2-21	Down Hill Skiing
2-24	Lake Ann Cross Country Skiing & Snowshoe
2-25	Down Hill Skiing—Pine Knob
2-29	Grace Center of Hope

## GM SKI and TRAVEL CLUB Website:

[www.gmskiclub.org](http://www.gmskiclub.org)  
(recent photos, upcoming events, membership  
applications, bylaws, forms, and fun music)

MDSC Website: [www.mdscski.org](http://www.mdscski.org)

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