



# NEWSLETTER

April 2012

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GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957

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

Blackthorn  
2555 12 Mile Road  
Berkley, MI  
Friday, April 14 6:30 pm  
Deposit required  
Hannah Costello [nodie1031@yahoo.com](mailto:nodie1031@yahoo.com)

## **Restaurant of the Month**

Buca di Beppo  
12575 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48315  
Friday, April 27th 6:30 PM  
Cost: Your tab Contact Hall  
[margeahall@aol.com](mailto:margeahall@aol.com)



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**ELECTION TIME  
FOR  
PRES-VP-SEC-TREAS**

Don't Forget to



**MONTHLY GENERAL  
MEETING  
April 12th  
6:30pm**

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

**Contact Cindy Hollister at 810.444.3630**

### Editor's Notes

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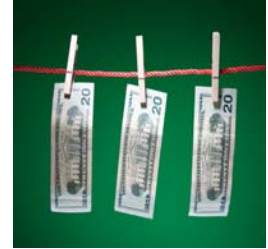
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### Treasurer's Report:

## \$18,138.35

Alan Toomey, Treasurer



### April Birthdays

Barbara DeLuca	4-08
Don Phillips	4-09
Gary Ward	4-16
Jan Burrows	4-18
Elaine Garvin	4-19
Michelle Pawl-Gierak	4-19
Cindy Cappelle	4-22
Harvey Jones	4-22
Diane Reaser	4-26
Cindy Hollister	4-28



### 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

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Stan Sawicki 586-808-3406

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as a  
contributing member

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# 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!

Matthew J. Casey  
TAX PROFESSIONAL

MATTHEW J. CASEY, M.S.T.

OFFICES IN  
FARMINGTON HILLS  
AND YPSILANTI, MI  
248.770.4247

Expires 12/12



## From the President

By Darrell Ahlberg, President

This will be my last column as President of the GM Ski Club. For personal reasons, I have decided not to seek office for a second term. So I would like to use this column to not only reflect, not only over the past year, but over my tenure as a board member. What it has meant to me personally, but what I hope it will mean to you as the club moves into the future.

I've been a board member of the GM Ski Club for 11 years now, first joining as membership chair in 2001. The first few years were marked by a steadily declining membership as well as a draining treasury. In 2008, with a membership of just 14 members and a treasury barely above water, we faced a crossroads. Times like these offer the greatest opportunity to do something positive and I will always be grateful for that opportunity. It's been a pleasure and a privilege to work with some great people to turn this thing around. We rolled our sleeves and put together a program of activities and other initiatives founded on certain guiding principles:

- Give members a variety of activities to choose from.
- Tap into the talents and tastes of individual members by inviting everyone to get more involved in the club's leadership by offering a wider variety of leadership opportunities.
- Get the treasury back on track. A healthy treasury is required in order to cover administrative costs and to provide initial funding of large events and trips.
- Most importantly, we provided "value in membership". Indeed, we took such unprecedented steps like offering members events at below the cost to the club.
- Foster a "community" environment by encouraging everyone to contribute and by recognizing and appreciating the contributions of all who help out.

By taking steps like these and offering members discounts on a large number of events, we truly gave people tangible value in joining the club. Soon we had people coming from other walks of life as well as people with long expired memberships rejoining the club. As members began taking charge of more events they began to feel a greater sense of ownership of the club. By February of 2009, we had a special celebration at our general meeting celebrating the signing of member 100. Our treasury is much improved. We transformed the club into a "club by the people, for the people." I.E. we've managed to expand and diversify our offering by encouraging club members to become a part of the organization bring ideas to the table. We implemented special annual Activities planning meeting where we encourage all club members show up with their ideas and help plan the next year's activities. We implemented an annual Activities Appreciation Night. This is a great evening of dinner and camaraderie where the club expresses its appreciation to all individuals who've had a hand in the running of the club, whether through running individual events, serving as board members, or simply helping spread the word about what we're doing.

We also implemented additional value for members who help us spread the word in what we do. Recognizing our members are our greatest ambassadors, we express our appreciation for helping us spread the word by awarding a free year's membership for every three members you recruit.

I remember when our membership meetings were so small, we held our meetings in the middle of a crowded bar because we couldn't find a restaurant that could justify giving us a private room. At our summer picnic meetings at Halmich park in Warren with 10-15 total turnout, the big pavilion was a lonely place. As our new initiatives took hold and our numbers grew month after month, witnessing the growing energy and enthusiasm was truly exhilarating. I will always be grateful for the opportunity to have had a hand in making it all happen.

Although we've come a long way, there is still much that can be done and your help is needed. Implementing all these initiatives required innovative ideas which have worked so well, they are now tradition. So as the torch gets passed, I look for them to continue and to grow. I also look for new technologies, such as social networking to be further exploited as we continue spreading the word about what this great club does. We need new innovations which will also become tradition in time. Don't be afraid to try something new. Along this road to success, many ideas were tried and discarded. You'll never know if an idea will work unless you give it a try.

Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Scouting movement once said "Try to leave this world a little better than you found it and, when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best."

No, I'm not dying, but I feel good that I've done my best and that I have left the GM Ski Club a better place than I found it. Likewise, I encourage you to challenge yourself in doing your part to make the club just a little better and a little richer than it is now. Every one of you has a special gift you can use. Everyone has that one thing they love so much, they do it better than most people. Ask yourself what can you do, no matter how big or small, to apply your special talents and improve this great club.

Being granted the privilege of serving for a year as your president has been a great honor and a great capstone to a long and rewarding career as a GM Ski Club board member. Thank you for the opportunity and best of luck to all. Viva Las GM Ski Club.

# **GM SKI CLUB NOMINATIONS FOR 2012--2013**

## **PRESIDENT— DAVE NORKUS**

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Currently Serving on Board as MDSC Representative
- Co-leader on several trips such as Lake Ann, Hocking Hills, Dale Hollow Lake House Boat trip, Western ski trips, Canoe/Kayak trips
- Committee member and past Treasurer for SkiWi's
- Member of GM Ski club for several years

### **MISSION IN SERVING ON BOARD AS PRESIDENT:**

- I look forward to propelling the GM Ski Club to our previous status where we had a membership of over 500 people. Our general meetings were an event with food, beverages and a DJ. Our membership looked forward to our multiple trips and events and would fill up fast. I know it can be done with innovative ideas and our working together
- Assist the Board in maintaining a consistent compliance with the By-Laws
- Providing value to the membership with a variety of choice events and trips

## **VICE PRESIDENT— LESLIE MUSSER**

I joined the GM Ski Club 25+ years ago looking for an opportunity to learn how to ski at reasonable (group) pricing. Admittedly, my skiing ability has not improved, but I have enjoyed skiing, traveling or even going out to dinner with a great group of people. I've also had the opportunity to give back to the Club by serving on various Board positions in the past (Treasurer, Secretary, Membership, Ski Trip Chairperson) and by being a leader on various trips and activities. This past year I served as Club Secretary. I would like to see our Club continue to grow and offer a variety of trips and activities to our Members. Thank you for considering me for the Board position of Vice President.

## **SECRETARY — DIANE REASER**

I first joined the GM Ski Club in 1995. I have volunteered for Hospitality Chair and Secretary, serving each position twice, and have been your Membership Chair. I also eagerly participated in the operations of the activities and newsletter committees when asked.

Serving as Secretary for two previous terms, I can seamlessly transition into position. I will use the bylaws as my compass and conscience when casting my votes at board meetings keeping YOU and all members' best interest in mind at all times when the tough decisions need to be made.

A little history:

As Hospitality, I decided to try to make the general meetings even more adventurous and fun by creating themes for each month and getting our members involved. I began to oversee a newly created hospitality budget. I am glad to see my ideas carry over even to this day. I also created a Hospitality Committee that would meet and greet all guests and introduce them during the announcements. I felt it very important to make sure they felt welcomed and well taken care of. I would often ask and receive a snail mail address for guests so I could send them a "hand written" note to thank them for attending one of our meetings. I (conveniently) included a membership application so they could easily join sooner rather than later. I feel it is the little things and the attention to detail that can make our club stand out head and shoulders above the rest!



## **SECRETARY — DIANE REASER Continued**

I am a person who likes to generate new ideas and try to take things to the next level. As Membership Chair I created a presence at each general meeting by making signage for registration, a pleasing "sign in" table complete with name tags for all and plenty of inviting space for those with club event flyers for member and guests to take with them. I also made sure there were plenty of membership applications and pens for sign-ups. It had been a very long time since the Club had such a welcome table and I'm glad it is now carried on as part of today's meetings.

I am committed to our members and promoting a friendly, inviting environment. I thought it was important to send out a "Welcome to the GMSC Packet" to all new members that included their new membership card, a current newsletter and a personal welcome letter inviting them to take advantage of our sign up three new members and get your next membership free program. I also welcomed each new member in the next edition of our monthly newsletter. I created a signup sheet for our guests every month to allow them to be placed on our email list. These are just some of the examples of my willingness to go the extra mile or two and take care of the details!

In closing, I would like to ask for your trust, support and vote as your GMSC Secretary on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Thanks, Diane.

## **TREASURER — ALAN TOOMEY**

Hello fellow club members. I am currently your Club treasurer and will be asking for your vote to return to the board as treasurer.

I have been a member of the club for over 20 years. During this time I have held offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and chair positions of membership, newsletter, webmaster, and activities. This should help you understand that I have been committed to the success of this club for some time and strongly believe in the club. The GM Ski Club is a banner I fully embrace as a board member.

As treasurer it is my responsibility to conduct the financial transactions on behalf of the Club and thoroughly account for every activity that has any financial transactions. It is my responsibility to file appropriate federal tax returns as required by law to maintain our tax exempt status as a club. I make every effort to conduct business precisely and as efficiently as possible realizing every deposit or refund has a member behind it. I set a high bar for thoroughness as I anticipate members expect it. I process all requests as soon as things are given to me. I do my best not to be the bottle neck when it comes to getting the job done.

While others may take club operations lightly, I take it very seriously. "The Government of the Club shall be vested in the membership". I take this to mean everything I do as a voice of the governing body should be based on the best interest of the membership, not what best suits me. Whether you know it or not, the club has, over time, continually improved our operating procedures called the bylaws. I view this as important to protect the membership and the club from being exploited. It is the basis for new board members to have the knowledge to fulfill their new role without repeating the mistakes of the past.

I am an advocate of membership growth. This is a measure of a person's willingness to join or maintain their membership with the club and is one of the club's greatest objectives. This is clearly a measure of doing the right things that support growth. As your treasurer and board member, I am all about planning, executing, and being accountable for what we do in the best way to support the value of becoming a member.

I respect members, the desire for people be members, equity in membership, honesty, and integrity. I do not support favoritism, inside agreements to benefit your friends, distortion of facts, embellishments beyond belief. I believe in being true to yourself and others.

I hope to count on your vote. Thank you.

## GM SKI CLUB BALLOT FOR 2012-13

POSITION	NAME	VOTE
President	Dave Norkus	
Write In		
Vice President	Leslie Musser	
Write In		
Secretary	Diane Reaser	
Write In		
Treasurer	Alan Toomey	
Write In		

It's time to vote for new officers for the GM Ski Club. This ballot shows people who are interested in running for the office listed. You also have the opportunity to write someone in. Remember if someone isn't on this ballot, they have their reason for not running so don't just add someone without their agreement. If someone is running unopposed, please vote for them because a person can loose due to write-ins on the ballot.

Please fill this ballot out and bring it with you to the General Meeting at Shields Pizza on April 12, 2012. If you want to vote and can't come to the meeting, please follow the instructions below for absentee ballot.

- 1 The ballot must be placed in a sealed blank envelope ***within*** the mailing envelope which does have the name and address of the member printed legibly on the outside (so that it may be checked against our Membership List).
- 2 Mail to GM Ski Club (Les Skrzycki) 145 S. Glaspie St. Oxford, MI 48371
- 3 Deadline for submission mailed no later than Monday April 9, 2012

Election Committee:  
Paul Grosso 586-822-5613

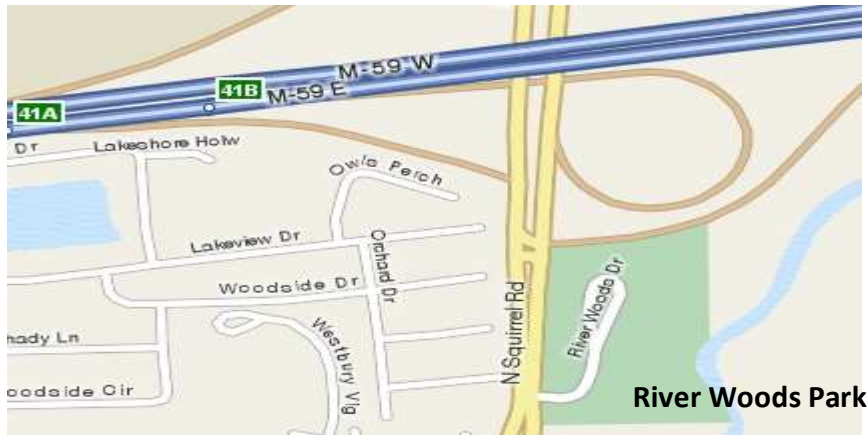
Les Skrzycki 248-238-0675  
Kathy O'Driscoll 248-666-9057

## 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.



**GM Ski Club Pub & Grub night. Friday April 14, O'Mara's of Berkley Featuring the music of Blackthorn 2555 12 Mile Rd Berkley, MI**

**Blackthorn welcomes you to the rich tapestry of Celtic music. Traditional songs of emigration, sea shanties, lively jigs and reels, and ancient airs combine with some of Ireland's best contemporary songs for a musical experience that captures the history and legend of Ireland and its people. What makes a Blackthorn show unique is the variety of tunes, tempos and textures. Each member of the band plays multiple instruments, including wooden flute, accordion, tin whistle, five string banjo, cittern, bones and more. These instruments complement the lead vocal of Belfast native Richard McMullen and the band's tight blend of four part harmony. Show starts at 9:30,**

**Time: 6:30 Cost: \$30 Members/\$35 non-members.**

**Includes Choice of Poached or grilled Norwegian Salmon, Chicken Maximillian, or, 10 oz New York Strip Steak, Bread Basket with Butter and Crab Dip, Soup or Salad, a Starch and choice of Cookie or Scoop of Ice Cream., admission to the show, all applicable taxes and tips.**

**\$20 deposit holds your spot**

**Contact: Hannah Costello nodie1031@yahoo.com 586-222-1363**

# **BOCCE BALL**

Palazzo di Bocce, Inc.  
4291 Lapeer Road  
Orion Township, MI 48359



*Date: April 21, 2012*  
*Time: 2:30 – 5:30 pm*  
*Cost: \$32 for Member*  
*\$38 for Non-Member*  
**~~ CASH BAR ~~**



**Contact Cindy Hollister at 810.444.3630**

## **Appetizers Provided**

**Assorted Meats-Cheese-Veggies**

**Fried Cheese Ravioli w/ Pomodoro Sauce**

**Sausage w/ Peppers, Tomatoes, Roasted Potatoes & Onions**

**Iceberg lettuce w/ Strawberries, Pine Nuts, Red Onion, Gorgonzola Cheese with Poppy Seed Dressing**

**Snack Style Pizza's**



**GM Ski Club Restaurant Of The Month. Friday April 27, Buca Di Beppo. 12575 Hall Rd Utica, MI 48315**

Authentic Italian Restaurant with food served family style. Extensive menu with specialties including fried mozzarella appetizers and Buca Trio Platter (fried calamari, fried mozzarella and stuffed mushrooms served with marinara sauce).

Time 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Marge Hall [margeahall@aol.com](mailto:margeahall@aol.com)

## **Treasurer's Report - Alan Toomey**

Greetings fellow members.

The Treasurer's Report has been published in the newsletter as a bank balance for some time. As a member, and a stakeholder in our treasury balance, you are entitled to know the financial status of the club and I am required in the by-laws to report it to you.

Is the bank account too big? That's a fair question. It depends what you want the club to accomplish. It took us a long time to get where we are. Example, last year we had two large trips run in a close timeframe. We had zero balance for a period. The club made the advance deposits and payments to airlines and travel agents to secure these trips. In effect, \$0 in the bank! The Club was required to pay these deposits so that we could sell these trips to our members. So yes, we have the need for a cash buffer, not a zero cash balance.

I've heard several discussions about this bank balance and felt I should try to put this into perspective. We are currently slightly below par with other clubs of our size running similar activities. Most Clubs are required to file IRS form 990. It's public record and can be looked up. Our financials are also a matter of public record. So if you have a lot of spare time you can research this yourself and find lots of surprises about other clubs and how many different non-profit clubs there are. Our bank balance should be no surprise because you see it every month in the newsletter where we share all important information.



## Cindy Wowk



On Sunday, February 26 the GM Ski Club lost one of its members, Cindy Wowk lost her year long battle with Pancreatic cancer.

Cindy has been a GM Ski Club member for just over a year when she found she was stricken with the illness. During this short time, she became known as a very enthusiastic club member. She planned the DIA Brunch With Bach, and helped with the Euchre Tournament at Stu's, and the Ludington Campout.

Although we've only know her for a short period in her life, we are grateful for the short time we've had with her. She will be missed.

Her online obituary is at [www.legacy.com/obituaries/macombdaily/obituary.aspx?n=cynthia-ann-wowk-cygan&pid=156178269](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/macombdaily/obituary.aspx?n=cynthia-ann-wowk-cygan&pid=156178269)

### Feather Bowling - Article by Hannah Costello

We had 23 participants and a good number of cheerleaders meet us down at the Cadieux Café in Detroit on March 3<sup>rd</sup> for some great fun and friendship!!

The festivities took a few minutes to get going as we all tried to decide upon the rules. Many people had not tried this before. But, after a few minutes we all settled down into our teams and alleys. The two hour event seemed to be just long enough for the 'newbies' to get the hang of the game which involves rolling a wooden 'wheel' down a dirt alley to get close to a pigeon feather sticking out of the dirt (yes really that is the game!) It also allowed for everyone to make some new friends. In the end, it looks like everyone had a great time. Some people even stuck around for more Belgian beer and mussels. A band was also setting up as we ended our time on the alleys.

Two very important lessons learned from your outing: #1 do not order buffalo wings when playing in dirt alleys with wooden bowling balls (they hold the dirt) and #2 even if you don't know anyone at a GM Ski Club event, come out anyway! You will always have fun!!



## Vail Colorado Ski Trip Recap

There were a lot of things to really like about this trip: non-stop flights out and back, good weather with a nice mixture of fresh snow and sunny times, a pizza party on Sunday and a group dinner on Wednesday. We had a chartered bus take us to ski the ever-so-posh Beaver Creek area on Tuesday and while at Vail we had the expert guidance of John LeGros, a GM member very familiar with Vail. He knew how and where to avoid long lift lines, where to find the best snow including a back bowl that hardly any other skiers had skied before we got there. He showed us where to find the most fun runs and the coolest places to get a great meal. Vail was beautiful and a great place to ski and I'm sure, most of our skiers on the trip would look forward to going there again in the future.

The unfortunate big story on this year's western ski trip to was that we had four physical injuries – something that has never happened before in the six years that I have been running our trips. Fate was a bit cruel to some of us this year but three of the injuries happened near the end of the skiing week and those three have expressed that they were having a great time until then.

By Dave Duvali



## Hail! Vail!

By Sharon Rose

I remember the trees  
Laden heavy, with snow,  
Crystal sparkles in sunlight  
Which gave off a glow.

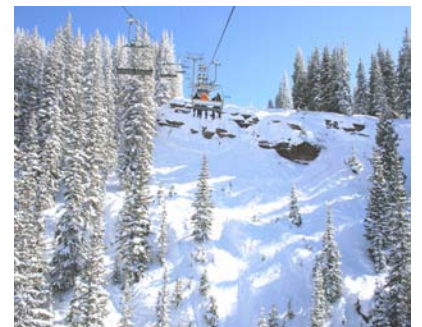
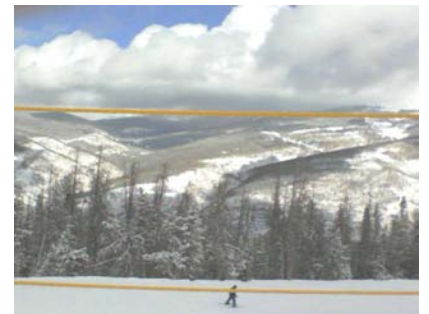
With a jaunt and a skip  
To the gondola seats,  
Ride high toward the mountains,  
With other athletes!

Then to click on each ski,  
And carefully fasten the gear,  
Schuss-whoosh groomed runs  
With a jubilant cheer!

Oh, to stop at the top and to gaze  
At snow-capped mountains in sight,  
Majestic miles of beauty,  
Nature's wonder! Delight!

Fantastic friends kept it fun,  
Sharing meals and stories,  
Laughing through boasts  
Of skiing gaffs and glories!

Yes, to feel the chill of wind  
Caressing the face,  
The memories of Vail,  
What a wonderful place!





# Twenty Fourth Annual Eastern Market Trek

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Come out and join the G M Ski Club for the morning at Detroit's Eastern Market.**



We will be meeting at Vivio's Restaurant at 8:30AM. (313) 393-1711 - 2460 Market St, Detroit, MI 48207. This is a popular outing and well attended. We will be upstairs so we can accommodate everyone. To start the morning right many will begin with Bloody Mary's, beer chasers or Mimosa's, or a really good coffee drink).

Breakfast will start at 9 am ish. Afterwards take a slow walk, through the open air Farmers Market. Enjoy a stroll through the barns of the Farmer's Market to pick up some flowers, plants, fresh fruits and vegetables.

After the Eastern Market, if the sun is shining, the group can decide to go somewhere for lunch or someplace to go to enjoy some of the wine we bought. It's all up to you! Let's start our summer time fun.

All this and more, Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> 2012. For more information and directions please call Les Skrzycki at (248) 238-0675. Email: [skiorsail9@gmail.com](mailto:skiorsail9@gmail.com)  
Or see the links below.

**Please an RSVP is Needed! We do need to know how many people to expect.**

<http://www.detroiteasternmarket.com/index.php>

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Detroit&state=MI&address=2460+Market+St&zipcode=48207>

## Lake Ann 2012

Snow... or no snow? We had a plan B, just in case. But once again, Michigan came through with a snowfall that made our Lake Ann cross-country ski and snowshoe weekend worthy of its name. We lucked out with the timing on this one. Most of us will remember this as the Michigan winter with the least amount of snow ever. So we



really appreciated the several inches that fell between Thursday and Saturday to cover the trails and trees.

We had 24 adventure seekers who cross-country skied, hiked, snow-shoed or downhill skied over the 3 days. Most of us made it up early enough on Friday to meet for dinner so we decided on Giovanni's Roadhouse in Interlochen.

On Saturday, a few went to Crystal Mountain to downhill ski but most members headed to the VASA trail near Traverse City. We gathered at the Timber Ridge lodge then split into groups depending on our

interest and skiing ability. Some skied the nicely groomed Timber Ridge trails while others ventured out onto the VASA for a longer adventure... a little longer than planned for some of us!



And of course after that, we ate too much at the potluck dinner. We all gathered in the Bear's Den for this culinary event but we didn't all fit into one room. When one group was particularly loud, others came in to hear that Jan's dessert was the cause of the commotion. When learning about the effect of this delicious dessert, some silently left the room to sample the treat. It was kind of like *"I'll have what she's having."* We worked it all off with a short night

hike but skipped walking on the lake because we didn't trust the ice... we're smarter than we look really, well most of us. ☺

Some ended their weekend skiing at Crystal Mountain while others hiked the Lake Ann Pathway before heading home on Sunday. Once again, fun times, fun group, in a Michigan winter wonderland.





# **Upcoming Events** **TRAVEL & SOCIAL**

<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 River Woods in Auburn Hills. Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630 cindymhollister@gmail.com	
<b>Thu 4/12/2012 GM Meeting: Shield's Pizza Restaurant 1476 W. Maple Rd. (Just West of Crooks) Troy, MI 48084</b> * Election Night - Membership votes for next year's Board membership. Time 6.30 PM Cost Your Tab Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630 cindymhollister@gmail.com	
<b>Sat 4/14/2012 P&amp;G O'Mara's of Berkley Featuring the music of Blackthorn 2555 12 Mile Rd Berkley, MI</b> Time: 7:30 Show starts at 9:30, Cost: \$30 Members/\$35 non-members. Includes Dinner, show, tax and tips \$20 deposit holds your spot Contact: Hannah Costello nodie1031@yahoo.com 586-222-1363	
<b>Sat 4/21/2012 Bocce Ball - Palazzo Di Bocce 4291 S Lapeer Rd, Lake Orion, MI 48359</b> Cost: \$32 Members/\$38 non-Members. Includes 3 hours playtime and appetizers (antipasto tray, insalata di angelo, fried ravioli, sausage & peppers, and Pizza) Time 2:50 - 5:30 Contact Cindy Hollister cindymhollister@gmail.com	
<b>Wed 4/25/2012 Grace Center of Hope 35 E Huron St, Pontiac, MI 48342</b> Doing our part in giving back to the community by serving meals to those on hard times. 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	
<b>Fri 4/27/2012 RoM - Buca Di Beppo 12575 Hall Rd Utica, MI 48315</b> Authentic Italian Restaurant with food served family style Time 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Marge Hall margeahall@aol.com	
<b>Sat 5/5/2012 Cinco De Mayo</b>	
<b>Thu 5/10/2012 GM Meeting: New Location: River Woods - Auburn Hills 300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, MI</b> Our new summer location, only a stone's throw from M-59 or I-75. East off Squirrel Rd, South Of M-59, Auburn Hills, MI Time 6.00 PM Cost \$4.00 members, \$6.00 non-members Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630 cindymhollister@gmail.com	
<b>Fri 5/11/2012 Pub &amp; Grub TBD</b> Time: 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Al Sleeman allan.sleeman@ameritech.net	
<b>Fri 5/18/2012 RoM El Charro Mexican Restaurant 3651 Rochester Road (north of Big Beaver), Troy, MI</b> Time 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Libby Morningstar star001@ameritech.net 586-532-9940	
<b>Sat 5/19/2012 24th Annual. Eastern Market Flower Day: Breakfast at Vivio's 2460 Market St. Detroit, MI 48207</b> The Grand Daddy of GM Ski Club Tradition. Time 8.00 AM Cost: Your Tab Contact Les Skrzycki 248-236-0837 skior-sail@yahoo.com	
<b>Wed 5/30/2012 Grace Center of Hope 35 E Huron St, Pontiac, MI 48342</b> Doing our part in giving back to the community by serving meals to those on hard times. 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	
<b>Fri 6/1/2012 Dude Ranch Weekend - Outback Lodge 12600 Buchanan, Stanwood, MI 49346</b> This is a dude's dude ranch. Weekend of horseback riding and much more. Stay in Canadian Lakes homes on the lake. Cost \$120 members, \$130 non-members. Includes 2 nights lodging, Food (breakfast, lunch & dinner), Horseback riding, Maximum of 22 people Contact Julie Dimambro juliemd03@yahoo.com	
<b>Fri 6/8/2012 Pub &amp; Grub TBD</b> Time: 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Al Sleeman allan.sleeman@ameritech.net	
<b>Sat 6/9/2012 Community Theater. St. Dunstan's 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304</b> Outdoor Presentation of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" Cost: TBD Contact Bill Given bill_given@phmic.com	
<b>Thu 6/14/2012 GM Meeting: New Location: River Woods - Auburn Hills 300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, MI</b> Our new summer location, only a stone's throw from M-59 or I-75. East off Squirrel Rd, South Of M-59, Auburn Hills, MI Time 6.00 PM Cost \$4.00 members, \$6.00 non-members Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630 cindymhollister@gmail.com	
<b>Fri 6/15/2012 Hazel Park Raceway 1650 E 10 Mile Rd Hazel Park, MI 48030</b> Live Harness Racing Contact Bill Given bill_given@phmic.com	
<b>Fri 6/22/2012 RoM - TBD Near Lake St. Clair TBD</b> Time 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Sharon Rose rosesbloom-ing@comcast.net 586-899-6845	
<b>Wed 6/27/2012 Grace Center of Hope 35 E Huron St, Pontiac, MI 48342</b> Doing our part in giving back to the community by 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	
<b>Thu 6/28/2012 Greenfield Village Symphany &amp; Fireworks Greenfield Village</b> Contact Julie Dimambro juliemd03@yahoo.com	





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## April at a glance

**Every Sunday** Our “Breakfast Club” starts at 10:00 a.m.  
At Jimmy’s Coney Grill, 37246 Dequindre, NE corner  
at 16 Mile.

**Every Sunday** Wally ball, 12:30 pm at Warren Racquetball

4-12	GM Meeting—Shield Pizza <b>VOTING DAY</b>
4-14	P&G O'Mara's of Berkley
4-21	Bocce Ball
4-25	Grace Center of Hope
4-27	ROM—Buca di Beppo

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

(recent photos, upcoming events, membership  
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