



TRAVEL & SOCIAL

NEWSLETTER

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IKE'S
Fri., April 19
6:30pm

38550 Van Dyke Ave,
Sterling Heights.

A family-owned business that takes pride in serving authentic and traditional Lebanese dishes such as chicken shawarma, stuffed cabbage filled with ground lamb, and lots of salads. They also feature American, Italian, and Greek dishes. All packaged in a nice atmosphere, and best of all, moderate pricing. Cost: Your Tab.

Contact: Dave Duvali, 586-754-8151,
daveduvali@wowway.com



Champps

Friday, April 26 • 6:30pm

301 W. Big Beaver Rd, Troy, 248-526-9333

Champps is known as a fun sports bar with lots of room. Dinner is at 6:30pm, but we will accommodate anyone wishing to arrive earlier (Happy Hour ends at 6pm). Please RSVP so we can reserve seating. Cost is your tab. (Gratuity will be added to each tab.) We will be in the "Patio" area.

We encourage new prospects to attend, therefore, BRING A FRIEND! We hope to gather a large group for this event.

Contact: Dennis Dembiec, 248-318-1491,
dennis4179@gmail.com

ELECTION NIGHT

Join the pomp & circumstance!

Thursday, April 11 • 6:30pm
Marinelli's, Troy

GM Ski Club Elections will be held during the April Meeting at Marinelli's, 4924 Rochester Road in Troy. All members are encouraged to attend.

CAST YOUR VOTE!

CURRENT NOMINEES:

PRESIDENT: **Dave Norkus**

VICE PRESIDENT: **Don Phillips**

SECRETARY: **Kay Sheere**

TREASURER: **Dan Boyd**



Celebrate The Winners

**Dance to Top 40 &
Classic Rock Music
50/50 Drawing**

\$1 Draft Beer & Sheet Cake

Questions regarding the election can be directed to the Nominating Committee:

Sherry Letavis, newsletter@gmskiclub.org,

Stan Sawicki, ssawicki@comcast.net

Suzanne Wasmundt, suzannevaz@gmail.com

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ssawicki@comcast.net, 586-808-3406

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kathyod7@comcast.net

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 08 Barbara DeLuca

April 09 Don Phillips

April 12 Tim Pfannes

April 16 Gary Ward

April 18 Jan Burrows

April 19 Elaine Garvin

April 22 Cindy Cappelle
Butch Jones

April 25 Josephine Navetta

April 26 Diane Reaser

April 28 Cindy Hollister



FROM THE EDITOR

**Deadline for the May 2013 Issue
is Wednesday, April 24th**



Send articles, information and/or photos for
newsletter submission to Sherry at:
newsletter@gmskiclub.org

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our current balance is \$20,293.64

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TAX PROFESSIONAL

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AND YPSILANTI, MI
248.770.4247

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)

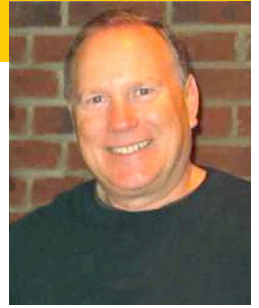
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Does it feel like Spring is in the air? Well it doesn't feel like it to me yet. There is still ice on the lake and the temperature isn't rising quick enough. Maybe we need another Island Party at Darrell's to get that warm feeling back again.

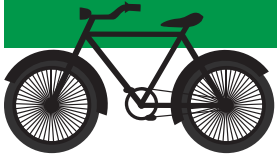
The future activities we have planned for you are quite exciting. I see in our future this year; Cinco de Mayo, Cranbrook Theatre, Canoe Trip, GM Picnic, Tiger Game, Pontoon Boat Party, Stratford, etc. What a summer slate of activities. If you would like to add an event to our club, we are all ears! Let us know. We still have some open slots and we want to fill them.

We have the elections coming up at our next general meeting. I hope you can all be there to choose our next group of officers. If that doesn't excite you, we also have 99 cent beers, food specials and music too. I thank our election committee for their efforts to fill the slate of nominations for our pending elected positions. Please come to vote and cheer on our new elected board members!

Dave Norkus, President GM Ski Club



GM Bike Rides

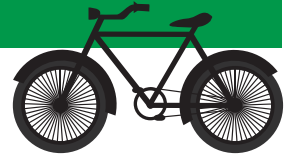


Sunday, April 14 & Sunday, May 5th • 1:00pm

500 Olde Towne Rd, Rochester

Meet at the Rochester Hills Library parking lot. All levels welcome. We will eat afterwards.

Contact: Stan, 586-808-3406, ssawicki@comcast.net.



★ ★ THEATER NIGHT ★ ★

...under the stars!

Saturday, June 8 • 8:00pm

\$24 Members • \$28 Non-Members

Lovingly ripped off from the classic film comedy Monty Python and the Holy Grail. SPAMALOT tells the legendary tale of King Arthur and his knights of the Round Table, and featuring a bevy of beautiful show girls, not to mention cows, killer rabbits and French people.

St. Dunstan's Greek Outdoor Theater

at Cranbrook, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.
One of the premiere amateur theatres in SE Michigan

Optional meet-up prior at the
Rusty Bucket Grill, 6:00pm.

Have a bite to eat, share rides to the theater.
(Cost of dinner on your own.)

Contact: Bill Given, 248-819-2833,
williamgiven9708@comcast.net

**Limited Seating –
This event will sell out early!**



Activities CORNER

by Darrell Ahlberg,
Activities Chair

With the first quarter of the year behind us, I can't help reflecting on what a year it's been so far. In fact, we're coming off one of our busiest and most active months ever. Major events such as the Cosmic Bowling, Island Party, Lake Ann Weekend, Copper Mountain Ski trip, Whirlyball, St. Patty's Day dance, etc. All this in addition to our restaurant of the month, Pub & Grub outings, general meetings, Sunday breakfasts, Wallyball, and on and on.

And the year is just getting started. We have many more events coming up. It's a good time to urge you to let us know about any ideas you have. Any events you'd like to attend and most importantly, events you'd like to run. The events named above are not all run by the same person. They have been made possible by various club members volunteering a little of their time. As the saying goes, "many hands make small work." If you have an idea for an event, we'd like to hear from you as soon as possible. We'll get it on the calendar and start planning and promoting.

This is also a good time to mention we are looking for volunteers to lead Community Service events. GMSC likes to think of itself as a contributing member of the community. Our members are blessed with many good things in life and we enjoy giving back. Currently Susan Walker leads volunteer work at the Grace Center of Hope in Pontiac on the fourth Wednesday of every month and we appreciate her efforts. If you would like to lead a volunteer effort in the community, please let us know.

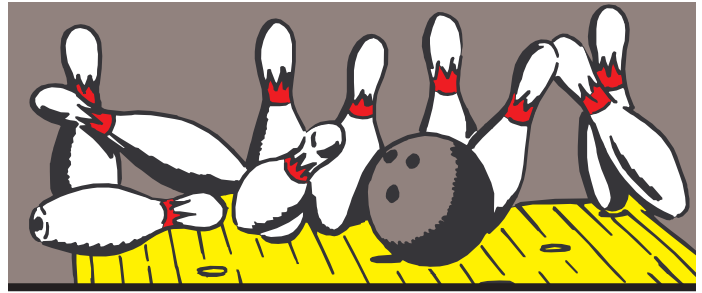
SAVE THE DATE!

GMSC Summer Picnic

Saturday, August 16 • Dodge Park

40620 Utica Rd., Sterling Heights

Details are still in the works. We are looking for volunteers to plan this event. If you'd like to help, contact: Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203, dahlberg7@comcast.net



Cosmic Bowling

Friday May 10 • 9:30pm

Astro Lanes

32388 John R Rd. Madison Hgts., MI

\$15 Members / \$20 Non Members

Disco lights, black lights, and great fun.

Come on down and join us for a
COSMIC night of bowling.

**3 Games - 9 Pin No-tap
Shoes • Pizza & Soft Drinks**

Contact: Judy Lay, jlay2757@yahoo.com,
810-542-3818



Tiger Game

**Detroit Tigers vs.
Boston Red Sox**

**Friday, June 21
7:05pm**

**\$45 Members
\$50 Non-Members**

5:00pm Meet at Z's Villa,
42 Piquette St., Detroit.
(Cover your own tab at Z's.)

**Free Parking & Free shuttle from Z's
to & from Comerica Park.**

Our Seats: Sec. 329 – Right down 1st base line.
Fireworks after the game! It's the most summer
fun possible, without cruising on a pontoon boat!

Make Check payable to "GM Ski Club" and mail
by May 10 to: Don Phillips, 1416 Oakstone,
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Contact: Don Phillips, bjp21@wowway.com,
248-217-0866

GM SKI & TRAVEL CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

EVERY SUNDAY

10:00am • BREAKFAST CLUB – Jimmy's Coney Grill, 37246 Dequindre, (at 16 Mile). Just show up!

12:30pm • WALLYBALL – Warren Racquetball, Van Dyke at 12 Mile. RSVP: gmskiclub@yahoo.com

ONE WEDNESDAY A MONTH

Grace Center of Hope • 4:30pm - April 24 / May 22 / June 26 / July 24

35 E Huron St, Pontiac. Contact: Susan Walker, swneko@aol.com, 248-660-5329

FULL CALENDAR AVAILABLE AT WWW.GMSKICLUB.ORG

Thu 4/11 • GM Meeting: Marinelli's of Troy - ELECTION NIGHT - 4924 Rochester Road, Troy
Time 6:30pm, Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Cindy Hollister, 810-444-3630, cindymhollister@gmail.com

Sun 4/14 • GM Bike Ride - 500 Olde Towne Rd, Rochester, Meet at the Rochester Hills Library. All levels welcome. We will eat afterwards. Time: 1:00pm Contact: Stan Sawicki, 586-808-3406

Fri 4/19 • ROM: Ike's Restaurant - 38550 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Heights, Time: 6:30, Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Dave Duvali, daveduvali@wowway.com, 586-754-8151

Fri 4/26 • P&G: Champs Restaurant - 301 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, Time: 6:30pm Cost: your tab. Contact: Dennis Dembiec, dennis4179@gmail.com, 248-318-1491 **Sat 5/4 • Cinco De Mayo** - Details to come. Contact: Les Skrzycki, skiorsail9@gmail.com

Sun 5/5 • GM Bike Ride - 500 Olde Towne Rd, Rochester, Meet at the Rochester Hills Library. All levels welcome. We will eat afterwards. Time: 1:00pm Contact: Stan Sawicki, 586-808-3406

Thu 5/9 • GM Meeting: River Woods - 300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, East off Squirrel Rd, South Of M-59, Time: 6:00pm Cost: \$4 members, \$6 non-members

Fri 5/10 • ROM: Master's Restaurant - 1775 East 13 Mile Road, Madison Heights
Time: 6:30pm, Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Barb Demopolis, 586-977-5765, barbk53@ameritech.net

Sat 5/18 • 25th Annual Eastern Market Flower Day - 2460 Market St, Detroit, Breakfast at Vivio's Time: 8:00am, Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Les Skrzycki, 248-236-0837, skiorsail@yahoo.com

Fri 5/24 • P&G: Boogie Fever - 22901 Woodward Ave, Ferndale, Time: 8:00pm Cost: \$6 cover after 9pm, plus your tab – They only accept cash, RSVP Requested Contact: Al Sleeman, 586-596-5276, allan.sleeman@ameritech.net

Sat 6/1 • Community Theater - St. Dunstan's - 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, Outdoor Presentation of "Spamalot." Cost: \$22 Members / \$27 Non Members.
Contact: Bill Given, bill_given@phmic.com

Sun 6/9 • Golfing At The Cracklewood - 18215 24 Mile Road, Macomb, Time: 2:00pm, Cost: TBD. Pay at the golf course. Contact: Stan Sawicki, 586-808-3406, ssawicki@comcast.net

Thu 6/13 • GM Meeting: River Woods - 300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, East off Squirrel Rd, South Of M-59, Time: 6:00pm Cost: \$4 members, \$6 non-members

Fri 6/21 • Detroit Tigers vs. Boston Red Sox - Meet at Z's 5pm, Game 7:05pm
Cost: Members \$45, Non-Members \$50. Contact: Don Phillips, bjp21@wowway.com, 248-217-0866

Thu 7/11 • GM Meeting: River Woods - 300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, East off Squirrel Rd, South Of M-59, Time: 6:00pm Cost: \$4 members, \$6 non-members

Sat 7/27 • Pontoon Boats On Lake Orion - Full Day (8 hrs) of Pontoon Boat fun on Lake Orion, Cost: Members \$45, Non-Members \$50. Contact: Don Phillips, bjp21@wowway.com, 248-217-0866

Have a Great Idea for an fun event or exciting trip? Let us know!

Contact our Activities Director: Darrell Ahlberg, dahlberg7@comcast.net, 586-899-8203

DON'T MISS THE BOAT!



Lake Orion Pontoon Boat Party Cruise ★

Saturday, July 27 • 10am-5pm

\$40 Members, \$45 Non-Members

★ **PRICE INCLUDES:
Pontoon Boat Ride, Gas
& Grilled Hot Dog Lunch!**

BYO Beverages & Snacks to pass.

Arrive at 9:40am, Take-off 10am.

Boarding at Orion Marine

10 S. Park Blvd., Lake Orion ★

***For massive, lake fun in the sun,
reserve now! In-lake volley ball
game at the party sand bar!***

Sign-up early – we can add boats (10 to a boat)
if the interest is strong.

Join us afterwards (around 5:30-6pm), at the
★ **Sagebrush Cantina**, 28 S. Broadway in
Lake Orion. Cost: Your tab.

Make Check payable to "GM Ski Club"
and mail to: Don Phillips 1416 Oakstone,
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Contact: Don Phillips, bjp21@wowway.com,
248-217-0866

**Reservations are Going FASTER
than the Pontoon Boat!**

IF YOU SNOOZE, YOU DON'T CRUISE!



September 13-15, 2013

"Waiting for Godot"

starring film, stage, & TV star, **Brian Dennehy**,

Saturday, Sept 14 • 8:00pm

Tom Patterson Theatre

an intimate venue which seats just 496!

(Patterson is the founder of the Stratford Festival)

Members: \$245 • Non-members: \$270

Includes B&B accommodations & theatre ticket

**This autumn, enjoy a weekend away in
Ontario. Stroll along Stratford's Avon
River, or bike its quaint streets.
Shop the fruit & flower markets,
and experience quality dining.**

We'll return to **Dunn-Drae B&B**, our favorite
Stratford home-away-from-home. Cozy comfort
and private partying in our unique GM Ski Club
manner, with friends, food, & fun!

Prior to our play, we'll dine at **The Parlour**,
reserved by request, at your tab.

ABOUT THE PLAY: "Waiting for Godot" is an
absurdist play by Samuel Beckett, in which
two characters, Vladimir and Estragon, wait
endlessly and in vain for the arrival of someone
named Godot. Godot's absence, as well as
numerous other aspects of the play, have led to
many different interpretations since the play's
premiere, 1940ish. It was voted "the most signif-
icant English language play of the 20th century."

***Please reserve your spot early!
Deadline is August 1st***

Contact: Sharon Rose, 586-899-6845,
Rosesblooming@comcast.net

Please make checks payable to: GM Ski Club,
and send to Sharon Rose, 37399 Garfield,
Clinton Township, MI 48036



ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

The March 16 event, run by Successfully Singles, was attended by over 200 people, 26 of which were from the GM Ski Club. Most dressed in very festive and creative Irish Green. Green beer was available to enjoy with a complimentary buffet of light Irish fare.

The evening started off with "Irish Idol" where contestants from the audience sang traditional Irish songs. Four of the six contestants were from the GM Ski Club. The winner of the contest was Jan Burrows, who won a \$50 gift certificate to any of the area Hamlin Pub's.

There was dancing throughout the evening to Top 40 music and entertainment by a roving bag piper, Kim Johnson and the Motor City Irish Dance Troupe from the Ealaín Céime Irish Dance School in Rochester Hills.

Through special arrangement, GMSC members enjoyed a discounted price of admission and we were the only group with our own reserved seating. At the end of the evening, Janet Blair, President of Successfully Singles, offered up these words to our club: "Thank you so much for the wonderful representation from the GM Ski Club at the Successfully Single Lucky Saturday St. Patrick's Day Party. Special thanks goes to all of you for announcing the event in the newsletters and especially to Tom Scott for spreading the word, collecting the payments, and for taking such great pictures."

The GM Ski Club added a lot of sparkle to the party with their high level of enthusiasm, festive leprechaun outfits, and a whole lot of Blarney! We look forward to seeing all of you fun people again soon! Erin go Bragh!" (More photos on web)



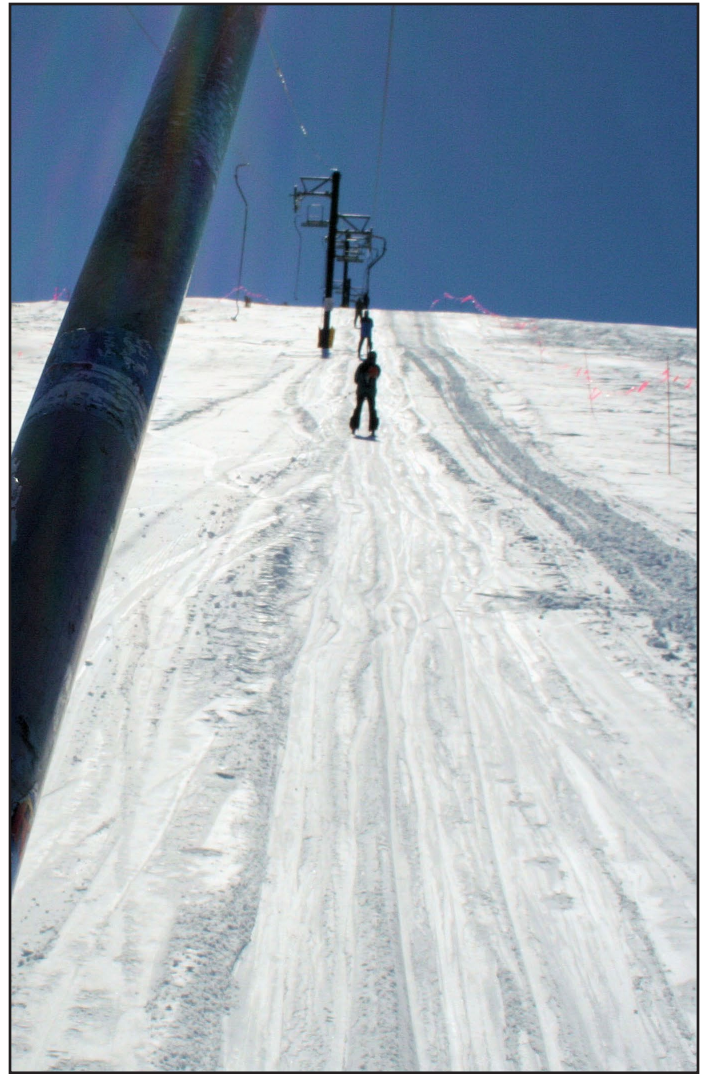
Copper Mountain Trip

by Dave Norkus

From the moment we started this trip, I knew we had a good one. The round-trip flight to Denver was non-stop, smooth, and we arrived with blue skies and warmth. The bus had mucho room for everyone to stretch out and enjoy the ride up to the mountains. The condos were luxurious, as promised, with great views, adjacent to the lifts and restaurants. All but one had three bathrooms in each unit. That was a real plus when getting ready for the morning.

Did you hear we got 12 inches of powder at the start of the trip? It was like a dream come true with the morning of snow over your boots as you cruised down the runs. It is difficult to time a trip when you get an abundance of snow and then blue skies the rest of the week, but we did.

We also enjoyed many group gatherings throughout the week so we could talk about the mountain and other activities such as snowmobiling and dog sledding. The group really meshed, with new attendees and the veterans joining forces. I heard repeatedly from the group thanking the GM Ski Club for hosting such a wonderful trip. Now we have an excellent number of skiers to build on for future trips. (More photos are on our website.)







www.gmskiclub.org

Member of the Metropolitan Detroit Ski Council
www.mdscski.org



Supporting Member of the **US Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame**

Coming Attractions!

Golfing at the Cracklewood
Friday, June 9

Huron River Canoe Day Trip
Saturday, August 3

GMSC Camp & Canoe Weekend Trip
August 9-11, 2013 • Old Log Resort

GMSC Annual Summer Picnic
Saturday, August 16

General Meetings

2nd Thursday of each Month
— Location Through April —

Marinelli's • 6:30pm
4924 Rochester Road, Troy
Cost: Your Tab

— Location Starting in May —

River Woods Park • 6:00pm
300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills
Cost: \$4 members, \$6 non-members