

Wallyball Is Back!

Sundays, November - April • 12:30pm
Warren Raquetball & Fitness

29901 South Civic Center Blvd, Warren

Work off that Sunday breakfast and join the gang to play wallyball.

Ours isn't a serious competition – we play for fun and exercise.

Co-ed all the way and beginners are welcome. We play for two hours,
 and at 3:00pm we'll go to a nearby restaurant.

Cost: Usually about \$5 or \$6 – the \$40 court fee is divided by the number of us on the court.

Contact: Michael, 586-776-7685, gmskiclub@yahoo.com



Steelhouse Tavern

Friday, Nov 8
6:30 pm

1129 East Long Lake Road • Troy
www.steelhousetroy.com

A rustic place where you can find inspiration in the oddest things, both old and new. A very stimulating environment, coupled with rocking tunes, crafted cocktails, an incredible selection of beers and bourbons, amazing food and a staff that keeps it loose and easy while at all times caring for your every need.

Forged in Steel - Made with Steel - Strong as Steel

Cost: Your Tab. Please RSVP.

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



Old World Canterbury Village Clansman Gaelic Pub

Friday, November 22 • 6:30pm

2369 Joslyn Ct • Lake Orion
www.canterburyvillage.com

We will get into the Christmas spirit early meeting at the Clansman Pub. Located on the north end of Canterbury Village, behind King's Court Castle. The Pub offers home made soups, sandwiches, a selection of fresh salads and a full service bar.

It is off Joslyn Road, three miles north of I-75 (exit 83). The shops will be open for those who wish to browse. Cost: Your Tab. Please RSVP.

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 248-318-1491

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 01 Denise Sheppard

Nov 03 Gloria Hart

Nov 04 Nancy Prall

Nov 05 Kathy Richardson

Nov 08 Dennis Dembiec
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Nov 09 Jim Drysdale

Nov 15 Debby Ross

Nov 16 Christian Johnson

Nov 17 Marc Arel

Nov 18 Gail Selaty
John Gentilia
John Zalewski

Nov 27 Mary Konicki



FROM THE EDITOR

**Deadline for the Dec 2013 Issue
is Saturday, November 23rd.**

Send info to Sherry at: newsletter@gmskiclub.org

Treasurer's Report can be found online in the member's area.

3 to 5 FREE

Help build the club & help yourself at the same time!

Simply recruit three new members and get a one year membership for free. Just have the new members designate you as the referring member on their membership form when they sign-up. EASY!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The attendance at the last general meeting was simply over the top of all our estimates so for our next meeting we will be ready for the influx of our new and current members. The Champps general manager assures us that additional wait staff and helpers will be assigned to our room to assist our members and show our club what they have to offer. A speaker system will be provided for our announcements to enhance our communication of events.



Our Park City ski trip is getting overwhelming interest from our members and potential members. This year will be the largest group of skiers that the club has put together in over 10 years. Since we are teaming up with DTE ski club, we have 42 skiers on this trip. I hope future years show the same interest. Our waiting list for this trip is bulging at the seams for both clubs.

Our Activities meeting (2014) at Darrell's was a complete success with many ideas for future events created by attendees for the benefit of the membership. You will see the slate of activities for next year being advertised in the newsletter and email blasts. I hope that you will sign up early for these 2014 events since many of them filled up so quickly this year.

If you missed the activities meeting and would like to run an event or trip for 2014, please contact Darrell so that we can offer the membership even more things to do next year. Don't be shy...

This is an example of the continued effort to give you the best value possible for your membership. I hope you will continue to frequent our events and trips coming up soon.

– **Dave Norkus, President GM Ski Club**

See our website gallery for photos
of our latest events! www.gmskiclub.org



Utah Ski Vacation

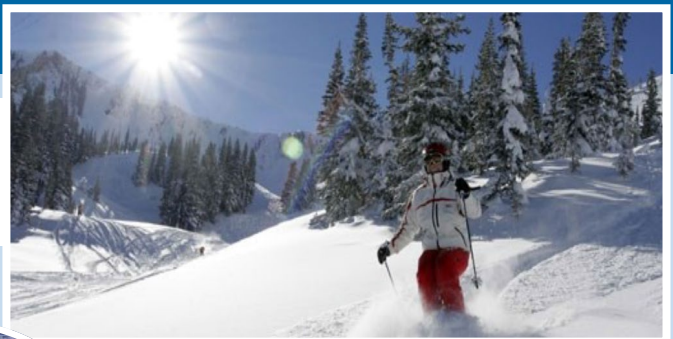
March 1-8, 2014

Non-Members: \$1305

Only \$1,280

GMSC/MDSC Members

- **7 Day Trip**
- **5 Day Lift Tickets: 2 days Park City, 2 days Deer Valley, 1 day Canyons**
- **2 Bedroom/2 Bath Condo Lodging (Park City)**
- **Non-Stop Delta Flight**
- **Transportation**



SOLD OUT!

Sign-up for the Wait-List

Make checks payable to: GM Ski Club.
Mail to: Dave Norkus, 6514 Crest Dr.,
Waterford, MI 48329

Contact: Dave, dnorkus@comcast.net

Activities CORNER

– Darrell Ahlberg,
Activities Chair

Another Activities Night has come and gone. I would like to thank the following folks for attending and/or providing commitment to host an event over the next year: Bob Schutter, Ken Colden, Judy Lay, Dennis Dembiec, Diane Pasik, Don Phillips, Stan Sawicki, Tom Scott, John Gentilia, Rhen Bryant, Les Skrzycki, Marta Acheson, Patty Dipucchio, Linda Frassetto, Kathy O'Driscoll, Dave Norkus, Darrell Ahlberg, Jan Burrows, John Zalewski, Jan & Tim Phannes, Bill Given, Craig Petku, Matt Casey, Susan Walker, Michael Bourke.

As you can see, with this many individuals participating in making events happen, our organization is more than just a club – it is a community where people come together to lend their efforts for the betterment of all. Without individual members offering their time, there would be no activities program at all.

Our 2014 calendar is starting to take shape. Please feel free to peruse the calendar at: gmskiclub.org. Just click the "Calendar" link at the top. You can scroll from month to month for a bird's eye view of events scheduled and click on any event to see details. At this juncture, some events may only have a few details. These will be updated when the organizer finalizes the event.

There is still room for your ideas. Anytime you have an idea, please see myself or any board member and we'll start doing what it takes to make your event happen.

We look forward to hearing from you.
With your help, Its going to be a great year!

NEW EVENTS:

Fri 11/22 Clansman Pub at Canterbury Village

Fri 12/6 Warren Miller Movie Night

Sat 12/7 Skiwi Christmas Party

Sat 12/14 Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village

Sat 12/21 Craig Petku Christmas Party

Tue 12/31 New Year's Eve Bash

Sun 2/9/2014 Superbowl Party - Venetian Club, Madison Heights

Painting With A Twist



Friday, Nov 1st
6:30pm • \$35

200 W. Nine Mile Rd.
Ferndale

Paint, canvas, and brushes are provided, as is an experienced and enthusiastic local artist who can lead you step by step

through the process of recreating the featured artwork. At the end of the evening, you'll have a one-of-a-kind creation and a newfound talent you'll want to explore.

This is not your average art class, this is art entertainment. The "twist" is you can bring your favorite bottle of wine or beverage to enjoy during the class. Limited to 20. Must sign up by Oct. 17.

You Can Pay online at <http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/events/viewEvent.aspx?eventID=145247> Password: "gmski"
Or turn in a check to Jan Burrows payable to Painting With a Twist.

Contact: Jan Burrows, 734-645-7964,
jan_burrows55@hotmail.com

Saturday, November 9, 2013 7:30 PM - 1:30 AM
Barrister House 21801 Harper Ave Saint Clair Shores
\$35 Pre Paid or \$40 at Door Open Bar & All You Can Eat
Live Entertainment by **DTour** ★ *Classy Attire* ★

Wigs 4 Kids
Holmes "the 1st" entrance of children
586-722-1656

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing
Benefits Wigs 4 Kids

Contact: John, 586-979-2392, johnzalewski@wowway.com



Fri., Dec. • 8pm • \$20
Royal Oak Music Theatre

The newest installment of the legendary film series will take ski fans on an action-packed ride to the world's most exotic destinations, including the Alaskan Tordrillos, Switzerland's Jungfrau, Iceland's Troll Peninsula and beyond.

Skiwi Christmas Party

Saturday, December 7
\$49 (By Nov 21, \$54 After)

7pm Cocktails
8pm Dinner

American Polish Cultural Center
 2975 E. Maple Rd, Troy



Premium Open Bar, Family Style Polish Dinner, DJ, Dancing & Door Prizes.

Toys for Tots: Bring a new unwrapped toy & help unfortunate kids have a Merry Christmas.

Contact: Matt Casey,
 mcasey325e@comcast.net, 248-770-4247

Annual Holiday Party

Sat., Dec. 21 • 6:00pm - ?
Craig Petku's Place
 5188 Iroquois Ct, Clarkston

GMSC's most memorable holiday get together. Gather with great friends and enjoy the festivities.

BYOB & A Dish to Pass.

Contact: Les Skrzycki, 248-238-0675,
 skiorsail9@gmail.com



NEW YEAR'S EVE

2013

DEC. 31st

Successfully Single



Cost: \$40 in advance (No Walk Ins)
Forestre Banquet Center • 8pm - 1am
 1919 Star-Batt • Rochester Hills

GM Ski Club will have reserved tables by the dance floor. Fabulous dinner, decadent chocolate table, champagne toast at midnight, hats, horns, noisemakers & dancing. Cash bar.

Make checks out to "GM Ski Club."
 Contact: Tom Scott, 586-739-5199,
 tescott99@yahoo.com

GM SKI & TRAVEL CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

EVERY SUNDAY - *Just show up!*

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

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

ONE WEDNESDAY A MONTH

Grace Center of Hope • 4:30pm - 35 E Huron St, Pontiac.

Contact: Susan Walker, swneko@aol.com, 248-660-5329

FULL CALENDAR AVAILABLE AT WWW.GMSKICLUB.ORG



Fri, Nov 1 • Painting With A Twist - 320 West 9 Mile Road, Ferndale,

Time: 6:30pm, Cost: \$35. Contact: Jan 734-645-7964 jan_burrows55@hotmail.com

Fri, Nov 8 • ROM: Steel House Tavern - 1129 East Long Lake Rd, Troy. Time: 6:30.

Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Darrell Ahlberg, dahlberg7@comcast.net, 586-899-8203

Sat, Nov 9 • Sands Bash Charity Event - Barrister House, 21801 Harper Ave, St. Clair Shores

7:30pm, Cost: \$35 prepaid or \$40 at door. Contact: John, 586-979-2392, johnzalewski@wowway.com

Thu, Nov 14 • GM Meeting - Champps, 301 W. Big Beaver, Troy. Time: 6:30pm, Cost: Your Tab.

Contact: Barb, 248-217-0866, bjp21@wowway.com or Jan, 734-645-7964, jan_burrows55@hotmail.com

Fri, Nov 22 • P&G: Clansman Pub at Canterbury Village - 2369 Joslyn Ct, Lake Orion,

Time: 6:30pm, Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Dennis, dennis4179@gmail.com, 248-318-1491

Fri, Dec 6 • Warren Miller "Ticket To Ride" - Royal Oak Music Theater. 7pm Doors Open,

8pm Show. Pay at door (or advance tickets available at REI stores). Cost: \$20.

Sat, Dec 7 • Skiwi Christmas Party - American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Rd, Troy.

Time: 7pm Cocktails, 8pm Dinner. Cost: \$49 Before Nov 21, \$54 After. Contact: Matt Casey, mcasey325e@comcast.net, 248-770-4247

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Contact: Barb, 248-217-0866, bjp21@wowway.com or Jan, 734-645-7964, jan_burrows55@hotmail.com

Sat, Dec 14 • Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village - Dearborn. Cost: \$20 – If we get 15 or

more, \$22 otherwise. Contact: Les Skrzycki, 248-238-0675, skiorsail9@gmail.com

Fri, Dec 20 • P&G: Wellington Pub - 44819 Hayes Rd, Sterling Heights. Time: 6:30pm

Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Darrell Ahlberg, dahlberg7@comcast.net, 586-899-8203

Sat, Dec 21 • Annual Holiday Party - Craig Petku's Place, 5188 Iroquois Ct, Clarkston.

Time: 6:00pm, BYOB & a dish to pass. Contact: Les Skrzycki, skiorsail9@gmail.com

Tue, Dec 31 • New Year's Eve Bash - Forestre Banquet Center, 1919 Star-Batt, Rochester Hills.

Cost: \$40 in advance; No Walk Ups. Cash Bar. (Successfully Single event, GMSC will have reserved tables) Make checks out to GM Ski Club. Contact: Tom Scott, 586-739-5199, tescott99@yahoo.com

Fri, Jan 3 • ROM: Peabody's of Birmingham - 4965 Woodward Ave, Birmingham Time: 6:30pm.

Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Dennis, dennis4179@gmail.com, 248-318-1491

Thu, Jan 9 • GM Meeting - Champps, 301 W. Big Beaver, Troy. Time: 6:30pm, Cost: Your Tab.

Contact: Barb, 248-217-0866, bjp21@wowway.com or Jan, 734-645-7964, jan_burrows55@hotmail.com

Fri, Jan 31 • ROM: Maggiano's Little Italy - 2089 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy. Time: 7:00pm.

Cost: Your Tab.

January • Punta Cana Caribbean Vacation - Details coming soon! Cost: TBA

Contact: Bob Schutter, 248-802-8101

Sun, Feb 9 • Super Bowl Party - Venetian Club, 29310 John R Road, Madison Heights

Dakota Inn, Rathskeller

This year's outing to the Dakota Inn Rathskeller turned out to be about as lively and raucous as could have been hoped for. The crowd started gathering around 6:30 and by 7pm our whole gang was there. The folks at the Dakota Inn set us up with a reserved set of tables right in front of the band and dance floor. We were soon served family style traditional German dishes: three varieties of schnitzel, breaded pork cutlets, mashed potatoes, and hot German potato salad. And who can forget their one of a kind apple strudel. All served by waitresses wearing flouncy dirndls.

Entertainment for the evening was the traditional German, high-energy Tommy Shober & The Sounds of Sorgenbrecher. When the band started, the first thing Tommy (boss of the band, lead singer and sax player) said was "And first off we'd like to welcome the GM Ski Club." A greeting we met with a spirited applause.

The band's energy is absolutely contagious. By the second song of their first set, the dance floor was packed. The crowd had a blast displaying and exchanging the chicken hats which are sold to raise money for charity. There were polkas, swing dances, and a conga line that went outside the building – just in time for the dancers to get a much needed cooling off. This once a year Oktoberfest is a great event for all ages. And it's attracting a younger crowd happy to mingle with the old-timers over plates of bratwurst, knackwurst and pitchers of beer.

Worried about the neighborhood and parking? Forget about it. Several of us met at Oakland Mall for carpooling and the secured lighted and guarded parking kept everybody cars safe. This is an Oktoberfest about as authentic and as lively as they come. If you missed it, you can catch up with pictures in this newsletter, on the website, and in the slide show at next month's meeting at Champs. A big thanks to Dennis Dembiec for putting the whole thing together.

– Darrell Ahlberg



Dakota Inn, Rathskeller



*Dancing &
Having Fun
German-style!*



www.gmskiclub.org

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www.mdscski.org

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Coming Attractions!

Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village

Saturday, December 14

A lantern-lit journey into a living snow globe.

P&G: Wellington Pub

Friday, December 20

ROM: Peabody's of Birmingham

Friday, January 3

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Friday, January 31

General Meetings

2nd Thursday of every month

Champps • 6:30pm

301 W. Big Beaver, Troy (btwn I-75 & Livernois)

