

## Congratulations Elected Officers:

**President:** Stan Sawicki

**Vice-President:** Don Phillips

**Secretary:** Kay Sheere

**Treasurer:** Dan Boyd

## Euchre Night

**Saturday, May 3**

**6:30pm**

**Darrell's House**

Games begin at 7pm.

As always, fun and socialization will be stressed over winning. Help someone become a better Euchre player, make a new friend, and you'll be in the spirit of this party. To make it more fun for everyone, prize money will be spread out and 10 cash prizes will be awarded.

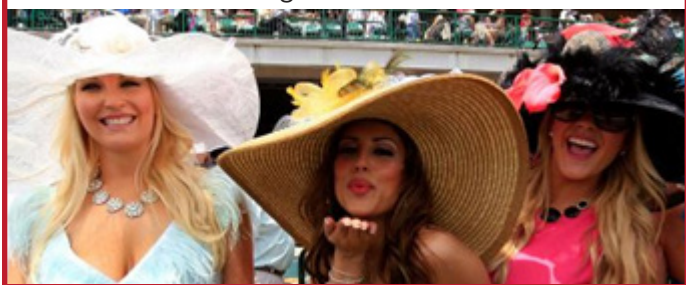


**We're giving the party a Kentucky Derby/horseracing theme (since it is the same day). Feel free to dress for the occasion.**

Non card players are welcome. All food will be provided. Just plan to have a good time!

**Euchre: \$15 Members, \$20 Non-Members.  
 Party only: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members.**

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



## GMSC Bike Rides

**Sunday, May 4 & 25 • 1:00pm**

500 Olde Towne Rd., Rochester (meet in library parking lot). All levels welcome.

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

## Cinco De Mayo



**Monday, May 5  
 6:30pm • El Patio**



2891 W Big Beaver Rd (at Dequindre) in Troy. Enjoy this famed Mexican holiday with the GM Ski Club. This place serves good Mexican food by a polite wait staff. Cost: Your Tab.

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



## Norm's Field of Dreams

**Friday, May 16 • 6:30pm**

1090 Rochester Rd in Troy. A solid sports/dive bar with plenty of things to do: Catch a band, play pool, play keno, watch sports, listen to the jukebox, play golden tee, go outside and play cornhole, or just drink. Good food, large beer selection and prices that can't be beat. It's a true 5 star dive bar! Cost: Your Tab.

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**HOSPITALITY:**  
Open

**MDSC REP:**  
Open

**SPORTS & SKI INSTRUCTION:** Open

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 04 Debra Lawson

May 05 Philip Ross

May 08 Lee Johnson  
Stella Moulton

May 11 Mary Zalewski

May 17 Ron Weishaupt

May 19 Dave Duvali

May 23 Ken Colden

May 26 Joe Rokocy



## FROM THE EDITOR

**Deadline for the June 2014 Issue  
is Sunday, May 25th.**

Send info to Sherry at: [newsletter@gmskiclub.org](mailto:newsletter@gmskiclub.org)



**Metropolitan  
Detroit  
Ski  
Council**

The MDSC has existed since 1955 and is the umbrella organization for twenty ski clubs located in the Metro Detroit area, Toledo Ohio, and from Grand Rapids to Windsor and Sarnia, Canada.

The GMSC is a member of the MDSC. As such we are allowed to attend other MDSC Clubs' advertised trips at their member fee. There are also discounts and many other benefits.

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

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**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!

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello everyone, this will be my last message as the president of GMSC. It has been a wonderful experience spending the last

two years enjoying exciting events and working with the present board to get things done. I am very happy to see the leadership of the Club transfer to a very knowledgeable and capable person, Stan Sawicki. I had the pleasure of working with Stan on our board for several years and know that he will continue the excellence that GMSC members are accustomed to in our activities and trips. Thanks Stan for volunteering your time, energy and knowledge to propel the club to new heights.

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



I appreciate the warm introduction that our previous president has given me, and hope that I can live up to those expectations. I also want thank him for his excellent leadership these last two years. In addition I would like to thank Darrell Ahlberg for the many things he has done for the club while serving in different capacities on the board, June Siehda for her time on the board serving as membership chairman, and Jan Burrows & Barbara Phillips who shared the duties of Hospitality committee.

Looking forward, we have a May and June ahead that is filled with many activities. Euchre Night at Darrell Ahlberg's, Cinco De Mayo, Flower Day at Eastern Market with a bike ride afterwards, the musical Guys and Dolls at St. Dunstan's Theater, the Edsel Ford Mansion tour (see how one of the 1% lived), bike rides and kayaking not to mention Pub and Grub's and ROM'S. We have more activities in the planning stages. So take your pick and enjoy the coming months with your friends at the GM Ski Club.

– **Stan Sawicki, President GM Ski Club**

Grosse Pointe War Memorial's production of

## Les Miserables

**Friday, May 23 • 8:00pm**

**\$22 Members • \$25 Non-Members**



The world's longest running musical, this epic tale of Jean Valjean's quest to escape his past has held a special place in the hearts of theater lovers for more than 25 years. Located at 32 Lakeshore Dr in Grosse Pt.

**OPTIONAL DINNER:** 6:30pm, \$20 Members (GMSC & Sailing Singles), \$25 Non-Members. Help yourself to soup, salads, meats and fish main course, dessert and coffee. It is a well prepared meal. You can bring your own wine.

Contact: Marie Weiner, 248 642-6897,  
weinermarie@yahoo.com



## Ford House & Fishbones

**Saturday, May 24**  
**3:45pm / 6:30pm**

We will tour the beautiful 20,000 sq. ft. Edsel & Eleanor Ford House situated on a gorgeous 87 acre estate. Afterwards we will eat at Fishbones. RSVP for either one or both events.

**3:45pm at Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Dr., Grosse Pointe Shores. \$12, cash only.**

**6:30pm Dinner at Fishbones, 23722 Jefferson Ave., St Clair Shores.**  
**Cost: Your tab.**

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





## Eastern Market Bike Ride

**Saturday, May 17 • 10:30am**

### 27th Annual Trek

**Saturday, May 17 • 8:00am**

We'll meet at **Vivio's Restaurant** at 8:00am, 2460 Market St, Detroit (313-393-1711).

To start the morning right we will begin with double Bloody Mary's and beer chasers, Mimosa's, or a really good coffee drink.

Afterwards we'll walk through the historic farmers market. It'll be **Flower Day**, one of the largest flower shows in the country. Also enjoy great selections of fruits, veggies, homemade jams, maple syrups and local specialty foods.

Later we'll consider a BBQ, a sail, or relaxing at the dock. Let's start our summer with fun!

***YOUR RSVP IS NEEDED!***

For more info contact: Les Skrzycki,  
248-238-0675, [skiorsail9@gmail.com](mailto:skiorsail9@gmail.com)

This bike ride will follow **Breakfast at Vivio's**. We will be starting at Eastern Market, heading down Dequindre and then over to Belle Isle. Landmarks such as the Detroit Boat Club and Dawson Museum can be explored. All levels welcome.

Contact: Marie Weiner, 248-642-6897,  
[weinermarie@yahoo.com](mailto:weinermarie@yahoo.com)

### Great Lakes Boating Festival

**Friday, May 16 - Sunday, May 18**  
**Grosse Pointe Yacht Club**

While down in Detroit you may want to check out The Boating Festival. Open to the public, it will feature a wide range of activities — including an antique car display, Dossin Museum display, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House display, vintage boats display, jet skis and water toys.

[greatlakesboatingfestival.com](http://greatlakesboatingfestival.com)



## BaySide Sports Grill

**Friday, June 6 • 6:30pm**

142 East Walled Lake Drive, Walled Lake.  
Located on the beautiful shores of Walled Lake offering views from the patio that can't be beat!

Great food selection from burgers to upscale entrees. Happy Hour ends at 7pm (half-off draft beer and well drinks). Hang out after dinner and enjoy the great dance floor with the band Square Pegz. Cost: Your Tab.

Contact: Kathy O'Driscoll, 248-421-4001,  
[kathyod7@comcast.net](mailto:kathyod7@comcast.net)

## Kayaking

**Saturday, June 21**

**10am - 11:30am**

**Stony Creek Metro Park**



Meet at the Mt. Vernon Picnic area by the boat rental facility. Bring your own or rent (\$7/hr rental)  
[www.metroparks.com/Stony-Creek-Metropark](http://www.metroparks.com/Stony-Creek-Metropark)

No experience necessary. We will eat afterwards.

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# GM SKI & TRAVEL CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

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**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: [sundaywallyball@yahoo.com](mailto:sundaywallyball@yahoo.com)

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**4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH** May 28 / June 25 / July 23 / August 27

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

Contact: Susan Walker, [swneko@aol.com](mailto:swneko@aol.com), 248-660-5329

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**FULL CALENDAR AVAILABLE AT [WWW.GMSKICLUB.ORG](http://WWW.GMSKICLUB.ORG)**

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**Sat, Jun 7 • Community Theater** - St. Dunstan's, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, Outdoor Presentation of "Guys & Dolls." Time: 8pm, Cost: \$20 Members, \$25 Non-Members. Contact: Bill Given, [bill\\_given@phmic.com](mailto:bill_given@phmic.com)

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**Fri-Sun, Jul 25-27 • Camp/Canoe Trip** - Paddlebrave in Roscommon, MI. Several rate options. See article for details or contact: Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203, [dahlberg7@comcast.net](mailto:dahlberg7@comcast.net)

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## St. Dunstan's Theatre

**Saturday, June 7 • 8pm**

400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills

**Cost: \$20 Members, \$25 Non-Members**

Presented outdoors in the Cranbrook Greek Theatre, this is a great musical from the golden age of Broadway. Guys and Dolls transports you to Damon Runyon's mythical New York City.

You meet gangsters, saints, sinners, and hot box dancers. Featuring classic Broadway showstoppers like "Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat," and "Luck Be a Lady."

Contact: Bill Given, [bill\\_given@phmic.com](mailto:bill_given@phmic.com)



## Pontoon Boats on Lake Orion

**Saturday, July 19 • 10am-5pm**

**Pontoon Boat Ride (gas included)  
& Grilled Hot Dog Lunch**

BYO Beverages & Snacks to Pass

**MASSIVE LAKE FUN IN THE SUN!**

Contact: Don Phillips, [bjp21@wowway.com](mailto:bjp21@wowway.com),  
248-219-5470

## GMSC Camp & Canoe Weekend

**July 25 – 27, 2014 • Paddlebrave Canoe Livery & Campground Resort**

Camp, canoe, kayak and tube on Michigan's beautiful AuSable River. Paddlebrave is an old-fashioned campground and canoe livery located directly on the river's south branch.

### ALL PRICES INCLUDE:

- 2 Nights Camping (with electricity)
- Saturday Lunch on the River
- Canoe or Double Kayak (2/boat)

### RATES per person:

**\$40 Camping** (four/site)

**\$60 Cabin** (quad occupancy)

**\$90 Cabin** (dual occupancy)

**\$70 Cabin** (triple occupancy)

- A Double Kayak can be substituted for a canoe at no extra charge
- For a Single Kayak add \$10
- Camping or Cabin w/no boat, subtract \$18
- Non-Members add \$10



### AMENITIES:

- Community area for gathering & campfires
- Water fill tower and a sewage dump station
- Camp store with limited groceries
- Firewood and ice available. *Please don't bring your own firewood from down south.*
- Horseshoe & volleyball courts
- Great fishing
- Tubing



The town of Roscommon is a mere 2.5 miles away. You can make your own meals at the campground or go into town to eat.

No pets. This trip is limited to 36. We are reserving seven campsites and two cabins. These will be available on a first-paid, first-served basis. Each cabin has a full size bed and a double bunk.

Contact: Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203,  
[dahlberg7@comcast.net](mailto:dahlberg7@comcast.net)



## Activities CORNER

Hi all, this will be my final article as Activities Chair. After 14 years on the board, I'm finally stepping down. At this point in time, I can't help harkening back to November 2008 when we had \$5030.07 in the treasury with a membership of 14 people. Having a small treasury put us in danger of not being able to front load quality trips for our members. At that time, the board, consisting of insightful and energetic people went to work to rebuild the activities program and rebuild the treasury all while providing value to our members for their membership dollar. Since then we've stabilized the treasury to more healthy level, our membership has grown considerably, and thanks to all the volunteers leading events, our Activities program has become very robust.

So these days, the club is in great shape. It is poised for new leadership to step up and continue contributing to the community by helping to provide value to the membership. Remember, everyone who contributes, from the President, to the board, to activity leaders, to anyone else who helps out, are all volunteers. The club depends on your ideas and your energy to prosper and thrive.

As Stan takes office, replacing board members, looking for activity leaders, and otherwise seeking your assistance, please answer the call and offer your help in any way you can. You'll feel better for having contributed and the club as a whole will benefit from your efforts.

Before I sign off, I'd just like to thank everyone who's helped make my job for the past five years a lot easier and so very rewarding. It's not possible to list everyone here. If I could, I would love to do that. But trust me, your efforts have been recognized and appreciated. Thanks again,

– Darrell Ahlberg, Activities Chair



**JOIN US IN THE GM SKI CLUB'S BEST LOVED TRADITION...**

## GM SKI CLUB PICNIC

**Saturday, August 9th • 11am • Stony Creek Metro Park**

*RAIN OR SHINE at the Lakeview Pavilion on Lakeview Dr., near the dam.*

### **EARLY BIRD PRICE:**

**Before August 1st –**

**\$12 Members, \$17 Non-Members**

**After August 1st – add \$5**

**Day Of – \$20 Members, \$25 Non-Members**

Includes a culinary lunch of pork loin, chicken, corn-on-the-cob and pasta salad, made by Chef Paul, munchies, pop, bottled water, beer and desert.

*(It does not include price of admission to the park.)*

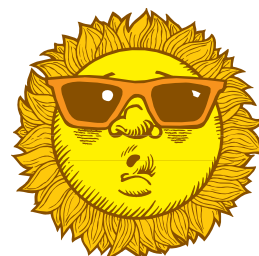
**ARRIVE: 11am • BIKE RIDING AND HIKING: 1pm - 3pm • LUNCH: 3pm**

This beautiful park offers: Swimming, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, bike and hiking trails, a golf course, and disc golf.

**Volleyball • Bocce Ball • Water Balloon Toss Contest**

**Be sure to bring a chair, swim suit/towel, bike and hiking boots!**

Contact: Stan Sawicki at 586-808-3406 or [ssawicki@comcast.net](mailto:ssawicki@comcast.net)



## 2013 Cinco De Mayo



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## General Meetings

*2nd Thursday of every month*  
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Includes grilled hotdogs & assorted beverages.

