

It's Time To Renew Your Membership!

Your GMSC Membership expires on September 30.

Good News: MEMBERSHIP RATES HAVE BEEN REDUCED.

That's right, in these times of high inflation when it seems the cost of everything is going up, the GMSC Board has dropped membership dues (see form on last page). As an all volunteer board, our objective is to provide the best value possible for all GMSC Members.

We hope you've been able to enjoy our activity offerings over the past year and take advantage of the discounts members receive. You can recoup your membership costs by simply participating in a few premium events. **You can also receive a free membership by recruiting three new members to the club!**

NOTE: Current members who "renew" by September 30 will save \$5. After September 30, you will be considered expired and will have to pay the "new" membership fee. The Membership Form is the last page of this newsletter. It can also be downloaded from our website: gmskiclub.org

For more information contact: Darrell, 586-899-8203, dahlberg7@comcast.net

**Renew
Early & Save
\$5.00**



Joe Bologna's Trattoria

**Friday, Sept 5
6:30pm**

2135 17 Mile Road, Sterling Heights

Independently owned and operated for over 27 years, this family operation delivers superior quality food, service and atmosphere to make your dining experience memorable.

An Italian restaurant and bar specializing in pizza and pasta. Cost: Your tab.

Contact: Kay Sheere, 586-939-9817,
ktmc1014@wowway.com



Tigers Game

**Sunday, Sept 14
1:00pm**

**\$19 Members
\$21 Non-Members**

Tigers vs. Indians

"Take me out to the ball game..."

Join us at Comerica Park for an afternoon of baseball! Watch the Tigers as they battle their division rivals the Cleveland Indians.

We will meet for dinner afterwards.

Contact: Ken Phillips - 586-242-2003

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Sep 04 Les Skrzycki

Sep 05 Kathy Clayton

Sep 06 Theresa Soloman

Sep 07 Jan Pfannes

Sep 11 Tom Richardson

Sep 13 Susan Walker

Sep 15 Rick Whetstine

Sep 17 Glenda McKinnon

Sep 23 John Weiler

Sep 24 Judy Pichowski

Sep 26 Gary Marx

Sep 28 Bill Scott

Sep 30 Paul Vadovski



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!



**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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the coming of September comes our membership renewals, and I am pleased to announce that we are lowering our membership rates for 2015 starting in September. All single rates are being lowered by \$5 and married couples by \$10. We did this to give value to our members and to increase our membership.

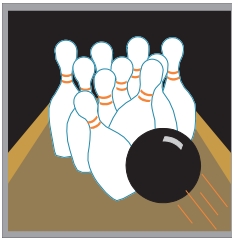
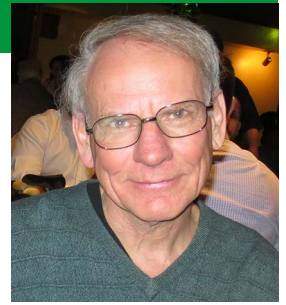
Looking forward into the fall (though with a slight sigh) we have a lot of events coming up. Starting on the 5th we are going to Joe Bologna's Restaurant. On the 7th of September we have a bike ride on the Polly Ann Trail and the start of our bowling season. Remember if you are not on a team you can still bowl as a sub.

A week later we are having another joint event with Sailing Singles hosted by Greg Ronan. On the 14th we are going to see the Tigers play Cleveland in their march to the playoffs. I'm an optimist when it comes to the Tigers. The musical My Fair Lady is on our schedule for the 27th. This classic and beloved musical is being performed by the Stagecrafters in Royal Oak. We have gone to many of their offerings and have never been disappointed.

The following month we have an Oktoberfest happening at Camp Ticonderoga and our Square Dance run by Tim and Jan Pfannes. This is always been a hit since no previous experience is needed. Lastly, we have the Bald Mt Cabin Campout on October 12-14.

As always have fun,

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



GMSC / Stars Bowling League

**Every Other Sunday Starting Sept 7
4:30pm • Astro Lanes**

Our League will start on Sunday September 7th, the first Sunday after Labor Day. It will run every other Sunday after that. This league is coed and emphasizes having a fun time. It is not a serious league, so all abilities are welcome.

You can start your own team, or look to join an existing one. If you don't think you can play that often, you can still play as a sub. In fact last year the league had a shortage of subs. Start time on Sunday is 4:30pm.

The cost is \$15 / week with the last two weeks paid ahead. We play at Astro Lanes at 32388 John R Rd. in Madison Heights.

*If you are interested in playing, please contact
Rob Church at 586-739-1837 or
Kathleen Peiser at 248-885-0112*

GM Bike Ride

**Sunday, September 7
1:00pm • Polly Ann Trail**



Meet at Oxford Public Library, 530 Pontiac Rd, Oxford. All levels welcome. We will eat afterwards.

Contact: Marie Weiner,
248-642-6897



Riverdance III 2nd Boat Bash

**Sat, Sept 13 • 1:00pm
Emerald City Outer Harbor**

24200 Jefferson, Saint Clair Shores, Well 416.

The party is at Emerald City behind Brownies Restaurant, Gate Code 53153. Guests bring meat/fish to grill, dish to pass, chair and beverages.

Chef will be available to grill your meat/fish. This is a GM Ski Club & Sailing Singles joint event.

Contact: Greg, 586-219-7669



PRESENTED BY STAGECRAFTERS

Saturday, September 27

\$22 Members, \$25 Non-Members

Baldwin Theatre • 8:00pm

415 S. Lafayette Ave, Royal Oak

When Professor Henry Higgins wagers that he can transform Eliza Doolittle, a spirited Cockney flower girl, into an aristocratic lady, he never expected to be transformed as well. The magnificent score includes such unforgettable favorites as "I Could Have Danced All Night," "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," and "On the Street Where You Live."

My Fair Lady is a lighthearted theatrical gem.

**The group will meet for dinner beforehand.
Dinner cost: Your tab.**

Contact: Bill Given, 248-289-6832,
bill_given@phmic.com



Gator Jakes

Friday, October 17

Meet & Greet: 5:30pm

Dinner: 6:30pm

36863 Van Dyke, in Sterling Heights.

This informal sports bar has the best in Creole and Southwestern food, backed up by thick, juicy steaks, succulent fish, and tasty, filling pasta and sandwiches. With a lively atmosphere it also boasts a full-service bar that offers many brands of beer.

**Happy hour ends at 6pm. Join us early
as we assemble at the bar for a
Meet & Greet at 5:30pm.**

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

Camp Ticonderoga Oktoberfest



Friday, Oct 3 • 6:30pm

5725 Rochester Rd, Troy

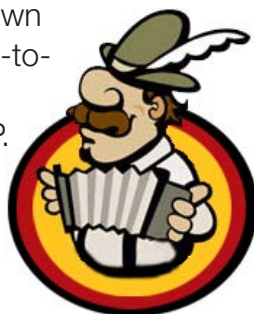
FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY...

**Camp Ticonderoga is celebrating
Oktoberfest with delicious German dishes
and special live entertainment.**

It's a rustic bar & grill that boasts a comfortable, inviting hunting-lodge interior, with award-winning and unmatched levels of customer service. Enjoy premium drinks, ice cold draft beer and an interesting wine list. They're also known for the best homemade, cooked-to-order chocolate chip cookies! Space is limited so please RSVP.

Cost: Your tab.

Contact: Darwin Tuttle,
248-280-2954,
d.tuttle@ameritech.net



Square Dance & Dinner



Saturday, October 4

7pm Dinner • 8pm Dancing

\$23 per dancer • \$15 per non-dancer

**The Pfannes Barn – 5080 19 Mile,
Sterling Heights (between Mound & Ryan)**

Jim Tait will be the caller and beginners are welcome. This is not an event of skill, it's a night of fun. Square dance attire is optional.



**INCLUDES: Dinner, Beer, Wine,
Limited Liquor, Pop, Munchies.**

BRING: A lawn chair for picnic
dinner and afterglow bonfire.

RSVP to Tim or Jan Pfannes at 586-726-0033.
Your payment will confirm your reservation.

Make checks payable to: "Jan Pfannes"
and mail to: The Pfannes', 5080 19 Mile,
Sterling Heights, MI 48314

Biking Crème de la Crème



If you were not part of the GM Ski Club's early August bike ride, you missed the crème de la crème of biking events. Our president Stan Sawicki organized this ride as he normally does a couple of times a month, and this time he picked a great route. The West Bloomfield Trail was quite scenic and with interesting structural features like little tunnels and long boardwalk bridges along its short route – not to mention the Ste. Mary's Preparatory religious grotto that was a small detour off the trail.

But then, to top it off, Vickie Slicker offered her home on Union Lake as the post ride cool-down and dining destination – instead of us having to go to a commercial restaurant like we usually do. Thanks to hers and the potluck contributions of the other participants, we had the opportunity to chow down on a great and varied selection of good food. We also got to relax, cool down and socialize on her lake front decks. Even the weather co-operated. It was sunny and mild unlike the cloudy and rainy days of the whole preceding week.

The accompanying pictures illustrate what a fun activity this was. My hope is also that this may motivate you to participate in one of our future biking events. The more people that attend, the more varied the mix of personalities, and the more fun it is. Come to our monthly meeting and/or check out the newsletter or website for dates and times.

— ***Yers truly, Dave Duvali***





Biking Crème de la Crème



Bald Mountain Indoor Camping Weekend

**October 10-12 • 3pm Fri – 1pm Sun
Tamarack Cabins, Bald Mt State Park**



Cost: \$25 for Fri & Sat nights, \$20 Sat only, Non-members add \$5, Sat visit \$5

Our cabin is located east of downtown Lake Orion on Tamarack Lake within the Bald Mt Recreation area. The Tamarack cabins are rustic in nature with all the conveniences of a home in the 1800's.

Let's have a last fling at warm fall nights, cold drinks, sitting by the fire and your favorite games. Friday night, dogs over the open fire. Saturday, stew to your delight, or maybe we will surprise you.

Bring your mountain bike, backpack (for hiking), and camera or, just about anything you want. Games and cards make for laughs and good times. This is an indoor camping trip. There is no electricity so bring flashlights and a lantern, sleeping bag and pillow. Bring your cook stove, coffee pot and something for breakfast. There is always plenty of room. Join us! Oh did we mention a bonfire? There will also be a canoe or two for a paddle around the lake.

This is a fun weekend, if you have never been here, try it you'll like it. It is a lot of fun! Maps will be available via the internet and email. **Please RSVP! We must know numbers in advance.**

For further information please contact: Les Skrzycki, 248 877-1794, skiorsail9@gmail.com

**Make checks payable to "GM SKI Club" and mail to:
Les Skrzycki, 160 Manitou Lane 3B, Lake Orion, MI 48362**



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This trip has SOLD OUT. To be put on the waitlist, contact: Dave, dnorkus@comcast.net



GMSC Camp & Canoe Weekend

The camping/canoe weekend at Paddlebrave was an absolute blast. Sure, we got a little rain. In fact, at times, we got a lot of rain, including a thunderburst minutes before putting in Saturday morning. Fortunately, the put-in site had a nice shelter for us to wait out the storm. After about 20 minutes, with the rain letting up, but not quite stopping, several brave souls decided to take on the forces of nature and took off in their canoes. Within about 10 minutes, the gods admitted defeat and opened up the skies to sunshine. We all had a beautiful paddle.

Our campground marked the half way point as well as our lunch spot. We feasted on Subway sandwiches, potato salad, coleslaw, assorted fruits, one “spiked” watermelon, and a wealth of other treats. Nobody went away hungry.

Other features of this trip contributing to great memories: A brilliant campfire conveniently located on common ground in the evening; Coffee, sweets and fruits served in the common cook tent in the morning.

It was a great weekend to be sure. Great enough that everyone’s asking what’s on tap for next year. Well, details are still being worked out. But as a little teaser for you, let’s just say we’re going to have a grand time in the Erie Islands. ’Nuff said. Keep an eye out for further details. Hope to see everyone next year.

— **Darrell Ahlberg**



GM SKI & TRAVEL CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

EVERY SUNDAY - 10:00am • BREAKFAST CLUB – Jimmy's Coney Grill
37246 Dequindre, Sterling Hts. *No RSVP needed – just show up!*

4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH - 4:30pm • Grace Centers of Hope
35 E Huron St, Pontiac. Contact: Susan Walker, swneko@aol.com, 248-660-5329

FULL CALENDAR AVAILABLE AT WWW.GMSKICLUB.ORG



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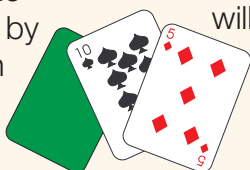
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Fri, Oct 24 • Costume Charity Halloween Event - Royal Oak Farmers Market. Time 7:00pm. Contact Lisa Mueller or Gary Russo at 248-398-8384, website: www.ghostsandgoblins gala.com.

Sat, Nov 1 • Halloween Party - Darrell's House. Murder Mystery, food provided, \$5 donation at the door. Must RSVP. Contact: Darrell, 586-899-8203, dahlberg7@comcast.net

Beginning Bridge "Play & Learn"

In this Beginning Bridge Class, the card table will be our blackboard. You will learn bridge by playing cards. A handout summarizing each lesson will be distributed at the end of each class – *no note taking required.*



The bridge course will be taught by certified teacher, Jane Hall. GM Club Member Lori Briscoe will host classes in the fall if there is enough interest. Cost is \$12 for two hours, and will run from one to twelve weeks.
Contact: Lori Briscoe, 586-254-7167



Pontoon Boats on Lake Orion

On July 19th, GM Ski Club set sail on beautiful Lake Orion for the second year in a row, in three big, beautiful 2014 Berkshire 24 ft Pontoon boats.

We headed out about 10am, with full coolers, cruising out to the open water and having the 690 acre, smooth lake as our playground. We enjoyed exploring the many bays and canals of Lake Orion and checking out lake front homes.

Lunch was served back at the Marina in the shaded picnic area. Subs, fruit, brownies and many delicious side dishes tasted great after a fun morning on the lake.

Clipping along at full speed, kites were flown high above the party boats. Meanwhile rock and roll music filled the air and cold drinks quenched our thirst. We floated at the sand bar and tied the three big boats together, chillin' and enjoying the day with friends on the water.

After the cruise, several of us went to a Lake Orion pub for drinks and dinner. We didn't even get ship wrecked, on a small deserted Island after our 3 hour cruise (x 2).

Everyone had a great time!

— ***Yours, Captain Phillips***

Hey that would make a good name for a movie!





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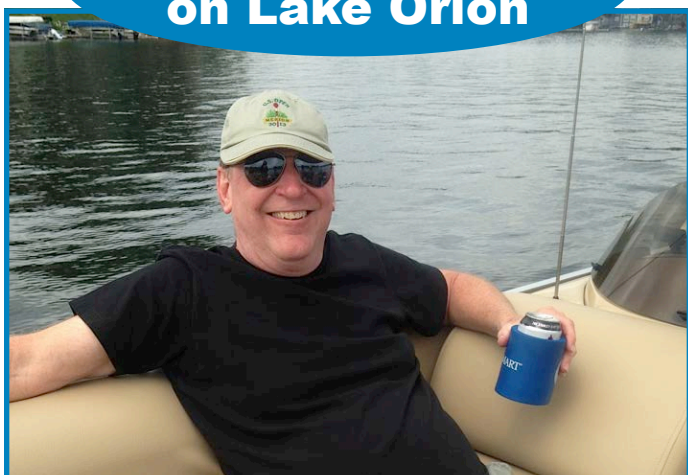




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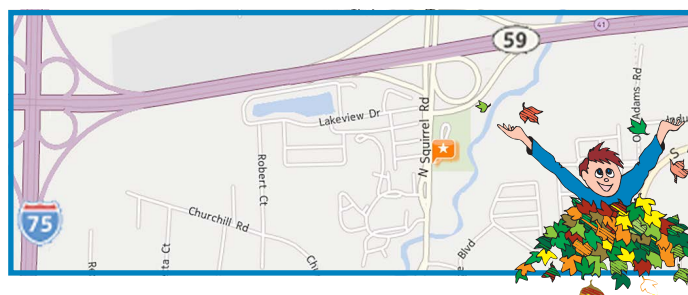
2nd Thursday of every month

River Woods Park • 6:00pm

300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills

Cost: \$4 Members, \$6 Non-Members

Includes grilled hotdogs & assorted beverages.





Membership Application

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____
Birthday: Month/Day _____
Phone 1: _____
Phone 2: _____

Please don't publish in the member directory or on any websites: (insert X)

Name ☐ Address ☐ Phone ☐ Email ☐

Date: _____ Signature: _____

SPOUSE FILL IN BELOW

Name: _____
Email: _____
Birthday: Month/Day _____
Phone 1: _____
Phone 2: _____

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Name ☐ Address ☐ Phone ☐ Email ☐

The GM Ski Club may publish a hardcopy-only directory of membership for use by members. If you wish to have information withheld from the directory please check the appropriate boxes in the application.

In consideration for me being able to join the GM Ski club and signing this application, I agree to abide by the GM SKI Club's Bylaws and Constitution. **\$15 fee for returned checks.**

LIABILITY WAIVER – I assume personal responsibility for any risks and hazards to my personal safety and equipment while participating in any GM Ski Club activity or event. I release the GM Ski Club, their Directors and Officers, and anyone affiliated with any and all activities from all liability and waive any and all claims I may have or may hereafter acquire related to any and all injuries or damages whatsoever arising as a result of my participation in any and all activities connected directly or indirectly with the GM Ski Club. I also certify that I am at least 19 years of age or older and that I have read and understand the conditions outlined above.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Please send completed application along with check PAYABLE to:

GM Ski Club
40377 Kraft Dr.
Sterling Heights, MI 48301

OR bring the completed application and check with you to our General Meeting. OR email application to membership@gmskiclub.org and mail check.

Mail changes of address to the above.

Payment made by: Check ☐ Cash ☐ Amount \$ _____

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NEW MEMBERSHIP Starting April 1 st		
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RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP		
Membership Runs From Oct 1 st – Sept 30 th		
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Referral: I am a new member and was referred to the GM Ski Club by:
Referring Members Name: _____