

NEWSLETTER

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Annual 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 (weather permitting).



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

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 inter-

esting 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



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

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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

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

The leaves are slowly turning different colors, and the winds are becoming cooler, which are signs that fall is upon us. It also means that our annual fall events are making their appearance. Our celebration of Oktoberfest will be at Camp Ticonderoga Restaurant on the 3rd of this month. They will have a special German menu and entertainment. On the 4th our Square Dance is being offered at Tim and Jan Pfannes place. You don't have to have any previous square dance experience to attend. It is easy to learn and the caller practically teaches you every step. It is



always a well-attended event, so if you are thinking about going you should hurry up and send your money in before it fills up.

The following weekend (the 10th to the 12th) is our Bald Mountain Campout at the almost luxurious Kevorkian/Tamarack Cabins. The weekend will offer hiking, campfires, warm cabins, and a chance to get away from it all in a rustic setting with friends. On the 17th our Pub and Grub is at Gator Jakes. During the month of October we play Wallyball on every Sunday of the month. You do not need any experience to play just friendly enthusiasm.

Please note that we have extended our yearly sign up period to our first meeting in October. Remember if you are an existing member and wait too long, you will have to pay the new member price when you re-sign up.

In Pure Michigan, enjoy our seasons,

- Stan Sawicki, President GM Ski Club

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



Our early September bike outing was a new venue for most of us, that being the Polly Ann Trail from Oxford along the trail's northern leg toward the town of Leonard. It's kind-of neat how the different trails we ride each have somewhat distinct characteristics – and the characteristics I associated with our segment of the Polly Ann were (1.) a lot of gradient variation that encouraged a bit more up-shifting and down-shifting than other trails and resulted in a bit more of a leg workout and (2.) several sections that were densely tree covered making for cool shady tunnels. The third characteristic that I remember was seeing a lot of evidence that horses used the trail and which required some occasional quick avoidance maneuvers. We did about 12 miles. altogether.

After the ride we stopped to refuel and relubricate at the 24th Street Sports Tavern in downtown Oxford. It was good food and good service, with a good turnout of friends that made for another really great biking event.

As usual, I shall end this piece with an invitation to all to join us in the future on these fun and (cardio) beneficial bicycling events. They are winding down for this season.







Wallyball Is Back!

Sundays • 12:30pm Warren Raquetball & Fitness

29901 South Civic Center Blvd, Warren

Work off that Sunday breakfast! 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, then go to a nearby restaurant at 3:00pm.



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

Contact: Michael, sundaywallyball@yahoo.com

2Booli Restaurant



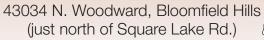
854 E Big Beaver Rd, Troy (west of Rochester Rd)

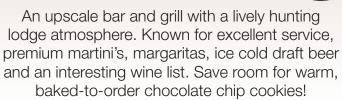
Featuring Mediterreanean food using family recipes, handed down for generations. Offering a full bar and with a great selection of wines from around the world. The tradition of fresh, wholesome ingredients and homemade dishes are the heart and soul of 2Booli.

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

The Moose Preserve

Pub & Grub Friday, Nov 21 • 6pm





This event is scheduled earlier than normal as they expect huge crowds (non-hunters out and about during hunting season). Come early to enjoy a PBR for \$2. We are open to afterglow suggestions from those attending.

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

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

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!*
- **12:30pm WALLYBALL -** Warren Racquetball & Fitness. \$5-\$6 per person. 29901 S Civic Center Blvd, Warren. Contact: Michael, sundaywallyball@gmail.com

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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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.ghostsandgoblinsgala.com.

Fri, Nov 7 • ROM: 2Booli Restaurant - 854 E Big Beaver Rd, Troy. Time: 6:30pm, Cost: Your Tab. RSVP: Darwin Tuttle at 248-280-2954 or d.tuttle@ameritech.net

Sat, Nov 8 • Sands Bash Charity Event - Barrister House, 21801 Harper, St Clair Shores. Time: 7:30pm. Cost: \$35 PrePaid, \$40 at Door. Contact: John, 586-979-2392, johnzalewski@wowway.com

Thu, Nov 13 • GMSC Meeting - Champps, 301 W. Big Beaver, Troy. Time: 6:30pm, Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Greg Ronan, riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

Fri, Nov 21 • P&G: The Moose Preserve - 43034 N. Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills. Time: 6:00pm. Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Dennis, 248-318-1491, dennis4179@gmail.com

Sat, Dec 6 • Skiwi Christmas Party - American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Rd , Troy Time: 7pm. Cost: \$49 by Nov 20, \$54 after. Contact: Matt, 248-770-4247, mcasey325e@comcast.net

Thu, Dec 11 • GMSC Meeting - Champps, 301 W. Big Beaver, Troy. Time: 6:30pm, Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Greg Ronan, riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

Fri, Dec 19 • 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

Sat, Dec 20 • Annual Holiday Party - Craig Petku's Place, 5188 Iroquois Ct, Clarkston. Time:5:30pm, BYOB & a dish to pass. Contact: Les Skrzycki, skiorsail9@gmail.com

March 14-21, 2015 • Colorado Ski Trip Vacation - Aspen/Snowmass. Members: \$1,425, Non-Members: \$1,445. SOLD-OUT. For Wait-List Contact: Dave Norkus dnorkus@comcast.net

Don't forget - there are a lot more great event photos on our website!

Skiwi Christmas Party

Saturday, December 6 \$49 (By Nov 20, \$54 After) 7pm Cocktails **8pm Dinner American Polish Cultural Center**

2975 E. Maple Rd, Troy

Open Bar, Music, **Family Style Polish Dinner. Dancing & Door Prizes.**

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

Contact: Matt Casey, mcasev325e@comcast.net, 248-770-4247

Clansman Gaelic Pub

Friday, December 19 • 6:30pm

Get into the Christmas spirit at Canterbury Village! Clansman Pub offers home made soups, sandwiches, fresh salads and a full service bar. It is located off Joslyn Road, three miles north of I-75 (behind King's Court Castle). Cost: Your Tab.

The shops will be open for those who wish to browse or do some holiday shopping.



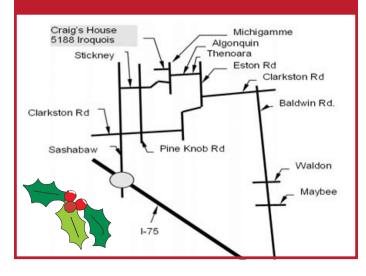
Sat., Dec. 20 • 5:30pm - ? **Craig Petku's Place**

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, 248-877-1794, skiorsail9@gmail.com



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ASPEN (SNOWMASS. Only \$1,425

(GMSC or MDSC Members) Non-members \$1445

SOLD OUT!

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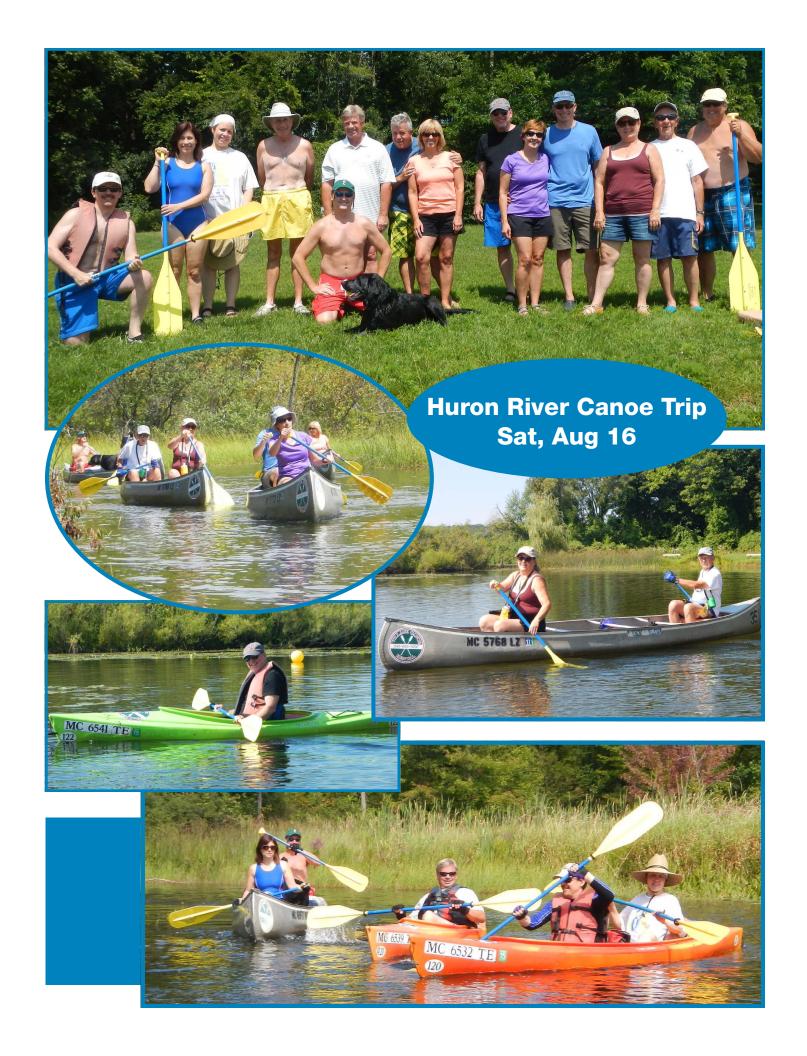
March 14 - 21, 2015

• 7 day trip • 5 day lift tickets at 4 different ski areas

2 bedroom/2 bath luxury ski-in/ski-out condominium lodging

Airfare & Bus Transportation included

To be put on the waitlist, contact: Dave, dnorkus@comcast.net



















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General Meetings

2nd Thursday of every month

Champps • 6:30pm

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

