



A Ski Club... And A Whole Lot More!

NEWS

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Pine Knob Skiing

7778 Sashabaw Rd., Clarkston

LET'S DO SOME SKIING!



Sun, Feb 1 • 10:30am

Skiing cost: \$42. Join us for lunch at 1:00pm. Lunch cost: Your tab.

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



Tuesday, Feb 3 • 10:30am

Join us for "Tremendous Tuesday" skiing!
Special price: \$24 for all areas

Contact: Jeff Rollins, 248-879-8727,
TEAMROL@aol.com



BRAVO!
Cucina Italiana

**Friday, Feb 6
6:30pm**

286 N Adams Rd, Rochester Hills

Bravo's Restaurant offers an upscale affordable dining at it's best with great tasting Italian food and inviting atmosphere under a fun, friendly Roman ruins décor. Cost: Your tab.
bravoitalian.com

Contact: Don Phillips, 248-219-5470
bjp21@wowway.com

Superbowl Party

Sun, Feb 1 • 4pm

Darrell Ahlberg's House

Cost \$5 & a dish to pass.
Pizza, subs, & soft drinks will be provided, BYOB.
There will be opportunities for football squares.



Not into football but just want a good party?

Other tables will be set up for games and socializing. We will not be collecting in advance, but request RSVP so we know how many to expect.

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

Line Dancing Instruction

Thursday, February 5 • 7:30pm

Coyote Joe's

49440 Ryan Road, Shelby Twp.

Featuring FREE Line Dancing Instruction from 8pm to 9pm, followed by non-stop dancing.

This is also Ladies Night.
There is no cover for men

before 8pm, \$3 after 8pm. We will save a section for members. There is no food inside, but they offer a hotdog/sausage concession just outside, ala Home Depot. Arrive 7:30pm to 7:45pm.

Cost: Your tab. coyotejoes.com

Contact: Ken Phillips, 586 242-2003,
kenphillips@mail.com



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SPORTS & SKI INSTRUCTION: Open

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb 10 Kathy Bandol

Feb 11 Sandy Porter

Feb 12 Lee Garcia

Feb 14 Mary Olk

Feb 19 Gregory Maxey

Feb 20 Don Jasper

Feb 27 Beverly Koch



FROM THE EDITOR

Deadline for the Mar 2015 Issue
is Sunday, February 22. Send info to
Sherry at: newsletter@gmskiclub.org



**Metropolitan
Detroit
Ski
Council**

Promoting Sports & Social Activities

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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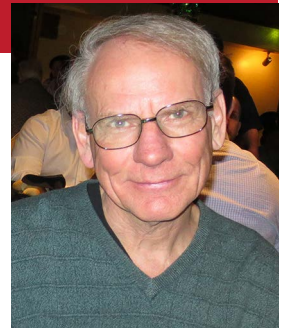
3 to FREE

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

I hope everyone is enjoying our wonderful winter season, even those of us down in the redundantly warm Florida or the overly pleasant Caribbean. Being a ski club, February gives us a chance to still be active outdoors. On February 1st we are going skiing to Pine Knob followed by a Super bowl Party at Darrell Ahlberg's house. On the following Tuesday we are going to do more skiing at Pine Knob. Two days later we will be learning Line Dancing at Coyote Joes. The next night we will eat out Bravo's Italian Restaurant. Things ease up the next week where we have added a joke night to our regular meeting. If you know a good joke please tell it that night, if you don't, still come and be entertained by our other club member's funny humor. On the 14th thru 16th we have our Cross Country Ski Weekend at Lake Ann. This is a relaxed, do whatever you want type weekend, and there are still some openings for that trip. On the 20th we are doing eating, drinking and karaoke at the Wellington Pub. Later in the month we will listen and dance again to the big band sound at Club 54. To finish the month Sharon Rose has graciously offered to throw a Euchre party at her house. You can even forego the card playing and just enjoy the party.



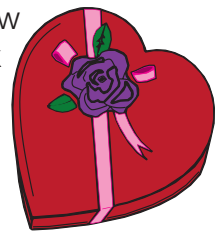
In March our ski trip out West is filled up, but there is a waiting list. On March 17th we are planning to celebrate St. Patrick's Day by listening to the always entertaining Irish Band Blackthorne. Later in the month there will be another Euchre Party followed by Feather Bowling on Sunday at the Bath City Bistro. Feather bowling is an easy fun game. If you are not sure what it is, you definitely need to come with us and find out.

We are getting close to our elections in April. These elections are important to the club. We need people to be involved in running club activities. How well the board does things will determine how well the club will function. If you've enjoyed participating in our club activities, please think about giving back to the club and running for office or being on the board.

Think Snow!

Stan Sawicki, President GM Ski Club

Our thoughts and deepest sympathies go out to Denise Sheppard on the loss of her son.



Lake Ann Cross-Country Ski & Snowshoe Trip

Feb 13-15 • Sleeping Bear Resort

\$100 Members, \$110 Non-members

INCLUDES:

- **Two nights lodging**
- **Two days breakfast and lunch**
- **Potluck dinner Saturday**
- **Access to x-country trails & snowshoe areas**

Downhill skiing available at Crystal Mountain (Lift tickets at your cost)

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



**GET READY FOR
A FUN FILLED
WEEKEND!**



Wellington Pub

Friday, Feb. 20 • 6:30pm

44819 Hayes Road, Sterling Hts

Enjoy the casual, friendly atmosphere.
An excellent selection of delicious food,
as well as cocktails, wine & beer. Cost: Your Tab.

Karaoke at 9pm! Prepare to sing your favorite song & make an evening of it!

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



Club 54 Gary Greenfelder Orchestra

Thu, Feb 26 • 6:30pm

37722 Van Dyke, Sterling Hts

Gary Greenfelder presents
an energetic 17 piece
orchestra swirling with the
Big Band sounds of Benny Goodman,
Harry James, Woody Herman, and Tommy
Dorsey. Starring vocalists Jennifer Jones, Pete
Tocco and Paul Vennedetti. The performance is
7pm-10pm. Dancers are welcome (East Coast/
West Coast Swing, Waltz, Night Club 2 Step, and
Cha-Cha). Typical cash bar / food available.

Cost: \$5 cover charge plus your tab.

Contact: Tom Scott, 586-739-5199,
tescott99@yahoo.com



RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH

J.Baldwin's



Friday, March 6 • 6:30pm

16981 18 Mile Rd, Clinton Twp.

After spending more than 20 years at fine
establishments such as Van Dyke Place, the
Whitney, and Mac & Ray's, Chef Jeff Baldwin
opened up his own restaurant and catering
company. From the eastside burger and signature
stone-fired crispy pizza, to filet mignon and zesty
orange glazed salmon... you can get it all at
J.Baldwin's! Cost: Your Tab.

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

Euchre Party

**Sat, Feb 28 • 6:00pm
Sharon Rose's House**

28359 Aline Dr, Warren

All levels of abilities are welcome. There will be
cash prizes, and food will be provided. BYOB.
People can come for just the party. Card playing
starts promptly at 6:30pm. Cost: \$15 for Euchre,
\$5 for Party only. RSVP by February 22.

Make checks out to Sharon Rose,
if paying at the door, cash is preferred.

Contact: Sharon Rose, 586-899-6845
rosesblooming@comcast.ne



Only \$1,425

(GMSC or MDSC Members)

Non-members \$1445

SOLD OUT!



ASPEN SNOWMASS®

Colorado Ski Trip Vacation

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

GM SKI & TRAVEL CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

EVERY SUNDAY

10am • BREAKFAST CLUB – Jimmy's Coney Grill, 37246 Dequindre, Sterling Hts. *No RSVP needed!*

12:30pm • WALLYBALL - Warren Racquetball & Fitness. \$5-\$6 per person.

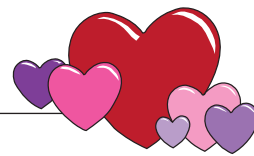
29901 S Civic Center Blvd, Warren. Contact: Michael, sundaywallyball@gmail.com

MONDAY NIGHTS - 6:55pm-9:15pm • MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE – Classic Lanes

2145 Avon Industrial Drive, Rochester Hills (off Crooks, just north of M-59) Cost: \$10 - all skill levels are welcome. Subs or regulars needed. Contact: Ken Phillips, Kenphillips@mail.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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Time: 6:30pm, Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Greg Ronan, riverdanceiii@yahoo.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

Tue, Mar 17 • St. Patrick's Day at O'Mara's - 2555 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Time: 8:30pm,

\$35 Members • \$40 Non-Members. You must RSVP! Contact: Tricia Lloyd, 586-419-7173.

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Sun, Mar 29 • Feather Bowling & Dinner - Bath City Bistro, 75 Macomb Place, Mt Clemens.

Time: 3:30pm, Feather Bowling 5:30pm, Cost: \$19 Members, \$20 Non Members, Feather Bowling only: \$6 Members, \$7 Non-Members. Contact: Chris Luhrs, 586-949-2531, chris.luhrs@juno.com

FEATHER BOWLING & DINNER

Sunday, March 29

Dinner: 3:30pm • Bowling: 5:30pm

BATH CITY BISTRO

75 Macomb Place, Mt Clemens

A unique dining and diversion experience, centered on the Belgian sport of feather bowling. This fun activity is best described as a cross between bocci ball and shuffle board. Participants try their best to roll wooden discs at a pigeon feather at the other end of a trough shaped lane.

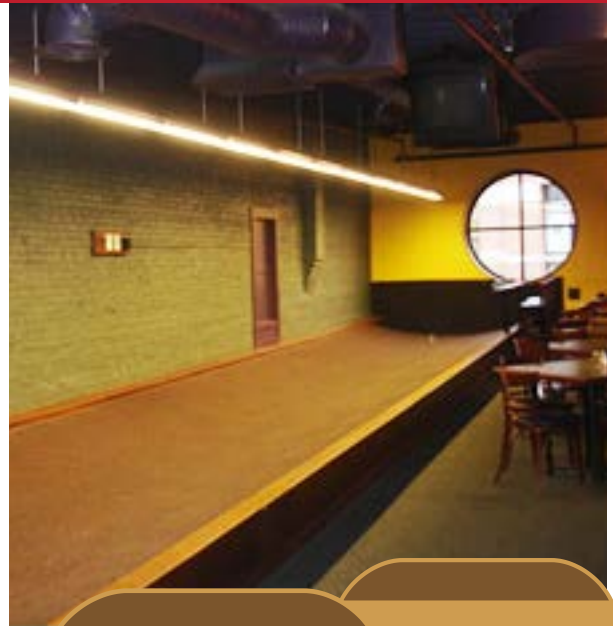
Dinner Includes: Choice of Mussels, Potato Encrusted Chicken, or Tender Sliced Sirloin, served with soup or salad and choice of starch. Price includes tax & tip. *Beverages are not included. Free parking all day Sunday in front and rear.*

**Cost: \$19 Members, \$20 Non-Members,
Feather Bowling Only: \$6 Members, \$7 Non-Members**

Full payment & dinner choice due at signup.

Make check payable to GM Ski Club and mail to
Chris Luhrs, 23210 Harrellson St., Macomb, MI 48042

Contact: Chris Luhrs, 586-949-2531, chris.luhrs@juno.com



St. Patrick's Day at O'Mara's Restaurant



March 17, 2015 • 8:30pm

2555 12 Mile Road, Berkley (248-399-6750)

8:30pm Dinner

9:00pm Show

You will not be seated until 8:30pm and must arrive on time. This event available to the first 20 people to sign-up.

\$35 Members • \$40 Non-Members

**INCLUDES: Dinner Buffet:
Irish dishes, crab dip, salad,
potato, vegetable and dessert.**

Tax, tip, cover charge.

Featuring Irish Celtic Band

Blackthorn



Blackthorn's lead performer was born in Dublin, Ireland. Enjoy a night of Irish songs and folk lore tales of Ireland.

This is a closed party and seats are only available through advance reservation.



Contact: Tricia Lloyd, 586-419-7173.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day With Us!

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BEFORE JANUARY 20



Holiday Nights
at Greenfield Village





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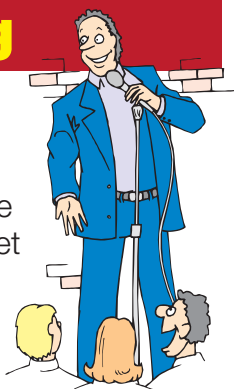
Supporting Member of the **US Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame**



**JOIN US FOR OUR INAUGURAL
Joke Night Mtg**

**Thurs, Feb 12 • 6:30pm
Champps in Troy**

Members are encouraged to come up and tell a tasteful joke. If you get plenty of laughs, and a majority of the judges agree, you will receive \$2.15 (being that it is the year 2015). Our club announcements will start at an earlier time to allow for jokes.



Please call or text Ken Phillips at 586 242-2003 the day of the meeting if you are participating.

General Meetings

2nd Thursday of every month

Champps • 6:30pm

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

