



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

NEWS

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It's Time For Club Officer ELECTIONS

PLEASE COME OUT AND VOTE!

Joe Kool's

Thursday, April 9 • 6:30pm

Officer elections will take place at the April General Meeting. Please submit nominations for officer positions to support the club. Other non-elected board positions are available as well. Get involved today!

Current Nominees are:

PRESIDENT: – OPEN –

VICE-PRESIDENT: Joe Yablonski

SECRETARY: Stella Moulton

TREASURER: Dan Boyd

If you are interested in helping out or have any questions, contact: Stan Sawicki, 586-808-3406, ssawicki@comcast.net



The Gathering Place

Friday, April 17

5:30pm Meet & Greet

6:30pm Dinner

3985 John R Rd, Troy

"Good Food Served With Good Spirits"

We will meet at the bar at 5:30pm for a Happy Hour Meet & Greet: Pitchers start at \$7, Draughts are on special for \$3. Dinner will be in the back room at 6:30pm. The Gathering Place offers soups, salads, burgers, sandwiches and pizza in a casual, but welcoming atmosphere.

Also enjoy pinball, shuffleboard, billards or watch a game on the large flat screen HD TVs.

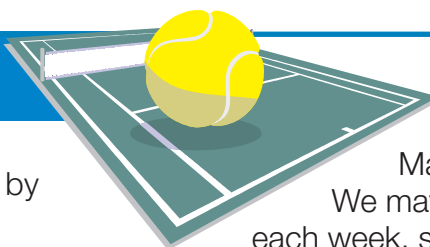
Contact: Dennis Dembiec, 248-318-1491, dennis4179@gmail.com

Tennis Anyone?

Members who would like to play tennis this Spring at any level, can express their interest by emailing kenphillips@mail.com by April 17.

Please indicate the following information:

1. Your city of residence, and/or where you'll be coming from on a week night.
2. Your playing ability - from novice to established
3. Your preferences - singles or mixed doubles
4. When you can play - i.e. anytime, selected weeknights or weekends.



This will be outdoor play at selected courts in Macomb or Oakland county.

We may establish a set night each week, such as Tuesdays after 6:30pm, with confirming emails sent out on Sunday after checking the weather forecast.

Novice players should inquire about lessons through their community recreation departments, or school district adult education programs.

Contact: Ken, kenphillips@mail.com

GM SKI & TRAVEL CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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586-808-3406

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MEMBERSHIP: Ken Phillips
kenphillips@mail.com

ACTIVITIES: Open

SPORTS & SKI INSTRUCTION: Open

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Apr 09	Don Phillips
Apr 12	Tim Pfannes
Apr 14	Gary Dessinger
Apr 16	Gary Ward
Apr 18	Jan Burrows
Apr 19	Elaine Garvin
Apr 22	Harvey Jones Richard Marx
Apr 26	Mary Chaver



FROM THE EDITOR

Deadline for the May 2015 Issue
is Sunday, April 26. Send info to
Sherry at: newsletter@gmskiclub.org



**Metropolitan
Detroit
Ski
Council**

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



**Your ticket to a
FREE 1 year membership:**

Simply recruit three new members to the club. Have the new members designate you as the referring member on their application when they sign-up - EASY!

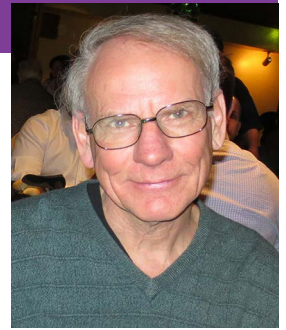
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The weather is warming up for the arrival of spring. Hopefully! Meanwhile GM Ski Club has some indoor events for April. Wallyball is still going on Sundays in April, and the event has been very well attended. On Friday the 17th we are going to the Gathering Place, a nice local bar in Troy. Later on the 25th Fowling is planned in Hamtramck. It is a combination of Bowling and Football. In Fowling, you throw a football to knock the bowling pins over. The women get to throw closer to the pins than the men. It can be a lot of fun, where anybody can play.



In May our first bike ride is planned for the 3rd of May. We will be going on the Paint Creek Trail. On the second Thursday of the month, our club meetings will be going outside to the River Woods Park in Auburn Hills. Also scheduled are our Cuatro de Mayo dinner and Eastern Market Outing.

Please note that though we have people running for VP, Treasurer, and Secretary, we still need a person to run for President. I know that the President's office has many responsibilities, but it can also be a very rewarding job. So if you care for this club and would like to keep it going, please consider running for that office or the others.



Looking forward to a wonderful spring,

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

Fowling in Hamtramck

Saturday, April 25 • 12:45-3:00pm

\$16 Members, \$18 Non-Members

Fowling Warehouse

3901 Christopher St, Detroit

Fowling is bowling with a football. It was invented in Michigan. Instead of rolling a bowling ball to knock the pins down you throw a football. You can throw it overhand or underhand. Women get to toss the football closer to the pins than the men. It is a fun and wild game. Snacks will be provided, cash bar available. We will eat afterwards at Polish Village at your cost.

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



Thursday, May 7 • 7:00pm
Doubletree Hotel

5801 Southfield Rd, Dearborn

MDSC Travel Expo

Meet and mingle with representatives from North American and International ski and golf resorts, ski tour operators & local ski shops. Includes appetizers, beverages and door prizes.

Contact: MDSC Rep Christine Luhrs,
chris.luhrs@juno.com



Did somebody say “euchre!” or “eureka!” There were “loners,” yet no one alone! There were “these-cards-suck,” yet everyone had a good time! It was my pleasure to host a GM Ski Club euchre party, with folks who made event of fun!

A special thanks to Darrell Ahlberg, Jan Burrows, Christine Luhrs, Stan Sawicki, Dean Kane and Butch Jones, who added to my experience of hosting! And, of course, thanks to everyone who came, it was a terrific time!

Here are the money winners: Carolyn Vandebeghe, Dean Kane, Jenny Dietrich, Butch Jones, Danny Boyd, Kathy Bandol, Darrel Ahlberg, Gwen Moore, Chris Luhrs, Janice Sauer

Bottom photo: “The Blues Sisters!” Kathy Bandol, Sharon Rose, Suzanne Wasmundt, photo taken by another woman in blue, Gwen Moore!

– Sharon Rose

Euchre Party



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

MONDAYS - 6:55pm-9:15pm • MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE – Classic Lanes. Through April
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

Thu, Apr 9 • GMSC Meeting & ELECTION NIGHT - Joe Kool's - 1835 E Big Beaver Rd, Troy.
Time: 6:30pm, Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Greg Ronan, riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

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Sun, May 3 • Bike Ride - Paint Creek Trail - 500 Olde Towne Rd, Rochester. Time: 1:00pm. Meet at
the Rochester Hills Library. All levels welcome. We will eat afterwards. Contact Stan, 586-808-3406

Mon, May 4 • Cuatro de Mayo Dinner - Details TBA

Thu, May 7 • MDSC Travel Expo - Dearborn Doubletree Hotel, 5801 Southfield Road, Dearborn.
Time: 7:00pm. Includes appetizers, beverages and door prizes. contact Chris: chris.luhres@juno.com

Thu, May 14 • GMSC Meeting - River Woods Park, 300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills. Time: 6:00pm,
Cost: \$4 Members, \$6 Non-Members. Contact: Greg Ronan, riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

Sat, May 16 • Annual Eastern Market Trek - Details TBA

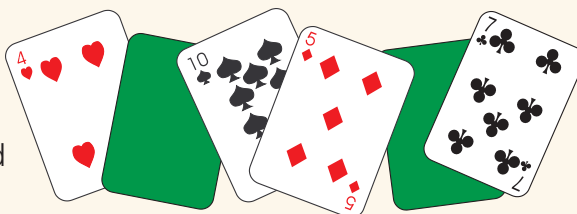
Thu, Jun 11 • GMSC Meeting - River Woods Park, 300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills. Time: 6:00pm,
Cost: \$4 Members, \$6 Non-Members. Contact: Greg Ronan, riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

Thu, Jul 9 • GMSC Meeting - River Woods Park, 300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills. Time: 6:00pm,
Cost: \$4 Members, \$6 Non-Members. Contact: Greg Ronan, riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

July 23-26 • GMSC Campout, Erie Islands, Ohio - \$45 pp Members, \$55 pp Non-Members,
quad occupancy tent camping. Includes 3 nights camping, continental breakfast. See article for details.
Contact: Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203, dalhlberg7@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

GMSC 2015 Campout - Welcome to the Islands. Erie Islands, Ohio



Camping - East Harbor State Park

July 23 - 26

\$45 pp Members

\$55 pp Non-Members

Quad occupancy
tent camping

PRICE INCLUDES:

• 3 Nights Camping

• Continental Breakfast

- All Ferry Fees are extra
- Suggested to bring bike or plan to rent golf cart

- Maximum 32 campers

Please get reservations in early!

Contact: Darrell Ahlberg,
586-899-8203,

dahlberg7@comcast.net

Kelley's Island

ORGANIZED BIKE
RIDE SITES:

- Winery
- Municipal Airport
- East Quarry Trail & Horseshoe Lake
- North Pond Preserve
- Limestone Quarry
- Brewery (Lakefront, fantastic views)

OTHER ATTRACTIONS:

- Downtown nightlife
- North Pond Nature Preserve
- North Shore Alvar Nature Preserve

South Bass (Put-In-Bay)

- South Bass Lighthouse
- Perry's Cave
- Butterfly House
- Crystal Cave
- Heineman Winery
- Tour train, parasailing, kayaking
- The Benson Ford Ship House
- Dollar Estate - Tour the home of one of Put-In-Bay's wealthiest and most influential citizens, Valentine Doll
- Birdhouse and Wildlife Museum
- Perry's Monument
- Beer Barrel Saloon - Home of the world's longest bar - 405 ft, 10 in long
- DeRivera Park (Put-In-Bay)
- Put-In-Bay Winery

Mainland - Catawba

- Dock's Beach House (pictured above), Erie Island's best beach and most scenic restaurant
- Marblehead Lighthouse
- African Safari Wildlife Park
- Cedar Point Amusement Park
- Soak City Water Park
- Historic Mon Ami Winery
- Cedar Point Lighthouse

Wallyball

Sundays thru April
12:30pm • Warren
Raquetball & Fitness

29901 South Civic Center Blvd, Warren

Contact: Michael, sundaywallyball@yahoo.com



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).

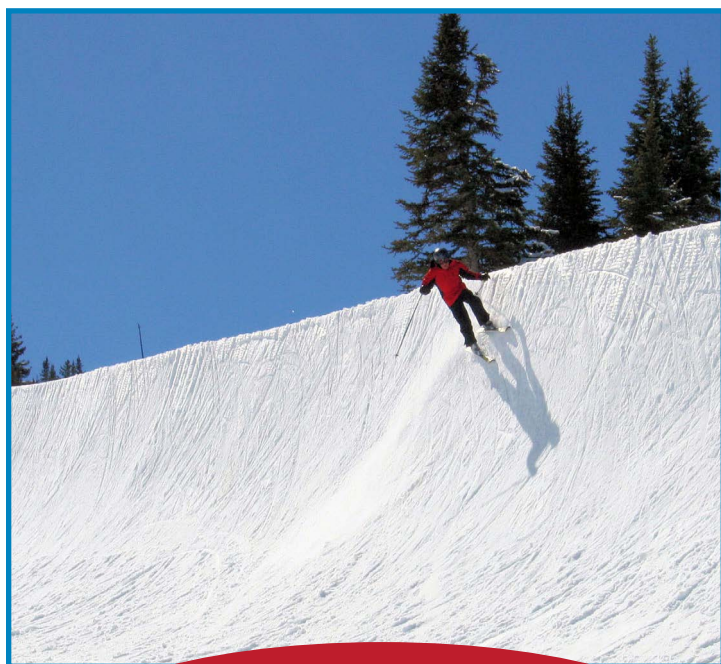


By trip leaders Dave Norkus & Kathy O'Driscoll

We began this ski trip with a record 42 skiers and all came back safe and sound. Our first three days were warm and sunny with temperatures near 60, talk about spring skiing. The views were spectacular at 12,000 ft. and you could see almost 100 miles in every direction. The condos were advertised as luxury and they met the mark with large windows facing the slopes with skiers jetting by.

On Wednesday night we received a fresh 7 inches of new snow to add to our delight for the next few days. Our president tried his skills on the half pipe, what a trooper. He gave it his best shot to the amazement of the fans and gave them a lot to talk about. See the pictures for the action shot of Stan, also joined by Diane, another half-pipe hero.

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Aspen/Snowmass Ski Trip





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Aspen was a hoot on St. Paddy's day for the partyers. The hot tubs were used after skiing to soothe the muscles and to talk about our amazing skiing abilities...lol. The free shuttles around the complex and into town were very convenient and timely to go to the restaurants and stores. Sharon and company were again hosting the card parties nightly and we even tried a poker night, where I lost all my money.

Overall, we had another epic, wonderful, delicious trip to the mountains and are now planning our next trip to a new destination. Stay tuned for your next opportunity to have some great fun in the mountains.





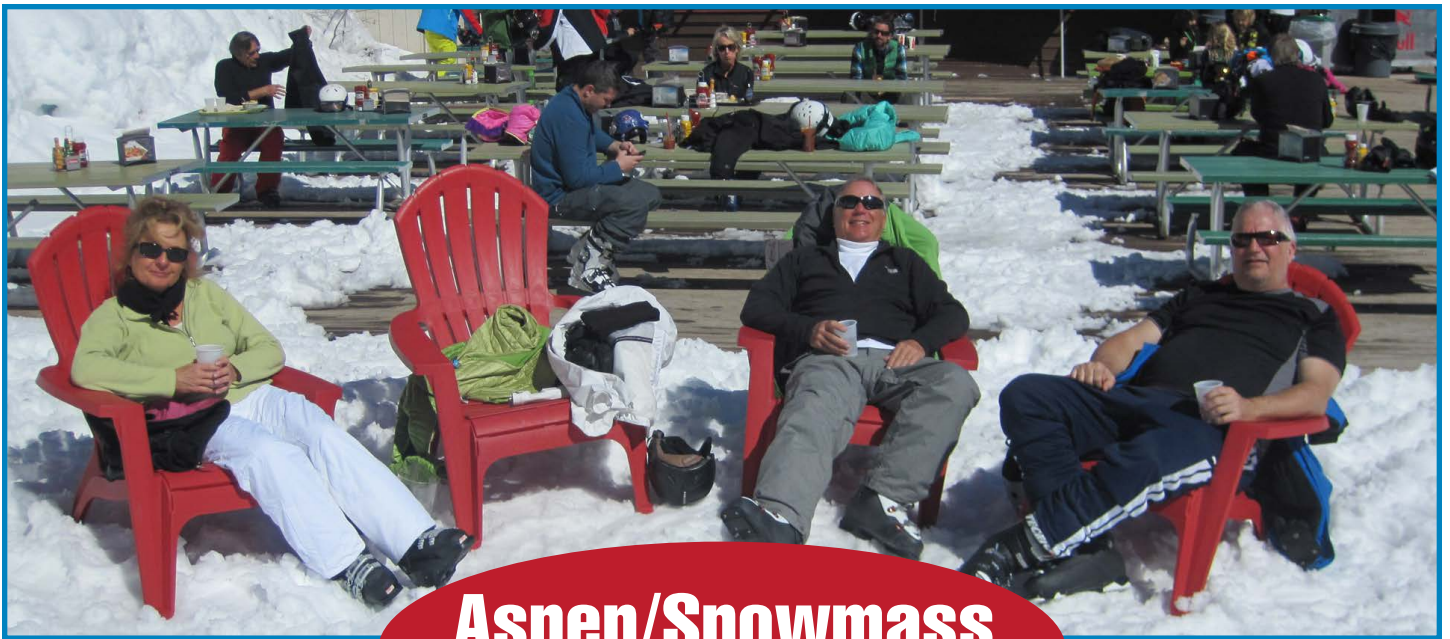
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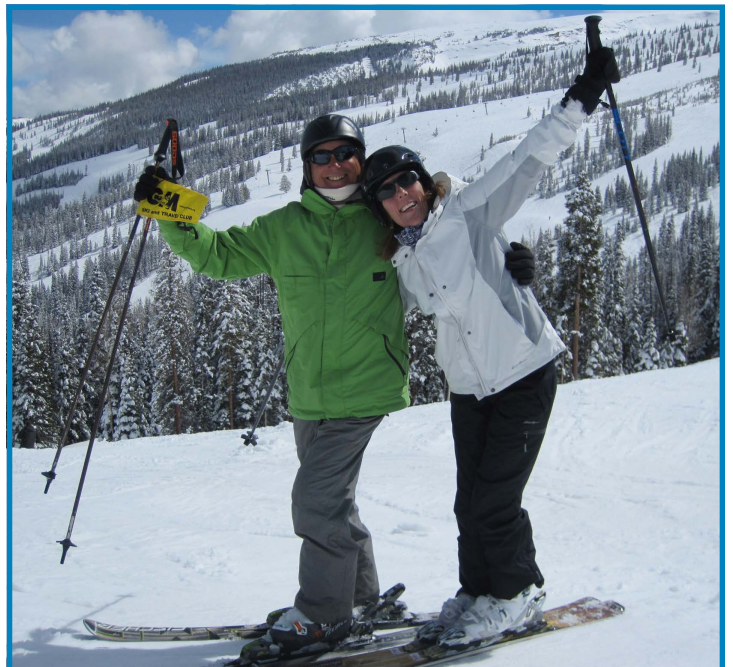


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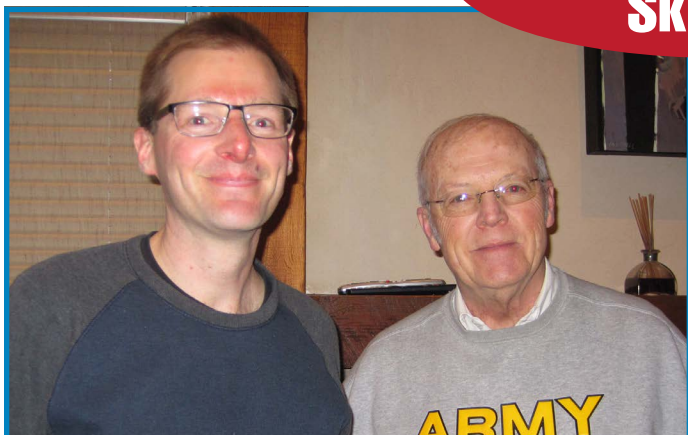


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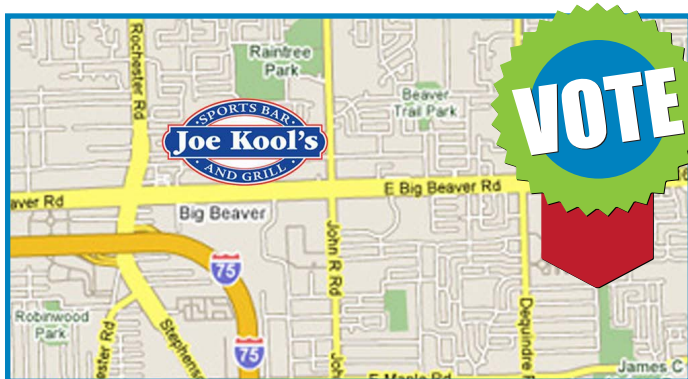
Supporting Member: **US Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame**

General Meetings

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