



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

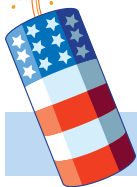
# NEWS

JULY 2016 • GMSKICLUB.ORG • FOUNDED 1957 • VOLUME LIX, ISSUE VII

## July 14th Meeting

**Patroitic theme** – wear your red, white and blue attire! Includes burgers, hot dogs, chips, coleslaw, potato salad, and up to 2 beverages.

We would appreciate donations of pies.



***We are in a covered pavilion,  
so come out rain or shine!***

**New members can join for \$10!**

Through Sept 30, save \$2 each month on our Summer meetings. Plus pay a reduced cost to attend any Club activity requiring advance payment. Download a membership application from our website or sign up at any club event.

## Pool Party & BBQ

**Saturday, July 16 • 2:30pm - 11pm**



Enjoy a BBQ, outdoor games and cards along with the pool. We'll have a campfire before

dusk. Burgers, brats, all condiments and water provided. BYOB. Cost: A vegetable, salad, or fruit/dessert dish to pass or a donation of \$5 members/\$7 non-members.

Bring your own outdoor chair as well.

Party location is:

16922 Mary Wood Drive,  
Macomb Twp (north of 24 Mile,  
west of Romeo Plank).

RSVP with dish-to-pass  
to Sharon Rose,  
[rosesblooming@comcast.net](mailto:rosesblooming@comcast.net)



## GM Bike Ride

**Sunday, July 17 • 1:00pm**  
**Paint Creek Trail**

Meet at the Rochester Hills Library,  
500 Olde Towne Rd. We will eat afterwards.

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



## Watermark Bar & Grille with Moon Rise

**Wednesday, July 20**  
**5:30pm Meet & Greet**

**6:30pm Dinner • 8pm Moon Rise**

4420 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores

Offering a great view of Lake St. Clair with a casual, fun atmosphere and affordable food (formerly the Tin Fish). Meet at the outdoor bar. Find Dennis or Stan to be included in our group seating for dinner (we cannot make advance reservations, so if you are late you will be seated separately). Please RSVP (and notify us if your status changes) so we can plan accordingly.

After dinner we will go to the Jefferson Marina Gazebo (Dock A) to watch the moon rise. Bring your own beverages, snacks and a jacket – in case boat rides are offered. (Captains will evaluate conditions at that time.) Cost: Your Tab.

Contact: Dennis, 248-318-1491,  
[dennis4179@gmail.com](mailto:dennis4179@gmail.com)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**PRESIDENT:** Darrell Ahlberg  
dahlberg7@comcast.net  
586-899-8203

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Joe Yoblonski  
248-852-6561

**TREASURER:** Dan Boyd,  
danny.boyd@comcast.net

**SECRETARY:** June Siehda  
jsiehda@hotmail.com, 586-383-4267

**TRIPS COORDINATOR:** Dave Duvali  
daveduvali@att.net, 586-754-8151

**NEWSLETTER:** Sherry Letavis  
newsletter@gmskiclub.org

**WEBMASTER:** Kathy O'Driscoll  
kathyod7@comcast.net

**PUBLICITY:** Dennis Dembiec,  
dennis4179@gmail.com

**PAST PRESIDENT:** Stan Sawicki  
ssawicki@comcast.net, 586-808-3406

**MDSC REP:** Chris Luhrs  
chris.luhrs@juno.com

**HOSPITALITY:** Greg Ronan  
riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

**MEMBERSHIP:** Amy Skozke  
amy.skotzke@gmail.com

**ACTIVITIES:** Ken Phillips,  
kenphillips@mail.com

**SPORTS & SKI INSTRUCTION:** Stan Sawicki  
ssawicki@comcast.net, 586-808-3406

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 6 Leslie Musser

July 7 Bonnie Michalak

July 9 Art Lines

July 12 David Norkus

July 13 Maria Maxey

July 23 James Steigelman

July 24 Marie Weiner

July 27 Judith Lay

July 28 David Hagwood

**Happy  
Birthday!**

**Your Ticket To FREE  
Membership:**

**1 Year FREE  
Membership**

Recruit 3 new members to the club.

Have the new members designate you as the referring member when they sign-up – **It's that EASY!**

### SPECIAL SUMMER MEMBERSHIP

**New members can join now for only \$10!**

Valid now through September 30. Download a membership application from our website and mail it in with a check or sign up at any meeting or club event



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

**Matthew J. Casey**  
TAX PROFESSIONAL

MATTHEW J. CASEY, M.S.T.

OFFICES IN  
FARMINGTON HILLS  
AND YPSILANTI, MI  
248.770.4247



**EVENTS and  
ENTERTAINMENT**

Turn your Party into a Celebration!  
... Ask us how!

**248-850-5870**  
800-4-BERNIE • Fax 888-427-5896

Michigan Office: 24120 Schoenherr, Ste. A, Warren, MI 48089  
Ohio Office: 46 Chagrin Plaza, Ste. 131 Chagrin Falls, OH 44022  
[www.bsavent.com](http://www.bsavent.com)



**Bernie Stevens**  
VP of Special Events

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone and Happy July. As we get ready to celebrate our country's Independence Day, I can't help thinking, "is it that time already?" The days are already getting shorter, if you can believe that. But no worries, there is still lots of summer ahead and GM Ski Club has plenty of summer activities. The highlight, of course, will be our ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC on August 20th at Stony Creek. By purchasing your ticket early, it helps us plan a truly great event. So please get your tickets early. Other great activities include a pool party at Ken Phillip's House, a Boat Bash at the Emerald City Outer Harbor, Kayaking outings at Kensington and Stony Creek, and the list just keeps growing. Be sure to review the entire calendar on our website at [www.gmskiclub.org](http://www.gmskiclub.org).



You may also notice some changes in our monthly Pub & Grub and Restaurant of the Month events. Traditionally, we've had these great events on Friday or Saturday. But we will be having more of these mid-week in order to take advantage of specials being offered. And some restaurants only offer reservations mid-week, so this will give us a chance to sample some great venues we wouldn't be able to get into otherwise. I hope you will plan on attending these just as you have in the past.

And while we're in the midst of all this summer activity, it's a good time to think about our winter ski trip. This year we have a great one planned. We're going to Steamboat Springs, staying in condos within walking distance of the lifts. This trip will go on sale at the August 20th GMSC Picnic. So be sure to start planning now. See all the details elsewhere in this newsletter.

That's it for now, Cheers!!

– **Darrell Ahlberg, President, GM Ski Club**



## Kensington Kayaking & Picnic



**Sat, July 23 • 12pm**

**Kensington MetroPark**

4570 Huron River Pkwy, Milford

Meet at Maple Beach. Then we

will navigate through open water and glide past Martindale Beach. We will return around 2:30pm.

**Kayak rental:** \$8/hour single or \$10/hour double.

**Canoe rental:** \$8/hour. A \$30 deposit & driver's license is required for rentals and will be refunded when returning your equipment. There is a park entrance fee: \$10/day, \$35 Annual, \$21 Seniors.

Life jackets are provided and must be worn.

Bring your own kayak or canoe to avoid rental fees. Space is limited – sign-up today.

**RSVP no later than July 19.** We have to provide our final numbers on this date.

**Afterwards we will have a Beach Picnic, bring a dish-to-pass. Optional bike ride around the park.**

Contact: Amy Skotzke, 231-758-2198,  
[amy.skotzke@gmail.com](mailto:amy.skotzke@gmail.com)



## Terry's Terrace & Metro Beach Concert

**Sunday, July 31 • 4:30pm**

36470 Jefferson Ave. Harrison Twp.

Terry's kitchen is filled with talented chefs who work tirelessly on presentation and quality. Voted Best Seafood by Macomb Daily. 50 beers on tap and a Certified Cicerone on staff to elevate your beer experience. Cost: Your Tab.

After dinner it's a short drive to Metro Beach to enjoy the Sunday concert from 6:30pm-9:30pm. Featuring **The Crane Wives**, an indie-folk-rock band from Grand Rapids, utilizing three-part harmony and warm acoustic instruments for a dynamic sound. This event is well attended. Bring a lawn chair and your own beverages/snacks. Park fee: \$10 per car or \$21 for season pass.

Contact: Dennis, 248-318-1491,  
[dennis4179@gmail.com](mailto:dennis4179@gmail.com)



## Tiger Game

### Detroit vs. White Sox

Wed, August 3

5:00pm

Meet at Chili's

***We're taking you out to the  
ball game... in style!***

***Join us for an special evening with  
luxury party bus transportation and  
admission to the Members-Only  
Tiger Club. Game starts at 7:05pm.***

**Luxury Party Bus:** Ultimate in luxury travel. Dance floor, bar (chrome rims), premium sound system, 2 TV's, fiber optics. Safe keeping for your drinks & snacks during the game.

**Exclusive Members-Only Tiger Club:** Luxurious amenities with a spectacular view of the game. You're free to move from the Tiger Club to your Mezzanine level seat and back as you wish.

**Optional:** Tiger Club Gourmet Buffet Dinner (32.95 + tax & gratuity). Pay your own tab.

**Meet at 5:00pm inside Chili's at Oakland Mall. PARK IN REAR LOT.**

**Cost: \$49.95 – Prepayment is required before  
signup is considered complete.**

Mail check payable to "GM Ski Club" to  
GM Ski Club, 40377 Kraft Dr.,  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

Contact: Darrell Ahlberg, dahlberg7@comast.net,  
586-899-8203 (call or text)



## Dick O' Dows Irish Pub & Shain Park Concert

Wednesday, August 17

5:00pm Cocktails • 5:30pm Dinner

7:00pm Concert

160 W Maple Rd, Birmingham

### ***"A Drink Comes Before A Story"***

Dick O' Dow's has a warm, cozy atmosphere, offering an authentic Irish experience with traditional Irish fare. We will assemble in the back room around 5:30pm for dinner. Please RSVP.

Afterwards we'll go to the newly reconstructed

Shain Park band shell to be entertained by **Steve King & The Dittilies**. Bring a lawn chair. Park at the Chester St. structure. It is two blocks west of Dick O'Dows, one block from park.

If you cannot attend the dinner feel free to join us at the park. It will be a full moon night. Also, the Maple Waterfall and Quarton Lake are only a short walk from the parking structure. Cost: Your Tab.

### ***It will be a beautiful evening!***

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

## Annual Corn Roast



Sat, Sep 10 • \$14

3:00pm Arrive

5:30pm Dinner



53870 Fairchild Rd, Macomb

**DINNER INCLUDES: Corn, meat,  
side dishes and dessert. Plates and  
flatware provided.**

Guests bring beverages, chair, hearty appetite, and snacks to nibble. **RSVP by September 6.**

Make checks out to JoAnn Mok.

Mail to: Ann Enghart, 35403 Cathedral,  
Sterling Hts, Mi 48312

Contact: JoAnn Mok, 586-749-3540,  
jmok11@comcast.net

GM SKI CLUB

# ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

**Saturday, August 20 • 12:00pm**  
**Stony Creek MetroPark**

We will be at Winter Cove B Shelter.

**EARLY  
BIRD  
PRICING**

**On/Before Aug 15:**  
**\$15 Members**  
**\$20 Non-Members**

**After Aug 15:**  
**\$20 Members**  
**\$25 Non-Members**



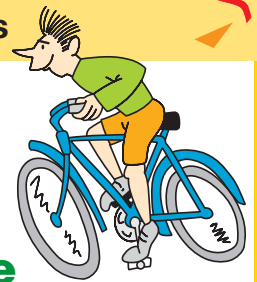
**Kayak Outing at 10am**

*Kayak Contact: Jim Hartwig, jim\_hartwig@hotmail.com*

**CATERED MEAL AT 3:00PM**

Featuring BBQ Pork by Chef Paul and drinks.

(Does not include park admission, \$5 for seniors.)



**Bike Ride**

*(We'll gather a group after lunch.)*

**VOLLEYBALL • BOCCE BALL • EUCHRE**  
**WATER BALLOON CONTEST**

Make check payable to "GM Ski Club" & mail to:  
Stan Sawicki, 35767 Hatherly Place,  
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

*Picnic Contact: Stan Sawicki at 586-808-3406  
or ssawicki@comcast.net*

**NOTE: Picnic will double as the August General Meeting**



GM SKI CLUB & SAILING SINGLES PRESENT

## Riverdance III 4th Boat Bash

**Sat, Aug 27 • 1pm - ?? • Emerald City Outer Harbor**

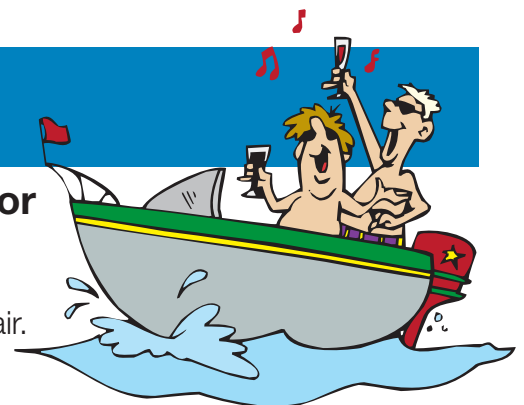
24200 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores – Well 416, Gate Code: 53153

(North of 9 Mile Rd, behind Brownies Waterfront Restaurant).

Bring: Grill item(s), dish-to-pass, beverages, hearty appetite and chair.

Grill will be available for guests to use.

*Contact: Greg Ronan, 586-219-7669*





## STEAMBOAT, CO

- 7 day trip
- Non-stop flights
- All transfers
- 5 day lift tickets
- 2 bedroom condos
- Short walk to gondola



**\$1465**

GMSC & MDSC  
Non-members add \$25

\$500 deposit and trip application are due at sign-up

Payment Schedule: \$500 due at sign-up • \$500 due Oct. 1 • Balance due Nov. 15

Contact: Dave Duvali, daveduvali@att.net, 586-754-8151, 27216 Dover, Warren, MI 48088

**On sale at GMSC ANNUAL PICNIC - August 20!**



## Trip Application

Destination: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: M ☐ F ☐ Smoking\*: YES ☐ NO ☐ GM Ski Club Member: YES ☐ NO ☐ MDSC Club: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please see the GM Ski Club By-Laws concerning smoking on club trips or ask the Trip Leader.

Please state any roommate preferences: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration for me being able to participate in this activity, I assume personal responsibility for any risks and hazards to my personal safety and equipment. 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. I have read and understand the Refund/Cancellation policies applicable to this trip.

Make checks payable to the **GM Ski Club** Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15 fee for returned checks)

Applicant agrees that by typing name and returning via electronic method constitutes an electronic signature.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Refund/Cancellation Policy: See the website [gmskiclub.org](http://gmskiclub.org) or ask the trip leader.



## Duffy's Pub & Summerfest

On Friday, June 24 nearly 30 GM Ski Club members, Meetup attendees, and friends gathered at Duffy's for dinner. We attended the Auburn Hills Summerfest held downtown – just outside the restaurant. After dinner we received free ice cream sundaes! We got to see Channel 4's anchor, Devin Scillian, with the Arizona Sun band. They played mostly country songs (some originals by Devin himself). Many of us danced while enjoying the excellent music. It was great fun for all!



---

# GM SKI & TRAVEL CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

---

**EVERY SUNDAY - 10am • 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](mailto: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](mailto:swneko@aol.com), 248-660-5329



---

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

---

**Thu, Jul 14 • GMSC Meeting “Patriotic” theme** - River Woods Park, 300 N Squirrel, Auburn Hills. Time: 6pm, Cost: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members. Wear red, white and blue attire. Includes: burgers and hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw and chips, and up to 2 beverages. We would really appreciate donations of pies. Contact: Greg Ronan, [riverdanceiii@yahoo.com](mailto:riverdanceiii@yahoo.com)

**Sat, Jul 16 • Pool Party with BBQ & Campfire** - 16922 Mary Wood Dr, Macomb Twp. 2:30pm. Burgers, brats, condiments, water provided. BYOB. Cost: A vegetable, salad, or fruit/dessert dish to pass or a donation of \$5 members/\$7 non-members. RVSP to Sharon at [rosesblooming@comcast.net](mailto:rosesblooming@comcast.net)

**Sun, July 17 • GM Bike Ride: Paint Creek Trail** - 500 Olde Towne Rd, Rochester. Meet at the Rochester Hills Library. We will eat afterwards. Contact: Stan, 586-808-3406, [ssawicki@comcast.net](mailto:ssawicki@comcast.net)

**Wed, July 20 • ROM: Watermark Bar & Grille** - 4420 Jefferson in St. Clair Shores. 5:30 pm Meet & Greet, 6:30 pm Dinner. Cost: Your Tab. Meet promptly at bar to sit with group. 8pm Moon rise at Jefferson Marina Gazebo, BYOB, snacks. Contact: Dennis, 248-318-1491, [dennis4179@gmail.com](mailto:dennis4179@gmail.com)

**Sat, Jul 23 • Kensington Kayaking & Picnic** - 4570 Huron River Pkwy, Milford. Meet at Maple Beach. Time: 12pm. Cost: Kayak \$8/hr/single, \$10/hr/double, Canoe \$8/hr, Park Fee: \$10/day. RSVP by July 19. Space Limited. Picnic afterward, bring a dish-to-pass. Optional bike ride around the park. Contact: Amy Skotzke, [amy.skotzke@gmail.com](mailto:amy.skotzke@gmail.com), 231-758-2198

**Sun, Jul 31 • P&G: Terry's Terrace & Metro Beach Concert** - 36470 Jefferson Ave. Harrison Twp. Time: 4:30pm. Cost: Your Tab. Afterwards Metro Beach concert at 6:30pm. Bring lawn chair, snacks. Park fee: \$10/car, \$21 season pass. Contact: Dennis, 248-318-1491, [dennis4179@gmail.com](mailto:dennis4179@gmail.com)

**Wed, Aug 3 • Tigers Game In Style** - Meet at Chili's at Oakland Mall. Time: 5:00pm, Cost: \$50. Includes: Party bus to and from the game, Tickets to Members-Only Tigers Club, Mezanine stadium seating. Contact: Darrell Ahlberg, [dahlberg7@comcast.net](mailto:dahlberg7@comcast.net), 586-899-8203 (call or text)

**Wed, Aug 17 • P&G: Dick O'Dows & Shain Park** - 160 W Maple Rd, Birmingham. 5pm Cocktails, 5:30pm Dinner, 7pm Shain Park Concert: Steve King & The Dittilies. Bring a lawn chair, park at the Chester St. Parking structure. Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Dennis, 248-318-1491, [dennis4179@gmail.com](mailto:dennis4179@gmail.com)

**Sat, Aug 20 • Kayaking at Stony Creek** - 10am. Contact: Jim Hartwig, [jim\\_hartwig@hotmail.com](mailto:jim_hartwig@hotmail.com)  
**GMSC Annual Picnic** - Stony Creek MetroPark, Winter Cove B Shelter. Includes catered meal and drinks. Time: 12pm. Cost: On/Before Aug 15: \$15 Members, \$20 Non-Members; After Aug 15: \$20 Members, \$25 Non-Members. Contact: Stan Sawicki at 586-808-3406 or [ssawicki@comcast.net](mailto:ssawicki@comcast.net)  
*NOTE: Picnic will double as General Meeting for August – No meeting at River Woods Park in August.*

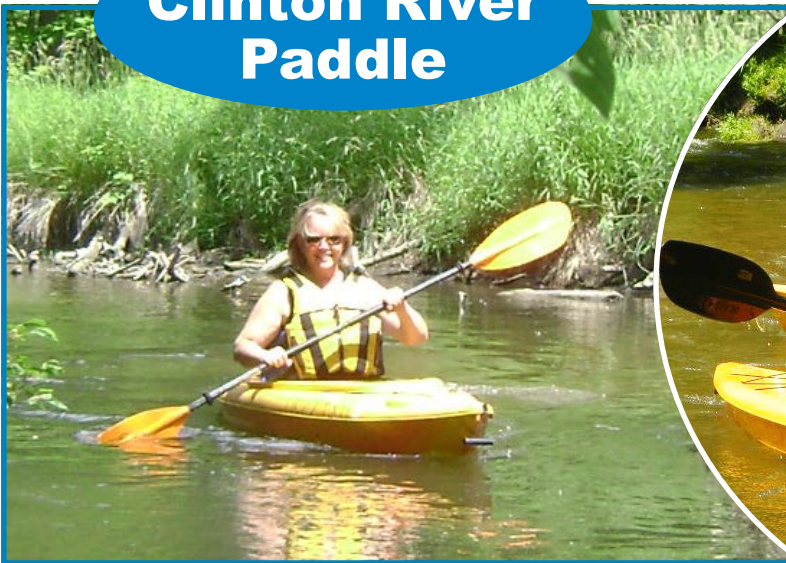
**Sat, Aug 27 • Riverdance III 4th Boat Bash** - Emerald City Outer Harbor, 24200 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores – Well 416, Gate Code: 53153. (North of 9 Mile Rd, behind Brownies Waterfront Restaurant) Time: 1:00pm. Bring: Grill item(s), dish-to-pass, beverages & chair. Contact: Greg Ronan, 586-219-7669

**Thu, Sep 8 • GMSC Meeting “Tailgate” theme** - River Woods Park, 300 N Squirrel, Auburn Hills. Time: 6pm, Cost: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members. Wear your favorite team attire. Includes: hot dogs, chips, and up to 2 beverages. Contact: Greg Ronan, [riverdanceiii@yahoo.com](mailto:riverdanceiii@yahoo.com)

---



## Clinton River Paddle





## Clinton River Paddle





## Clinton River Paddle

## Square Dance & Dinner



**Saturday, September 24**

**6:45pm • \$25 pp  
(\$15 for dinner only)**

5080 19 Mile Road, Sterling Hts  
Square dance attire is optional, but encouraged. Bring a lawn chair for picnic style dinner and afterglow bonfire. Includes: Dinner, beer, wine, limited liquor, pop, and munchies.

RSVP to Tim or Jan at:  
586-726-0033.

Make checks payable to:  
"Tim Pfannes"

and mail to: 5080 19 Mile,  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314

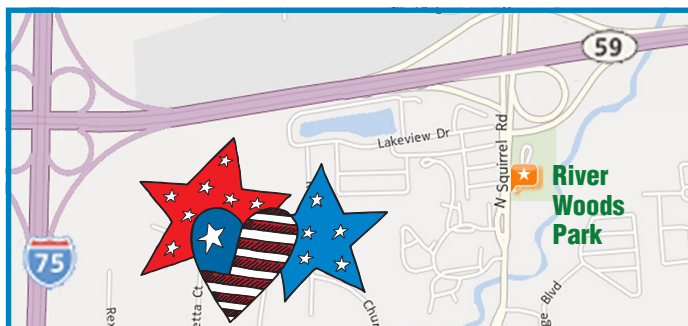


## General Meetings

*2nd Thursday of every month*

**River Woods Park • 6:00pm**

300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills  
Cost: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members  
Includes food & assorted beverages.



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

Member of the **Metropolitan Detroit Ski Council**  
[www.mdscski.org](http://www.mdscski.org)

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