



GM SKI CLUB
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NEWS

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SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sun, Feb 5 • 3pm • Darrell's House
New England Patriots vs. Atlanta Falcons

3pm - 5pm Music & Karaoke Purely informal, have fun, listen to music and socialize

5pm - 6:23pm Pre-Game Socializing

6:30pm Superbowl LI Kick-Off
Lady Gaga half-time

Tailgate food will be provided (hot dogs / sides).
 A dish-to-pass will be appreciated.
 Bring your own beverages. Please RSVP.
 Contact: Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203,
 dahlberg7@comcast.net



Game Night



Saturday, Feb 11
6:30pm - 11:30pm

16922 Mary Wood Dr, Macomb
 (off Romeo Plank, north of 24 Mile)

Open to GM Ski Club members & their guests.


Play your favorite games on two levels!
Pool, darts, euchre, hearts, pinochle,
Yahtzee & classic board games.

Bottled water, chips & salsa will be provided, BYOB.
 Donations of a dish-to-pass or dessert are desired.

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



Local Ski Days – LET'S DO SOME SKIING!



Meet-up with GMSC / Skiwis and ski with friends on Tuesdays for a discount.
 All skill levels welcome. We will gather for lunch at 1pm. Cost: Your tab.

Tuesday, February 7
10:30am
Mt. Holly - Lift Ticket: \$26
 13536 Dixie Hwy, Holly
 Contact: Stan Sawicki, 586-808-3406, ssawicki@comcast.net

Tuesday, February 21
10:30am
Pine Knob - Lift Ticket: \$26
 7778 Sashabaw Rd, Independence Twp

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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



MDSC TRAVEL EXPO



Thursday, May 4 • 5pm – 9pm

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Detroit/Dearborn,
5801 Southfield Expressway, Detroit.

Ski club members are invited to talk to reps
from ski resorts, plus vendors in the ski and
golf industry. Free food & prize drawings.

Contact: Chris Luhrs, chris.luhrs@juno.com



The GMSC is a member of
the MDSC. As such we are
allowed to attend other
MDSC Clubs' advertised
trips at their member fee.
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and many other benefits.

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Bernie Stevens
VP of Special Events

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello again everybody. I hope everyone is having a great 2017. Its only February, but already we've had some great events and we have much more lined up. We have several parties coming up including a Game Night, and a Mardi Gras Party. True to our name as a "Ski Club," we'll have some local down hill ski outings coming up. When the weather starts breaking, we'll resume other outdoor activities such as hiking and bike rides.

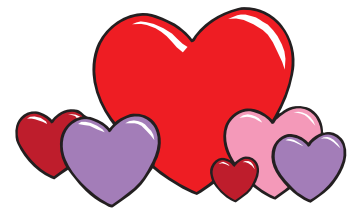
As you are aware, we try to schedule at least one restaurant social every month. Depending on the venue, we refer to it as either "Restaurant Of the Month" (ROM), or "Pub & Grub" (P&G). We need ideas for venues and we need people to lead them. Leading an event such as this is very simple. You are the contact person for people who RSVP or have questions, and you make the reservations at the venue. These things only happen because somebody from the club leads them. So I'm appealing to you, the membership, to volunteer and lead at least one such event. Contact either myself or our Activity Chair, Ken Phillips for more information.

We are very excited about some events we have down the road. For the year being so young, we already have our outdoor meeting venue at River Woods park lined up. We've also reserved the Winter Cove Picnic area at Stoney Creek for our summer picnic, and along with Hawk Woods for our fall Cabin Campout. Also, we are lining up our summer campout for the last week of July. More information on this will be coming soon.

My last item for this month is to remind everyone that elections are held in April which is just two months away. Elected positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Anyone who has been a member for at least one year is eligible to run for any of these positions. Also, for the election, we need volunteers to serve on our "Elections Committee." These are members who are not running for office and pledge to remain objective. If you are interested in being on the committee and/or running for office, please let myself or any current board member know.

So that's it for this month. See you at an outing soon.

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



Parkside Tavern

Friday, February 17 • 6:30pm

3315 Auburn Rd, Auburn Hills

A Modern American Bistro featuring a large variety of sandwiches on artisan bread, chef designed burgers as well as classic and contemporary salads. For dinner, there are steaks, free-range poultry, and seafood flown in daily. The bar offers a great selection of beer – 24 taps, 65 bottles – diverse wines and spirits. The entire selection is Michigan inspired. Cost: Your tab

Contact: Joe Yoblonski, 248-852-6561



Saturday, April 1 • 6pm – 11pm

\$15 Euchre • \$5 Party only

Amy Skotzke will again host another gala euchre party at her house in Mt. Clemens. Meat, pasta, salad, veggies and dessert will be served via buffet - BYOB. Cash prizes awarded. Eat around 6:30pm. Cards start at 7pm. You may come just for the party. RSVP by March 30.

Give or mail payment to: Amy Skotzke,
31 W. Breitmeyer Place, Mt Clemens, MI 48043

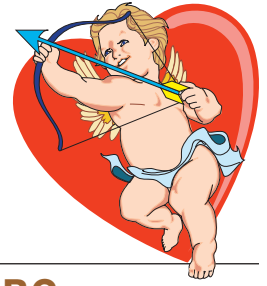
Contact: Amy Skotzke, 231-758-2198,
Amy.Skotzke@gmail.com

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. \$6-\$8 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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Sat, Mar 4 • Mardi Gras Party - Darrell's House. Time 6:30pm, Cost: \$5. Wear purple, green and gold. Contact: Darrell Ahlberg, dahlberg7@comcast.net, 586-899-8203 (call or text)

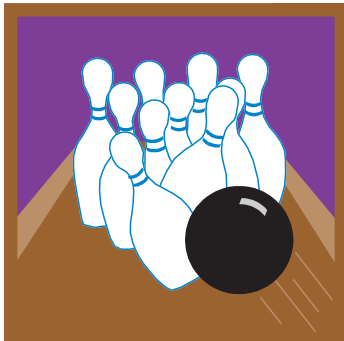
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Mar 11-18 • Colorado Ski Vacation - Steamboat Contact: Dave Duvali, daveduvali@att.net

Sat, Apr 1 • Euchre Party - Time: 6pm-11pm. Cost: \$15 Euchre, \$5 Party only. Food provided, BYOB. Euchre starts at 7pm. RSVP by March 30. Give or mail payment to: 31 W. Breitmeyer Place, Mt Clemens, MI 48043. Contact: Amy Skotzke, 231-758-2198, Amy.Skotzke@gmail.com

Sun, Apr 9 • GM Bike Ride: Paint Creek Trail - 500 Olde Towne Rd, Rochester. Meet at Rochester Hills Library (weather permitting). We will eat afterwards at Rochester Mills. Contact: Stan, 586-808-3406

Thu, Apr 13 • GMSC Meeting & Club Elections - Bahama Breeze - 539 E. Big Beaver, Troy - Atrium Room. Time: 6:00pm. Cost: Your tab. Contact: Greg Ronan, riverdanceiii@yahoo.com



Bowling League Subs Needed

Monday Nights • 6:55pm-9:30pm

Bowling subs needed on Monday night fun league at Classic Lanes, located just north of M-59 and west of Crooks on Avon-Industrial Drive.

Only \$10 for 3 games including 2 mystery game drawings.

Four per team, all levels, any combination of men or women.

Contact: Ken, kenphillips@mail.com

MARDI GRAS Party



**Saturday, March 4
6:30pm – 11:00pm
Darrell's House**



What do you wear to a Mardi Gras Party?

Short answer: wear whatever you want, with an emphasis on being free from the constraints of inhibition or taboo and with a bent toward the hedonistic, opulent, extravagant, lewd and/or silly. It could be anything from a furry, 1-piece animal suit to an elaborate, hand-beaded headdress and corset. Or maybe something goofy like a tutu and fishnet stockings with sneakers and a wide-brimmed hat. Think of it as adults playing dress-up, but with none of the scary, gothic undertones of Halloween.

Masks, hats, and beads are very common. So much so, we will have a collection on hand which you can play with and take great pictures. But feel free to bring your own.



Interesting Fact:

The official colors for Mardi Gras are purple, green, and gold. These colors were chosen in 1872 by the King of Carnival, Rex. He chose these colors to stand for the following:

**Purple = Justice, Green = Faith,
Gold = Power.**

So how about a purple t-shirt and green pants with gold shoes? Wear whatever makes you feel good and plan on having a great time.

Cost: \$5

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



GM Bike Ride

**Sunday, April 9 • 1:00pm
Paint Creek Trail**

First ride of the season (weather permitting). Meet at the Rochester Hills Library. One hour out and 55 minutes back (slightly downhill). All levels welcome. We will eat afterwards at Rochester Mills Brewery.

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

Golf Scramble

**Sunday, May 21 • 1pm
Myth Golf & Banquets**

850 Stoney Creek Rd, Oakland Twp

9 holes with cart. All levels welcome. We will eat afterwards near Tienken and Rochester Rd. Cost: Approx. \$20

Contact: Ken, kenphillips@mail.com,
586-242-2003 (text)



What's Your Pleasure?

**Fancy • Casual • Fun
Ethnic • Traditional**

RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH AND PUB & GRUB LOCATIONS NEEDED

Have a favorite restaurant or watering hole? Is there a new place you've been wanting to try but haven't gotten to yet? Let us know!

We need your help choosing locations for our monthly Restaurant of the Month and Pub & Grub events. We also need volunteers to host – ten people to each take one month. You can do one can't you? It's easy and a great opportunity to meet new people.

Help out & give back to the club!

Contact Activities Chair Ken Phillips
with your ideas: kenphillips@mail.com





Euchre Party



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GMSC & MDSC
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\$500 deposit and trip application (download at gmskiclub.org) due at sign-up.

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

Club Officer Nominations

It's that time of year again! Club elections will be held at the April 13 General Meeting.

Please submit your nominations for officer positions to support the club.

For more info contact any Board Member.

Positions for Nomination:

PRESIDENT: – Open –
VICE-PRESIDENT: – Open –
SECRETARY: – Open –
TREASURER: – Open –



**WE
NEED
YOU**

General Meetings

2nd Thursday of every month

Bahama Breeze • 6:00pm

539 E. Big Beaver, Troy - Atrium Room
(between Rochester & Livernois Roads)



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