



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

# NEWS

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## MARDI GRAS Party

Saturday, March 4

6:30pm-11pm • Darrell's House • \$5

### 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. 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.**



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



### Hamlin Pub

Friday, March 24 • 6:00pm

1988 S Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills

One of our preferred spots. Great food. Happy Hour before 6pm. Live band at 9:30pm. Make a quick right just after you enter. Cost: Your tab.

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

### Sailing Singles Dinner

Wednesday, March 22 • 6:30pm

Polonia Restaurant

2934 Yemans St., Hamtramck

Polonia offers a full menu of traditional and gourmet Polish and Eastern European specialties in a cozy atmosphere similar to that of a Warsaw café. Meals are very reasonable.

Huge parking lot next to restaurant. No reservations needed, just show up. Cost: Your tab.

Contact: Ann Enghardt, 586-268-2027

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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 2 Kathleen Plouffe

March 11 Bonnie Boyd

March 13 Darwin Tuttle

March 19 Julie Pawlos

March 25 Larry Yurgil

March 26 Jim Hartwig



## Your Ticket To FREE Membership:



Recruit 3 new club members.

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



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

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**Bernie Stevens**  
VP of Special Events

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi all and happy March. I hope you're enjoying this unusually warm weather we're having. For those who've resolved to exercise and lose weight, nature is serving up that perfect weather to get out for a walk or a bike ride. If this keeps up, look for some short notice events from our club.

And speaking of events, I mentioned last month we could use your help in setting up some monthly restaurant outings. While that still stands, it's also a good time to encourage you to take the lead on most any event you'd like to see run. We never have too many events, never have too many leaders, and we certainly never have too many ideas. We take a lot of pride in being a very active club and it is the efforts and ideas from the members that make it all happen.

This summer we are planning our summer picnic for August 5th at Stony Creek. We've reserved Winter Park, the finest shelter in the park. We would like your input in organizing and running events and games at this picnic. We'd like to make it active and unique enough to make it an experience no attendee will soon forget.

We also have Hawk Woods reserved again this year for the weekend of October 6th. For those who attended last year's event you know how much fun the place is. As with the summer picnic, we'd like to line up various activities for our annual Indoor Campout. Please let us know your ideas and whether you'd like to help organize something.

I'd like to put in a plug for the March 4th Mardi Gras party I'll be having at my house. Please RSVP if you plan to come. We had so much fun at the Christmas Party, I'm really looking forward to seeing everybody for Mardi Gras.

Lastly, don't forget the April meeting will be election night. On that night, you will vote for your next President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Once election night is complete, the new President will appoint his choices for about eight different board positions. If you'd like to get involved in any be sure to let us know.

That's it for now.

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



**WE NEED YOU!**

## GM Ski 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 –



## GM Bike Ride

**Sunday, April 9 • 1:00pm  
Clinton River Trail**

First ride of the season (weather permitting). Meet at the Rochester Hills Library. We'll head on to the Clinton River Trail for about one hour and then return. We'll eat afterwards at Rochester Mills. All levels welcome. Cost: Your tab.

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



# 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](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)**

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**Thu, Mar 9 • GMSC Meeting** - Bahama Breeze - 539 E. Big Beaver, Troy - Atrium Room ( between Rochester & Livernois) Time: 6:00pm. Cost: Your tab. Contact: Greg Ronan, [riverdanceiii@yahoo.com](mailto:riverdanceiii@yahoo.com)

**Mar 11-18 • Colorado Ski Vacation - Steamboat** Contact: Dave Duvali, [daveduvali@att.net](mailto:daveduvali@att.net)

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**Thu, May 11 • GMSC Meeting - Tailgate theme** - River Woods Park, 300 N Squirrel, Auburn Hills. Time: 6pm, Cost: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members. Wear favorite sports team apparel. Burgers, hot dogs, sides, plus beer, soft drinks and water. Donations of dessert items are always appreciated. Announcements around 7:15pm. Contact: Greg Ronan, 586-979-9512, [riverdanceiii@yahoo.com](mailto:riverdanceiii@yahoo.com)

**• MDSC Travel Expo** - DoubleTree Hotel Detroit - 5801 Southfield Expressway, Detroit. Time: 6pm-9pm, No Cost. Free food & prize drawings. Contact: Chris Luhrs [chris.luhrs@juno.com](mailto:chris.luhrs@juno.com)

**Sun, May 21 • Golf Scramble** - Myth Golf & Banquets, 850 Stoney Creek Rd, Oakland Twp. 1pm – 5pm. Cost: Approx \$20. 9 holes with cart. We will eat afterwards. Conact: Ken, [kenphillips@mail.com](mailto:kenphillips@mail.com)

**Thu, Jun 8 • GMSC Meeting - Cheeseburger in Paradise theme** - River Woods Park, 300 N Squirrel, Auburn Hills. Time: 6pm, Cost: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members. Announcements around 7:15pm. Contact: Greg Ronan, 586-979-9512, [riverdanceiii@yahoo.com](mailto:riverdanceiii@yahoo.com)

## MDSC TRAVEL EXPO

**Thursday, May 11 • 6pm – 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](mailto:chris.luhrs@juno.com)



Well, Super Bowl LI is in the books. I'd say about half the people who came were delirious with joy when it was over and the other half was delirious with disappointment. If you were a Falcon fan, you went from delirium to tears in the span of 30 minute. If you were a Patriots fan, you went from tears to delirium in about the same time span. Regardless of who your team was, there is no doubt you saw a game for the ages. The Patriots overcame a 25-point deficit to win (they trailed 28-3 with 2:07 left in the third quarter). There were many notable features of this game. Among them are:

- **It was the first Super Bowl ever to be decided by an overtime period.**
- **Largest deficit ever overcome to win a Super Bowl.**
- **Tom Brady completed 43 passes on 62 attempts for 466 yards, all single-game Super Bowl records, was named Super Bowl MVP for a record fourth time.**

And much more. In all more than 30 team and individual Super Bowl records were either broken or matched in Super Bowl LI.

The halftime show was headlined by Lady Gaga and she did not disappoint. All the party attendees stayed glued to the TV throughout the entire performance as she sang a good sample of most of her hit songs.

Once again, huge thanks to everyone for bringing such great food for everyone to enjoy. And a special thanks to all who helped stay for the clean up afterwards.

Thanks everyone for attending. Next up, Mardi Gras.

— **Darrell Ahlberg**



## Super Bowl Party







**LI  
Super Bowl  
Party**







## Mt. Brighton Free Ski Day



## Golf Scramble

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

850 Stoney Creek Rd,  
 Oakland Twp

Join us for nine holes with cart.  
 All levels are welcome. We will eat  
 afterwards near Tienken and  
 Rochester Roads. Cost: Approx. \$20

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

## General Meetings

*2nd Thursday of every month*

**Bahama Breeze • 6:00pm**

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