



Sunday, Feb 4 • Darrell's House

New England Patriots vs Philadelphia Eagles

Held at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It will be the sixth Super Bowl in a cold weather city. Pregame: Pink will perform the national anthem and Leslie Odom Jr. will sing "America the Beautiful."

3pm to 5pm - Music, games, karaoke & socializing. It's all informal and purely for fun.

5pm to 6:30pm - Pre-game socializing

6:30pm - SUPERBOWL KICK-OFF
Tailgate food provided (hot dogs and a few sides). Halftime will feature Justin Timberlake.

No Charge. BYOB. A dish to pass will be appreciated. RSVP's requested.

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

RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH Royal Oak Brewery



Saturday, Feb 10 • 7:00pm

215 E 4th St, Royal Oak

Oakland County's oldest brewpub. Serving 7-9 craft beers on tap daily, a full menu of fresh cuisine, along with a full bar and wine menu. Cost: Your tab.

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Membership Appreciation Night

Comedy Castle

Saturday, February 10 • 9:30pm

\$10 Members, \$20 Non-Members

GMSC is picking up 1/2 the cost of your ticket plus the service charge!

Member Price is \$10 (1/2 off the box office price). **Non-Members \$20** (full price).

Not yet a member? Join the club before tickets are sold out and attend at half price.

With his unmistakable accent and hilarious yet endearing delivery, comedian Rocky Laporte's performance on The Tonight Show made him one of very few comedians to get a standing ovation.

In 2005 Rocky had his own stand-up special on Comedy Central Presents. At the Las Vegas Comedy Festival Rocky received the "Best Male Club Comedian of the Year."

Located at: 310 S Troy Street, Royal Oak.

Don't Delay! There are only 32 tickets!

Dinner before at the Royal Oak Brewery

See Restaurant of the Month article.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb 06	Walt Kearsley
Feb 10	Kathy Bandol
Feb 11	Sandy Porter
Feb 14	Mary Olk
Feb 20	Don Jasper
Feb 23	Ellen Snyder
Feb 27	Beverly Koch



Did You Know?



You can earn your membership:

Simply recruit three new members to the club and you will receive one year's membership FREE. Have the new members designate you as the referring member on their membership application when they sign-up – EASY!



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.

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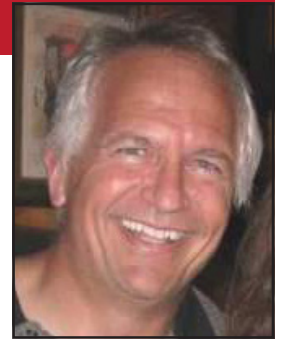
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everybody. I hope you are doing well. Stop me if you've heard this one before...

Hotshot #1 "My uncle is vice president for the team and he got me 20% off tickets for tonight's game."

Hotshot #2 "Well that's pretty good, but I work for the company that owns the team. My position is high enough up that I got 30% off."

Hotshot #3 "Well that's nothing, I belong to the GM Ski Club and they got me 50% off to the Comedy Castle."



Needless to say, the above story left most hotshots speechless. If the above sounds unbelievable, it's not. It's absolutely true. Just for being members of the GM Ski Club, you will get a 50% discount off tickets to see Rocky Laporte on February 10th. But you need to act quickly. We only have 32 tickets overall. How did we do it? I'd like to brag about the club having our own special connections, but in reality the board is subsidizing the tickets. The idea is to put together a great value outing for our members and to demonstrate the advantage of GMSC Membership. In the near future, you'll see a greater focus on providing discounted events for our members. That's not to say non-members cannot attend. Non-members have the option of joining the club and taking advantage of the discount, or just purchasing a ticket at the regular price.

We will also be having dinner beforehand at the Royal Oak Brewery at 7:00pm. We are calling this part of the night our "Restaurant of The Month." Anybody can attend whether you are going to the show or not. Please contact me if you're interested in either event.

Now that we've gotten through the holidays and past the New Year, we find ourselves just a couple months to go before the April General Elections. You'll be hearing more about this process over the next month, but briefly, there are four positions on the board which are elected by the membership: (1) President, (2) Vice President, (3) Secretary, (4) Treasurer. Any member in good standing for a year is eligible to run. If you are inclined to get involved with the club, you are highly encouraged to run. New people and new thinking is always welcome. In addition to the four elected positions, there are several board positions appointed by the President. So again, if you're interested in participating on the board in some capacity, just let us know.

See you soon,

– Darrell Ahlberg, President, GM Ski Club



What Do You Like To Do?

It's Time To Start Filling Our Calendar With Summer Events!

Don't be shy – let us know what you have in mind. What events, trips and activities do you want us to offer? We want input from all our members – not just a few. Voice your opinions at any GMSC event or contact a Board Member with your ideas. We want everyone to be involved with planning as well as enjoying GMSC events.

We are always looking for new places to try. And we also want to know which ones are your favorites so we can schedule them again.

Club Officer Nominations

It's that time of year again! Club elections will be held at the April 12 General Meeting.

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

For more info contact any Board Member.

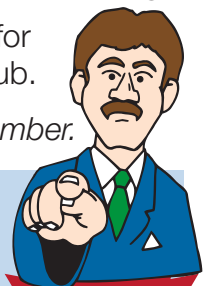
Positions for Nomination:

PRESIDENT: – Open –

VICE-PRESIDENT: – Open –

SECRETARY: – Open –

TREASURER: – Open –



**WE
NEED
YOU**

Hikes At Stony Creek

Saturday, Feb 24 • 1pm
Sunday, March 11 • 1pm



We will meet at the Stony Creek Nature Center for a leisurely 500 calorie / 4 mile hike lasting just over 2 hours. This may shift to cross-country skiing from the Stony Creek Golf Course if we receive a significant snowfall. Check the GM Ski Club Calendar (on our website) the day before for updates.

We will eat at Stony Creek Roadhouse after (3:15-3:30pm). Cost: Metropark entrance fee plus your tab at restaurant. (Metropark Annual Sticker only \$21 for seniors 62+)

Contact: *Bonnie, lthousebon@aol.com, 248-589-2251*



31st Annual Trek

Saturday, May 19 • 8:30am



Vivio's, 2460 Market St, Detroit

Meet at Vivio's in the heart of Eastern Market. We will begin with double Bloody Mary's and beer chasers, Mimosa's or a really good coffee drink. After breakfast, we will walk through the historic Farmer's Market. It'll be Flower Day, one of the largest flower shows in the country, also featuring great selections of fruits, veggies, homemade jams, maple syrup and local specialty foods.

Later we will consider a BBQ, a sail, or relaxing on the dock. A Belle Isle bike ride is optional in the late morning. On the way to Jefferson Beach Marina in St. Clair Shores there will be a stop at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for an open house. Plan on a full day of fun activities! Cost: Your Tab,

A drawing for a free Vivio's breakfast for those members in attendance by 9:30am.

Please RSVP! Contact: *Les Skrzycki at 248-877-1794, skiorsail9@gmail.com*

STAGECRAFTERS PRESENT

Steel Magnolias

Saturday, March 24 • 8:00pm

415 S Lafayette Ave, Royal Oak

Strong as steel, fragile as magnolias. The six Southern women of Chinquapin, Louisiana, show more steel than delicacy as they face life's ups and downs together. Truvy's home beauty parlor is their gathering place, where they gossip, needle, and jab each other with good-humored zingers. But when push comes to shove, these friends are there for one another. An unforgettable story about the saving power of friendship.

Deadline March 3rd. Unsold seats will be returned to the theater. Dinner before TBD.

Cost: Tickets \$23.50. Mail check payable to GM Ski Club to: Darrell Ahlberg, 40377 Kraft Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48310

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

GM Bike Ride

Sunday, April 15 • Rochester Hills

First bike ride of the Spring, weather permitting. We will ride on the Clinton River Trail. More details coming soon.



Tiger vs Blue Jays

Sunday, June 3 • 11:30am

Jimmy's Coney Grill, 37246 Dequindre, Sterling Hts

Join us for our annual Tiger outing to Comerica Park (early enough in the season so they still have a chance for the playoffs). We will form carpools from Jimmy's leaving at 11:30am. Join us early for breakfast at 10am. The game starts at 1:10pm. Seats are in the upper deck mezzanine along the right field line (in the shade after a few innings).

\$22 members, \$25 non-members.

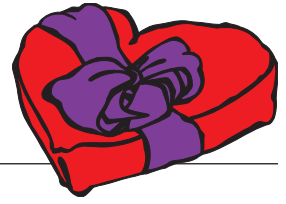
Please RSVP by May 19.

Contact: *kenphillip@mail.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



FULL CALENDAR AVAILABLE AT WWW.GMSKICLUB.ORG

Sun, Feb 4 • Super Bowl Party - Darrell's House, Sterling Heights. 3pm Music, Karaoke, Games; 5pm PreGame Social; 6:30pm Superbowl. Cost: No Charge. Tailgate food provided, BYOB, dish to pass appreciated. RSVP's requested. Contact: Darrell, dahlberg7@comcast.net, 586-899-8203 (call or text)

Thu, Feb 8 • GMSC Meeting - Bahama Breeze - 539 E. Big Beaver, Troy (between Rochester & Livernois) Time: 6pm, Announcements at 7:15pm. Come early and enjoy happy hour prices until 6pm. We meet in the far back section now. Cost: Your tab. Contact: David, davehag5@msn.com

Sat, Feb 10 • ROM - Royal Oak Brewery - 215 E 4th St, Royal Oak. Time: 7pm. Cost: Your tab.
Contact: Darrell, dahlberg7@comcast.net, 586-899-8203 (call or text)

• **Membership Appreciation Night - Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle** - 310 S. Troy St., Royal Oak. 9:30pm Show. \$10 Members, \$20 Non-Members. Comedian Rocky Laporte Limited tickets, get yours right away. Contact: Darrell, dahlberg7@comcast.net, 586-899-8203 (call or text)

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Sun, Mar 11 • Hike at Stony Creek - Time: 1:00pm. Meet at the Nature Center. We will eat at Stony Creek Roadhouse around 3:15pm. If it snows, may change to x-country skiing. Cost: Metropark entrance fee and your tab at restaurant. Contact: Bonnie, lthousebon@aol.com, 248-589-2251

Sat, Mar 24 • Stagecrafters "Steel Magnolias" - 415 S Lafayette Ave, Royal Oak. Time: 8pm. Cost: \$23.50. Deadline is March 3, unsold tickets will be returned to the theater. Dinner before TBD. Contact: Darrell Ahlberg 586-899-8203 (call or text) dahlberg7@comcast.net

Thu, Apr 12 • GMSC Meeting & Election Night - Bahama Breeze - 539 E. Big Beaver, Troy (between Rochester & Livernois) Time: 6pm, Announcements at 7:15pm. Come early and enjoy happy hour prices until 6pm. Cost: Your tab. Meet in the far back section. Contact: David, davehag5@msn.com

Sun, Apr 15 • GM Bike Ride - Rochester Hills. First bike ride of the spring, weather permitting. We will ride on the Clinton River Trail. More details coming soon.

Thu, May 10 • GMSC Meeting - River Woods Park, 300 N Squirrel, Auburn Hills. Time: 6pm, Announcements at 7:15pm. Hamburgers, hotdogs, sides and beverages. Cost: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members. Contact: David, davehag5@msn.com, 586-275-0208

Sat, May 19 • 31st Annual Eastern Market Trek - 2460 Market St, Detroit. Time: 8:30am at Vivio's Restaurant. Cost: Your Tab. RSVP to: Les Skryski, 248-877-1794, skiorsail9@gmail.com

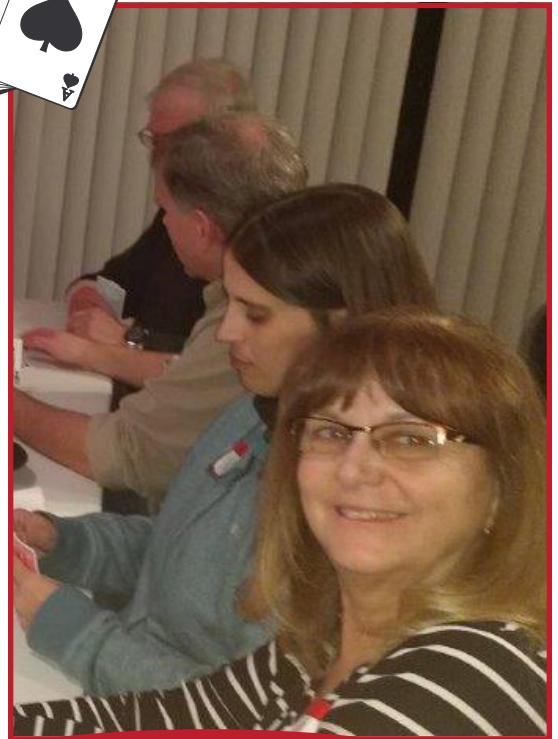
Sun, Jun 3 • Tiger Ballgame - Jimmy's Coney Grill, 37246 Dequindre Rd, Sterling Hts. Time: 10am Breakfast (optional), 11:30am Carpool to Comerica Park from Jimmy's, 1:10pm Game vs Toronto Blue Jays. Seats in the upper deck Mezzanine along right field line. Cost: \$22 members, \$25 non-members. RSVP by May 19. Contact: kenphillip@mail.com



A great time was had by all at the January 27th Euchre Party. June's condo club house was a great venue. We had 49 people which included a mixture of GM and Skiwi Ski Club members, plus Meet-up guests and June's friends. A special shout out to Julie DiMambro and Dave Hagland for signing people in and keeping the money safe. Thanks to Christine Luhrs & Stan Sawicki for helping sort out the winners. And thanks to Mark Arel for help with the tables.

Euchre Party





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Bowling Party

Our first annual winter bowling party was held at Five Star Lanes in Sterling Heights. We had 21 bowlers for 3 games of 9-pin no tap, preceded by dinner at a local bar. Thanks to Carol for taking RSVP's, and June for inviting everyone she knew.

Stony Creek Outings

The Club's last two hikes at Stony Creek turned into invigorating cross-country skiing events.

Excellent snow made the treks a success. We went to Stony Creek Roadhouse afterwards to restore lost calories. Many thanks to Bonnie for leading us out of the wilderness.

Save The Dates!

Pool Party

Saturday, July 14

Camping Weekend

July 27-29

GMSC Annual Picnic

Sunday, Aug 19

Stony Creek Metropark

General Meetings

2nd Thursday of every month

Bahama Breeze • 6:00pm

539 E. Big Beaver, Troy

(between Rochester & Livernois Roads)



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