



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

# NEWS

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## Stony Creek Hike

**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 golf course with 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: Park fee plus your tab. (Metropark Annual Sticker, \$21 for seniors 62+)

Contact: Bonnie, [lthousebon@aol.com](mailto:lthousebon@aol.com),  
248-589-2251



## NEW MEETING LOCATION!

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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 beauty parlor is their gathering place, where they gossip. An unforgettable story about the saving power of friendship.

Deadline March 3rd. Unsold seats will be returned to the theater. Dinner beforehand at Mr. B's in Royal Oak at 5:45pm. Suggested parking at the Center Street Garage, 300 S. Center Street It's about a 4 minute walk to both venues.

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



## Rayz Bar & Eatery

**Thursday, March 22 • 6:00pm**

36434 Groesbeck Hwy, Clinton Twp  
(between 15 and 16 Mile Rds)

Rayz Bar is the perfect place to meet friends, unwind from work or just relax! Their speciality is Mummy J's Homemade Burgers. Serving a selection of great chilled beers, cheeky cocktails and quality wines, both local and from around the world. Beers are sold on draught, in the bottle or by the bucket! Cost: Your tab.

Stay for karaoke starting at 7pm. Please RSVP!

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

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open

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar 13 Darwin Tuttle

Mar 26 Jim Hartwig

Mar 31 Marta Acheson



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## MEMBERSHIP

Recruit 3 new members to the club. Have the new members designate you as the referring member when they sign-up – **EASY!**



**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, the big news this month is our **new location for our general meetings**. In wrapping up the indoor season with our March and April general meetings, we will move to **Ike's Restaurant in Sterling Heights**. This move is not so much a reflection of our treatment by Bahama Breeze, as it is a desire to find a venue more conducive for moving around and mingling. We also wanted a venue that would allow us to make our announcements as we have done in the past. At Ike's:

- **We will have our own separate "party room" where we can mix, mingle, and even get boisterous if we want**
  - **We have our microphone for announcements**
  - **We will have a wait staff to take care of us & great selection of food and drink to choose from**
- So I hope you will set aside March 8 and April 12 to attend our indoor meetings and show our new host we appreciate being there.

And speaking of April 12, that will be the night of GMSC Annual Elections. Our club has four elected positions. President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are inclined to run for any of these positions, you are encouraged to throw your name in the hat. New blood and new thinking is always welcome. In addition, there are also other positions on the board which are appointed by the President. So if you are interested in getting involved, please let us know and we will find a position for you.

Lastly, we are always interested in having people run events. This helps in many ways. 1) As an event leader, you get your chance to get your idea on the calendar. 2) It helps spread-out the work in running events among many people – many hands make small work, as the saying goes. 3) It contributes to a variety of events which enriches our program as a whole. So the bottom line, we need you and we need your ideas. We look forward to hearing from you.

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



**Saturday, Apr 14 • 6pm**

**\$15 per person**, includes food & prizes

6137 Windstone Ln, Clarkston

Gala GM Ski Club Euchre Party hosted by Stuart and Mary Saxalby at their home in Clarkston. A main course, fruit bowl and salad will be provided.

Donations of desserts and appetizers would be appreciated. Coffee and water provided, BYOB. Limited to 40 players. Also open to the Skiwi Ski Club. Sign-in between 6pm & 6:30pm.

Play begins after 7pm. You must RSVP!

Directions: I-75 north to exit 93 - turn left (S. of Dixie Hwy.) Turn right in about 1/2 mile (Foster Rd.) Then right onto Windstone Ln.

Contact: [stusaxalby@rocketmail.com](mailto:stusaxalby@rocketmail.com)

## 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 –



## GM Bike Ride

**Sunday, April 15 • Rochester Hills**

First bike ride of the Spring! Weather permitting, on the Clinton River Trail. Details coming soon.



# MDSC TRAVEL EXPO

**Thursday, May 10 • 6pm – 9pm**

**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Detroit/Dearborn**

5801 Southfield Expressway, Detroit



This event is open to all MDSC club members and invited guest. Resorts, retailers and tour providers from the United States, Canada, Europe, and other ski destinations have been invited. Special invitations have been offered to local metro ski areas and ski shops. All will provide door prizes. Includes appetizers and free beer (cash bar). Door prizes 8:30pm-9:00pm, you must be present to win

Contact: Chris Luhrs, [chris.luhrs@juno.com](mailto:chris.luhrs@juno.com)



## 31st Annual Trek

**Saturday, May 19 • 8:30am**

**Vivio's Restaurant**

2460 Market St, Detroit

***Come out & join us!***

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,



## Golf Scramble

**Sunday, May 20 • 1pm**

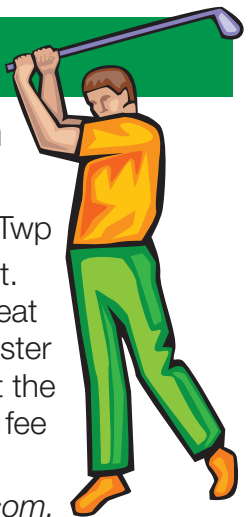
**Myth Golf & Banquets**

850 Stoney Creek Rd, Oakland Twp

Join us for nine holes with cart.

All levels are welcome. We will eat afterwards at RJ's Pub in Rochester Hills. Cost: Approx. \$20. Meet at the course by 12:40pm to pay your fee and choose foursomes.

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



## Tiger Game

**Sunday, June 3**

**10am Breakfast**

**11:30am Carpool**

**1:10pm Game vs  
Toronto Blue Jays**

Jimmy's Coney Grill  
37246 Dequindre, Sterling Hts

Our annual Tiger outing to Comerica Park. We will form carpools from Jimmy's Coney Island. Please join us early for breakfast. Seats are in the upper deck right field Mezzanine along the first base line, which affords a full view of the field, no sun in your face, and shade in the later innings.

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

Please RSVP by May 19.

Contact: [kenphillip@mail.com](mailto:kenphillip@mail.com)

***A drawing for a free Vivio's  
breakfast will be offered  
to those members in  
attendance by 9:30am.***



***Please RSVP! Contact:***

Les Skrzycki at 248-877-1794,  
[skiorsail9@gmail.com](mailto:skiorsail9@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



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

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**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

**• 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

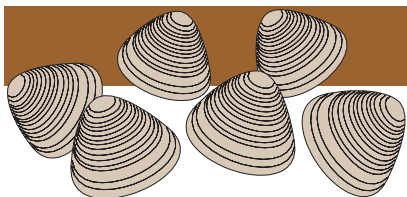
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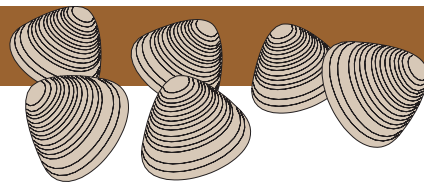
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**Thu, June 14 • GMSC Meeting - "Cheeseburger in Paradise"** - River Woods Park, 300 N Squirrel, Auburn Hills. Time: 6pm, Announcements at 7:15pm. Cheeseburgers, hotdogs, sides, beverages. Cost: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members. Contact: David, davehag5@msn.com, 586-275-0208

**Sat, Jun 16 • Clam Bake** - 53870 Fairchild Rd, Macomb. Time: 2:30pm to 11pm. Cost: \$15 members, \$20 non-members. Must RSVP by 5pm June 14! Contact: Darrell, dallberg7@comcast.net



## CLAM BAKE



**Sat, June 16 • 2:30pm-11pm**  
**\$15 members, \$20 non-members**

JoAnn Mok's beautiful and spacious backyard features a pond with a fountain. Various games will be set up around the pond including ladder ball, bean bag toss, bocce ball, and croquet. There will be euchre games, a bonfire at dusk and possibly karaoke. A delicious seafood broil will be featured including: clams, shrimp, crab claws, sausage, red potatoes and corn, plus veggie sides and desserts. BYOB (some water bottles will be available). NO PETS. Seating provided, but extra chairs are encouraged.

Tables will be covered – come rain or shine. *You must RSVP by 5pm June 14!*

Location: 53870 Fairchild Rd, Macomb. Fairchild Rd. runs north-south and is east of North Ave. and north of 24 Mile Rd. in Macomb Twp. This is a joint event with the Sailing Singles Club.

*Contacts: Darrell, dallberg7@comcast.net, 586-899-8203 (call or text)*

*Ken, kenphillips@mail.com, 586-242-2003 (text first)*



## Pool Party

**Saturday, July 14**  
**2:30pm-11pm**

16922 Mary Wood Dr, Macomb

Enjoy outdoor games and cards along with the pool. We'll have a campfire before dusk. Burgers, brats, all condiments and bottled water provided, BYOB. Bring a lawn chair. Karaoke by Darrell (weather permitting).

**A dish to pass will be most appreciated.**  
**Cost: \$5 members / \$7 guests.**  
**You must RSVP!**

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



## MDSC Clinton River Dinner Cruise



**Sat, July 21 • 6pm**

152 N River Rd, Mt Clemens

Cruise on the Clinton Friendship down the Clinton River into Lake St. Clair. Includes a buffet dinner, DJ with dancing and cash bar. Boarding at 6pm and lasts until about 10:30pm.

This event is limited to members of the GM Ski Club and all MDSC clubs. Free parking at dockside. Tickets available at general meetings.

Cost: \$45 in advance (\$50 on cruise day).  
Make checks payable to GM Ski Club. Mail to:  
GM Ski Club  
c/o 23210 Harrellson St.,  
Macomb, MI 48042

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

## Camping Weekend • July 27-29

We will reserve eight spacious lots with electricity, fire pit and picnic table. Water, restrooms nearby. Club will provide subs and/or pizza Friday night, continental breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday, and a delicious BBQ dinner on Saturday night. Dessert/snack donations are welcome. BYOB. Location & Rate TBD

- **2 nights / 3 days of fun camping**
- **Hiking, biking, canoeing & kayaking**







## Comedy Castle

Our Feb 10 outing to Comedy Castle was an undeniable classic. Our pre-event dinner at the Royal Oak Brewery was a lot of fun as the enthusiastic staff were eager to make sure our needs were taken care of and make sure we had a great time. For the Comedy Show itself, we had the best seats in the house since we pre-ordered months in advance. There were two warm up acts before the headliner Rocky Laporte came out.

Rocky Laporte was absolutely hilarious. His mix of Rodney Dangerfield with an irreverent view of life as a somewhat dim-witted Italian from New Jersey was absolutely hysterical.

This was a special treat for GM Ski Club members as the club paid for half our ticket price as well as the service charge. So for the nominal price of \$10, GMSC members got about three hours of top notch entertainment. We will have similar offerings from the club in the future. If you missed it, be sure to keep an eye out and jump on the offers as soon as possible.





## Save The Dates!

### Pool Party

Saturday, July 14

### MDSC River Cruise

Saturday, July 21

### Camping Weekend

July 27-29

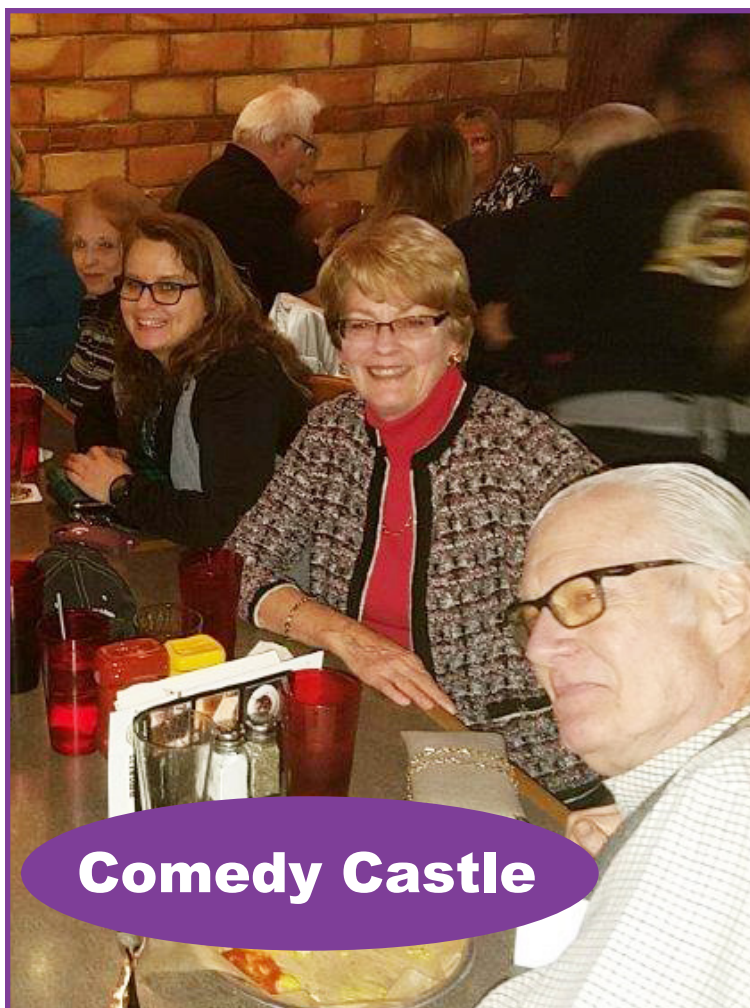
### Utica Ball Game

Thursday, Aug 9

### GMSC Annual Picnic

Sunday, Aug 19

Stony Creek Metropark



**Comedy Castle**

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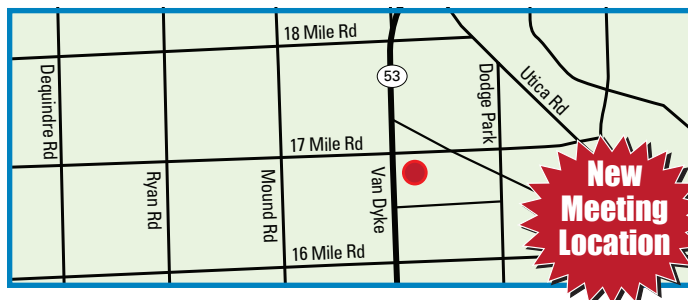


## General Meetings

*2nd Thursday of every month*

**Ike's Restaurant • 6:00pm**

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(SE corner of 17 Mile & Van Dyke)



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