



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

NEWS

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Euchre Party

Saturday, April 14 • 6:00pm

\$15 per person, includes food & prizes

6137 Windstone Lane, 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

2018 GM Club Elections

Club elections will be held at the April 12 General Meeting.

There is still time to nominate someone that you know. You can email or call Stan at 586-808-3406 or ssawicki@comcast.net.

As an incentive for those that show up and vote, the club will have a drawing for two \$10 Ike's Restaurant gift certificates.

Current Nominees:

PRESIDENT: Darrell Ahlberg

VICE-PRESIDENT: Joe Yoblonski

SECRETARY: June Siehda

TREASURER: Dan Boyd

Patty Depucchio



Gator Jakes

Friday, April 27 • 5:30pm

36863 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights

By popular request, we are returning to Gator Jakes – great food in a fun, sports bar atmosphere. Offering the best in Creole and Southwestern food, backed up by thick, juicy steaks, succulent fish, and tasty, filling pasta and sandwiches. Enjoy a full-service bar that offers 32 beers on tap. Cost: Your tab. Please RSVP.

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



GM Bike Ride

Sunday, April 15 • 1:00pm
Clinton River Trail

First bike ride of the spring, weather permitting. We will depart from the Rochester Library just after 1pm. We will ride for up to an hour and then turn around. Go at your own pace. We will eat afterwards at a venue chosen by the group.

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MEMBERSHIP:
open

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Apr 09 Don Phillips

Apr 16 Gary Ward

Apr 19 Elaine Garvin



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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!**



MDSC Metropolitan
Detroit
Ski
Council

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.

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Bernie Stevens
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What's a fair tip these days?

As GM Ski Club members and friends, we often go out as a group to a restaurant or pub where we are served by wait staff. Examples include 1) our monthly meetings, 2) Restaurants of the Month, 3) Pub & Grub, 4) Gatherings after an outing like bike rides, kayak trips, etc. And there are others I'm sure you can think of. Sometimes, if we hit it just right, we can take advantage of happy hour prices and/or other discounts. Also, since we go out as a large group, there is usually somebody who doesn't order a meal. Maybe they just have a glass of water, soft drink, or a cup of coffee. But these people get the same attention from the wait staff as everybody else.

So when the bill comes, what is a fair tip? I don't think there is one answer that everybody will agree on. But, there are several things to think about and consider:

1. Our outings may sometimes last several hours. This means the wait staff is dedicating a lot of time to our group and we are taking up table space in the establishment. So is a straight 18% a fair tip?
2. The wait staff depends on tips for the lion's share of their income. Their typical wage is only \$3-5/hour.
3. Many times with large groups, mistakes are made which may affect your attitude at leaving a gratuity. After all, isn't the the tip is supposed to be based on solely on the quality of service? When making this decision, it is important to look at the broader picture. The wait person is working very hard to make his or her customers happy. When tending to a large group of people, mistakes are inevitable. Its important not to take it personally when they affect you.
4. If you are taking advantage of happy hour prices or other discounts, it is still considered fair practice to tip on the real value of your order. For example, ordering a \$2 happy hour beer and nothing more for the rest of the night, doesn't make a 50 cent tip fair.



I mention this now because we've had a couple outings lately when the establishment has brought to my attention that many people leave very small tips. It becomes a concern to the establishment when the wait staff is grossly underpaid despite having given their all to make us happy.

So please keep these thoughts in mind at our future outings: Mistakes will be made. The wait staff is working hard and trying to stay cheerful. They deserve a generous gratuity for their efforts. It is worth considering more than simply the value of your order. For those ordering coffee or water, the wait staff is still checking on you and providing refills as required – sometimes during a several hour stay. Tipping while participating in a group activity is a reflection on the group as a whole, not the individual leaving the tip. It has a large effect on how well we will be received if we want to return as a group in the future. While it may be instinctive to think the establishment should be grateful to us for bringing in so much business, the establishment could have a different point of view. They see it as needing to set up reserved tables and having them tied-up, along with staff, for several hours. They may even do something a little extra to make sure meals are brought out simultaneously. At the end of the day, they ask themselves if it was worth it. If they end up with disgruntled employees, they could decide it wasn't worth it and may not welcome our group back.

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter. It is important to us as a club to maintain good relations with the establishments we frequent so they will look forward to having us in the future. The advantage to us as a club is that it puts us in the driver seat. If we are good to the establishment and their wait staff, we become preferred customers. If we are not happy with the the establishment for any reason, we can choose not to return. But if we are happy and we've had a good time, its nice to know we are more than welcome back.



DON'T FORGET ABOUT ELECTION NIGHT! Just a reminder, our April 12 meeting is election night. Please be sure to show up and vote for the candidates of your choice. There will be ballots passed out which will be complete with a "write in" space – so you can literally vote for anybody you want.

– Darrell Ahlberg, President, GM Ski Club

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



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,



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

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,
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

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

Thu, Apr 12 • GMSC Meeting & Election Night - Ike's Restaurant - 38550 Van Dyke, Sterling Hts. (located on the Southeast corner of 17 Mile & Van Dyke). Time: 6pm, Announcements around 7:15pm. We will have our own room. Cost: Your tab. Contact: David, davehag5@msn.com

Sat, Apr 14 • Euchre Party - 6137 Windstone Ln, Clarkston. Time: 6pm. Cost: \$15 includes food & prizes. BYOB. You must RSVP! Contact: Stuart or Mary, stusaxalby@rocketmail.com

Sun, Apr 15 • GM Bike Ride - Clinton River Trail. Meet at the Rochester Library at 1pm, weather permitting. We will eat afterwards. Contact: Ken, kenphillips@mail.com or text 586 242-2003

Fri, Apr 27 • P&G: Gator Jakes - 36863 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights. Time: 5:30pm. Your tab. Great food/sports bar atmosphere. Please RSVP. Contact: Dennis, dennis4179@gmail.com, 248-318-1491

Sun, May 6 • GM Bike Ride - Paint Creek Trail. Meet at the Rochester Library at 1pm. We will eat afterwards at the Rochester Mills Brewery. Contact: Ken, kenphillips@mail.com or text 586 242-2003

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

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, May 20 • Golf Scramble - Myth Golf & Banquets, 850 Stoney Creek Rd, Oakland Twp. 1pm. Cost: Approx \$20. 9 holes with cart. Contact: Ken, kenphillips@mail.com, 586-242-2003 (text)

Sat, Jun 2 • Square Dance - Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District, 388 W Predmore Rd, Oakland Twp. 7pm-9pm. Glen Morningstar is the caller with the Ruffwater String Band. This is a free event - but with limited capacity. RSVP to: kenphillips@mail.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: Ken, kenphillips@mail.com, 586-242-2003 (text)

Thu, Jun 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. Tables will be covered - come rain or shine. Must RSVP by 5pm June 14! Contacts: Darrell, dallberg7@comcast.net, 586-899-8203 & Ken, kenphillips@mail.com, 586-242-2003

Thu, Jul 12 • GMSC Meeting - "Patriotic Theme" - River Woods Park, 300 N Squirrel, Auburn Hills. Time: 6pm. \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members. Contact: David, davehag5@msn.com, 586-275-0208

Sat, Jul 14 • Pool Party - 16922 Mary Wood Dr, Macomb. Time: 2:30pm-11pm. \$5 Members, \$7 Non-members. Food provided. BYOB. A dish to pass will be appreciated. RSVP kenphillips@mail.com



Square Dance

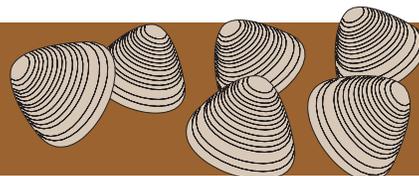
Saturday, June 2 • 7pm



Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District
388 W Predmore Rd, Oakland Twp.
Square dance runs until 9pm with one break in between. This takes place in a big barn at a serene farm/park in Oakland Twp. There are picnic tables outside. Glen Morningstar is the caller with the Ruffwater String Band. This is a free event - but with limited capacity. More details to come.

RSVP to: kenphillips@mail.com

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).

\$5 members / \$7 guests
A dish to pass will be most appreciated.
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



P&G Karaoke Night at Rayz Bar

On March 22 we reprised our January Pub & Grub Karaoke Night at Rayz Bar in Clinton Township.

As was the case last time, the food and service were great and Karaoke Host Mark Mastrona was as gracious as he was fun. In all the night had over 25 singers with our group alone contributing six of those singers. Despite the lengthy rotation everyone was able to sing at least twice. Its always fun to see one your own get up on stage and take their brief turn at stardom. And its also a lot of fun to see others in the place strut their stuff.

It was a great night of fun. Many thanks to Rayz Bar and Mark the KJ in particular for making it a great night.



Camping Weekend • August 3-5

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



Utica Ball Game

Thursday, August 9 • 7pm • \$12



Jimmy John's Field, Moscone Dr, Utica

Show up at the stadium and buy a \$12 admission (ask to be in or near Section 206) - look for the GM Ski Club sign. Or meet at Danny J's Brick Tavern in downtown Utica 5:15-5:30pm, then walk about 4 blocks to the stadium. Free parking off Auburn Rd.

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



Sunday, August 19 • 12pm
Stony Creek MetroPark

4300 Main Park Dr, Shelby Twp

Featuring catered dinner, with many fun activities.

Kayaking at 10:30am. Before August 1st \$15 members, \$20 non-members. After August 1st \$20 members, \$25 non-members.

Contact: Stan Sawicki, ssawicki@comcast.net

Save The Dates!

Annual Corn Roast
Saturday, September 8



Weekend Cabin Campout
September 14-16



Art Prize Weekend
September 28-30

General Meetings

2nd Thursday of every month

Ike's Restaurant • 6:00pm

38550 Van Dyke, Sterling Hts
(SE corner of 17 Mile & Van Dyke)



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