



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

# NEWS

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## GM SKI CLUB

# ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

**Sunday, Aug 19 • 12pm • Stony Creek MetroPark**

We will be at Winter Cove Shelter A (next to the lake)

**EARLY  
BIRD  
PRICING**

**On/Before Aug 14:**  
**\$15 Members**  
**\$20 Non-Members**

**After Aug 14:**  
**\$20 Members**  
**\$25 Non-Members**



**Catered Meal at 3pm** by Chef Paul with drinks.  
(does not include park admission)

**Kayaking at 10:30am**  
(at watersports rental area)



## **VOLLEYBALL • BIKING • FUN GAMES**

Contact: Stan Sawicki at 586-808-3406 or [ssawicki@comcast.net](mailto:ssawicki@comcast.net). Make check to "GM Ski Club" & mail to: Stan Sawicki, 35767 Hatherly Place, Sterling Hts, MI 48310

**NOTE: Picnic will double as the August General Meeting**

## Hartwick Pines Camp & Canoe Weekend

**August 3-5 • \$45 members, \$50 non-members**

**SOLD OUT! Wait List being taken.**

3 people per site. 2 nights/3 days of camping,  
Friday & Saturday dinners, Saturday & Sunday  
continental breakfasts. Boat rental is extra.

Contact: Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203 (call/text)  
[dahlberg7@comcast.net](mailto:dahlberg7@comcast.net)



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**MEMBERSHIP:**  
open

**TRIPS COORDINATOR:**  
open

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug 09 Linda Frassetto

Aug 13 John LeGros  
Shirley Tresh

Aug 21 Eric Allman

Aug 28 Kathy Zalewski

Aug 29 Pauline Macerelli

Aug 31 Darrell Ahlberg  
Kathy O'Driscoll



## Your Ticket To FREE Membership:



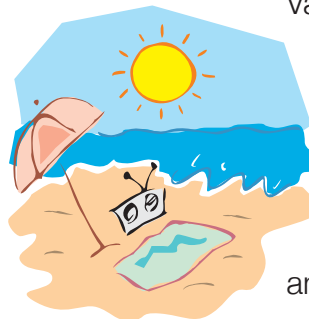
Recruit 3 new members to the club. Have them designate you as the referring member when they sign-up – **It's that EASY!**

## SPECIAL SUMMER MEMBERSHIP

**New members can join now for only \$10!**

Valid now through Sept. 30.

Download a membership application from our website (gmskiclub.org) and mail it in with a check. If you prefer, just sign up at any meeting or club event. Ask any board member for details.



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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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello once again, everybody. Well the summer continues to roll on. I hope everyone is finding a way to stay cool these days. July has been a scorcher. **Big thanks to Ken Phillips** for having a pool party in his back yard for the third consecutive year.

And while I'm at it, I'd like to give a **special shout out to Joann Mok and Bill Daly** for opening Joann's Macomb township home to us for our second annual Seafood Broil/Clambake. They also do the same in September for a Corn Roast. Anybody who has attended these events can appreciate the prep work they do setting up tables, chairs, and several tent/canopies. They spend at least a week getting ready for each event. So for opening their home, and for all the work they do to throw a nice event for the rest of us, a very special thanks.



**The GM Ski Club Annual Picnic is coming up August 19th.** A couple of things I would like you to know. First, between the cost of the caterer and the cost of the pavilion, it is a fairly expensive picnic to put on. The price we charge doesn't cover all expenses, so the club subsidizes the overall cost – we don't mind absorbing picnic expenses because we want to provide a value to our members. Second, I would like to make a special appeal to you to sign up early so we have an idea how many to expect. By signing up early, you will be providing valuable assistance to those who donate their time to make this picnic happen. It would be much appreciated. To encourage early signups, the "early bird" price is \$15 for members (\$20 for non-members). After August 14th the price increases \$5.

The GM Ski Club will set up a canopy at six of the **Music in the Park** events this summer at Dodge Park. We will offer complimentary water and chips. Admission is free, but you are advised to get there early. These concerts have been attracting a sea of people. Along with the new Farmer's Market, the atmosphere is as festive as it is electric. We've already seen a Jimmy Buffet tribute and some nostalgic psychedelic rock from the 60's. Both were fantastic, and I have to say the new amphitheater has great acoustics. Next up is one of the most popular cover band anywhere, 50 Amp Fuse. Come and join us. Look for the green and gray canopy with the GM Ski Club banner. Dodge Park in Sterling Heights has undergone a complete make over. Among the many improvements, they have a water park for the kids, a new Farmer's Market which will double as an ice rink in the winter, a new Amphitheater, new pavilions, and a host of other things. It is definitely worth a visit.

It's almost time for **membership renewals**. Remember, all membership expires on September 30th. If you renew on or before that date, you save \$5. You will soon be seeing reminders in your email as well as various other upcoming communications.

And that's it for this month. Stay cool, and I hope to see you at any of the many events we have coming up this summer.

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



## Watermark Bar & Grill with Moon Rise

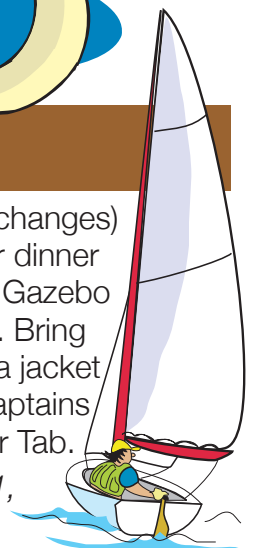
**Friday, Aug 24 • 5:30pm Meet & Greet,  
6:30pm Dinner • 8:00pm Moon Rise**

4420 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores

Offering a great view of Lake St. Clair with a casual, fun atmosphere. Meet at the outdoor bar. Find Dennis or Stan to be included in our group for dinner (we cannot make advance reservations, so if you are late you will be seated separately). Please

RSVP (and notify us if your status changes) so we can plan accordingly. After dinner we will go to the Jefferson Marina Gazebo (Dock A) to watch the moon rise. Bring your own beverages, snacks and a jacket – in case boat rides are offered (Captains will evaluate conditions). Cost: Your Tab.

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





# music in the Park

**Dodge Park • 6:30pm**  
40620 Utica Rd, Sterling Heights

**Thursday, August 2**

**50 AMP Fuse** - Rock / dance

**Thursday, August 16**

**Drew Hale Band** - Country rock

**Thursday, August 23**

**Mega 80's** - 80's music

**Thursday, August 30**

**Fun House** - Rock / dance

Look for the pop-up awning with GMSC banner!  
Enjoy the Farmer's Market 3pm-8pm.

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

## Utica Ball Game

**Thursday, August 9**

**5:30pm Dinner**

**7:05pm Game**

Jimmy John's Field,  
Moscone Drive, Utica



In place of our regular August meeting day, let's meet for an enjoyable minor league game.

Show up at the stadium before 7pm. Buy a \$12 admission for Section 106 (3rd base side) – we'll try to sit together after the game starts. Look for the GM Ski Club sign. They offer cheap beers on Thursdays, and do have food available, but you may have to wait in long lines.

Or meet us at Danny J's Brick Tavern on Auburn Rd in downtown Utica at 5:30pm for dinner. After we'll walk about 3 blocks to the stadium. We suggest you purchase your game ticket(s) before going to the restaurant.

There is free parking between Danny J's and the ballpark. Cost: \$12 ticket plus your tab.

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

## ANNUAL CORN ROAST



**Saturday, September 8**

**Arrive 3pm • Dinner 5:30pm**



**GREAT FOOD • FUN • MUSIC**

**JoAnn Mok's, 53870 Fairchild Rd, Macomb**

Dinner includes world-renowned, freshly-picked Macomb County corn, BBQ pulled pork, sides and dessert. Bottled water, condiments, plates and flatware provided. Guests should bring a chair for the bonfire, a favorite beverage, a hearty appetite, and snacks to share. Covered outdoor seating – come rain or shine.

The property features a spacious backyard with a large pond. Games like bocci ball, ladder ball, bean bag toss and more will be set out, plus euchre decks available on the tables. There will be karaoke music and dancing too. NO PETS.

Cost: \$15. Make checks out to "JoAnn Mok" but mail checks to: Ann Enghardt, 35403 Cathedral Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48312

RSVP by September 6: JoAnn Mok or Bill at  
586-749-3540 or jmok11@comcast.net

Joint event with Sailing Singles & Five Star Singles.



## Weekend Cabin Campout HAWK WOODS



**September 14-16**  
**Hawk Woods Nature Ctr**

3799 Bald Mt Rd, Auburn Hills

We have rented all six cabins in the community again which encircle a huge fire pit. We also have the Lodge all weekend. It's a heated building that has restrooms with hot water showers, kitchen facilities and plenty of seating. Each cabin sleeps six and has electricity. Lunch and dinner provided on Saturday for everyone. There will be a bonfire each night and planned hikes on Saturday.

**Cost (per person): \$25 - 2 nights**  
**\$20 - Saturday overnight • \$8 - Saturday visit**

Contact: Les, [skiorsail9@gmail.com](mailto:skiorsail9@gmail.com),  
248 877-1794 (call or text)

## Golf Scramble

**Sunday, Sep 23 • 12:40pm**

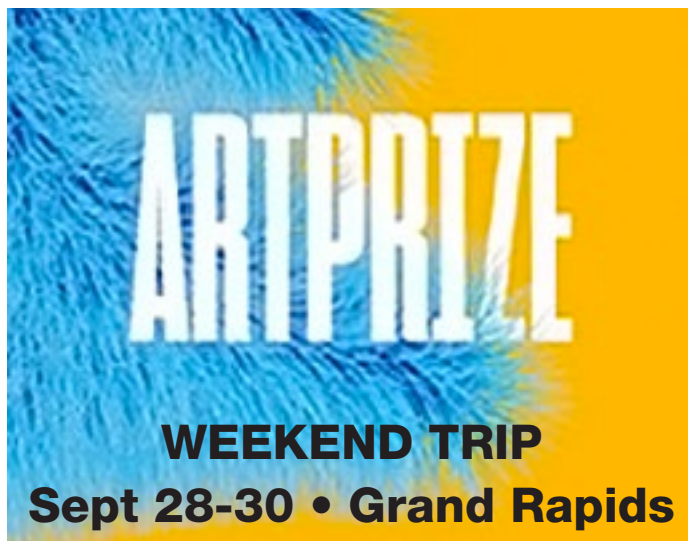
**The Myth Golf Course & Banquets**

850 Stoney Creek Rd, Oakland Twp

Tee-offs start at 1:03pm. Arrive by 12:40pm to pay the course and set up our foursomes. Special Club rate of \$16. Nine holes with cart – all levels welcome. We will eat at RJ's Pub on Tienken Rd afterwards. RSVP by Sept 22.



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



Join us for the ArtPrize competition in downtown Grand Rapids. ArtPrize will only occur in alternating years after 2018. There will be a meet-up at Meijer Gardens at 12:30pm on Friday (optional).

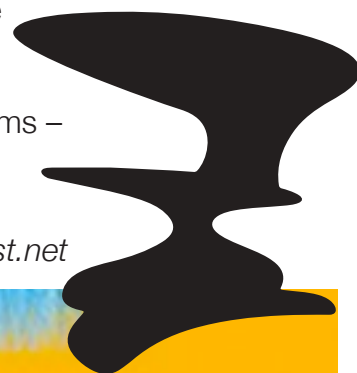
We may also meet up Friday night for dinner.

**We booked the Best Western for \$145 per night.** Each room has 2 queen beds, a refrigerator, microwave, HBO, wi-fi, free shuttle to and from downtown, an indoor pool & hot tub, fitness center and free breakfast buffet.

*ArtPrize is an open, independently organized international art competition which takes place for 19 days each fall in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Any artist working in any medium from anywhere in the world can participate. Art is exhibited throughout downtown Grand Rapids—museums, bars, public parks, restaurants, theaters, hotels, bridges, laundromats, auto body shops, vacant storefronts and office spaces. ArtPrize is free and open to the public and now attracts over 500,000 visitors. It was the most attended public art event in the world in 2014 and 2015, according to The Art Newspaper's annual "Big Ticket List."*

Reserve directly with the Hotel. Tell them you are with GM Ski Club: 616-949-8400. Then notify Sharon Rose that you are coming so we will look for you. After August 25, we will cancel unsold rooms – so don't procrastinate.

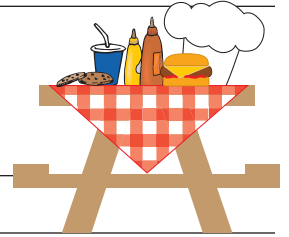
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[rosesblooming1@comcast.net](mailto:rosesblooming1@comcast.net)





# 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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## Pub & Beatles







## Pool Party





# Pool Party



## Music in the Park



## General Meetings

*2nd Thursday of every month*

**River Woods Park • 6:00pm**

300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills

Cost: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members



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