

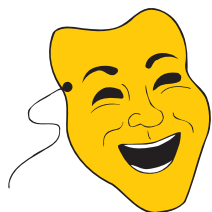


A Ski Club... And A Whole Lot More!

# NEWS

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## Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle



**Saturday, March 9 • 7pm**

310 S Troy St, Royal Oak

### Member Appreciation Night

Headliner is Preacher Lawson.

Purchase tickets on your own. Cost: \$25 (+ \$4.80 service fee). Be in line before 6:30pm. All GMSC Members will receive a \$10 cash rebate once seated for the show.

Dinner after the show at the Royal Oak Brewery. Optional dancing later at Clawson Steakhouse.

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

## Make Me Laugh



**Thursday, March 14  
6:00pm**

### Ike's Restaurant

38550 Van Dyke, Sterling Hts

After the announcements at our March General Meeting, we will conduct a joke telling event. Give us your best shot!

A panel of 3 judges with a challenged sense of humor will hear you tell your joke.

If at least two of them laugh, the joke teller will receive a crisp \$2 bill direct from our Treasurer, Dan Boyd. You may tell multiple jokes, but only one \$2 award per person will be given.

Nominations for club officers will be taken. Consider joining the board of directors and do your part to support the club. Non-elected positions are available as well. We will be back in the big room again. **Wear some green!**

## Hike In The Woods

**Saturday, March 16**

**1:00pm**

### River Bends Park

22 Mile, west of Shelby Road



We'll take a leisurely (90 minutes or less) hike through the wooded area of River Bends Park. There will be some hills at the beginning, but mostly flat terrain. If the grounds are wet, we will walk on the paved sections.

To get there, do not enter the park from Ryan Road. This will not take you to the trail head.

Instead, take Ryan to 22 Mile and head east less than one mile. You'll see the entrance to the park on the right (south). Bypass the small parking lot you come to first, and proceed to the big parking lot. The trail head is behind the Hickory Grove Picnic Shelter.

We will eat afterwards at **One-Eyed Jacks** on Van Dyke and 22 Mile (SE corner). They have free arcade games to play after we eat.

If the weather is bad, this event may be cancelled. Check our website calendar for updates: [gmskiclub.org](http://gmskiclub.org).

*Contact: Stan Sawicki, [ssawicki@comcast.net](mailto:ssawicki@comcast.net), 586-808-3406*

## X-Country Skiing

Watch email blasts thru March for details on pop-up events!

# THINK SNOW!



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**TRIPS COORDINATOR:**  
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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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March 25 Larry Yurgil

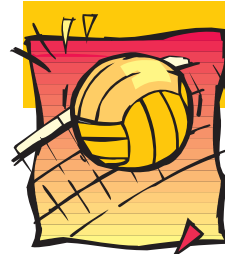
March 26 Jim Hartwig

March 31 Marta Acheson



## 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!**



## Wallyball

**Sundays • 12:30pm  
Warren Raquetball**

29901 S Civic Center Blvd, Warren

Ours isn't a serious competition and  
beginners are welcome. We mix up the teams  
after every game, play for two hours, then  
go to a nearby restaurant at 3:00pm.  
\$7 if you sign up, \$8 if you just "show up."

Contact: [sundaywallyball@gmail.com](mailto:sundaywallyball@gmail.com)



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

As I mentioned in my column last month, it is that time of year when we need to start thinking about upcoming April elections. This club is different from many of the clubs and organizations you may be familiar with. As other clubs have a certain core of people who make all the decisions regarding what the club will do, our club allows membership participation and involvement. It is truly a club run by and for its membership. And the membership is also invited to help set policy. The best way to do this is to get involved by considering a position on the board. It all starts with the elections every April. The membership elects the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Once these elected positions are filled, the President appoints people to fill a variety of board positions. If you're interested in getting involved in any other capacity, let myself or any other board member know. There are many ways you can help out with the club – some more involved than others. But every little bit helps in making this a great club. It is a collective effort by all the members putting forth their ideas on how to make the club better. Many hands make small work. We will discuss your interests and find a spot for you.



To oversee the election process, including registering people who want to run for elected office, we appoint an Election Committee of three people. The people on the committee can be any club member in good standing who is not seeking elected office. So far, we have one volunteer, Stan Sawicki. We are looking for two more. Please contact Stan if interested.

Again, with all that said, member Nancy Thomas has come up with a great idea she's done with other groups with great success. She has started a series of outings she calls "Whine and Dine." It is kind of like our "Restaurant Of The Month," except it focuses on restaurants that are newly opened and not part of a chain. The idea is to give the members a chance to get out and try a new restaurant they might not know of otherwise. Our first installment of this series will be March 21st at a new restaurant called Yard House in Troy. You may not yet know Nancy, but I hope you'll plan to come out, meet her, and support this new idea.

**Don't forget our Member Appreciation Night at Comedy Castle.** This is the board's way of giving back to the membership who support the club. The club will subsidize members' attendance to a fantastic night of Comedy. The concept is simple. You call the venue, purchase your own ticket for \$25, and on the night of the event, you will get \$10 back. (Note that there is also a \$4.80 service fee charged by the venue.) Net cost to members for this great event is only \$19.80. Special thanks to Ken Phillips for putting it together. *We hope to see you there!*

Lastly, the March 14 General Meeting will be "Make Me Laugh" night. You will be invited to tell a joke. If your joke makes two of our three stern-faced judges crack a smile, you will win a crisp \$2 bill. You are welcome to tell as many jokes as you like, but only one prize per person.

That's it for now. See you soon.

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

**Member Appreciation Night**

Saturday, March 9 • Comedy Castle



## It's Time For Club Officer Nominations!

It's that time of year again! Club elections will be held at the April 11th General Meeting.

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

Contact Stan Sawicki, [ssawicki@comcast.net](mailto:ssawicki@comcast.net), 586-808-3406.

### POSITIONS FOR NOMINATION:

**President:** – OPEN

**Vice-President:** – OPEN

**Secretary:** – OPEN

**Treasurer:** – OPEN







## Whine & Dine

**Thursday, March 21  
5:30pm  
Yard House**

950 W Big Beaver Rd, Troy  
(North side, East of Crooks)

### **NEW DINING FEATURE EVENT**

Thanks to Nancy Thomas we will be dining on Thursdays at new and/or interesting restaurants near Troy. Our first selection is the Yard House. They feature a menu with more than 100 items made from scratch daily plus a great selection of 110 draft beers. Happy Hour ends at 6pm:

\$2 off all draft beer, wine, spirits & cocktails;  
\$3 off 9oz wine; \$4 off half yards. Cost: Your tab.

*RSVP by March 20: Nancy Thomas,  
248-585-3165 (please call, do not text)*

## Bowling Party

**Saturday, March 23  
8:30pm  
Five Star Lanes**

Metro Parkway, Sterling  
Hts (east of Dequindre)

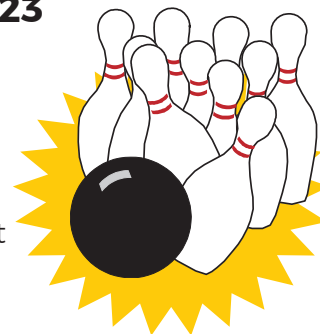
Our second bowling event  
(18 bowlers participated  
on January 12th).

Meet in the bar around  
8:20pm. Do not pay the Lanes, see Ken Phillips.  
We'll form groups of 3 or 4 in the bar.

**3 Games Plus Shoes For Only \$10**

We will meet at The Gathering Place on John R  
and Wattles in Troy at 6:30pm for dinner.

*RSVP to Ken: kenphillips@mail.com  
586-242-2003 (text)*



## Karaoke Party

**Sat, March 30 • 6:30pm  
Darrell Ahlberg's House**

**CALLING ON ALL CROONERS &  
PEOPLE WHO LOVE THEM.**

***'Well I've been thinking 'bout  
All the places we've surfed & danced and  
All the faces we've missed so let's get  
Back together and do it again***

Yeah, you know the Beach Boys... and the rest. We're talking karaoke here. Believe it or not, it's been ten years since we've had a good old-fashioned karaoke party. So we're going to "get back together and do it again." There's no requirement that you sing, just that you appreciate music, dancing, and those who dare to belt out a tune.

Think of it - a karaoke night with no long lines and nobody to stop you from singing backup, dancing chorus line, or just cheering the great singers we'll have on hand.

BYOB and a dish to pass. Please RSVP, it will help in the planning.

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



## Pre-Theater Dinner

**Saturday, April 6 • 5:30pm  
Mr. B's - Royal Oak**

**OPEN TO ALL, NOT JUST THEATER-GOERS.**

Recommend parking in the structure at 3rd & Center Streets. It's a good location for both dinner and the play. Cost: Your tab.

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



**Saturday, April 6 • 8pm • \$24**

Stagecrafter's, 415 S Lafayette Ave, Royal Oak

A Parisian bachelor's well-ordered life spins out of control when his three stewardess fiancées land in the same city at the same time. .

Purchase tickets directly, call: 248-541-6430. You must mention that you are with the GM Ski Club and purchase by March 15 to receive preferred/group seating. Tickets can be mailed or picked up at will call after 7pm on April 6.

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# 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. \$7 adv, \$8 at door.  
29901 S Civic Center Blvd, Warren. Contact: sundaywallyball@gmail.com



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

**March • Pop-Up Cross-Country Ski Days** - Watch email blasts for details! **THINK SNOW!**

**Sat, Mar 9 • Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle** - 310 S Troy St, Royal Oak. 7:00pm. Doors open 6:15pm for seating. Cost: \$25 (+ \$4.80 service fee). Purchase tickets directly from venue. \$10 cash rebate will be given to GM Ski Club members after seating. Dinner to follow at Royal Oak Brewery (around 8:30pm). RSVP to: Ken, kenphillips@mail.com, 586-242-2003 (text)

**Thu, Mar 14 • GMSC Meeting & "Make Me Laugh"** - Ike's Restaurant - 38550 Van Dyke, Sterling Hts. (at 17 Mile Rd) Time: 6pm, Announcements 7:15pm with joke telling event immediately following. Board nominations taken. Wear green! Cost: Your tab. Contact: davehag5@msn.com

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**Thu, Apr 11 • GMSC Meeting & Election Night** - Ike's Restaurant - 38550 Van Dyke, Sterling Hts. (at 17 Mile) Time: 6pm, Announcements 7:15pm. Cost: Your tab. Contact: davehag5@msn.com

**Sun, Apr 14 • Bike Ride** - Macomb Orchard Trail, Shelby Twp. Time: 1pm, weather permitting (check website for updates). Lunch afterwards at nearby venue. Contact: Stan Sawicki, 586-808-3406

**Sat, May 18 • Legends Live** - Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter Rd, St Clair Shores. Dinner 6:30pm, Show 8pm. \$43 in advance, Call 586-771-8600 to purchase, mention GM Ski Club for discount (2% phone charge fee). One table for 10 has been reserved.

**Sun, May 19 • Golf Scramble** - Myth Public Golf Course & Banquets, 850 Stoney Creek Rd, Oakland Twp. Arrive by 12:40pm. Tee-off at 1:03pm. Special Club rate: \$18 for 9 holes plus cart. All levels welcome. We will eat after at nearby venue. Contact: Ken, kenphillips@mail.com, 586-242-2003 (text)

***There are a lot more great event photos on our website! [www.gmskiclub.org](http://www.gmskiclub.org)***





## Euchre Party

A great turn out for the February Euchre Party. More people attended than expected: 54 players! In the future we may go back to pay first to play. A big thank you to all the board members and friends for their help in running this event. Thanks to all that came!







## Super Bowl Party

This year's Super Bowl Party was a fun-filled day for all. We had a good showing for karaoke beforehand starting at 3pm. With a rotation of about 10 singers, and many of their favorite fans, we easily filled up the 3pm - 5:30pm time slot. At 5:30pm, we turned on the pre-game shows and the fans really started pouring in. In all we had about 40 people taking-in a very tight Super Bowl game. We had three big screen TV's going so you could sit in different parts of the basement and enjoy the game in its entirety. We also featured photo ops with some life size cardboard cutouts which were a lot of fun. If you missed it, hopefully you can join us next year.







## Super Bowl Party







## GM Bike Ride

**Sunday, April 14 • 1:00pm**

Macomb Orchard Trail, Shelby Twp.

We'll meet in Shelby Twp. (place to be determined). We'll eat lunch afterwards at a nearby venue. Cost: Your tab. This activity will be rescheduled if there is rain, or if the temperature is below 50 degrees.

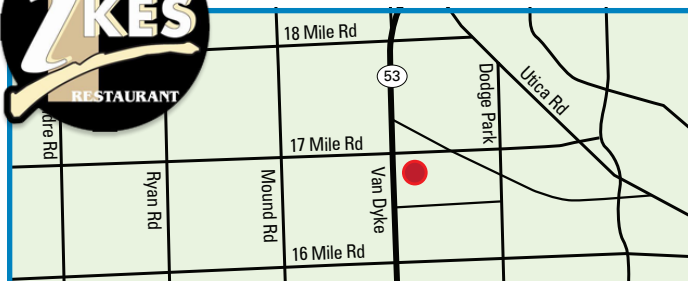
Contact: Stan, 586-808-3406 (text or call)

## 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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