



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

# NEWS

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## BIKE RIDE ON CLINTON RIVER TRAIL



**Sunday, Sept 1 • 1:00pm**

Meet at Rochester Hills Library. We will eat afterwards in downtown Rochester.

## DETROIT LIONS OPENING DAY



**Sunday, Sept 8 • 3:30pm**  
**The Gathering Place**

3985 John R Rd, Troy

Join us as we cheer our beloved Lions on to victory! Kick-off vs Arizona Cardinals is at 4:25pm. Meet early to capture happy hour – prices end at 4:00pm. The Gathering place has an old fashioned atmosphere with quality service. Featuring pizza, salads, sandwiches, burgers and appetizers. A fun and inexpensive outing. Cost: Your tab.

*Please RSVP to Dennis, 248-318-1491  
or dennis4179@gmail.com*



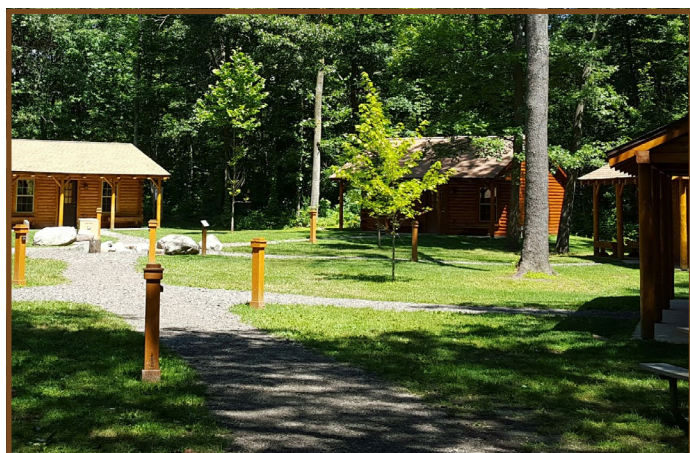
## ANNUAL CORN ROAST

**Saturday, September 7**  
**Arrive after 3pm • Dinner at 5:30pm**

53870 Fairchild Rd, Macomb Twp.

JoAnn & Bill invite members and their guests to their spacious property. Dinner includes freshly picked corn, pulled pork, dinnerware, condiments and water. Guests bring a dish-to-pass (serving for ten or more), a folding chair, and your own beverage. Come rain or shine – tents will be set-up. There will be games plus a bonfire at dusk (weather permitting). No pets please. Questions call Bill or JoAnn, 586-749-3540. This is a joint event with the Sailing Singles. **Cost: Bring a dish-to-pass**

*RSVP by Wednesday, Sept 4 to Ken  
kenphillips@mail.com, 586-242-2003 (text)*



## HAWK WOODS CAMPOUT

**September 27-29**  
**Hawk Woods Nature Center**

3799 Bald Mountain Rd, Auburn Hills



We have rented all six cabins in the community again which encircles a huge fire pit. A new lodge is under construction. We will use one of the rented cabins as our makeshift lodge if the new building is not completed in time for our weekend. There will be planned and unplanned trail hikes on Saturday.

Each cabin sleeps six, has electricity and restrooms with hot water showers. Lunch and dinner will be provided on Saturday for everyone.

**COST PER PERSON:**  
**\$25 for Full Weekend**  
**\$20 for Saturday Sleepover**  
**\$8 for Saturday Visit**

**\$100 for an entire cabin for the weekend**  
(cost divided amongst occupants)



*Contact: Les, 248-877-1794  
skiorsail9@gmail.com*

## TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

**\$15 current members, \$20 new members**  
(good thru Sept 30, 2020).

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**TRIPS COORDINATOR:** open

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*If you'd like to contribute club event photos, articles or ideas, please email them to me!*

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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sep 01 Debbie Cooke

Sep 04 Les Skrzycki

Sep 05 Kathy Clayton

Sep 17 Judy Anderson

Sep 20 Gayle Flint



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Your membership expires on Sept 30th.

**RENEW NOW AND SAVE \$5!**

Paypal Link: <https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8hH60uH1lq>

## 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!**



**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)



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello again, everybody!

I hope everyone has had a great summer. As it does every year about this time, the days start getting shorter and we begin to prepare for winter. The September meeting will be our final outdoor meeting of the season. I hope you will plan to join us as we bid another summer a fond farewell.

This time of year also marks membership renewal time. As you may recall, all memberships expire on September 30th. People renewing before that date get the special "renewal rate" of \$15. After the expiration date, new memberships are available for \$20. So if you'd like to save five bucks, please be sure to sign up before the expiration date.

To make it easier this year, you can now pay online using Paypal. This method of online payment was chosen because it is virtually free. If you hook your Paypal account up to your bank account, there is no fee at all. If you use your credit card, there will be a fee charged by Paypal, but it is nominal.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PAYPAL LINK: <https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8hH60uH1lq>**

Speaking of Paypal, we set this up after many requests for a way to pay for events online, rather than making out a check, envelopes, postage, etc. So far, actual use of this method has been modest at best. Our continued use of online payments will depend on its popularity. If you like the idea of online payment but have another preferred method, we'd like to hear from you. But if it proves to be unpopular for our members, we may discontinue using it. The board is working very hard to make things nice for the membership, but we need to hear from you. So please don't be shy.

In closing, as we move into the fall and winter, we have many events lined up. The calendar is a living document, meaning it changes all the time and new events are constantly being added. I hope you find something you like.

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



## WHINE AND DINE



**Thursday, Sept 19 • 5:30pm**  
**Station Square Kitchen + Bar**

1317 Coolidge Hwy, Troy (S of Maple)  
Station Square is an upscale casual restaurant featuring modern American cuisine, globally inspired comfort food, specialty burgers and contemporary salads with a full service bar offering craft cocktails, draught beers and an extensive wine list. Cost: Your tab.

Happy Hour is 2pm-6pm: \$2 Off any glass of wine,  
Half-off appetizers, draft beer, well drinks  
& premium liquor.

RSVP by September 17 to: Nancy Thomas,  
248-585-3165 or 586-719-8080.



## DETROIT ROLLING PUB

**Sunday, September 15 • 2:45pm**  
**\$22 members, \$25 non-members**

Join us for a ride on the streets of downtown Detroit in a 16-passenger peddle powered vehicle (with back-up motor and canopy in case it rains). Our tour lasts two hours. Meet at the Punch Bowl Bar (1331 Broadway St, Detroit), suggested parking at the Z Street Structure. We will eat afterwards. Bring a cooler with your beverage & snacks (but no hard liquor) for the tour. Price includes tip for the tour guide. Limited to 16.

Easy online payment available via Paypal at  
<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8h6uN8K60u>

or mail a check to GM Ski Club,  
40377 Kraft Drive, Sterling Heights 48310.

RSVP: Carole Hacker, [cahacker@comcast.net](mailto:cahacker@comcast.net)



## GOLF Scramble

**Sunday, Sept 22 • 12:45pm**  
**Myth Public Golf Course**

850 Stoney Creek Rd, Oakland Twp.

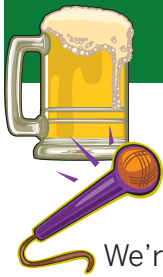
Nine hole scramble (best ball). All abilities are welcome. Our first tee off is at 1:03pm.

Arrive by 12:45pm and pay the golf course directly.

We will form playing groups soon afterwards.

Mention you are with the GM Ski Club to get our preferred rate. We will eat afterwards at RJ's Pub on Tienken Rd. Cost: \$16 per person, includes cart.

RSVP by Sept 21: Ken, [kenphillips@mail.com](mailto:kenphillips@mail.com),  
586-242-2003 (text)



## PUB & Karaoke

**Wed, Oct 2 • 6:30pm**  
**Augies Bar & Grill**

31660 John R Rd, Madison Hts

We're back for more karaoke at this popular venue. Augie's has a full menu, including specialty burgers, half-off large square pizza after 5 pm, and \$3 Long Islands. Karaoke at 8pm. Arrive before 7pm to be seated at our table. Cost: Your tab.

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



## euchre party

**Sat, Nov 16 • 6:00pm**

28359 Aline Dr, Warren

Sharon Rose will again host a gala euchre party at her house in Warren. She is located just over a half mile east of Van Dyke, and about 3 blocks south of Twelve Mile. Sign-up is 6pm to 6:30pm. Dinner at 6:30pm, featuring homemade chicken, cheesy potatoes, salad and more. Dishes to pass, snacks and desserts are also welcome. Coffee, tea and water provided, BYOB. We will play 7 rounds of 8 hands. Cash prizes awarded.

Limited to 9 tables or 36 players + sit outs if needed. This event is open only to members and guests of GM Ski Club and Skiwi Ski Club.

Cost: \$15 per player, \$5 for dinner only.

You must RSVP by Nov 14.

Contact: Sharon, [rosesblooming1@gmail.com](mailto:rosesblooming1@gmail.com)  
586-899-6845 (text)

## Pre-THEater DINNER

**Saturday, Oct 5 • 5:45pm**  
**Lily's Seafood Grill & Brewery**

410 S Washington Ave, Royal Oak

Theatergoers will receive a 10% discount. Quality food, perfectly crafted micro-brews and a cozy, relaxed, family friendly atmosphere in downtown Royal Oak. Cost: Your Tab

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



**Saturday, Oct 5 • 8:00pm**

Stagecrafters Baldwin Theatre

415 S Lafayette Ave, Royal Oak

***Set in the volatile melting pot of New York, the stories of three diverse Americans unfold—a stifled wife of a wealthy man, a gifted Harlem musician and a determined Jewish immigrant, all seeking the American dream. With a sumptuous score and a compelling story, this sweeping epic tells a tale as distinctly American as the rhythms of ragtime, the musical heart of an era.***

Pre-theater dinner at Lily's Seafood. There will be dancing & drinks after at Clawson Steakhouse.

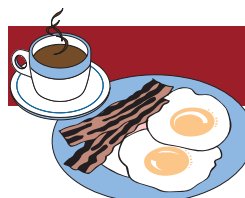
Cost: \$24. Order by Sept 23. Tickets may be picked up at the will call window from 7pm-7:45pm.

Two convenient ways to pay:

**Paypal:** <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8hH47i3TsS>

Mail your check to: GM Ski Club,  
51194 Romeo Plank Rd, #425, Macomb, MI 48042.

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586-242-2003 (text)



## BREAKFAST CLUB

**Every Sunday • 10am**  
**Jimmy's Coney Grill**

37246 Dequindre (at 16 Mile), Sterling Hts.

No RSVP needed, just show up!

# GM SKI & TRAVEL CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

**EVERY SUNDAY - 10am • Breakfast Club** – Jimmy's Coney Grill, 37246 Dequindre, Sterling Hts. No RSVP needed  
**12:30pm • Wallyball** - Warren Racquetball, 29901 S Civic Ctr Blvd. \$7 adv, \$8 door. Contact: sundaywallyball@gmail.com

**Sun, Sep 1 • Bike Ride** - Clinton River Trail, 1:00pm. Meet at the Rochester Hills Library. Contact: Stan, 586-808-3406

**Sat, Sep 7 • Annual Corn Roast** - 53870 Fairchild Rd, Macomb. Arrive after 3pm, dinner 5:30pm. Cost: Dish-to-Pass. Includes corn, BBQ pulled pork, plates, flatware, condiments & water Bring Dish (for 10+), own beverage, lawn chair. Questions call Bill or JoAnn, 586-749-3540. Joint event with Sailing Singles. RSVP by Sept 4: Ken, kenphillips@mail.com, 586-242-2003

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**Thu, Sep 12 • GMSC Meeting** - River Woods Park, 300 N Squirrel, Auburn Hills. 6pm, Cost: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members. **Last outdoor meeting of the season.** Grilled hot dogs, Chef Joe's special homemade chili, potato salad, coleslaw, chips, beer, pop & water provided. Dessert donations appreciated. Contact: Dave: davehag5@msn.com.

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**Ragtime the Musical - Stagecrafters Baldwin Theatre**, 415 S Lafayette Ave, Royal Oak. Time: 8pm. Cost: \$24. Order by Sept 23. Paypal link: <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8hH47i3TsS> or Mail your check to: GM Ski Club, 51194 Romeo Plank Rd, #425, Macomb, MI 48042. Contact: Ken, kenphillips@mail.com, 586-242-2003 (text)

**Thu, Oct 10 • GMSC Meeting** - Ike's Restaurant - 38550 Van Dyke, Sterling Hts. 6:00pm, Cost: Your tab.

**Sat, Nov 9 • 20th Annual Sands Bash** - Barrister Gardens, 24225 Harper, St Clair Shores. 7:00pm - 1:00am. Open bar, buffet, raffle/silent auction, live entertainment. Cost: \$40 in advance, \$50 at door. You must RSVP to sit with our group. Advance deadline is Oct 7. Dressy attire/Red accent. Contact: John Zalewski, johnzalewski@wowway.com, 586-979-2392

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**Feb 11-14, 2020 • Boyne Highlands Bus Trip - Livonia Ski Club, \$495 Package \*\***

INCLUDES all gratuities and taxes (MDSC club affiliates), 3 days of skiing at Boyne Highlands, 3 nights lodging at Main Lodge (2 per room), 3 deluxe buffet breakfasts at the Lodge dining room, Tuesday lunch and refreshments on the luxury motor coach, Welcome party at the hotel on Tuesday evening in our own private room, Wonderful sit down dinner at the hotel on Wednesday evening. Those 75+ can ski free at Boyne Highlands on Tuesday after check-in at the hotel.

\*\*There is an additional \$20 surcharge for those under 65 by Feb. 11, 2020 (Total = \$515).

BUS INFO: Departs Tuesday, 10am from Livonia Senior Center, 5 Mile Rd. & Farmington Rd. A second pickup location is at US-23 and M-59 in front of the Kroger Store. Those who wish to ski the afternoon on arrival (Tues) at Boyne Highlands should keep their boot bags INSIDE the bus. (Anyone under 75 would have to pay the ½ day lift ticket).

PAYMENT: All questions and checks should be addressed to: Jim Millman, 248-489-9082, 29503 Shenandoah Dr., Farmington Hills, MI. 48331. Make checks payable to L.S.C.

Payment schedule: Sign-up \$100/person deposit. 2nd payment of \$200 due Oct. 1, final payment of \$195/\$215 due Nov. 30.





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*The biggest event on the Eastside!*

**Saturday, November 9 • 7:00pm - 1:00am**

**Barrister Gardens, 24225 Harper, St Clair Shores, 48080**

**Live Entertainment, Raffle/Silent Auction, Open Bar & Buffet**

**\$40 advance (by Oct 7), \$50 door • Dressy attire/Red accent**

You must RSVP to sit with our group.  
Contact: John Zalewski, 586-979-2392,  
[johnzalewski@wowway.com](mailto:johnzalewski@wowway.com)

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# BIDDING FOND FAREWELL TO BELOVED GM SKI CLUB MEMBERS.

Saying good bye to great friends is never easy, but it is a part of life. Amazingly, in the short span to about three months, we have lost three of our most beloved members and we wish them all a peaceful rest.

**Mary Zalewski** - Along with her husband John, Mary has been a main staple at GM Ski Club events and parties for over 20 years. She has been known and loved by so many for so long, it is still difficult to grasp the fact she is gone. She lost a long battle with pancreatic cancer which she fought with courage and valiance so typical of Mary. Rest in Peace, Mary.

**Robert (Bob) Schutter** - Bob has been a mainstay member of our social community for over 30 years. He was always one to step up to organize parties. Over the years, he has become best known for his "party village." A makeshift village he built on his property for the sole purpose of throwing parties for his friends. Often featuring food, music, and occasionally live bands, his parties have been known to attract hundreds. He was a great friend to countless people and having lost a multi-year bout with cancer he will surely be missed for a long time. Rest in Peace, Bob.

**Jan Phannes** - Jan, along with her husband Tim, are long time members of GM Ski Club, Skiwi Ski Club, and the now defunct Star Singles club. Jan was best known for her lively, engaging personality and her unique ability to connect with virtually everyone. She and her husband Tim are best known for the Annual Square Dance held on their property in Sterling Heights. These were completely selfless parties which featured dinner, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, bon fire, and of course a caller for a lively night of square dancing. Like Mary, Jan lost her battle with pancreatic cancer after a long and valiant fight. Rest in Peace, Jan.

**Ted Rosehart** - Ted is a newer member member of our community. In the short time he was with us, he managed to make good friends with several members of the club. He was a lively, engaging personality who cared about everyone and in turn, everyone cared about him. Unbeknownst to those who have had the good fortune of meeting him, he had a number of ailments which caught up to him all at once. His passing was largely a surprise to most. Rest in Peace, Ted.

The loss of these wonderful people at such a young age is a reminder to all of us how precious, yet fragile life is. It reminder of how much one life can have such great impact on so many people. It is also a message of how important it is that we follow their example by living the life we have to its fullest everyday. Certainly, they will be missed.

– Darrell

## LAST OUTDOOR MEETING

**Thursday, September 12 • 6pm**

**This will be our final outdoor meeting in 2019. Join us for grilled hot dogs, Chef Joe's special homemade chili, plus potato salad, coleslaw, and chips. We gratefully appreciate donations of homemade sides dishes and desserts. Beer, pop and water is provided.**

Announcements of upcoming events around 7:15pm. Greet new people from our popular Meet-up group Metro Fun & Fitness 49+.

Contact: Dave: [davehag5@msn.com](mailto:davehag5@msn.com)

## 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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