



Sunday, Feb 2 • Darrell's House

San Francisco 49ers vs. Kansas City Chiefs

Super Bowl 54 will be played at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida. The 49ers and Chiefs have the ability to set several Super Bowl records based on their great seasons. Halftime show will feature Jennifer Lopez and Shakira — an appropriate pairing for a host city, Miami, known for its rich history with and connection to Latin music. Party includes hot dogs & tailgate-style food.

3pm - 5:30pm: KARAOKE, Music, Games & Socializing. Sing karaoke, play games, or listen to music & socialize – it's all informal & purely for fun



5:30pm - 6:30pm: Pre-Game Socializing & the selling of squares

6:30pm: SUPER BOWL KICK-OFF
Jennifer Lopez and Shakira do halftime show

No Charge. BYOB. A dish to pass will be much appreciated. RSVP's requested.

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

DETROIT FILM THEATER



Saturday, Feb 8 • 2pm

DIA, 5200 Woodward Ave, Detroit

2pm Oscar Nominated Shorts: Documentary.

This is a rich program of all five of the shorts.

Lunch at Shields (across the street)

7pm Oscar Nominated Shorts: Animation and Live Action.

This program will combine all the nominees in one spectacular showcase, with an intermission between the two categories.

Arrive at least 30 minutes before to secure seats.

Arrive by 11am to get decent parking and explore the museum for a while.

The Detroit Film Theater entrance is on John R.

Cost: \$9.50 per ticket per show.

Purchase at DIA or call 313- 833-4005.

Note: Lower priced tickets available for DIA Members with a pass card.

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

Euchre Party



Saturday, Feb 15 • 6pm

\$15 cash per player

14230 Camelot Dr, Sterling Hts

This will be our 3rd Annual Euchre Tournament at the Plum Creek Condominium Clubhouse. Sign-in 6pm-6:15pm. Food buffet 6:30pm-7pm. Cash prizes awarded. You should be an experienced euchre player. This is a joint event with the Skiwi Ski Club.

You must RSVP by February 13. This is a very popular event that fills up quickly.

Contact: jsiehda2@gmail.com

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb 11 Sandy Porter

Feb 14 Mary Olk

Feb 16 Nancy Thomas

Feb 20 Don Jasper

Feb 27 Beverly Koch



WALLYBALL

Sundays • 12:30pm Warren Raquetball

29901 S Civic Center Blvd, Warren

Ours isn't a serious competition and beginners are welcome. We play for two hours, then go to a nearby restaurant at 3:00pm. \$7 if you sign-up, \$8 if you just "show up," \$9 if you arrive after 12:30pm.

Contact: wallyballsunday@gmail.com



BREAKFAST CLUB



Every Sunday • 10am Jimmy's Coney Grill

37246 Dequindre (at 16 Mile), Sterling Hts.

No RSVP needed - just show up!



MDSC
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

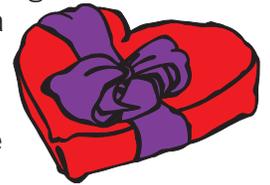
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi All, here we are in the New Year, looking forward to getting 2020 off to a fine start. I hope you realize the discipline I'm enforcing upon myself trying not to make any 2020 jokes. I mean in the year, 2020 we're sure to have a lot of jokes about vision. I can't wait to see them all. (Groan). In hindsight (groan), that wasn't a great joke. With 2020 hindsight, I regret telling it (groan again). From the two jokes, you decide, better 1 or better 2 (now I'm really getting stupid). I could go on. But for now, I'll stop.

That is, I'll stop until our annual "Joke Night" meeting on February 13. You can tell your favorite 2020 joke or any other joke you think will get a laugh. It's like karaoke night for wannabe comedians. It's your chance to be the star. And if you manage to make the audience chuckle, you'll be rewarded with a prize. So, brush off your comedic talents and be prepared for a good time at our "2020 Joke Night." And if you have a good time, please thank Ken Phillips for conjuring up the idea.

As we approach our final months of the GM Ski Club calendar year, this is a good time to remind everyone that Elections will be held at the April 9th General Meeting. Offices up for election are (1) President, (2) Vice President, (3) Secretary, and (4) Treasurer. If you are interested in any of these positions, please let a member of the "election committee" know. So you ask, what is the "election committee" and who is on it? Good question. The election committee is comprised of at least three GMSC members who are not seeking elected office. They will take nominations and oversee a fair election. We are currently seeking volunteers who are members in good standing for this important job. If you are interested, please let a board member know. Hopefully, by next month, we will have a list for you. Meantime, please submit your interest to any board member.



Membership has increased substantially over the past year through our efforts to promote the club through our meetup group, "Metro Detroit Fun and Fitness." Using this as our outreach, we have promoted hiking, biking, paddling, restaurant, and many other assorted activities. Even among those who have not yet joined, much comradery is being formed and word of our club has spread. We will continue to promote member pricing over non-member pricing for many of our events and you will continue to see the value in membership as we continue to make this known among non-members.

As a final note, I am appealing to you, as I always have, to reach out to non-members at any event you happen to attend. The success of our club and our continued new membership depends on new people feeling welcome by existing membership. So far, everyone has been absolutely great about this and I want to thank all of you. I hope you are forming new and valuable friendships as well.

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

TREMENDOUS TUESDAYS

**Tuesdays, Jan 7 - Feb 25 • 10am
Skiing at Mt. Holly for \$28**



Mt Holly opens up at 10am. We will meet on the slopes after that.

We'll ski up to two hours, then take a lunch/beverage break around 12:30pm. Then we will ski another one to two hours and leave before the school buses arrive around 3pm.

Contact: Stan Sawicki
at 586-808-3406

WHINE AND DINE

**Thursday, Feb 20 • 5:30pm
Camp Ticonderoga**

5725 Rochester Rd, Troy

A warm, rustic atmosphere in an Adirondack-styled dining room. From scrumptious salads to comfort food classics, you will love their diverse menu. Featuring delicious staples like pulled pork sandwiches, Certified Black Angus steaks and warm chocolate chip cookies. Cost: Your tab.

RSVP by Feb 18 is a must, no walk-ups.

Contact: Nancy Thomas, 248-585-3165
586-719-8080 (cell)



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: wallyballsunday@gmail.com
EVERY TUESDAY in Jan & Feb - 10am • Skiing at Mt. Holly for \$28 – Meet on the slopes after 10am. Lunch/ beverage break around 12:30pm, Ski another 1-2hrs, ending by 3pm. Contact: Stan Sawicki at 586-808-3406.

Sun, Feb 2 • Pre-Super Bowl Karaoke - Darrell's House. 3pm-5:30pm, No charge
Super Bowl - Tailgate Party - Darrell's House. Hot dogs / tailgate-like food. 5:30pm-6:30pm: Pre-game socializing, Selling of the squares; 6:30pm Super Bowl Kickoff. Cost: No Charge - A dish to pass will be appreciated. RSVP's requested. Contact: Darrell Allberg at dahlberg7@comcast.net, 586-899-8203 (call or text)

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Thu, Feb 13 • GMSC Meeting & Joke Night - Ike's Restaurant, 38550 Van Dyke, Sterling Hts. 6:00pm in their banquet room. Announcements at 7:15pm. From 7:20pm-8pm members and guests are encouraged to regale us with their best jokes. Cost: Your tab. Contact: Dave Hagland, 586-275-0208, davehag5@msn.com

Feb 11-14 • 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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Thu, Mar 12 • GMSC Meeting - Ike's Restaurant, 38550 Van Dyke, Sterling Hts. 6:00pm in their banquet room. Announcements around 7:15pm. Cost: Your tab. Contact: Dave Hagland, 586-275-0208, davehag5@msn.com

Sat, Mar 14 • Feather Bowling at the Cadieux Cafe - 4300 Cadieux Rd, Detroit. 3pm-5pm. We have both lanes reserved and will put six people on each team for a total of 24 players. Cost: \$10. Payment must be made in advance in order for us to hold your spot: Send a check payable to GM Ski Club to 40377 Kraft Dr, Sterling Heights MI 48310 or use paypal link <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8iLZB5xBVb>.

Dinner After at the Cadieux Cafe - 5pm. Offering a full Belgian-influenced menu. Cost: Your tab. Contact: Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203 (call or text), dahlberg7@comcast.net

Tues, Mar 17 • Blackthorn - St. Paddy's Day at O'Mara's - 2555 W. 12 Mile Rd., Berkley. 9pm, Live music with Blackthorn. Cost: Your Tab plus a \$10 cover charge. Contact: Stan Sawicki at 586-808-3406 ssawicki@comcast.net

Thu, Apr 9 • GMSC Meeting & Election Night - Ike's Restaurant, 38550 Van Dyke, Sterling Hts. 6:00pm in their banquet room. Announcements around 7:15pm. Cost: Your tab. Contact: Dave Hagland, 586-275-0208, davehag5@msn.com



There are more great event photos on our website! www.gmskiclub.org



**St. Paddy's Day at O'Mara's
Tuesday, March 17 • 9:00pm**

2555 W 12 Mile Rd, Berkley

Welcome to the rich tapestry of Celtic music. Traditional songs of emigration, sea shanties, lively jigs and reels, and ancient airs combine with some of Ireland's best contemporary songs for a musical experience that captures the history and legend of Ireland and its people. What makes a Blackthorn show unique is the variety of tunes, tempos and textures. Each member of the band plays multiple instruments, including wooden flute, accordion, tin whistle, five string banjo, cittern, bones and more. These instruments complement the lead vocal of Belfast native Richard McMullen and the band's tight blend of four part harmony.

Cost: Your Tab plus a \$10 cover charge.

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Get Your Jokes Ready!

Joke Night is Thursday, Feb 13

Ike's Restaurant after the Meeting Announcements.

CADIEUX CAFE

**Saturday, March 14
3pm Feather Bowling • \$10
5pm Dinner (Cost: Your tab)**

Cadieux Cafe, 4300 Cadieux Rd, Detroit

The game originally was a Belgian pastime akin to horseshoes and Bocci. These games have many similarities amongst them. Though little is known about the exact origin of the game, it is probable that the resemblance of the balls to wheels of cheese is no mistake.

The dining room offers a full Belgian-influenced menu and more than a dozen beers from Belgium.

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GENERAL MEETINGS

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(SE corner of 17 Mile & Van Dyke)



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