



# GM SKI CLUB NEWS

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

**Social • Fitness • Travel**

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

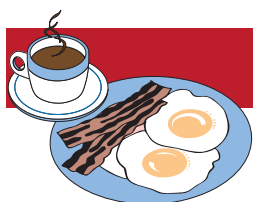
2555 W 12 Mile Rd, Berkley

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.

O'Mara's Irish Pub has a relaxed atmosphere, refreshing draft beers and delicious food. Even if you aren't Irish, you can't help but to enjoy yourself!

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

Contact: Stan Sawicki at 586-808-3406  
ssawicki@comcast.net



## BREAKFAST CLUB

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

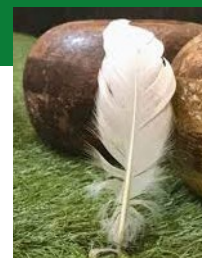
37246 Dequindre (at 16 Mile), Sterling Hts.

No RSVP needed - just show up!

## CADIEUX Cafe

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

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.

We have both lanes reserved and will put six people on each team for a total of 24 players. Payment must be made in advance in order for us to hold your spot. You can pay in one of two ways:

1) Send a check payable to GM Ski Club to 40377 Kraft Dr, Sterling Heights MI 48310.

2) Pay online via paypal  
<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8ILZB5xBVb>

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

## WHINE AND DINE

**Wed, March 25 • 5:30pm**  
**El Patio Mexican Restaurant**

2891 E Big Beaver Rd, Troy (on the NW corner of Dequindre and Big Beaver)



An extensive array of Mexican eats in a colorful, upbeat atmosphere. Vegetarian options available. Margaritas are some of the best you'll ever have! COST: Your Tab. Please RSVP by Monday, March 23.

Contact: Nancy, 248-585-3165 or 586-719-8080

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar 13 Darwin Tuttle

Mar 26 Jim Hartwig

Mar 30 Michael Coppens

Mar 31 Marta Acheson



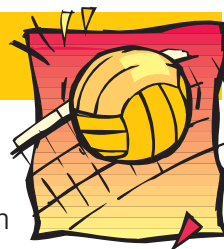
## WALLYBALL

**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



## 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**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All!

Global warming certainly seems to have taken hold on our Detroit Area Winter. With February temps in the 50's, we've had a couple of very pleasurable hikes. Hopefully this trend will continue as we ramp up our hiking schedule. As we move towards summer, our schedule will include bike rides, paddling events, and maybe even a weekend of camping. As regards the latter, its getting harder to fill tent camping trips, so we will explore a possible trip where everyone can book their own accommodations. Keep an eye out for further developments.



Speaking of summer, we've already completed arrangements for our Summer Picnic. Once again, it will be held at Dodge Park in Sterling Heights. The date is August 22. Also, you have heard rumors about our summer outdoor meeting location. I'm happy to report its all been resolved and once again, we'll be returning to River Woods Park in Auburn Hills. Our first outdoor meeting of the season will be May 14th.

Our final indoor meeting, April 9th, is also Election Night. We are looking for volunteers interested in being on the board. If you're interested in President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary, please see Stan Sawicki to get your name on the ballot. We also have a few open appointed positions I would love to talk to you about if you're interested.



A couple really cool events are coming that are worthy of special mention:

April 22 we will try our hand at Curling at the Detroit Curling Club. Please see elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

April 25 will be the final Square Dance held by Tim Pfannes at his home in Sterling Heights. He will be putting his home up for sale and that will be the end of an era. So come on out and say thanks for everything Tim and his late wife, Jan have done for us over the years.

We have lots of new events coming up and many coming down the pike. Please enjoy perusing this newsletter for details on your favorite events. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

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



## PAVED TRAIL HIKE THROUGH THE WOODS

### **Sunday, March 1, 15 & 29 • 1:00pm Edison Court Trailhead**

Meet at Edison Court Trailhead on Edison Street (formerly Kleino) and hike the paved wooded trail along the Clinton River. We can hike to Dodge Park, take a break, use the restrooms, and hike back. The entire round trip is less than four miles and should take about 2 hours.

To get to Edison Court Trailhead take Schoenherr to Clinton River Road and head west for ¼ mile, turn left on Edison Street and go to the parking lot at the end. We'll meet in the parking lot at 1:00pm.

We will go some place to eat afterwards.

### **Sunday, March 8 & 22 • 1:00pm North Clinton River Park**

8700-8808 Riverland Dr, Sterling Heights

A very scenic winter hike along the Clinton River. We can hike to Dodge Park, take a break, use the restrooms, and hike back. The entire round trip is less than four miles and should take about 2 hours.

Take Van Dyke to Riverland drive (2nd light north of 19 mile rd). Go East on Riverland Drive, entrance to the park will be on the right (south side). We'll meet in the first parking lot at 1:00pm.

We will eat at Jamboozies Sports Bar afterwards.  
For lunch only, meet us around 3:00pm.

It will be chilly, so be sure and dress for it.

In case of questionable weather, check our website calendar for cancellation/updates.

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





## EUCHRE PARTY

**Saturday, March 21  
5:30pm**

28359 Aline Dr, Warren

We return to Sharon Rose's house in Warren for an intimate 'MEMBERS ONLY' party, Sign-up at 5:30pm, dinner around 6:15pm. Homemade turkey sloppy joes and water will be provided. BYOB and a dish-to-pass.

Prizes will be awarded.

Cost: \$10 plus a dish- to-pass. Limited to 24 players (6 tables). RSVP: No later than March 17.

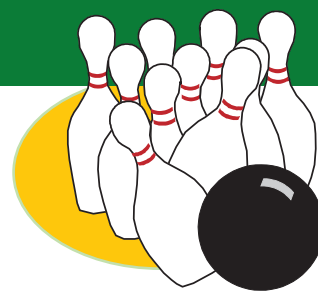
Please tell Sharon what dish you will be bringing.

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

## BOWLING

**Sat, March 28  
9:15pm  
Sterling Lanes**

33200 Schoenherr Rd  
Sterling Hts



Join us at 9:15pm for a fun evening of bowling. Our January event was successful with 21 bowlers. We will bowl two games starting around 9:30pm. Cost: \$7.50 paid to Ken Phillips (not the Lanes). Shoe rental is available for \$2.99 (additional fee).

There will be an optional dinner at 7:20pm at Roger's Roost, located a 1/4 mile north of Sterling Lanes on Schoenherr Rd.

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

## a NIGHT OF CURLING and FUN



**Thursday, April 16  
6:30pm  
Detroit Curling Club**

1615 E. Lewiston, Ferndale

Step outside your comfort zone and try something new! It will be great fun.

Curling is a sport in which players slide stones on a sheet of ice toward a target area which is segmented into four concentric circles. It is related to shuffleboard and is played with curling brooms and stones.

We have the entire Detroit Curling Club rented for our group. We get all the equipment we need and instruction for getting started. Then we are free to use up the remaining time playing our own game. Since this will be new to most of us, we may look foolish, but will surely have a blast in the process.

Afterwards, we will go to Como's for some Apres Curling cheer! 22812 Woodward Ave, Ferndale

Cost: \$30 GMSC Members, \$35 Guests,  
Must be paid in advance. Limit 24.

Pay via Paypal:

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8mTGtZxrwb>

Or mail a check payable to GM Ski Club to:  
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586-899-8203 (call or text)

## GMSC/SKIWI SQUARE DANCE

**Saturday, April 25  
The Pfannes' Barn  
5:30pm Socialize  
6pm Dinner • 8pm Dance**



**LAST ONE! This will be the final square dance hosted by Tim Pfannes before he sells his home, marking the end of an era.** So come on out and say thanks for everything Tim and his late wife, Jan, have done for us over the years.

Our Caller is Jim Tait. Beginners are welcome. This isn't an event of skill, just a night of fun! Square dance attire is optional, but encouraged. Bring a lawn chair for picnic style dinner and afterglow bonfire (weather permitting).

Cost: \$25 dancer, \$15 non-dancer (includes dinner, beer, wine, limited liquor, pop and munchies).

Your payment will reserve your spot.  
Make checks payable to Tim Pfannes and mail to  
5080 19 Mile Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48314

If you have a dance partner  
please note their name  
on your check.

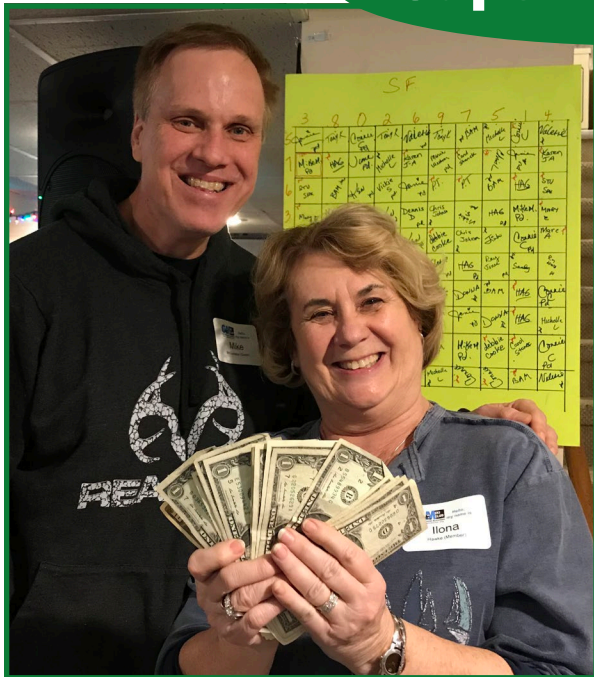
RSVP to Tim Pfannes at  
586-726-0033 (home) or  
586-918-2553 (cell)







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# 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

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**Sun, Mar 1 • Paved Trail Hike Through The Woods - Edison Court Trailhead**, Edison Street (formerly Kleino).  
1:00pm. Contact: Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203 (call or text), dahlberg7@comcast.net

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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

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**Dinner After at the Cadieux Cafe** - 5pm. Offering a full Belgian-influenced menu. Cost: Your tab.  
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**Sun, Apr 5, 19, 26 • Hike in the Woods - River Bends Park**, Off 22 Mile Rd, one mile East of Ryan. 1:00pm. Meet at the big parking lot. Contact: Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203 (call or text), dahlberg7@comcast.net

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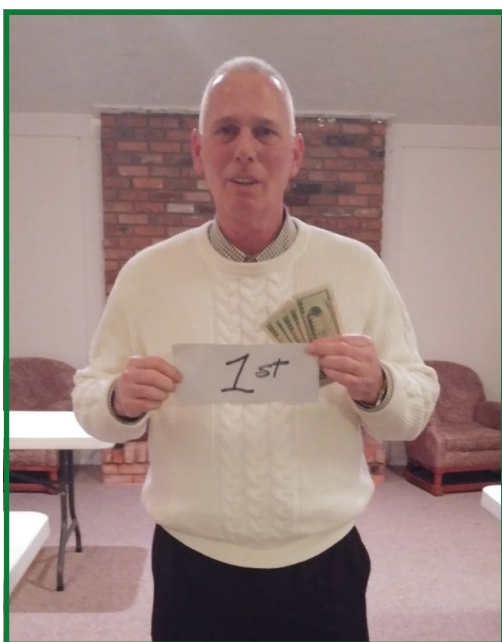
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**Thu, May 14 • GMSC Meeting** - River Woods Park, 300 N Squirrel, Auburn Hills. 6pm, Cost: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members. Grilled burgers and hot dogs, sides, chips, beer, pop or water provided. Donations of desserts/sides appreciated.

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**Feb Euchre Party**







## MDSC SUMMER DINNER CRUISE



**Sat, July 25 • 6pm**

152 N River Rd, Mt Clemens  
All Aboard the Clinton Friendship.  
Cruise Includes a buffet dinner, DJ  
with dancing and cash bar. Boarding  
at 6pm and lasts until about 10:00pm. Free Parking  
at dockside. (Octopus's Beer Garden)

Cost: \$45/person if purchased in advance for a  
night of fellowship and fun. \$50 at the door.

Space is limited – Sign Up Now!

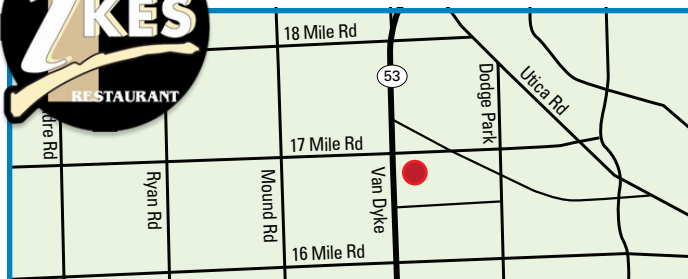
Contact: Jim Millman at 248-489-9082 or Pam  
Rechul at 734-968-4507 or mail check to MDSC  
23210 Harrellson, Macomb, MI 48042 by 7/15

## GENERAL MEETINGS

*2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH*

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(SE corner of 17 Mile & Van Dyke)



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