



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

# NEWS

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## HIKE BLOOMER PARK

**Saturday, Sept 5 • 10:00am**

[Clinton River Trailhead, Rochester](#)

We'll hike about three miles to a picnic spot, take a break for snacking (bring your own snacks) and socializing, then hike out from there (about one mile).

This will be a largely scenic hike along the Clinton River. This hike will not involve heavy climbing, however there will be some extended moderate climbing. Also, there may be some puddles and mud-- hiking shoes or boots are recommended. Please RSVP so we will look for you.

Meet at the Clinton River Trailhead in Rochester. Take Main St to 2nd Ave. Head East 1/2 mile, it will turn into Letica. You will see the trailhead on the right.

NOTE: This event is subject to last minute cancellation in the event of inclement weather. So before heading out, please check our online calendar for updates <http://www.gmskiclub.org/calendar.html>

RSVP: Darrell Ahlberg, [dahlberg7@comcast.net](mailto:dahlberg7@comcast.net)  
586-899-8203 (Call Or Text)



## GM BIKE RIDE

**Sunday, Sept 6 • 1:00pm**  
**Macomb Orchard Trail**

[Rochester Hills Public Library, 500 Olde Towne Rd](#)

We will meet at the West Parking lot of the Rochester Hills Library, bicycle an hour out and an hour back at a moderate to easy pace. We are planning to eat later.

Bring a mask for the restaurant.

Contact: Stan Sawicki at 586-808-3406

## PADDLE THE CLINTON

**Saturday, Sept 12 • 9:30am**



We'll meet at the take-out, Rotary Park (37328 Utica Rd) and ride to the put-in, North Clinton River Park. The paddle is about two hours. Bring your own snack & beverage for a break at the halfway point. Patio dining afterwards at The Great Baraboo.

Cost: \$30 for a single kayak. Upon arrival, see Darrell to sign your waver. Please note your licence plate number.

**2 WAYS TO PAY:** 1.) PayPal <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8rVhFgyoGw>. There is no fee if taken directly from bank account. Nominal charge if using credit card.

2.) Mail check payable to Darrell Ahlberg to 40377 Kraft Dr. Sterling Heights, MI 48310

**ADVANCE PAYMENT OF \$30 IS REQUIRED BY WEDNESDAY, SEPT 9.**

**No walkups. The event happens rain or shine. These are requirements of the livery.**

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## GOLF SCRAMBLE

**Sunday, Sept 13 • 12:45pm**  
**Blackheath Golf Club**

[3311 Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills](#)

This is a nine hole scramble golf event with all abilities welcome. Please arrive by 12:45pm and pay the golf course directly.

Our first tee time is 1:06pm. Cost: \$22 per person

We will eat afterwards at RJ's Pub on Tienken Rd., about 1/4 mile west of Rochester Rd. They offer open air exterior and interior dining. Cost: Your Tab.

RSVP: [kenphillips@mail.com](mailto:kenphillips@mail.com)  
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Sep 18 Ana Fernandez

Sep 20 Gayle Flint

Sep 23 John Weiller

Sep 26 Ronald Hill



## BREAKFAST CLUB

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



[37246 Dequindre \(at 16 Mile\), Sterling Hts.](#)

All Are welcome. No need for reservations.  
Just show up and we'll make room for you.

Contact: Darrell Ahlberg, [dahlberg7@comcast.net](mailto:dahlberg7@comcast.net)

## 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!**



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 once again, everybody. I hope your summer is going well. Unfortunately, we are about ready to wrap up another summer. As I write this, we have not yet held our annual picnic, but by the time you read it, the picnic will be over. So let me say, I hope you were able to attend and that you had a good time. The board poured on a lot of extra energy this year to deal with all the uncertainties of these times and still make it enjoyable for you.

**I also have some good news for everyone. The board has voted to waive the annual dues for renewing existing memberships. You will soon get an email confirming this and asking you to verify your contact information so we can keep the membership roster current. We are doing this in recognition that club activities have been greatly reduced because of the pandemic. We hope that as the new membership year unfolds, we will have more activities for everyone and make it more enjoyable for everyone.**

Ever since COVID hit our environment, we have had a steady stream of outdoor activities. Thanks to the great weather this summer, most of these have been an outstanding success. Including the patio dining which usually followed. However, as happens every year, the warm season will yield to cooler weather. As of yet, we don't know what kind of indoor activities we can hold safely. But we would welcome your input for suggestions.

Please see the article from the board posted below on this page. It addresses a serious topic we all need to think about during the upcoming election cycle. The country is unusually polarized on many issues like politics, religion, COVID, and a great many other things. We need to be respectful of one another's positions and keep any discussion civil and respectful. As a club, we just want to create a fun environment for everybody.

That's about it for now, stay healthy everybody

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

## RESPECT

We are going through very unsettling times with things like Coronavirus, closures, lockdowns, unemployment, police brutality, protest, upcoming elections, etc. Because of these stresses people across the board are more agitated and angry and in conflict at a level that most of us have never experienced before. Recently there have been heated discussions at Meetup and GM club events that have been upsetting to some and weren't respectful of others. This is a recreation and social group and while people are free to discuss these important issues, they should do so in other appropriate forums. If one of these discussions occur you may be asked to move away from the group to have your discussion, leaving the rest to enjoy the activities and meals.

**Thank you,  
GM Ski Club Board**



### Wednesday, September 30 • 10:45am

Meet inside the main admission gate 10:45am - 11am. The train is shutdown, but food concessions and the picnic area are open. Masks must be worn. Most animals are more active in cooler weather, as well as the adults viewing them.

Picnic starts at 3:00pm. You can retrieve food, beverages and chairs from your cars. The zoo closes at 5:00pm. Optional dining in Royal Oak afterwards depending on weather and interest.

Admissions limited. It is encouraged that you order tickets online at least a week or two ahead of time.

Cost: Seniors \$10 advance / \$15 at gate.

Adults \$14 advance / \$19 at gate.

Parking is \$8 on surface lots and ground level. Go to [Detroit Zoo website](#).

Some communities and organizations may offer discounts on advanced tickets.

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# 2019 Harsen's Island



## GMSC MTG SAFETY PROTOCOL

1. 6 ft social distancing will be required.
2. Masks will be required for all participants within the pavilion. Removal of masks while eating is permitted. For attendees showing up without a mask, masks will be provided. Anyone declining to use a mask in the pavilion will be asked to leave.
3. Hand sanitizer in a pump bottle will be available and its use will be required.
4. Designated servers will be wearing masks & gloves.
  - a. As people arrive, they will be given a plate.
  - b. The server will place desired food on the plate.
5. Condiment "singles" will be used.
6. Individual shrink-wrapped utensil kits will be used.
7. Sanitizing wipes will be available to wipe anything touched by others, such as restroom facilities.

## GENERAL MEETINGS

2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH • MAY-SEPT

**River Woods Park • 6:00pm**

[300 River Woods Dr, Auburn Hills](#) (Squirrel & M-59)

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



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