



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

# NEWS

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## WINE TASTING

**Friday, Aug 6 • 5pm**  
**Michigan By The Bottle**

[45645 Hayes Rd, Shelby Township](https://www.michiganbythebottle.com)

The MBTB Tasting Room offers multiple ways to experience Michigan wine! Want to venture outside your comfort zone? Try a tasting flight, which comes with a \$5 bottle credit so you can take home your favorites. Already know what you like? Opt to kick back with a glass or bottle. To ensure you're tasting the grapes, not the glass, they serve all flights in full-size, high-quality Riedel stemware. All products are Michigan made! You can bring food to this event. Friday nights include live music!

Check out their menu: [michiganbythebottle.com](https://www.michiganbythebottle.com)

Contact Ana: [Afernandez@wcskids.net](mailto:Afernandez@wcskids.net)



## "CANTINA" BIKE RIDE

**Saturday, Aug 7 • 1:00pm**  
**Macomb Orchard Trail**

Sapori Italian Restaurant, [6067 26 Mile, Washington](https://www.saporirestaurant.com)

We will assemble at 1:00pm in the parking lot in front of Sapori. At 1:10pm we will head North on the Macomb Orchard Trail to 32 Mile Rd. We will stop at Younger's Irish Tavern for lunch and libations (120 S Main in Downtown Romeo). The pub has good quality food at reasonable prices and will satisfy even the most discerning hop lover.

This is an easy to moderate ride on a paved level surface approximately 14 miles round-trip and has been popular with our group. Bring a lock for your bike, wear your helmet and top off your tires.

*Covid-19 Vaccinated Individuals Only, Please.*

Contact: Fred Royce [roycefh@gmail.com](mailto:roycefh@gmail.com)

## GOLF SCRAMBLE



**Sunday, Aug 8 • 3:15pm**  
**Glacier Club**

[8000 Glacier Club Drive, Washington Twp.](https://www.glacierclubgolf.com)

Best ball - 9 holes with cart. All levels welcome. First tee time is 3:38pm. Limit: 20 golfers. Glacier Club is off Campground Rd - just north of where it splits off from old Van Dyke Rd. We will go to Brown Iron Brewhouse afterwards (57695 Van Dyke in Washington).

Cost: \$25 - Arrive by 3:15pm and pay the Golf Course directly. Mention you are with GM Ski Club or Metro Fun & Fitness group. We will form teams at that time.

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

## MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

**Thursday, Aug 12**  
**5:15pm Meal • 7pm Game**  
**Jimmy John's Field**



[7171 Auburn Rd, Utica](https://www.jimmyjohns.com)

We will meet for a meal at Muldoon's Pub at 5:15pm (7636 Auburn Rd in downtown Utica, 3 blocks from stadium box office), then walk to the stadium. Please purchase your game tickets before the meal. You may park just east of the stadium off Cass Avenue. From there it is a 2 block walk to the Jimmy John's Stadium box office. It's about 3 blocks to downtown Utica where Muldoon's Pub is located.

Cost: \$14 for Grandstand Section 106 (covered seating between home plate and third base). Mention you are with Metro Fun & Fitness 49+ or GM Ski Club. RSVP by 2pm on Wed, 8/11 to assure you'll be in our group.

Thirsty Thursday promotion: 8oz. domestic beer for \$2, starting at 6 pm.

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

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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug 4 Victor Manske

Aug 5 Valerie Leveille

Aug 9 Linda Frassetto

Aug 12 Tom Hill

Aug 13 John LeGros  
Shirley Tresh

Aug 14 Lisa Eastway

Aug 17 Robert Vandenberghe  
Kathi Tippery

Aug 23 Lynne Hendricks

Aug 28 Kathy Zalewski

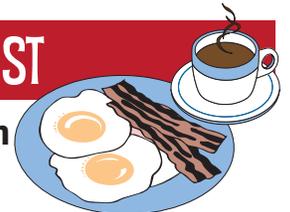
Aug 29 Janie Halfpenny  
Kathryn Tanner

Aug 31 Darrell Ahlberg  
Kathy O'Driscoll



## SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Every Sunday • 10:00am  
Leo's Coney Island



[1858 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy](#)

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



**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

***"Come gather 'round people, Wherever you roam  
And admit that the waters, Around you have grown  
And accept it that soon, You'll be drenched to the bone  
If your time to you is worth savin', Then you better start swimmin'  
Or you'll sink like a stone, For the times they are a-changin'"***



These immortal words from the Bob Dylan classic were written over 50 years ago. Yet they have never been more true than they are today. With the advent of the internet and technology advances that make everything easier, more efficient, and a lot of fun, the time has come for us all to join up with at least one social meetup site. It is called "meetup.com." This will be the preferred way going forward for announcing upcoming events and accepting RSVP's. The old ways will still be around, but their efficiency and ease of use cannot match meetup.com.

Some advantages of meetup.com:

- Easier to appoint other organizers for running events. For example, I can make you an organizer, you can create your own event on the meetup.com site, and as soon as you publish it, everyone in the group will see it and will be able to respond.
- Easier to post events.
- Easier to RSVP to events and to un-RSVP. Each posted event has an RSVP button. And after you've RSVP'd, if something comes up you can easily update your RSVP. You are in total control.
- Easier to pay for events. Events can be set up so that prior to RSVP completion, payment must be made. You will need to set yourself up for paypal for this.
- You can post, view, and download pictures.
- You can easily communicate with others who are attending by posting comments. An example would be if you are looking for a ride (carpooling).

To get started, go to [meetup.com](http://meetup.com) and create a meetup account. Its free. And once you're signed up, you can look for groups that do things you like. Our group is called "Metro Detroit Fun and Fitness 49+". You can easily access it by going to [meetup.com/funfit](http://meetup.com/funfit).

I encourage everyone to sign up for meetup and start playing with it. You have time. As I said, the old way will still be around for the foreseeable future. But you may miss out on some things. For example, a while ago, I posted an event for the Pedal Boat Pub on Lake Orion. The event only holds 16 people and it filled up in a couple hours which surprised the heck out of me. There was no time to post it on the GM Calendar and get word out through our mass emails. To make sure you don't miss out in the future, make sure you are on meetup.com.

I know this may be outside your comfort zone. But as Bob Dylan said, "*The times they are a changing.*"

One final note on this, you can always contact me if you need help. I'll do everything I can to help get you online.

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



## BELLE ISLE SUNSET BIKE RIDE

**Saturday, Aug 14 • 6:30pm**

James Scott Memorial Fountain, Sunset Dr, Detroit

Meet outside the West most bathroom structure at 6:30pm. The loop is 5.4 miles so we may peddle it twice. There is also an inner island road that goes by the old stables, casino and other structures that we will do if there is time. Sunset is 8:37pm so we want to make sure we are at the Western tip of the island at that time. We may shorten the bike ride to ensure we see the sunset. Bring your camera or have your cell phone ready. Admission is free with a "Michigan Passport" recreational vehicle tag. Otherwise the website says entry by car is \$12.

The bathroom structure is at the west end of the park. When you enter the park just go right and the bathroom structure is not far up on the west most end of the park. Park anywhere.

Contact: Mike McGuinness [mike.mcginnis22@yahoo.com](mailto:mike.mcginnis22@yahoo.com)



# Paddle The Clinton



GM SKI CLUB

# CLUB PICNIC

**Saturday, August 28 • 12:00pm**

**River Bends Park • Hickory Grove Pavilion**

5700 22 Mile Rd, Shelby Twp.

**EARLY  
BIRD  
PRICING**

**On/Before Aug 25:  
\$15 Members  
\$20 Non-Members**

**After Aug 25:  
\$20 Members  
\$25 Non-Members**

Chicken Shack chicken and sides, hamburgers, hot dogs, separately bagged snacks, fruits, and sides. Pop & water supplied. BYOB beer & wine. Lunch served at 3:00pm. (Park allows beer & wine.)



**BIKE RIDE 1:30PM**

**VOLLEYBALL  
EUCHRE**

**PIE EATING &  
WATER BALLOON  
CONTESTS**

Make check payable to  
"GM Ski Club" & mail to:

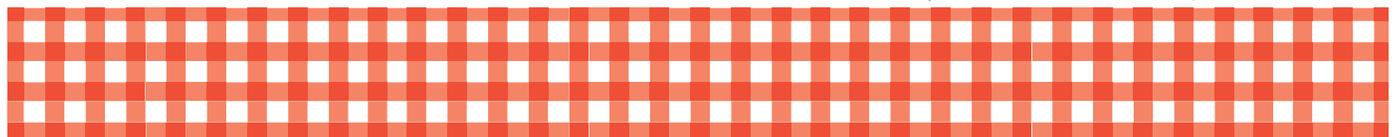
Stan Sawicki, 35767 Hatherly Place, Sterling Hts, MI 48310

OR Pay online via Paypal at:

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

Contact: Stan Sawicki at 586-808-3406

or [ssawicki@comcast.net](mailto:ssawicki@comcast.net)







## Camp & Paddle Weekend

We had a great weekend for the GM Ski Club canoe trip. Most people camped, but a few stayed at the Grayling Ramada. It was a good thing too – we made good use of their pool during Saturday's rain delay. Although it rained Saturday, everyone found something to do that was fun and exciting. Some went swimming at the Ramada, some stayed in camp under the plethora of canopies and played cards, some just talked or went for a hike.

We had an unbelievable pot-luck breakfast which was comparable to a feast for kings and queens.

We paddled Sunday morning under stellar weather conditions and everyone had a blast.

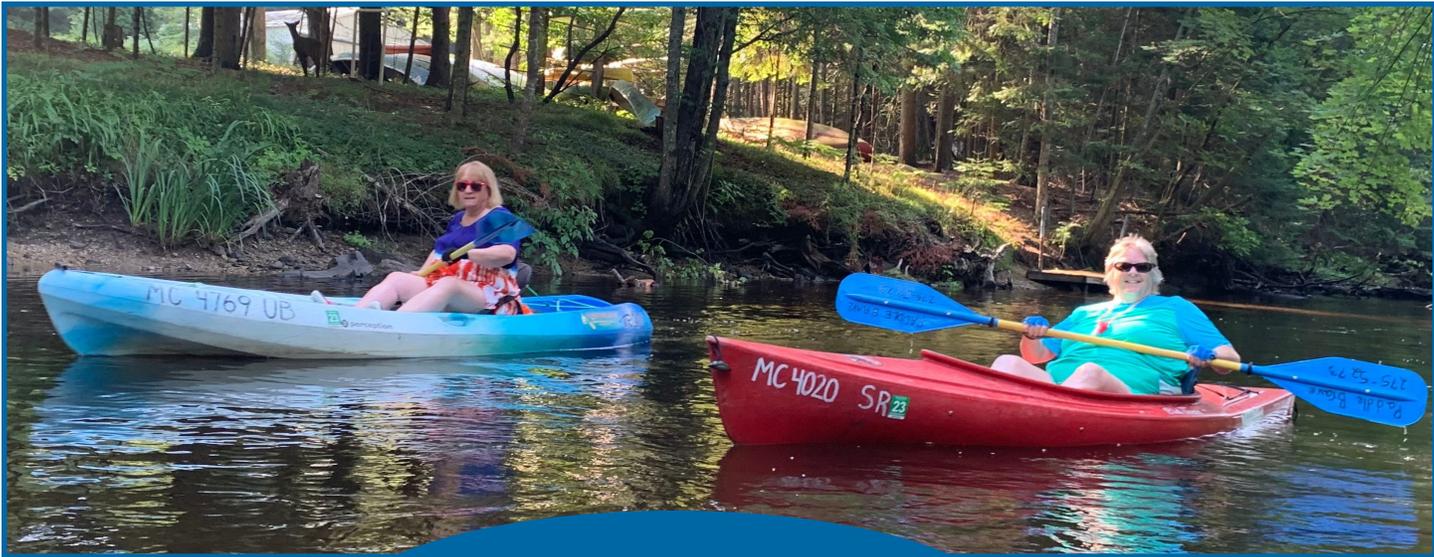
If you missed it, we hope you can join us next time.





**Camp & Paddle  
Weekend**





# Camp & Paddle Weekend



## DIA OUTING

**Sat, Aug 21 • Detroit Institute of Arts**

[5200 Woodward Ave, Detroit](#)

You are invited to join us for a trip to the DIA! General admission is free for Oakland, Macomb and Wayne County residents. There is a special Car Design in the Motor City 1920's - 1950's included with General Admission. Note: Parking is \$7. Park in the lot across John R from the DIA.

1. You must pre-register and make a reservation for yourself at [dia.org](#) before the event. The earlier the better. When making the reservation please specify Saturday, August 21 at 1pm. It is recommended not to wait to make a reservation to ensure your spot. Also, please remember to print and bring your ticket with you. The DIA requires photo ID upon entry to establish proof of residency for free admission.

2. We will meet outside the Farnsworth Entrance to the DIA at 12:45pm and then enter the DIA individually at 1pm after some brief instructions.

3. We will meet afterwards at 3pm at Shield's Pizza (5057 Woodward Ave, directly across from the DIA).

Contact: Mike McGuinnis [mike.mcguinnis22@yahoo.com](mailto:mike.mcguinnis22@yahoo.com)

## DANCE PARTY AT THE REC

**Tuesday, Aug 31 • 4pm - 8:30pm**

[Rec Bowl, 40 Crocker Blvd, Mt Clemens](#)

This is a private event for our group. We have the whole patio to ourselves. Darrell Ahlberg will be the DJ again. You may notice someone soliciting tips for the DJ since he is otherwise not compensated. Donations will be very much appreciated. Food and drink specials. Happy Hour is 4pm-6pm. This event is being done in conjunction with the Eastside Singles Meetup group.

***We'll see you on the patio!***

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



**The Club Picnic doubles as the August General Meeting.**

## NO AUGUST GENERAL MEETING AT RIVER WOODS PARK

**Thursday, September 9 • 6pm - 8pm**  
**River Woods Park**

**Cost: \$7 Members, \$10 Non-Members**

We have a spacious covered pavilion with attached restrooms. Nearby paved hiking and biking if you want to come early. We will offer grilled burgers and hotdogs, potato salad, coleslaw, chips and cookies, plus water and soda (you may bring your own beer or wine).

Donations of sides, snacks and dessert items are always appreciated. Announcements around 7:15pm. Masking may be required for food service. Bring a chair if you want to sit outside the pavilion.

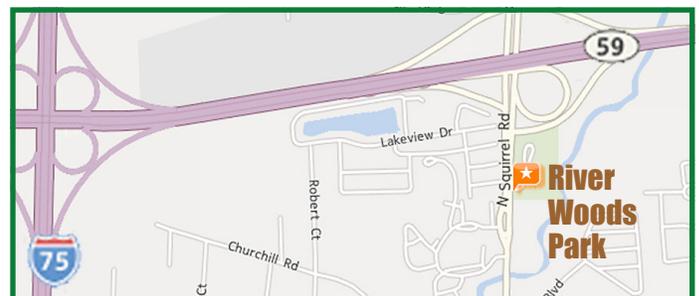
Contact: Fred, [royceh@gmail.com](mailto:royceh@gmail.com), 216-970-9520

*2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH • MAY-SEPT*

**River Woods Park • 6:00pm**

[300 River Woods Dr, Auburn Hills](#)

(Squirrel Rd & M-59)



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# LIVONIA SKI CLUB



## DELUXE BUS TRIP FOR 2022 (Tu.-Fri.)

### BOYNE HIGHLANDS-FEB. 1-4, 2022

Package includes:

- 3 days of skiing and 3 night lodging at The Heather Highlands Inn (2 queens or 1 king, 2 per room)
- Free ski valet service
- 3 deluxe buffet breakfasts at the lodge dining room
- Tuesday A.M. coffee/donuts; lunch and refreshments on the luxury motor coach
- Welcome party at the Inn Tuesday evening in our private room
- Wonderful banquet dinner at the lodge on Wednesday evening
- Indoor/outdoor pool, hot tub and sauna, work out room
- Trip open to all members of MDSC affiliated ski clubs (Non-members can join the L.S.C. for \$18/year as a single or \$25/couple)
- XC Skiers welcome, and will pay non-skier rate plus XC day pass out of pocket.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** The bus will come early on Friday to take skiers wishing to ski at Nubs Nob and bring them back to the Highlands in time to load everything and leave at 4:00 PM. This nominal extra cost to be shared by those going to Nubs Nob. Free skiing for ages 70+.

**PRICING: Includes all resort taxes and gratuities in the dining room**

Adults up to 69 years:	\$640	Single supplement=\$260
Seniors 70-79 years:	\$595	"
80+, IKON pass holder, and non-skiers:	\$540	"
XC skiers:	\$540 + XC Day pass (At X/C Center)	

#### **BUS INFORMATION:**

Departs Tuesday, 10:00 AM from Livonia Senior Center, 5 Mile Rd. & Farmington Rd. A 2<sup>nd</sup> pick up 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. We return to Livonia on Friday at about 9:15 PM.

#### **PAYMENT:**

All questions and checks should be addressed to Jim Millman (248-489-9082) 29503 Shenandoah, Farmington Hills, MI. 48331.

**Make checks payable to L.S.C.** Payment schedule is as follows: Sign up with \$200/person deposit. 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of \$300 is due by Oct 1 and final balance is due by Nov. 30.

# The Livonia Ski Club Contract

**General Trip Policy:** *Trip rates are based on a minimum of 26 people traveling. Should participant numbers drop below this minimum, participants will be responsible for additional charges which may be applied.*

**Payments:** Participants are responsible for making payments according to the payment schedule for the event or trip. Any passenger who does not meet the payment schedule will be charged a \$10.00 late payment fee for each late payment.

**Cancellation and Refund Policy:** Any event sponsored by The Livonia Ski Club can be cancelled at any time by the airlines, ground transportation providers, or resort owners or operators. If such entities cancel an event, The Livonia Ski Club will exert reasonable efforts to obtain refunds of amounts paid by participants for the event. Additionally, The Livonia Ski Club reserves the right to cancel any event at any time for its own reasons. If The Livonia Ski Club does so, The Livonia Ski Club will refund the amounts received from participants for the event. A participant who wishes to cancel a reservation for an event must notify the trip leader or the event coordinator immediately. Reservations are not transferable by participants and The Livonia Ski Club must make all changes. The trip leader or event coordinator will attempt to locate a replacement from a waiting list or by other means within his or her discretion. I also understand cancellation fees will be as shown:

- Cancellation **before** 10/1/2021: Full Refund
- Cancellation fee **after** 10/1/2021 and **before** 11/1/2021: \$200
- Cancellation fee **after** 10/31/2021 and **before** 12/1/2021: \$300
- Cancellation fee **after** 11/30/2021 and **before** 1/1/2022: \$350
- Cancellation fee **after** 12/31/2021: \$400

**Responsibility and Liability:** The Livonia Ski Club and/or the Tour Operator reserve the right to withdraw the tour, to refuse to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour at any time, or to make changes in the transportation, lodging or published itinerary, whenever in their sole judgment conditions warrant.

Participation in any activity sponsored by The Livonia Ski Club is entirely voluntary, and each participant must exercise judgment and care at all times to minimize the risk of inconvenience, injury or death, to herself or himself, members of The Livonia Ski Club, and all other persons. The Livonia Ski Club serves only as the sponsor of activities, and their officers, delegates, trip leaders, and other employees will not be held responsible for or liable for any inconvenience, injury or death, that occurs during or as a result of participation in a sponsored activity.

**Bus Fuel Surcharge:** The bus carrier may impose fuel surcharges any time up to the day of departure. Any surcharges will be passed on those participating on the trip.

**Commitment:** I accept the provisions associated with this application regarding Responsibilities, Cancellations, and Payments.

By my signature below, I understand and agree that the Livonia Ski Club and everyone associated with it will not be liable for any financial loss, injury, or death related with this activity and that I am willing to accept full responsibility.

• **SIGNATURE.**

Roommate name (if known)

X \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address & zip \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Ski Club \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to go to Nubs Nob on Friday? \_\_\_\_yes, \_\_\_\_no