



NEWSLETTER

SKI CLUB

FEBRUARY 1999

HOTLINE: 810-447-2228

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**Thursday
February 11th**
(Every 2nd Thursday of
Every Month)

GENERAL MEETING

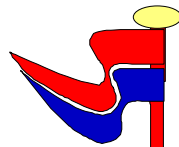
7:30 pm
Doors Open
(come earlier for dinner)

8:30 pm
**Announcements
will start promptly**

Arrivas

*12 Mile Rd, East of Mound, West
of Van Dyke, South Side of Road*

**Meetings Feature DJ, Dancing,
and a cash bar.**
Guests are always welcome.



Steamboat Colorado

Saturday Mar 27th, to Saturday Apr 3rd, '99

Cost \$785 Minimum Occupancy per Condo Unit

Join the **GM Ski Club** for the Western Spring Fling. Steamboat is home to some of the best playgrounds in the country. The snow here is so light and so dry, it's called "Champagne Powder". Steamboat is in northwest Colorado, 157 miles northwest of Denver. Steamboat is actually a complete mountain range: Mount Werner, Sunshine Peak, Storm Peak, Thunderhead Peak and Christie Peak. Base elevation is 6,900 feet, Summit is 10,568 feet, and the second highest vertical in Colorado at 3,668 feet. Trail system has 135 named trails (over 65 miles) with the longest run over 3 miles. Trail classification: 13% Beginner 56% Intermediate 31% Advanced.

Package Includes:

Detroit to Denver via American Airlines	Transfers from Denver to Steamboat
7 Nights Lodging at the Ranch Condominiums	
Amenities Include Pool, Hot Tub, and many more	
5 of 6 Day Lift Ticket	Welcome Reception Party
Mountain Barbeque on the Hill	Mountain Tour Complimentary
Great Prizes and Give-Aways	All CURRENT applicable taxes

Make Checks Payable to the **GM Ski Club** and send with the enclosed **Trip Application** to:

GM SKI CLUB Trip Leader: Roman Karwowski
(248)-649-5535

Boyne Mountain Carnival Weekend

Friday Mar 19th, to Sunday Mar 21st, '99

Cost \$290 Double, \$270 Multiple per person

This is the Annual Carnival, Mardi Gras, or St. Patrick weekend of all Michigan Ski weekends. Whatever you decide to call it, it is the weekend with the party on the hill. Come along with the GM Ski Club to enjoy the annual event. Yes, there is skiing on Boyne Mountain's 500 feet vertical This year the bus ride to Boyne promises to be exciting. Tom Has a Tropical Party planned with all the amenities. Don't miss this trip!

Trip Includes:

Round Trip Bus Transportation	Two Day Lift Pass.
Two breakfasts	Welcome Party Friday
Buffet Dinner Saturday	Party Saturday Night

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GM SKI CLUB Trip Leaders:
Thomas Grabowski (810) 293-4588,
Connie Casey (810) 776-0095



GM SKI CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Alan Toomey, 248-391-5180

Vice President

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Vacant

The board meets once a month, the Monday after the General Meeting

Membership

Bob Toje, (Phone Alan Toomey)

Ski Trips (Acting Chair)

Leslie Enochs, 313-271-8414

Racing

Karen Brown, 248-693-2042

Roman Karwowski, 248-649-5535

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Roman Karwowski, 248-649-5535

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Restaurant of the Month

Tom Grabowski, (810) 293-4588

Diane Bera, (810) 779-6852

TO JOIN THE GM SKI CLUB:

Please send completed application below along with check (payable to "GM Ski Club") to:

GM Ski Club
c/o Alan Toomey

Or sign-up at our General Meeting. Membership runs Oct. through Sept. Mail changes of address to the above.

You don't have to work for General Motors to belong to the GM Ski Club!

FREE MEMBERSHIP!

Members can get their 98-99 membership fees refunded or waived if they recruit three (3) new members for the '98-'99 membership year. These cannot be renewal members from '97-'98. Couples need four (4) new recruits to have the couples' dues refunded or waived. To be eligible, you must be identified as the referring member on the new membership application at the time of submission. You must then contact the membership committee upon submission of the final qualifying New Member application and identify the other New Members you have referred for verification. Contact a Board Member for more information.

SIGNING UP FOR SKI TRIPS- CANCELLATION POLICY

Please review the cancellation policies with the Trip Leader(s). Cancellation policies vary for short and long term trips. The Club makes deposits and reservation agreements with the travel agencies that could cause the Club to incur unrecoverable expenses should there be cancellations on the part of the member. A full refund will be made if, for any reason, a trip is canceled by GM Ski Club and/or the Tour Operator.

Please Request Specific Policies and Information when signing up with Non-GM Ski Club Contacts.



GM SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (day) _____ (Evening) _____

Date of Birth (you) _____ (spouse) _____

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|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NEW MEMBER | <input type="checkbox"/> Single \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Couple \$45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUMMER ONLY | <input type="checkbox"/> Single \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Couple \$15 (May - Sept 30) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL | <input type="checkbox"/> Single \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Couple \$45 |

In consideration for me being able to join the GM Ski Club, I agree to abide by the GM SKI Clubs By-Laws and constitution. Membership runs October through September.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

How did you hear about the GM Ski Club? Friend Newspaper Hotline

Racing Event (list) _____

Skiing Interest: Downhill Racing X-country Snowboard

Skiing Ability: Beginner Intermediate Advanced

I'd like to help: Ski Trips Publicity General Meetings

Activities Other (list) _____

• **Referral:** I am a New Member and was referred to the GM Ski Club by:

Members Name: _____

Payment made by: Cash Check Check # _____



RACING NEWS by Karen Brown

Congratulations to **Tom T , Beth R, Nancy J and John S** who all got 1st place in the Slalom race on Sunday, January 10th at Boyne Mountain. **Bruce J** placed second on both Saturday and Sunday. The awards will be held again in the cafeteria at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The handicap cutoff between E2 and E1 men has been changed from 27 to 25. No racers will be downgraded, but E2 racers will have to have a handicap of 25 before they will get a strike.

The price for racing at Searchmont has been set at \$140.00. This will include the race fee, a three day lift ticket, one lunch.

RACING LESSONS FOR EVERYONE

Here is your chance to be introduced to racing as a beginner, or come as a veteran to improve your skills. Join the GM Ski Club Racers on Wednesday Nights at Pine Knob for 1½ hours of instructions with an evening lift ticket for about \$25 with a six person minimum. Run the gates or come to see what it is like to "try-out" racing.

Call Racing Co-Chair: Roman Karwowski (248) 649-5535.

Villa Penna Restaurant

GM Ski Club's Restaurant of the Month

The time to try new places and meet new friends.

43985 Hayes, Sterling Heights 810-566-9900
(1 block south of M-59)

Thursday, February 25th, 1999

Choice of Dinner Selections Below

Includes Tax and Tip with Cash Bar

Seating Upstairs begins at 7 PM

Deadline February 23rd, 1999

Stay and play Bocci Ball on indoor court after dinner



Choice of :

\$20 — Vitello Scallopine - Tender Medallions of veal sautéed in white wine and mushroom sauce.

\$19 — Sogliola - Filet of sole lightly breaded and finished with a special sauce.

\$17 — Pollo Piccante - Breast of chicken lightly breaded, topped with a light lemon sauce.

\$14 — Any Pasta or Salad.

Dinners Include:

- Choice of one Soup: Stracciatella, Minestrone or Chicken Noodle
- Choice of two pastas (Family Style)
- Individual House Salad
- Rolls and Garlic Bread



Make checks payable to "GM Ski Club"



Send to: **Tom Grabowski**



For more information contact:

Tom (810) 293-4588

or Diane Bera (810) 779-6852

SUMMIT COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS (Dec 27th - Jan 3rd) by Tom Godmair

There is nothing that brings a group of skiers closer together than being stranded in the airport with no idea of when they will be flying. Thank God, it was at the end of our trip. Sunday night we sat wondering if we'd make it home in time for work on Monday, or if work might be called off, as the storm that held us up was in Detroit, not where we were, in Denver. So we sat reminiscing about our trip.

On the way out to Colorado, we had worried about if there would be enough snow. Pre-trip snow reports of an 18" base was cause for concern – this was exceptionally low for Colorado at this time of year. Resort snow-making and a little help from mother nature combined to provide adequate coverage. We all found a few too many rocks. Especially the one that took out the edge of Tom Godmair's ski on the last day.

Copper Mountain proved to be the favorite among the group, even though a first day chair lift problem had Elaine, Carol, Kerry and Ranae stuck up on the chair for about an hour. Copper gave each of them a half price lift coupon as compensation. Keystone and Breckenridge attracted most of the group for a couple of days. The snow was good but the wind and fog made the skiing adventurous. All of us passed on Arapaho Basin and Vail due to the low snow. Dave Groeber's learn to ski better videos helped several of us improve our technique. Tom G learned that following Tom Godmair too closely is both tiring and dangerous as he goes a long time without stopping and then stops without warning. Luckily, Tom G's cat like reflexes allowed him to avoid taking out our beloved trip leader.

We found plenty of great food on the trip, both at great restaurants and home cooked. Our group dinners at Silverheels and Golden Annie's were fabulous. Pam G was the clear winner in our condo's pasta cooking contest. Her southwestern pasta sauce was a hit at the home cooked dinner competition, which took place over three nights. Tom Godmair's garlic creamed spinach pasta combination and Connie G's eclectic vegetable, garlic, lots of garlic, and tofu pasta combination were well received. Dave gave us all awards and said the cooking alone was reason to ski with us again.

Detroit's snow troubles did eventually cause our original scheduled return flight to be cancelled. The initial information from Northworst was not good – no confirmed seats until Wednesday. Luckily, we were able to find reasonably priced hotel rooms for the night (no help from Northworst because the cancellation was caused by weather). Carol, Elaine, Kerry and Ranae were able to get home the next day by flying standby. Tom & Pam, Tom & Connie, and Dave spent the next day in Denver sight seeing rather than spending the entire day at the airport. We visited the US Mint, the Colorado State Capital Building and the Colorado Historical Museum. Then we feasted on the Colorado State Dinner, steak. Excellent! Thanks to Connie, who insisted if we were taking vacation days we were going to enjoy them. The five of us did get home on Tuesday.

Detroit Metro proved to be a challenge greater than rocks, wind, fog, and mountains. Next year maybe the snow will fall where it belongs, on the slopes rather than the airports.





EUCHRE TOURNAMENT & PIZZA PARTY

Sixteen Euchre players wanted for the 1st annual GM Ski Club Euchre Tournament and Pizza Party. Cost will be about \$10 and will include pizza and prizes. If interested, let it be known by contacting:

Roman Karwowski at (248) 649-5535.

Date and time will be established once the players come forward.



The PRESIDENT'S CORNER *by Alan Toomey*

Nominating Committee still taking names! To run for elected office, you must submit your name to the nominating committee. Or, if you know someone who would be a good officer of the club, let the nominating committee know this as well so they can follow-up with the proposed candidate.

The term of the board runs from May 1st for a period of 1 Year. The responsibility of the nominating committee is to solicit the membership and to submit qualified members such that they may be placed on the ballot. The Elected offices are the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The other chairpersons are appointed by the President.

It is a short time from now to the April elections. If you are considering a position, elected or appointed, contact the committee to let it be known.

Nominating Committee: Alan Toomey (248) 391-5180, Michael Bourke (810)-776-7685, Roman Karwowski (248)-649-5535

The local weekend skiing has been taking off with two Saturdays at Mount Holly so far this year. Thanks to Connie Casey for having the energy to get out and help coordinate meeting-up on the hill. On a sad note, Connie Casey will probably not be participating further since she stuck her skis in a rut (while she was still wearing them) and fractured her leg. Our sympathy goes out to you. If you see her gimping along on her crutches, please get the door since she is a fellow skier honorably wounded while skiing.

Thanks to everyone who participated in **Whirlyball** Sunday, Jan 17th. We had a lot of good play with each player getting about 6 games and rotating into several teams throughout the 2 hours. It is just my observation, but I think we should begin requiring body armor, or start playing with nerf equipment. You had to be there to appreciate this statement. With so much play, the novices were getting proficient. I think we left asking "When are we doing this again."

Activities needs a boost from participation of the membership for organizing events. Drop a board member a call or a letter concerning some events you would like to have happen. Don't forget, we can use all the help we can get from the members to operate any club activity. Many hands make small work. After all, the Club operates best when people pitch in to help. There is no one on "the payroll", so we need many volunteers to make many hands to have more fun.

Due to continued confusion about who received membership cards, please find stuck in this newsletter your membership card(s). If you find you don't have one at this point call me immediately.

 *Use only for GM Ski Club Trips*

GM SKI CLUB Trip Application Trip Destination: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Day: (____) _____ Phone Night: (____) _____

Gender: M F * Smoking: Y N GM Ski Club Member: : Y N or MDSC (list) _____

Please state any roommate preferences: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

In consideration for me being able to participate in this activity, I assume personal responsibility for any risks and hazards to my personal safety and equipment. I release the GM Ski Club, their Directors and Officers, and anyone affiliated with any and all activities from all liability and waive any and all claims I may have or may hereafter acquire related to any and all injuries or damages whatsoever arising as a result of my participation in any and all activities connected directly or indirectly with the GM Ski Club. I also certify that I am at least 19 years of age or older and that I have read and understand the conditions outlined above.

Date: _____ Signed _____

** Please see the GM By-Laws concerning smoking on Club trips or ask the Trip Leader.*

GM SKI CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATES, TIMES, AND PLACES SUBJECT TO CHANGE - PLEASE CALL AND CONFIRM WITH THE CONTACTS PROVIDED

FEB	6-7	Sa-Su	Race Weekend #3 SL/DGS - Boyne Mtn
	6-14	Sa	Boat Show
	11	Th	General Meeting @ Arriva's - 7:30 pm
	14	Su	Valentine's Day
	19-21	Sa-Su	Race Weekend #4 GS/S/GSL Searchmont
	25	Th	Villa Penna Restaurant - 7:30 pm Call Tom Grabowski (810) 293-4588
MAR	5-7	Fr-Su	Marks Race Weekend #5 - Boyne Mtn
	5-7	Fr-Su	Marks Race Weekend #5 - Boyne Mtn
	11	Th	General Meeting @ Arriva's - 7:30 pm
	19	Fr-Su	Boyne Carnival Weekend Return 3/21 Call Tom Grabowski (810) 293-4588
	25	Th	Rest.-of the Month - TBA
	27	Fr	Steamboat Colorado Return 4/3 Roman Karwowski (248) 649-5535

Apr	2	Fr	Good Friday
	5	Su	Easter Sunday
	8	Th	General Meeting @ Arriva's - 7:30 pm
	8	Th	Board Elections - Tally @10:00 pm
	24	Th	Rest.-of the Month - TBA

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MDSC Website: www.mdscski.org



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