



NEWSLETTER

SKI CLUB

March 2001

WEBSITE: www.gmskiclub.org

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Shoot-out at Laser Edge

Friday, March 9th we're playing Laser Tag in the Max!

Wander through the many mazes and rooms of Laser Edge--the largest in Michigan--chasing each other around and shooting up a storm. This could be considered your great release for the week's end.

Two long games, pizza, pop, video game tokens, and a party room for only \$14 per participant. Perhaps a gathering at a local watering hole afterward if we're still alive.

Laser Edge is located at 35335 Gratiot in the Star Gratiot Theater Plaza, North of 15 Mile Rd. Play begins at 7 p.m. sharp!

Reservations Required in Advance! Call: Patti 248-540-4547.

Laser Edge has a Website at www.laseredge-usa.com

Racing

The Weekend of February 16th was the midway point of the race season, and by all accounts, the program is on cruise control. There are more clubs participating, but overall numbers are down. Club team members are doing well, but we are looking for a few good racers, especially in the entry-level class.

A few racers note special attention. Lately **Mike Linebaugh** has been kicking in super Vet B. Finally, hard work, persistence, and the right equipment have paid off. Also, "retro man" **Steve Ludwig** continues to win on equipment many have left behind. Talent and ability have no bounds. **Joe Porterra** has been absent most of the season, bothered by knee pain.

Later this month the program held a race a Searchmont, Ontario. This has a super G event, the final weekend (the Mark II Trophy) is in March, and this is when the clubs compete against each other.

Pat O'Keefe



March General Meeting *Berkley Front*



3087 12 Mile between Coolidge and Greenfield
(One mile West of Woodward Ave.)

(Always the 2nd Thursday of the Month)

The fun starts at 7:30 p.m.

March 8, 2001

Guests are always welcome



Come join in the spirit of a PRE-ST. PATTY'S DAY Celebration Theme, at our next GM Ski Club General Meeting by **WEARING LOTS OF GREEN!** We'll provide Irish song, and the traditional corn beef & cabbage. There will even be a Shamrock cake for you to enjoy.

For your name tag, we will ask you to pick an Irish name at the door, so start thinking of one now. (Mine will be O'Diane, your Hospitality Chair.)

There will even be a 'pot-of-gold' door prize containing a leprechaun worthy **\$35 GIFT CERTIFICATE** to **DICK O'DOW'S**, a wonderful Irish Pub in Birmingham. Anyone with a **PAID** admission to the general meeting will be eligible to win! (All leprechauns excluded.)

The General Meeting will include:

- Private (smoke free) upstairs meeting room
- Hors d'oeuvres (March – Corn Beef & Cabbage)
- Sweets at every table and a Shamrock Cake
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- \$2.00 Admission for Members, \$4.00 for Guests
- Cash Bar – Don't forget to tip your bartender!
- Door Prize—with PAID Admission



Dim Sum and Casino Adventure—Windsor, Canada

Saturday, February 10th, our group set out to Windsor for an international combination of dining and gambling.

The dining took place at the Wah Court where we enjoyed a variety of appetizer type (Dim Sum) presentations. The group sampled the likes of squid, shrimp, mussels, cuttlefish, chicken feet, spring rolls, noodles, rice, and much more. Most were adventurous and liked what they ate.

We then headed to the Windsor Casino. The "One-armed Bandits" were the choice of most. Unfortunately, we all returned back to the U.S. with no real gain to declare (that's our story and we're sticking to it), except for the fun-filled

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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 Karen Lampson
25420 Quarterdeck
Harrison Twp., Mi 48045

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!

Sunday Afternoon Wallyball

Sunday afternoon wallyball is in full swing. At 2:00 p.m., we get together for an informal and very friendly game of wallyball at Players Racquet and Fitness Club, 13750 11 Mile Road, Warren, on the service drive to I-696, east of Schoenherr.

The court time cost (\$25.00 per hour per court) is split among the players participating. The minimum number of players is 6. (Per person cost would be \$8.25).

Players has a lounge upstairs where we enjoy our favorite beverages and share in snacks we either bring or buy from the vending machines (a microwave oven is available.)

If you'd like to join in, contact Connie Casey before noon on Sunday at (810) 776-0095 or send an email to: CCASEYSLP@CS.COM. Secondary contact is Michael Bourke (810) 776-7685. Leave a phone number so we can call you in case of any changes.

GM SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ ZIP: _____
 Phone: (day) _____ (Evening) _____
 E-mail address _____
 Date of Birth _____

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP \$15

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: _____

How did you hear about the GM Ski Club? Friend Newspaper
 Racing Event (list) _____

<p>Skiing Interest:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Downhill</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Racing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Snowboard</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> X-country</p>	<p>↑ ↓</p>	<p>Skiing Ability:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Beginner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Advanced</p>	<p>↑ ↓</p>	<p>I'd like to help:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ski Trips</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Publicity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> General Meetings</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activities</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (list) _____</p>
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• **Referral:** I am a New Member and was referred to the GM Ski Club by: Referring Members Name: _____
Payment made by: Cash Check Check # _____





GM Ski Club
 Restaurant of the Month
 Thursday, March 22
 Meet at 6:30, Eat at 7:00
 4975 South Baldwin, Auburn Hills
 North of the Great Lakes Shopping Center and I-75
 Take North Baldwin Exit
 Joe's Phone: (248) 393-7319

** Call Alan Toomey for a headcount, pay on your own. 248-391-5180. *****

Joe's specialty is crab and offer a year-round variety, including Alaskan King Crab, Dungeness Crab, Alaskan Snow Crab, and Blue Crab. They come steamed, barbecued or garlic-style. Every heaping plate of crab comes with the very necessary mallet and Joe's bib. Even if you're not a big crab fan, Joe's can fix you up with some fresh shrimp, hearty gumbo or clam chowder, sizzling steak, grilled chicken or a tantalizing salad. Now, choose a menu selection that you would like to explore:

APPETIZERS

Joe's FAMOUS Steaks & Combos

SANDWICHES

SALADS

CRABS, CRABS, CRABS & MORE CRABS!

DESSERTS



JOE'S FAVORITES



GRILLED DINNERS & Joe's FRESH FiSh



JOE'S FAMOUS PLATTERS



Joe's Official Rug Rat Menu



JOE'S GROUP Menu



From Your Hospitality Chair...

I hope all of you will join me in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day at the next general meeting by wearing lots of green. Everyone will be a little Irish at our pre-St. Patty's Day Theme Meeting.

For the month of April, we would like you all to share your post-skiing adventures by bringing in your ski trip pictures. We would also like to ask you to wear your favorite ski attire. (Could be your favorite souvenir T-shirt or that new Bogner one piece that you bought in Banff, Leslie Z.! Or that hat you found on the sale rack Ed L!) But more on the April meeting in next month's newsletter.

Beginning with the month of May and continuing through the month of September, we will be holding our general meeting outdoors at Halmich Park (13 Mile between Ryan & Dequindre.) We will have the luxury of holding our monthly meetings under a pavilion, so rain or shine we will be there! As with all our meetings, they are open to everyone. Guests and friends are invited to attend. Come join in the fun and find out more about the club and our upcoming activities. We have been known to encourage volleyball games if there is enough interest to play. So come join us. Our meetings are always the 2nd Thursday of every month.



I hope everyone is taking advantage of our wonderful website. Not only does it include our upcoming events, you might even find your picture posted. Visit us often at www.gmskiclub.org. If you have anything that you'd like to add to the website, or you would just like to tell our webmaster what a great job he is doing – please let Alan Toomey know at the next meeting.



On behalf of the GM Ski Club, I would like to take a minute and thank a couple of our members who have helped us out this past year. **Shannon Duke** who has faithfully worked the greeting table with our Membership Chair, **Karen Lampson**, every month. I'd also like to thank **Lee Johnson** for helping us in a pinch at the greeting table as well. Lee is also responsible for arranging our pavilion reservation at Halmich Park. THANK YOU SHANNON AND LEE! Your extra efforts do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated by the club!

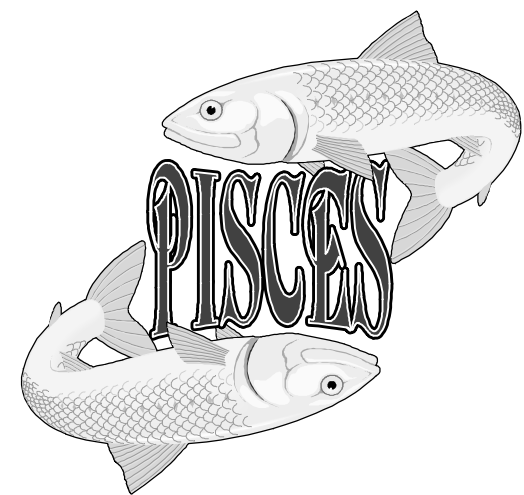
Lastly, I would like to encourage anyone to suggest any and all ideas they might have for future general meeting themes. That is all you would have to do. I will execute and follow-up on the themes. Just let me know your ideas the next time you see me.



March Birthdays

Diane Reaser

Beth Anne Bowles	Mar 3
Kelly Krumm	Mar 7
Julie Cash	Mar 8
Kyle Moir	Mar 10
Thomas Grabowski	Mar 11
Gregory Michalkow	Mar 13
Karen Magidsohn	Mar 15
Paul (Gary) Barden	Mar 16
Rob Rizzardi	Mar 16
William Lowe	Mar 18
Maria Krumm	Mar 19
Jayne Okma	Mar 20
Diane Meyer	Mar 23
Paul Siupik	Mar 23
Kathy Dworman	Mar 24
Christine Rollins	Mar 24
Jack Maynard	Mar 28
Jason Ministrelli	Mar 30



Banff: Not too much snow, but way too much Fun!

By Ted Zubeck

On Saturday, January 13th, 34 GM Ski Club members took the drive to the Windsor Airport to start an excellent adventure. Those who had never flown out of Windsor were in for a real treat. On the way to the airport we had a chance to stop at the Duty Free to pick up a few supplies for our vacation. Little did we know, the liquor stores in Banff were open 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. 7 days a week.

Arriving at the airport there were no



lines of cars or vans to struggle with and no crowds of people to push and shove with. Instead we pulled up to the front doors, dropped off our luggage, and parked about thirty yards away at long-term parking. Then we went back to our luggage and took it to the check in desk about 20 steps away.

Everyone was on time except Matthew and Teresa Shaber. They were very early. They were offered and accepted an earlier flight, so that they might spend a little more time in Toronto before our flight arrived.

In Toronto, while we were waiting for our flight, we ran into a few of our Skiwi friends who were having luggage problems. The Skiwi's left Toronto an hour before us but when we arrived in Calgary they were there, still waiting for the lost luggage.

The bus ride to Banff was uneventful and upon our arrival at the Traveller's Inn, check in was a breeze. Accommodations were excellent with a great outdoor hot tub. Some of the more energetic people went into town (we were a whole block away from the business district).

Sunday morning most of the group

headed for Lake Louise. The snow accumulations in Alberta are as low as the water levels in the Great Lakes. Even so, the skiing was decent, especially at lower elevations. We had a good first day of skiing. Now back to the Traveller's to try out the hot tub and get ready for our Welcoming Party.

The party was held in the conference room at the Traveller's. We had liquid refreshments and snacks, a good chance to get acquainted with our traveling companions. At the party everyone received a gift certificate to the local steak house.

Monday we were off to Sunshine Village. Sunshine doesn't have snowmaking, so

conditions were rough. Rocks, ice and closed trails were the norm for the day. After skiing, it is back to the hot tub and a good chicken dinner at the Cave Restaurant.

By Tuesday we know the area, and the group is spreading out a bit. Some cross country ski, some sight see and others plan a day of snowmobiling in

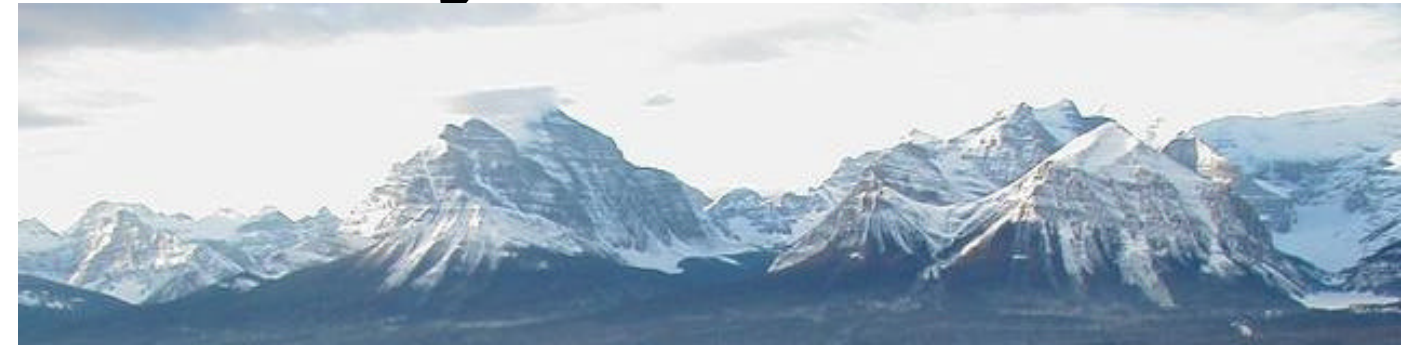


British Columbia. We went to Lake Louise where after a day of skiing we enjoyed the Torch Light dinner at the mid mountain restaurant. Entertainment was by the group Suds. They kept us going all night. Kathy Galen took second in the limbo contest, which put us near the front of the food line. After dinner we skied down the mountain with only flares to light our way. Quite an experience.

Wednesday and Thursday the hardcore skiers were using up their lift tickets while others visited the hot springs, Banff Springs Hotel, Chateau Lake Louise, or went shopping. Thursday night eighteen of us went to Bumpers Steak House to use our gift certificates. Most had prime rib, and I don't think anyone was disappointed.

On Friday a small group went to Mt. Norquay, 5 minutes outside of Banff. The runs were steep and icy. Karen and Terry experienced skiing with elk and mountain sheep. I was there earlier in the week, but I didn't see any wildlife except for a few of the Skiwi race team. Skiing was a lot of work and after a short day it was back to the hot tub, Saturday the bus left for the airport at 4:30 a.m. Both flights went smoothly, and we arrived in Windsor in the daylight.

Any trip that goes as smoothly as this one did is, in a large part, due to the cooperation and participation of its



members. We wish to say THANK YOU to our great trip members for making this a truly special experience,

MEMBER COMMENTS:

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then 360,000 words would equate to the amount of photographs I took on this trip to Banff in the



Canadian Rockies. I think 99% of them are of the beautiful mountains there. My favorite is of an elk I shot from about 12 feet away (with a camera). That is probably what I will remember most about this trip,

Alex Murdoch

The best scenery! Bright beautiful clear days. Mild temperatures. Lots of wild life. Lots of stuff to do; town activity. Great hotel location

Michele Falvey

Chairperson did a great job. Thank you Ted. Everything was wonderful, no complaints. Had a great time and met some wonderful people.

Carl Trano

The food was Great! The skiing was Great! The Ted was Great! The country was Great! The Chalet was Great! The shopping was Great! The bus ride was Great! The price was Great! The weather was Great.

Steve Lukas

Great trip, return time (4:15 a.m.) too early. Nice accommodations, great location, extremely nice people. Snow

needed, but better snow conditions than last year- Great price- Banff not a rip off and food was reasonable.

Nancy Denne

Wide variety of skiing: even though the snow was scarce, was interesting. The hot tub parties were also fun, and the beer flowed until everyone looked like prunes. Considering the problem filled Skiwi trip, Ted really has a lot of connections which made the GM trip trouble free and great.

Ed Lowe

Banff 2001 - The search for snow. Rock skiing at its best. Even though the snow was thin, there was still plenty of good powdery bump runs, including the back bowl at Lake Louise. It proved you can ski the rocks. Many thanks to the base repair experts at the ski shops in Banff.

Sheldon Wolberg

We have pictures for everyone's viewing pleasure at photopoint.com. You will need to follow these directions:

- 1) type in photopoint.com
- 2) enter matteresa@AOL.com into Friends e-mail
- 3) click on visit

4) click on ski trip to Banff. Password is cold

We had a great time. We saw five elk on our walk to the Banff Springs up close and personal, but no cougars! Lake Louise was our favorite. This was our 1st trip with the club, and we found everyone to be friendly and fun! Hope to see everyone on another trip, Thanks

Kathy, Paul, Teresa & Matthew

If only Mother Nature planned as well as Ted, the trip would have been perfect. In addition, this was the most economical ski trip we've been on yet!

Couple that with good Friends and good times, It doesn't get much better.

No Name

Thank you for a wonderful ski trip! We liked all of your smart choices: flying out of

Windsor, an in-town hotel, Bumpers gift certificate, suggested ski locations, and saving us each \$200 over other ski club trips. Hope to ski with you and Leslie again! Thanks!

Holley Spencer & Dave Norkus

Letter

An open letter of thanks to GM Ski Club members and notably to Ted Zubeck for allowing me to participate in your recent trip to Banff. Ted's expertise in organizing the trip for the needs and enjoyment of members and guests at a price that could not be beaten is very commendable. Thanks to all the members that I met that made me feel welcome to the fold. I'm sure new friendships will be formed thanks to Al and Les, as notables. And the many faces to be remembered.

Now as a member, I'm looking forward to meeting more people and hopefully attending more events this year.

As a member and past president of Jug and Mug Ski Club in Lansing, I am here to say Thank You 'til we meet again!

Very Sincerely,
James E. Yoder alias "YODIE"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

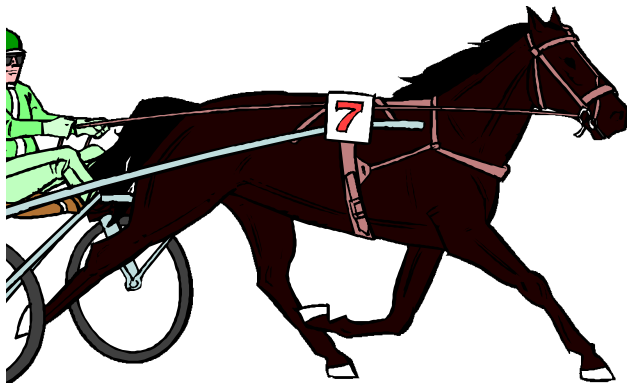
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 9 Fri.. Laser Tag—Laser Edge
NEW DATE 35335 Gratiot—Clinton Twp. 7 p.m.
 North of 15 Mile Rd in the Star Theater Plaza
 810-791-5560 RESERVATIONS REQUIRED A.S.A.P.
 Call Patti: 248-540-4547
- 16 Friday Friday Night Out—Pre-St. Patrick's Day
 O'Grady's Bar & Grill I -75 & Big Beaver—Troy 7 p.m.
- 17 Sat. St. Patrick's Day
- 21 Wed. Activities Meeting-Marinelli's 7 p.m.
 611 W. 12 Mile—at I -75, Madison Heights
 Activity volunteers please come to ideate and
 Plan for continuing year.
 If any questions, please call: Patti 248-540-4547
- 24 Sat. Rollerblading at " the Dome"—Pontiac Silverdome
 2 p.m.—6 p.m. \$6 adults Call: Bill 248-540-4547

APRIL

- 1 Sunday Daylight Saving Time begins (no fooling!)
- 6 Fri. Friday Dive Nite Out—Blarney Stone 7 p.m.
 Woodward—North of 11 Mile (West Side)
 Call: Bill 248-540-4547
- 12 Thursday General Meeting—Berkley Front—7:30 p.m.
- 15 Sunday HAPPY EASTER
- 26 Thursday Restaurant of the Month—La Fondue
- 27 Fri. Friday Nite Out (After Secretaries' Day)
 "POOL ANYONE? Snooker's Pool & Pub
 30295 Woodward—Royal Oak
 Call Patti: 248-540-4547



MAY

- 10 Thur General Meeting—Halmich Park 6:30 p.m.
 13 Mile, West of Ryan, Warren
- 18 Fri Friday Night Out---Harness Racing
 Watch April Newsletter for More Information
- 19 Sat Eastern Market Annual Excursion—Pre-Flower Day
 Meet at Vivio's Restaurant 7-7:30 a.m.
 Have Breakfast, Shop, or Just People Watch
 Later-- Possible Casino Call: Les 248-693-1794
- 24 Thur Restaurant of the Month To Be Announced

UPCOMING EVENTS NEEDING MEMBER(S) TO HOST
WHIRLYBALL, TENNIS, DANCE PARTY, TIGER'S GAME



**“A ski club...
and a whole lot more”**

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MDSC Website: www.mdscski.org
MACC Website: www.maccracing.org

Deadline

The deadline for articles or pictures
Submitted for inclusion in this newsletter is
The second to last Thursday of the month.
The deadline for the next (special election) issue is:

5:00 p.m. Mar. 15, 2001



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