



NEWSLETTER

SKI CLUB

MARCH 1999

HOTLINE: 810-447-2228

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Thursday
March 11th
(Every 2nd Thursday of
Every Month)

GENERAL MEETING

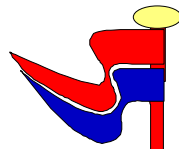
7:30 pm
Doors Open
(come earlier for dinner)

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.



Very Few Spots Left!!
Sign-up NOW!!

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

Trip is almost full!! Limited Bus Space!! Call!!

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.

Trip Includes:

Round Trip Bus Transportation: *The most awesome Caribbean Party Bus. Pre-boarding BBQ with gourmet eats by Chef Tom and Sous Chef Stan, including Jerked Chicken and Pork Sandwiches, plenty of munchies, Rum Punch, Pina Colodas and Beer (of course) Games with prizes including Best Caribbean Attire, so get in the spirit and pull out the tropical duds!*

Two Day Lift Pass.	Two breakfasts	Welcome Party Friday
World Famous Sat. Hill Party	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

Leslie Enochs, 313-271-8414

Treasurer

Craig Petku, 248-394-0467

Secretary

Dorn Coyro, 248-545-4889

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Connie Casey, 810-776-0095

Newsletter

Vacant

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Publicity

Vacant

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



Membership

Alan Toomey, 248-391-5180

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

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 # _____

La Fondue Restaurant

111 South Main, Royal Oak (248) 435-8888
(3 Rd. building south of 11 mile, east side)

GM Ski Club's Restaurant of the Month

The time to try new places and meet new friends.

Thursday, March 25th, 1999

Choice of Fondue **\$19.⁰⁰**

Includes Tax and Tip with Cash Bar

Appetizer starts at **630 PM**, dinner at **7 PM**

Deadline: March 22, 1999

Note: Advanced reservations required

Your Evening Includes:

Complementary Cheese Fondue Appetizers

Dinner choices are:

- Chicken Fondue
 - Beef Fondue
 - Beef and Chicken
 - Beef & Shrimp
 - Seafood Fondue
 - Fondue Sampler
 - Vegetarian
- All Entrees include salad, vegetables, dipping sauces & coffee. Each table of 4-5 people has the option of cooking in either soybean oil or*

Dessert Fondue is included, White or Milk chocolate fondue served with fresh fruit, marshmallows and cubes of angel food cake.

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



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.



SHANTY CREEK INSTRUCTIONAL CLINIC WEEKEND by Leslie Enochs

January 29-31, 1999

Temperatures hovering around 30, blue skies, and plenty of base made for excellent skiing conditions at Schuss - the best I've seen in the close to 10 years I've been participating in the instructional clinic weekends.

In the last several years, Schuss has added runs off of the back side, with new chair lifts, and increased its vertical. More room on the slopes for lessons and shorter lift lines was the result.

The weekend was packed with activities for the 25-plus trip participants. There was a welcome reception upon our arrival on Friday night and a dinner banquet on Saturday evening, both complete with a live band and dancing. A raffle was held at the banquet on Saturday, with lots of winners.

Congratulations to Maureen C who won a pair of Vokl shaped skis, Chuck L who won ski poles, and Roman Karwowski who won a ski bag.

NASTAR races were also held over the weekend. Way to go George L and Roman Karwowski on your silver medals!!

Lessons (8 hours) were held as planned, and as always, the instruction was excellent. It was nice to see a first-time skier in our group - Bob G. After a rather auspicious beginning -- the first time I saw him was at the bottom of a green run on his back-side -- he was skiing blue runs by the end of the weekend. Several of our participants took snowboarding lessons or went cross-country skiing on the groomed trails.

The GM Ski Club participates in at least one instructional clinic weekend at Shanty Creek every year. The clinics provide a fun and inexpensive way to "learn to ski or ski better" and to meet new friends and socialize with old. Hope to see you at next year's clinic.

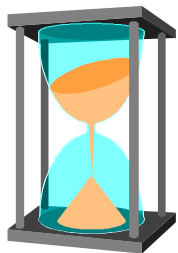
JUST ANOTHER PLEA FOR HELP!! by Alan Toomey

The skiing season is drawing to a close as this newsletter hits your doorstep. There are still a couple of Club Ski Trips, but beyond this we need to be looking to do the spring and summer activities that the membership wants. We, (namely the Activities Chair, and then the Board of Directors), try to plan activities that members would be certain to enjoy. But as often happens, there seems to be conflicts between the activity and with individual schedules or lack of interest which often mean an activity will not have the required participation to operate. In other words the activity busts and people are disappointed.

Solution: The GM Ski Club operates on a membership demand principle. In other words, the membership needs to let it be known what he or she would like to participate in as a Club, and help by actually PARTICIPATING with the event when it happens. Members should help by taking part in the planning and execution of activities. Activities should be planned far enough in advance so schedules can be adjusted. The Activities Chairperson's responsibility is to plan, organize, and carry into effect all activities of the Club. This cannot be done in a vacuum without membership input and help. Call your representatives on the back of the front cover.

Remember, if **YOU** aren't happening, the **CLUB** isn't happening, and **YOUR CLUB** activities aren't happening! **HELP!!**

The PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Alan Toomey



Time is drawing near!!! 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.

The GM Ski Club has several committees whose responsibility is to carry out the duties of the respective office. If you would like to help and improve the club operations in any of the offices, please contact the committee chairperson who appears inside the front cover of the newsletter.

Nominees thus far are:

President _____ **Roman Karwowski**

Vice President _____ **Craig Petku**

Treasurer _____ **Gretchen Wnukowski**

Secretary _____ **Dorn Coyro**

Any person who feels they can also perform the duties of these elected offices should feel free to contact the nominating committee so they can be added to the ballot.

Nominating Committee: Alan Toomey (248) 391-5180, Michael Bourke (810)-776-7685, Leslie Enochs (313) 271-8414

SKIING AND THE LAW by Roman Karwowski

A skier and his friend were skiing at night through a cluster of trees that Mt. Brighton Inc. considered as an out of bounds area. Mt. Brighton did not fence or rope off the area or mark it closed. In attempting to ski down a trail through the cluster of trees, the skier struck what he has described as a uniquely shaped tree. As a result the skier was seriously injured. The skier sued the ski area alleging that the area was negligent with respect to the lighting and grooming of the treed area and in failing to post warnings or mark the ski area as closed.



The Michigan Court of Appeals held that the risks assumed by a skier under the Ski Area Safety Act are natural obstacles such as trees and rocks and denied relief to the skier. Barr vs. Mt. Brighton Inc. 215 Mich App 512 (1996)

RACE RESULTS by Karen Brown

4th Race – Saturday January 24th

1st Place: Bethany Revoir AW
John Spolyar SVBM
Steve Coussens D1M

2nd Place: Bruce Johnson SVBM

3rd Place: Tom Tocco AM
Diane Winchell BW
Pat O'Keefe SVBM

Bethany Revoir was bumped from A to 2 and proceeded to take 1st place in her first race in Elite II. There is a tight race going on between GM racers in Super Vet B Men between John Spolyar, Bruce Johnson, Pat O'Keefe and Jack Maynard.

WORLD CUP STANDINGS AS OF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1999:

Lansing	Average World Cup Points:	11.0
Skiniks	Average World Cup Points:	10.7
GM Ski Club	Average World Cup Points:	10.4
Schussmeisters	Average World Cup Points:	10.0

3rd Race – Saturday February 6th

1st Place: Bethany Revoir AW
Pat O'Keefe SVBM
Steve Coussens D1M

3rd Place: Steve Ludwig VE2M

With four races to go we have a good chance of moving from 3rd place to 1st place!!!!!!

5th Race – Saturday February 6th

1st Place: Doug McClelland E2M
Bethany Revoir AW

2nd Place: Tom Tocco AM
Jack Maynard SVBM
Diane Winchell BW

3rd Place: Pat O'Keefe SVBM

6th Race – Sunday February 7th

1st Place: Bethany Revoir E2W
Joe Portera VE2M
Steve Coussens D1M

2nd Place: Doug McClelland E2M

3rd Place: John Spolyar SVBM

WHAT'S THIS "RACING CLASS" THING? by Alan Toomey

As I have been President of the GM Ski Club I have become more interested in the information concerning a group of our members who are representing our Club in the MACC (Michigan Alpine Competition Committee) program. I have learned more about it as the season has gone on. I know our race Chairpersons Karen Brown and Roman Karwowski have been promoting the race program for any level skier. I have found a tremendous amount of information on the MACC Website (MACCRACING.org) that helped me understand how racers are classified and why your average skier could participate within his or her own skill level grouping.

The attached table, an excerpt from the web site, should help you understand the reporting of the race results. I hope those of you who were somewhat interested but let this year pass, take the opportunity to join in for next seasons events.

7. RACER CLASSIFICATION

7.1. Class Definitions

7.1.1 Racers are classified by sex, ability, and (optionally) age. There are five basic ability groups: Elite, A, B, C, and D, where each is defined by a range of handicaps. However, large groups may be split into groups 1 and 2 (e.g., Elite 1, Elite 2). Large groups may also be split by age (e.g., vet, super-vet).

7.1.2 The table below shows the 1999 classes and handicap ranges for male racers.

Handicap ranges for racer categories

HC < 25	25 - 35	35 - 45	45 - 60	60 - 75	75 - 90	HC > 90
E1 Women		E2 Women	A women	B Women	C Women	D Women
E1 Men	E2 Men	A Men	B Men	C Men	D1 Men	D2 Men
Vet E1 Men	Vet E2 Men	Vet A Men	Vet B Men	Vet C Men		
			S-Vet B Men	S-Vet C Men	S-Vet D Men	

7.1.3 The table below shows the ages covered by the classes, based on the racer's age December 31 just prior to the first race. Racers old enough to race in an existing vet or supervet class are encouraged to do so. However, they have the option of racing instead in a younger class.

Ages associated with racer categories

Age	Classes
All ages	All women's classes, men's E1, E2, A, B, C, D, D2
35 and over	Vet E1 men, Vet E2 men
40 and over	Vet A men, Vet B men, Vet C men
50 and over	Supervet B men, Supervet C men, Supervet D men

 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

MAR	5-7	Fr-Su	Marks Race Weekend #5 - Boyne Mtn
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	11	Th	General Meeting @ Arriva's - 7:30 pm
	17	We	Saint Patrick's Day
	19	Fr-Su	Boyne Carnival Weekend Return 3/21 Call Tom Grabowski (810) 293-4588
	25	Th	La Fondue Restaurant - 6:30 pm Call Tom Grabowski (810) 293-4588
	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
	22	Th	Rest.-of the Month - TBA

May	13	Th	General Meeting @ Arriva's - 7:30 pm
	27	Th	Rest.-of the Month - TBA
	31	Mo	Memorial Day
Jun	10	Th	General Meeting @ Arriva's - 7:30 pm
	24	Th	Rest.-of the Month - TBA
Jul	8	Th	General Meeting @ Arriva's - 7:30 pm
	22	Th	Rest.-of the Month - TBA
Aug	12	Th	General Meeting @ Arriva's - 7:30 pm
	26	Th	Rest.-of the Month - TBA
Sep	6	Mo	Labor Day
	9	Th	General Meeting @ Arriva's - 7:30 pm
	23	Th	Rest.-of the Month - TBA

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



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ON LABEL DATE

