



NEWSLETTER

SKI CLUB

APRIL 1999

HOTLINE: 810-447-2228

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Thursday
April 8th
(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.



SKIING AND THE LAW

by Roman
Karwowski

Last month I gave you a case regarding the ski safety act in which a skier was denied damages for injuries sustained while skiing and colliding with a natural object, to wit a tree. The law in regards to that case is Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL) 408.342 which reads as follows:

408.342. Ski areas; conduct of skiers; acceptance of risks Sec. 22. (1) While in a ski area, each skier shall do all of the following: (a) Maintain reasonable control of his or her speed and course at all times. (b) Stay clear of snow-grooming vehicles and equipment in the ski areas. (c) Heed all posted signs and warnings. (d) Ski only in ski areas which are marked as open for skiing on the trail board described in section 6a(e). (2) Each person who participates in the sport of skiing accepts the dangers that inhere in that sport insofar as the dangers are obvious and necessary. Those dangers include, but are not limited to, injuries which can result from variations in terrain; surface or subsurface snow or ice conditions; bare spots; rocks, trees, and other forms of natural growth or debris; collisions with ski lift towers and their components, with other skiers, or with properly marked or plainly visible snow-making or snow-grooming equipment.

The next article will deal with a skier who collides with another skier, stay tuned!

BENIHANA JAPANESE STEAK HOUSE

Benihana
1985 W. Big beaver Rd, Troy (248) 649-6340

Thursday, April 22, 1999

Chicken Entrée \$17.00
\$4 more for Steak or \$6 more for Shrimp/Scallops
with Cash Bar
Seating begins at 7 PM)



Dinner Selections:

- **Benihana Yakisoba Dinner**
Japanese Sautéed Noodles with Chicken, Vegetables
and Special Sauce
 - **Traditional Hibachi Chicken**
 - **Hibachi Steak** (\$4 additional)
 - **Teriyaki Steak** (\$4 additional)
 - **Hibachi Shrimp** (\$6 additional)
 - **Hibachi Scallops** (\$6 additional)
- Served with Japanese Onion Soup, Salad, Shrimp Appetizer,
Hibachi Vegetables, Steamed Rice and Green Tea

Make checks payable to "GM Ski Club"
Deadline: April 20, 1999

Send to:

For more information contact Tom
at (810) 293-4588, or Diane Bera
at (810) 779-6852

*GM Ski Club's
Restaurant of the Month*

GM SKI CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Roman Karwowski, 248-649-5535

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Tom Grabowski, (810) 293-4588

Diane Bera, (810) 779-6852

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

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.



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.



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 # _____

WHAT'S THIS "RACING CLASS" THING? by Roman Karwowski

Last month our esteemed President, Alan Toomey, explained the classifications of racers with age groups and handicaps. I would like to add to that by giving some more information regarding racing.

The MACC (Michigan Alpine Competition Committee) races four weekends a year at Boyne Mountain and one three day weekend at Searchmont. At Boyne Mountain we have our own hill called Superbowl. The public is barred from using that hill the entire day we are racing.

We have our own warming hut with bathrooms and a deck in front of the hut on which we have cook-outs, sell skis, eat lunch, and yes, drink a brew (only after racing of course). It's a party especially on a sunny day. People bring CD's and we have music. I haven't seen any dancing yet, but who knows.

Some people (wives, husbands, and parents) bring their babies, dogs, and chairs to watch the races. We also have our own parking lot which is only a few yards from the chair lift. We have our things in the hut such as after-ski boots, lunches, and who knows what else. I've never heard of anything being taken.

Safety. I rode up the chair lift with a member of the Ski Patrol last race weekend and he told me that not one racer was hurt the whole season. That's about 350 racers taking about 18 runs through the race course, or 6000 runs give or take.

Not all racers show up every race weekend. As a racer, you only race whenever you want to. If it's too cold, or too icy, and you don't want to race, you don't have to. I race with eleven other people in my class. Yes, we are old and slow but we are racers. One is 80 years old, one is 76 years old and he beats me most of the time. The top man in our class is 71. I'll beat them yet (I'm younger). My age group is 50 and up. Every weekend it's "How you doing", "Have a good run", etc. The word is camaraderie. Come join us. Frank L. we miss you.

If you can not vote in person, please mail the ballot to:

Alan Toomey - in time to be received by April 8th.

Voting is by secret ballot, but it must be known who has submitted mailed ballots to avoid the possibility of duplicated voting. Your name is required with your mailed submission, but do not write it on the ballot.

YOUR NAME WILL BE CHECKED OFF THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER AS HAVING VOTED, NOT FOR WHO YOU VOTED! ✂

ELECTION BALLOT - MEMBERS ONLY

1 - 4 Elected Officers

- | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| 1. President | <input type="checkbox"/> Roman Karwowski | <input type="checkbox"/> or Write-in: _____ |
| 2. Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Craig Petku | <input type="checkbox"/> or Write-in: _____ |
| 3. Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Gretchen Wnukowski | <input type="checkbox"/> or Write-in: _____ |
| 4. Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Dorn Coyro | <input type="checkbox"/> or Write-in: _____ |

Are there other members the new Officers should be aware of for appointed positions in the following **STANDING COMMITTEES**?

- Activities _____
- Hospitality _____
- MDSC _____
- Membership _____
- Newsletter _____
- Publicity _____
- Racing _____
- Ski Instruction / Athletic _____
- Ski Trips _____

Suggestions that you as a member would like to see happen, or places to go?

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GM SKI CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Apr	2	Fr	Good Friday
	4	Su	Easter Sunday
	8	Th	General Meeting @ Arriva's - 7:30 pm
	8	Th	Board Elections - Tally @10:00 pm
	22	Th	Benihana Japanese Steak House-6:30 pm Call Tom Grabowski (810) 293-4588
May	1	Sa	New Board Takes Office
	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	4	Su	Fourth Of July
	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