



# NEWSLETTER

SKI CLUB

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## Standings for the Inter-club competition

The official standings for the GM Ski Club / Somerset challenge is now 1 - 1. Although we were well-represented at the softball challenge (we outnumbered Somerset 2 to 1) - such was not the case for the golf challenge. Suprisingly, too, because it was a perfect day for golf (unless everyone choose to spend the day on their boats). The course was well kept and not too challenging. Afterwards we joined Somerset for dinner at a local restaurant. I heard rumors of a bowling and walleyball challenge. Let our activities chair, Patti Kadlec, know if this is something you would be interested in.

Leslie Enochs

## Essay contest

Which of these two articles most make you want to come to the next meeting?

Driving up Southfield Road my mind wanders and I drift into a daydream of the ski trips to come. Snow softly falling and a white haze covering the mountain. Ah yes, skiing in Snowmass again. How peaceful. Starting at the top of the mountain in virgin powder. The sound of the race horn at the top of the NASTAR course and I start to SCHUSS all over the hill. Suddenly, I realize that the ditch is approaching very fast and I gain control of the car again. -- Come join us at the next meeting and learn about the ski trips in a SAFE atmosphere. To help you make a decision and introduce members to our new meeting establishment, we shall be taking \$10.00 off the price of the Schuss Instructional Weekend for anyone who signs up for this trip at the October meeting. Craig (Broken legs, arms, ego) Petku

## A great deal in skiing Just got even better!

Sign up for the Schuss/Shanty Instructional Weekend (Jan. 28-30, 2000) at our October General Meeting for \$250.00 – and save \$10.00. Join us in the kick off of our new meeting establishment and take advantage of this special saving.

Leslie Enochs



# October General Meeting

Same old time  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

**October 14, 1999**

Guests are always welcome

Brand new place  
***Berkley Front***

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

- Private upstairs room
- Disc Jockey
- Dance floor
- Cash bar

# Canceled?

## From Your Ski Trip Chairperson:

Have you thought about signing up for a ski trip, only to find that the trip is full, or has been canceled? I thought the following article, entitled "Help Stop Trip Cancellations", might help explain this dilemma faced by many ski clubs:

"Were you planning on signing up for a trip this year that ended up being canceled out from under you? When these things happen, it is very aggravating for everybody concerned. The skier loses a great vacation, the club and the trip chairperson has already invested a lot of work and probably some money on the trip. The tour operator and resort have put time and work into this, so nobody is happy when a trip is canceled.

There is a way that trip cancellations can be prevented and you can help. If you see a trip that you're interested in, sign up as soon as possible. Some clubs offer a lower price on the trip if you sign up early but, more importantly, it helps a club make sure that they can run the ski trip.

Any club is dependent upon filling all of the spaces it has contracted for. Most trips have a "drop dead" date sixty days in advance. At this time, a trip chairperson has to decide if the trip will fill, or if it has to be reduced or canceled. At fifty-nine days out, canceling air tickets will cost the club at least \$40 per seat canceled. Lodging cancellation can cost anywhere from \$50 to the full cost of the lodging. In other words, a ski club could be out as much as \$500 per spot canceled on a \$500 ski trip.

Since most ski clubs operate on a not-for-profit basis and simply hope to break even on ski trips, they cannot afford to lose money on any ski trip. Therefore, decisions are usually made two months before the trip leaves. While your ski club realizes that it is difficult to plan ahead because of family and work commitments, please understand that the earlier you sign up (with a deposit) for a ski trip, the better chance there is to actually go on that trip." (Article written by Tom Kolhoff, trip chairman, Snofuls Ski Club (MN), from the Minnesota Skier.)

## Presidents Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Roman Karowski for the effort he put in over the past six months as president of the club. At the September board meeting, Roman resigned from the positions due to irreconcilable differences between his personal code of ethics and a decision of the board. This decision was to move the club General Meeting from Pampa's to The Berkley Front. Per the GMSC Bylaws, I will be the acting president for the remainder of the 1999-2000 term.

So where do I start? Well, how about the Internet! That's right, the GMSC is now hosting a web site at [HTTP://WWW.GMSKICLUB.ORG](http://www.gmskiclub.org). I will be the webmaster, keeping the site up to date on current activities, policies and whatever else I can. If you have any photos of past events, please send them to me electronically (preferably 80K or less each) <mailto:president@gmskiclub.org>. This site also contains links to the e-mail addresses of all board members and trip leaders to make life a little simpler. If you have any suggestions about future activities, or would like to volunteer as an activity leader, please fill out the feedback form. This allows anonymous comments, and does not require the user to have an e-mail account. **Speaking of helping out, we need volunteers for the MDSC Ski Show to help man our booth and work in the swap shop.** If you could volunteer to help out on any day, it would be greatly appreciated.

I will also be running the Snowmass trip in place of Roman. I hate to say it, but the trip is filling up fast and may sell out before the end of October. We contracted for thirty-one spots and over half have been reserved with deposits! If I count the verbal commitments also, we are over two-thirds full. Please do not wait to send in your deposit. This trip is going to sell out quickly!

I think William Shakespeare once wrote, "Heavy is the head that wears the crown." Well, I guess it's better to be President than King!

**Craig S. Petku e-President GMSC Y2K**

P.S. For anyone who already read the October meeting promo, it never really happened. I just wanted to spice up the ad. If you are thinking 'what's he talking about?' Read the ad, and get your checkbook ready. Schuss is really a wonderful trip, and we have a great price on it!

## SIGN UP COMMITMENTS FOR THE SKI SHOW

### FRIDAY

4 – 9 PM Craig Petku

4 – 9 PM

6 – 9 PM Les Skrzycki

6 – 9 PM

### SATURDAY

10 AM – 2 PM

10 AM – 2 PM

2 – 6 PM Leslie Enochs

2 – 6 PM

6 – 10 PM

6 – 10 PM

### SUNDAY

11 AM – 3 PM Patti Kadlec

11 AM – 3 PM Bill Given

3 – 6 PM Dorn Coyro

3 – 6 PM

**Prime time spots are still available. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new people, get the best deals on equipment, and stay abreast of the latest and the best in the world of skiing!**

**Plus a chance to see the Warren Miller movie!**