



“A ski club...
and a whole lot more”

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GM SKI CLUB Website:

www.gmskiclub.org

(recent photos, upcoming events, membership applications, bylaws, forms, and fun music)

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 issue is:

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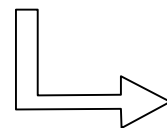
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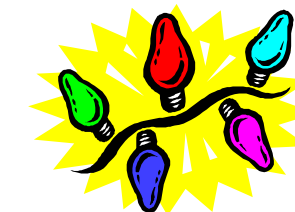
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DECEMBER’S GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, December 13th

(Always the 2nd Thursday of the month)

BERKLEY AMERICAN LEGION HALL

2079 West Twelve Mile Road
(Just West of Woodward, South side of 12 Mile)

DECEMBER’S GENERAL MEETING THEME:

“SEASON’S GREETINGS”

On December 13th the doors open at 7:30 pm for socializing. Announcements begin shortly thereafter. Wear that Santa hat or reindeer antlers left over from the office party. Show up in red and green, trimmed with tree ornaments, lights, tinsel and fake snow!

\$2.00 Admission for our Members, \$4.00 for Guests



Race Season

The ski season has finally arrived. As of today the storms are hitting the major areas of the Rockies and the west. The Boyne area should be blanketed soon.

Now the race season begins. Applications should already be sent to the M.A.C.C., and the schedule is already set.

This year anyone who wants to take weekly practice lessons will be allowed to mix with the Ann Arbor ski club at Mt. Brighton. Club members will be assessed a small fee to cover costs. Practicing starts after the first of the year, Tuesday night, 7:00 p.m.

The race team is open to all club members. Your participation is invited. If you have any questions, please call **Pat O’Keefe**, 248-478-9078.

President’s Corner

On behalf of the Board of Directors, may I take the time to wish you and yours all the best as we approach the Holidays and New Year. Our December General Meeting will feature a “Festive” holiday theme, and I encourage all who attend to dress in the spirit of the occasion.

Also, please note the Annual Holiday Party being held Saturday, December 22nd at Craig Petku’s home in Clarkston. Details are in this newsletter as well as directions to Craig’s “igloo.”

We have a variety of activities being planned for 2002; and, as always, I encourage everyone to come out and participate and bring along a friend.

Bill Given

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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
c/o Alan Urban
23840 Rensselaer
Oak Park, MI 48237

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!

December Birthdays

- 1 Brian Deleo
- 12 Linda Urban
- 13 Cathy Ragan
- 14 Michael Bourke

Wallyball is back!

Every Sunday, 1:00 p.m.

Players Racquet and Fitness Club
13750 11 Mile Rd. at Schoenherr

Call Connie Casey for Information
586-776-0095

Board Meeting

Everyone is welcome to attend the monthly meeting of our Board of Directors, held the Tuesday after the general meeting. We order drinks and dinner at 6:30 p.m., socialize, and occasionally also conduct club business.

The next board meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 18, at Chi Chi's, just south of 14 Mile Road and one block east of I-75.

-G.M. Ski Club Board



Calendar Of Events

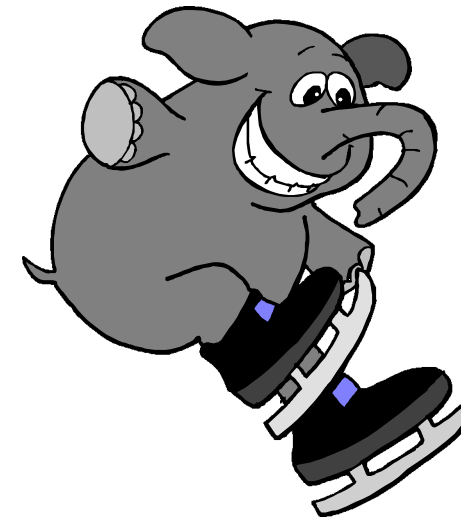
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January

- 1 Tues HAPPY NEW YEAR
- 10 Thur General Meeting—Berkley Legion----7:30 p.m.
- 12 Sat Ice Skating---Birmingham Ice Arena
Afternoon----1:30 p.m.—3 p.m.
Price: @\$5---Skate Rental Available
Call: Patti 248-540-4547
- 12 Sat- Club Ski Trip—BIG WHITE & SILVER STAR
- 19 Sat BRITISH COLUMBIA
See Flyer in Newsletter
- 25 Fri Friday Night Out—Renshaw Bar & Grill
210 E. 14 Mile Rd., Clawson
"Best Fish Fry in Town"
Arrive early to reserve a seat---come by 6:30 p.m.
Call: Patti 248-540-4547



February

- 7 Thur J.D.'s—Dueling Pianos—7:30 p.m.
1 North Saginaw—Pontiac
LADIES NIGHT—NO COVER FOR LADIES
Men--\$5 Cover
Come and enjoy a Wild and Fun night of music
Call: Patti 248-540-4547
- 14 Thur General Meeting—Berkley American Legion—7:30 p.m.
- 22 Fri Ski-On-A-Shoestring Weekend
- 24 Sun Terrace Inn—Bayview (Just North of Petoskey)
See Newsletter or Call: Warren 810-465-6760
- 28 Thur Restaurant of the Month—the New WoW
Oriental and Asian Specialties
32832 Woodward, Royal Oak
Call: Bill 248-540-4547 for reservations



GM SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (day) _____ (Evening) _____

Date of Birth _____

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP \$20

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) _____

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:

Referring Members Name: _____

Payment made by: Cash Check Check # _____

SKI-ON-A-SHOESTRING WEEKEND

FEBRUARY 22, 23, 24, 2002

Our Ski-On-A-Shoestring will again be at the Terrace inn in Bayview just north of Petoskey. It is a real old hotel located where you see all of those beautiful old homes that were built in the early 1900's. The homes are all boarded up in the winter, but the Terrace Inn stays open and offers a great weekend ski package.

The hotel takes you back to some of your parents' yesteryears. It is not fancy. It has a large wood front porch. The rooms have curtains and pull down shades and old fashion dressers. The clothes closets have large wood moldings and the bathrooms are something we poor people had when we were kids: white tubs, tile showers and pedestal wash basins. There are no elevators. You walk up wide wooden stairs. The hallway floor slants a little, but everything is very neat, clean, and comfortable. There is a large fireplace in the lobby where you can gather to play cards or games. The lobby is furnished with tables and stuffed chairs, and someone usually plays the piano.

Besides the quaintness of this place, the price of the weekend ski package is unbeatable. The weekend package is based on two per room and includes the following:

- 1) Two nights lodging, two per room.
- 2) Two continental breakfasts: cereal, milk, coffee, rolls, juice, muffins, and fruit.
- 3) Saturday evening dinner (part buffet, part sit-down),
- 4) Sleigh ride
- 5) Murder mystery entertainment after dinner Saturday night.
- 6) Cross-country ski trails.
- 7) All taxes and tips.
- 8) Deluxe specialty rooms (*Somewhere in Time*, Mark Twain, Lighthouses)
- 9) Jacuzzi suite

TOTAL WEEKEND PRICE:
Standard Rooms \$120.00 per person
Deluxe Rooms \$140.00 per person

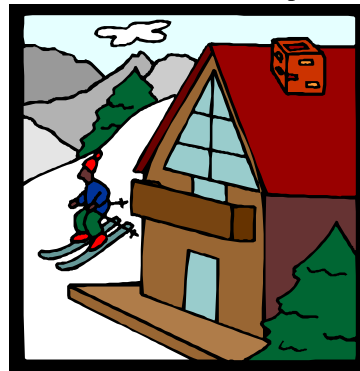
NOT included: Transportation and downhill lift tickets!
(Downhill skiing is available at Boyne or Nubs)

Only 40 people can make this trip.

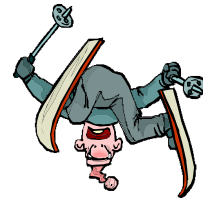
Make checks payable to: Warren Puggini

Cheeks MUST REACH Warren no later than JANUARY 26, 2002!

Reservations will be made in the order that I receive your checks. A stand-by list will be made after the first 40 checks are received. NO REFUNDS!



More than 1/2 sold out
Going Fast



SKI-ON-A-SHOESTRING WEEKEND

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone H _____ W _____
Room Partner _____

Will share transportation Yes ___ No ___
Standard Room @\$120.00
Deluxe Room @\$140.00



NOTE: FOR YOUR SAFETY, ALL ROOMS ARE NON-SMOKING

Warren Puggini
38634 Sycamore Meadow
Clinton Township, MI 48036
(810) 465-6760



From your Hospitality Chair ...



And the winners were: **DEBBY ROGER and ROB COOPER!** For those who missed last month's "Call of the Wild" General Meeting, we were all entertained by several bird and animal calls demonstrated by both Debby and Rob. They were so "life-like & real" that it was a unanimous 1st Place decision. Special Honorable Mentions were members and guests: **KEN WARD & BARB SZUTKOWSKI** decked out in head-to-toe camouflage; **LINDA and ALAN URBAN**, our Treasurer and Membership Chairs, wearing their hunting vests and using their duck decoys to entice our Newsletter Editor **MICHAEL BOURKE** to practice his bird calls. We even had one brave soul **JAG PAGNUCCO** wearing antlers amongst all our hunters!



The Hunters

Several orange vests and hats were spotted – **ALAN TOOMEY**, our Webmaster, and **PATTI GIVEN**, our Activities Chair, were just a couple seen in orange along with our Vice President **LES SKZRYCKI** wearing his target practice coat complete with a state park shooting sticker. Thank you to all who participated, making for a very enjoyable evening. Make sure you visit our website filled with lots of pictures from the meeting – www.gmskiclub.org.



The Hunted

Next month's theme is "Season's Greetings." Be creative – wear that red nose with those antlers. Got a Santa Hat? Now is your opportunity to wear it for a night. Or just wear some red and green. Just make sure you are there for a great evening. Come find out what your club has planned for you in 2002! Bring your friends – guests are always welcome!

Seasons Greetings

See you on December 13th at the Berkley American Legion!
Diane Reaser
Hospitality Chair

ANNUAL BLACK & WHITE PARTY

Saturday, October 27th, many "hauntingly" ventured out for our Annual Black & White Party at the American Legion in Berkley. The "Pirates" band returned to play a night full of exhilarating music for all to enjoy. The dancing and singing became a part of us, and there was so much talent to see!

The "doo-wap" girls deserve a special round of applause, along with the duo of Dr. Marcus Welby and Nurse Consuela. Thank you "Pirates." We all appreciate you celebrating with us, and it was so much fun!

The costume judging went as follows:

- 1st Place Angel/Devil (Good/Evil)
- 2nd Place The Captain and his Wench
- 3rd Place Renaissance Peasant Couple

Costumes were abundant, and many strutted their stuff. A special thanks goes to our judges: Ed and Diane Lowe and Bruno and Kathy Ragan.

The lucky First Place winner received a pair of Fisher X-Country Skis valued @ \$280, donated by the Benchmark in Farmington. This winner was **Marlene McLaughlin** with a well-thought-out costume of being ½ angel and ½ devil. This was split vertically down her body, which was very tastefully done. It nicely demonstrated the good and evil in all of us.

The second place winner received Ski Tunes from Don Thomas Ski Haus in Bloomfield Hills. This was **Donald and Marty Moore** from Clarkston. They were the fancy dressed pirate and his lovely, whiney wench. I think she did use his whip once as he tried to poke out her eye!

The third place winner also received Ski Tunes from Bavarian Village/Boyne Country Sports in Bloomfield Hills. **Jeff and Christine Rollins** from Troy were the Renaissance peasant couple. No one could tell who had a better time—they both danced circles around us all. I think I saw Jeff give her a flower for her performance.

There were door prizes awarded to those present, including Shields Pizza and a workout session from a local spa.

Bill and I would like to thank everyone who came out and celebrated at this annual bash. It was a joy to be part of such a great group.

Patti-Rae Given

Lobsterfest... A Success

October 30th 18 members and guests enjoyed a wonderful, six-course fresh lobster dinner in an Italian setting at Mario's in Troy. This was the latest in the monthly dining event that we call Restaurant of the Month. The venues change as well as the cuisine, with emphasis on new and exciting dining experiences.

We will continue our dining adventures in the coming year and are looking forward to some interesting places to satisfy everyone's palate.

Ski Magazines

The MDSC has been given discounted magazine offers through the National Ski Council Federation (www.SkiFederation.org) of which the MDSC is a founding member: *Freeze, Ski, Skiing, or Transworld Snow Boarder* magazines - \$17.97 for a two-year subscription to any of these ski and board related magazines. For less than \$9 per year, you can save a total of between \$30 and \$46 off the published price. Visit the MDSC website at this address, http://www.mdscski.org/mdsc/misc/ski_magazine_offers.html to view the offer or download a PDF file in a FLYER format.

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

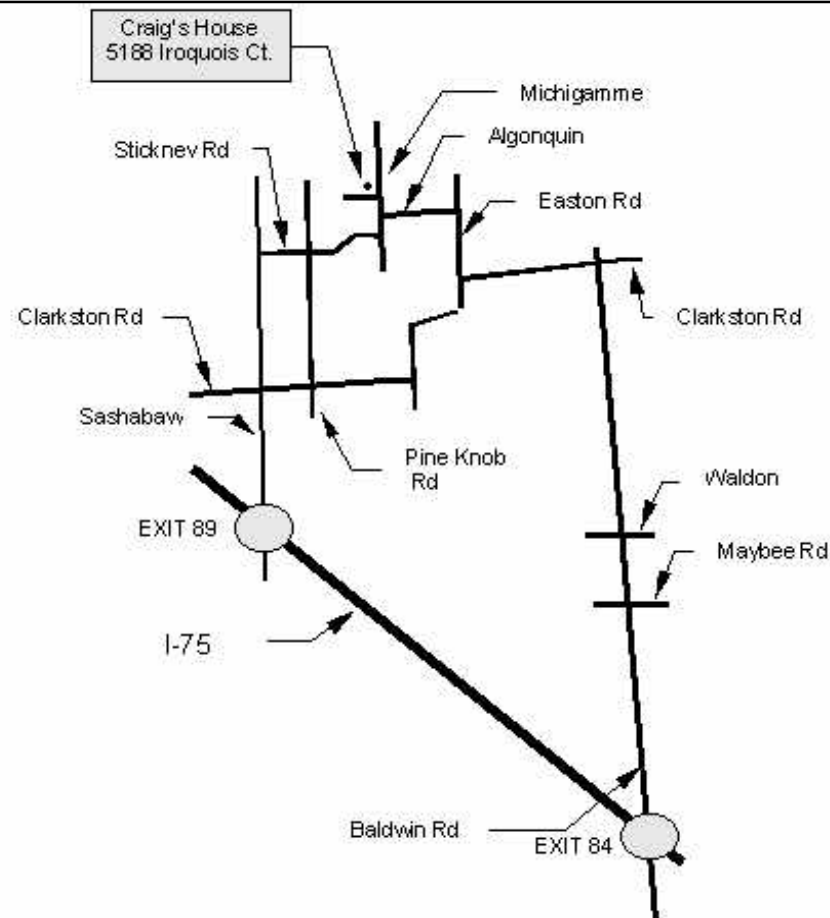
WHEN: **Saturday, December 22, 2001---7 p.m.-----?**

WHERE: Craig Petku's Home
5188 Iroquois Ct., Clarkston
248-394-0467

COST: Only Requirement!.....Bring a *HOMEMADE* Dish and own Beverages

"Chef Craig" will provide a Roasted Turkey

Please call Patti: 248-540-4547 for more information



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A TRUE SKIERS
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