



“A ski club...
and a whole lot more”

December at a glance

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See newsletter for further information.
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or Les: 248-693-1794

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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 the next newsletter is the second to last Thursday of the month.

The deadline for the next issue is:

5:00 p.m. December 19, 2002

Late submissions will be held for the following issue.



NEWSLETTER

SKI CLUB

DECEMBER 2002

WEBSITE: www.gmskiclub.org GM SKI CLUB FOUNDED 1957 VOLUME XLVI, ISSUE XII

December GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday December 12, 2002
(Always the 2nd Thursday of the month)**

14th Street Steak House

350 E. 14 Mile Road
Madison Heights, MI Phone # 248 589-9900

Just East of John R on the South side of 14 Mile Road, across from the Oakland Plaza shopping center.
Parking in rear of Building.

Doors to the meeting open at 7:00 p.m.

(But you can come earlier for dinner)

This is our Christmas meeting.

Christmas dress is encouraged (red Santa hats, reindeer head pieces, etc.) but optional.

Also Christmas cd's will set the mood, so anyone who has some is encouraged to bring them.

**Gregg,
Hospitality**

**\$2.00 Admission for our
members and \$4.00 for Guests**



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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
451 Heights Rd.
Lake Orion, MI 48362

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

Brian	Deleo	Dec. 1
Linda	Urban	Dec. 12
Ann	Enghard	Dec. 12
Cathy	Ragan	Dec. 13
James	Price	Dec. 14
Michael	Bourke	Dec. 14

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 also conduct club business.

The next board meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 14th Street Steak House, 350 14 Mile, east of John R.

-G.M. Ski Club Board



Calendar Of Events

December

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Why Not Dine Prior to Meeting?
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January

- 1 Wed Happy New Year---2003!
- 8,15,22,29 Wed Ski School Ski nights, Call Keith Kazmierczak 313-538-4237
- 9 Thur GM General Meeting
—14th Street Steak House 7 p.m.
- 21 Tues Restaurant of the Month---
This will be on TUESDAY
Mario's of Troy—John R
South of 15 Mile Rd.
"LOBSTER FEAST"
Call Patti: 248-540-4547
LIMITED SEATING



February

- 11, 12 Tue Wed MDSC Mid-Week
Ski Trip.
Call Scott 586-752-7255
- 13 Thurs General Meeting. 7 PM
14th Street Steak House.

Wallyball

Every Sunday we play wallyball at Players Racquet and Fitness Center, S.E. corner of Schoenherr and I-696 (11 Mile Road.), at 1:00 p.m.

We play a low-key game—beginners are welcome, children are welcome, and complaining while on the court is *verboten*. Sometimes we don't even keep score. After, we snack and watch TV in the lounge.

Join us for indoor, winter fun.

Michael Bourke, 586-776-7685

KIMBERLY, BC—"The Bavarian City of the Rockies" \$799.00 for the works!

- ❖ 7 Nights at the new Trickle Creek Residence Inn by Marriott
- ❖ 6 days lifts on 1,800 plus skiable acres, 2,400 plus vertical feet
- ❖ Longest Run "4" Miles—Wednesday-Saturday Night Skiing

Something for everyone: 20% beginner, 45% intermediate, 35% expert

- ❖ Ski in/ski out . . . free breakfasts

February 15th to the 22nd prime ski time

Outdoor heated pool and hot tubs. . .

full kitchens, gas fireplaces

Fly out of convenient, friendly Windsor Airport

To Sign up, Contact Alan Urban, alurban2001@yahoo.com
248-525-2520

GM SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (day) _____ (Evening) _____

Date of Birth _____

NEW MEMBERSHIP \$25

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 # _____

Coming Ski Trips

Here is an idea of some of the ski trips in the works for next winter, (more will be added as the information comes in):

◆ Wednesday Night Ski get-together [with discount] at Alpine.

◆ February 15-22 seven nights at The Trickle Creek Residence by Marriott ski-in/ski-out, breakfasts, 6 days lifts, night skiing 1,800+ skiable acres [www.skikimberley.com].

◆ February 21-23, romantic Petoskey weekend, Ski on a Shoestring.

◆ March 14-16 Carnival weekend.

Think SNOW

Alan Urban

Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report for October 31, 2002 is \$12,940.13.

-Linda Urban
Treasurer

Newsletter Production

This newsletter was collated and processed for mailing by the vocational students at Oakland Schools Autism Program.

If you have mailing or collating needs, please contact Sandy Horton at Oakland School Autism Program, (248) 288-4523. There is no charge, but small donations are accepted for program activities (pizza parties, etc.)

Editor's Notes

Submissions to this newsletter will be accepted in any visual, but not verbal, form. Electronic transmissions are preferred.

We can design the flyer, so long as you provide the accurate information.

The deadline, carved in stone, is 5:00 p.m. on the second to the last Thursday of the month.

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The ABC'S of teaching a friend how to ski

Winter is a magical time of the year—a wonderful time for friends and families to get together and experience the invigorating splendor of snow sports. If you have someone whom you would like to introduce to downhill skiing, snowboarding or cross country skiing, just remember the ABC'S.

- Sign them up for lessons. A sure way of losing friends and causing family grief is if you attempt to teach them yourself...unless, of course, you are a ski instructor.
- Help them with the equipment rental experience. Staying with them makes the ordeal a lot less confusing and intimidating.
- Spend some time with them on the slopes after the lesson. The key here is for you to ski at their level and not to try to persuade or lure them to greater heights or more difficult terrain until they are comfortable doing so.

Ski School

Come one, come all and learn how to ski. If you already know how, you can always learn to ski better. And just in case you were wondering, it's really not like they show ski school in the movies. Nobody will be skiing naked and going to wild parties, although it would be fun; and I'm sure I would like to try it. But that is **not** the objective. We will *actually* learn how to ski.

Where will this be happening you ask? We will be at Alpine Valley on Wednesday nights.

And how much will this cost? The cost will be determined by how many people we get; the more people we get the less it will be.

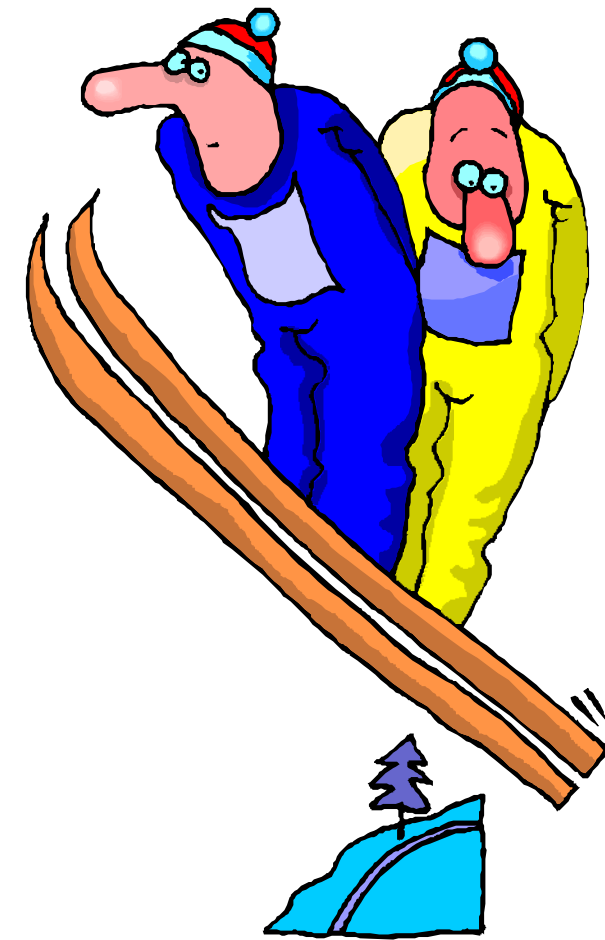
Ski rental is \$18.00. Snow board rental is \$28.00

Anybody who is interested in joining us or who needs more information, please give me a call or an e-mail; and I will do my best to take care of you. ☺

Keith Kazmierczak
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Fun at the last meeting

Photos by Brian Deleo



Presidents Corner

Hi all and Merry Christmas! Gee, it's that time of the year again. The white stuff is falling, the ski resorts are open, and we are all thinking what would we like for the Holidays? I think that a ski trip package or ski equipment is what we would like to see under our tree. I know I would.

I would also like to have everyone think about safety while driving to or going down the slopes. Think about getting a lesson the first time out this year; it doesn't hurt to make sure we are doing it right.

As you look over the newsletter or as you check out the website, look at the upcoming ski trips that we are running and what the MDSC has to offer. You are part of a larger organization. We try to offer many things to many people. I hope that you take advantage of the information and have fun this winter. That's what it is all about. Remember that getting older is mandatory but growing up is optional.

Have a fun and safe Holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your board of directors and myself.

To the board of directors: thanks for another great year. Thank you for your time, energy and support. Happy Holidays.



Les

Dealing with change in a ski club

Excerpted from The Kansas City Ski Club Newsletter.

We have all heard that the only constant in life is change. Change, for good or bad, is inevitable and that is certainly true for a ski club as well.

For example, member preferences change, resulting in more air trips directly to the resorts in addition to the traditional ski club air and bus trips. As the average age of our members goes up, discretionary income and vacation days frequently also increase. Factors such as these require the ski club to take notice, and destinations and the length of trips should reflect these preferences.

But some things don't change. Ski clubs still exist for the primary purpose of promoting skiing (and now snowboarding), and they still provide an economical way to experience skiing. They still offer great camaraderie; and, most importantly, they must continue to meet the needs of their membership. This is a challenge because everybody's needs aren't the same. So, the ski club must strive for balance. You see this in the variety of trips that clubs offer. Destinations range from Spain to Colorado. Accommodations range from maximum occupancy to minimum. Some trips are planned for families and others for adults. Some emphasize racing and some, parties.

Ski clubs must also respond to the needs of their membership with year-round sports activities such as volleyball, softball, golf, tennis, etc. as well as the parties – but community involvement projects are also important to most ski clubs today, as we strive to be both well-rounded and responsible organizations and citizens.



SKI-ON-A-SHOESTRING WEEKEND

FEBRUARY 21, 22, 23, 2003

Our Ski-On-A-Shoestring will again be at the Terrace Inn in Bayview just north of Petosky. 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 2 per room.
2. Two continental breakfasts: cereal, milk, coffee, juice, muffins, and fruit.
3. Saturday evening dinner (part buffet, part sit-down).
4. Cross-Country ski trails.
5. All taxes and tips.

TOTAL WEEKEND PRICE:
 Standard Rooms \$125.00 per person
 Deluxe Rooms \$145.00 per person
 Single Room \$175.00

NOT included: Transportation and downhill lift tickets!!

(Downhill skiing is available at Boyne or Nubs)

Reservations on a first come, first served basis

Make checks payable to: Warren Puggini

Checks **MUST** reach Warren no later than **JANUARY 26, 2003!!**

Reservations will be made in the order that I receive your checks. A stand-by list will be made.



SKI-ON-A-SHOESTRING WEEKEND

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. H(____) _____ W(____) _____

Room Partner _____

Need transportation Yes ___ No ___

Will share transportation Yes ___ No ___



_____ Standard Room @\$125.00

_____ Deluxe Room @\$145.00

_____ Single Room @\$175.00

NO REFUNDS!

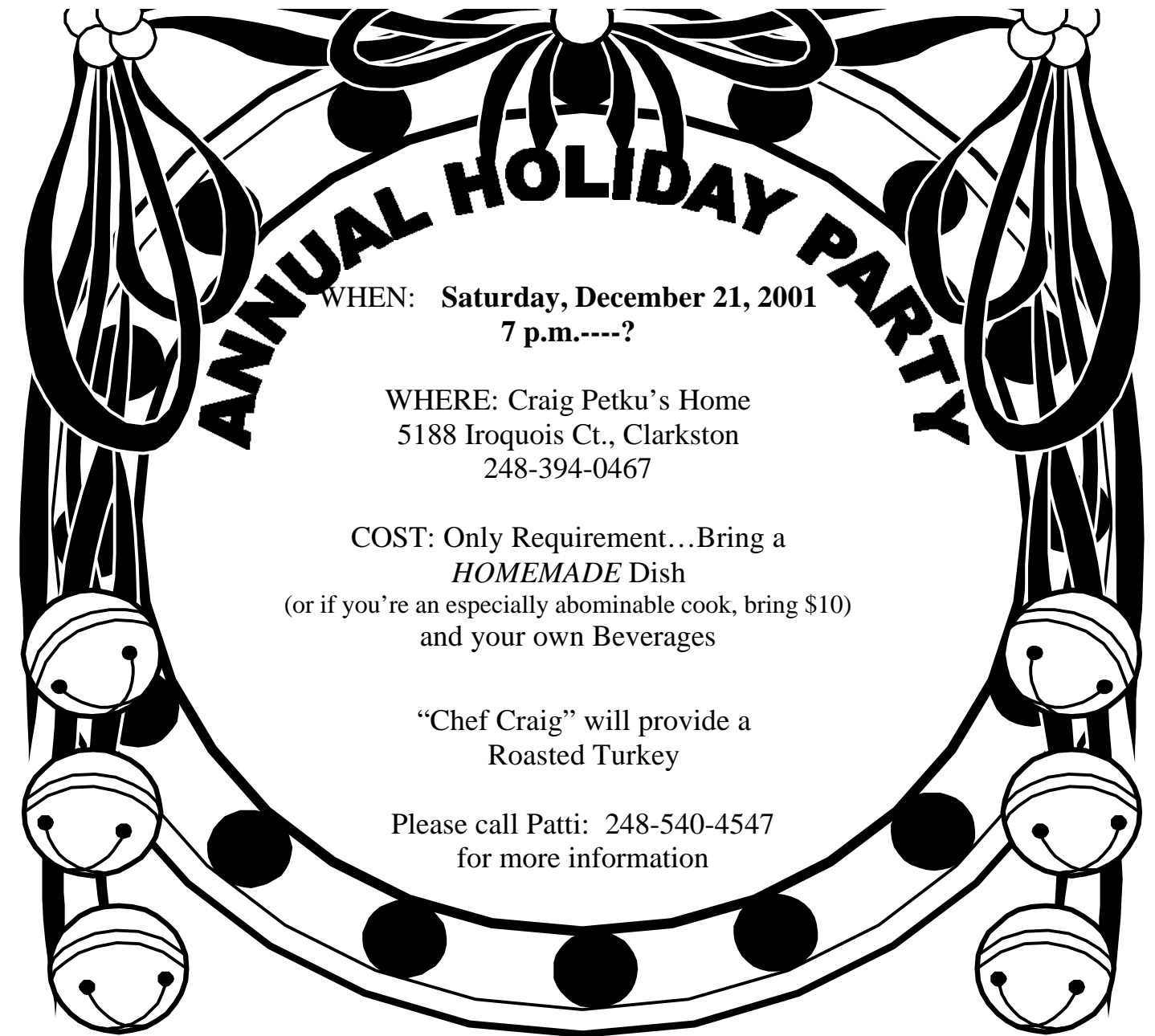
NOTE: FOR YOUR SAFETY, ALL ROOMS ARE NON-SMOKING

Warren Puggini

49435 Limestone Drive

Macomb Township, MI 48044

(586)286-7713



WHEN: Saturday, December 21, 2001
7 p.m.-----?

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

COST: Only Requirement...Bring a
HOMEMADE Dish
(or if you're an especially abominable cook, bring \$10)
and your own Beverages

"Chef Craig" will provide a
Roasted Turkey

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

Map to Craig's Holiday Party

