

# GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB

*"The World's Best Ski Site"*

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GMSC Newsletter

April 2009

## \*SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS\*

- **Pre-meeting dinner.** Join other GMSC Members and friends on April 9th for our pre-meeting BBQ. Dinner will be at the north clubhouse starting at 7:00 pm followed by the April meeting starting at 8:30 pm.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM MARCH MEETING** (complete minutes are available, contact Hans at [gmsc\\_news@bellsouth.net](mailto:gmsc_news@bellsouth.net) if you would like to receive a copy).

- **Courses:** No report.
- **Docks:** The main dock needs a repair on the first boat finger. Julio Macias volunteered to complete the repair.
- **Entertainment:**
  - The Hall of Fame weekend is April 18<sup>th</sup>. Lucky Lowe and Lynn Novakofski are being inducted. Lynn is an honorary member of our club. Charlotte Melcher's of West Palm Beach will receive the Award of Merit. Charlotte is the 2009 National Tournament Director and the Chief Judge of the Masters.
  - The annual picnic and kids day is April 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - The annual banquet is November 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Grounds:** No report.
- **Island:** Randy Yackee volunteered to cut down the dead palm tree.
- **Jump:** The jump is ready for use. Joe is purchasing a new battery.
- **Membership:**
  - Arturo Macias, Lourdes Macias (wife), Valeria and Julio (children) were voted on and approved as a family membership.
  - Romain Lang-Willar was approved as a new member.
  - Al, Robin, and son Alex Rex were introduced as prospective members.
- **Shoreline:** No report.
- **Sunshine:**
  - Karla and Arturo Nelson welcomed their newest son Lorenzo into the world. Congratulations!!!!
  - The 2009 AWSEF Hall of Fame Induction will include award of distinction honorees: Chuck Dees, Carlos Maciel, Mike Murphy, Jonnie Matranga, and Japp Snyderhound.
- **Safety Tip:**
  - All slalom skiers must have a shock tube on their line. The Board of Directors will enforce this rule with zero tolerance. The punishment for not following this rule will be the loss of lake privileges for a specified period of time.
  - All guests must sign the release form as soon as they arrive at our site; it must be signed whether they ski or not. This rule must be adhered to; otherwise the Board will have to take appropriate action.
  - Always stretch and warm-up prior to skiing.
  - Always turn the boat engine OFF when the driver is getting out of their seat.
  - Check your ski handles for wear prior to skiing.
  - Kids should always wear a flotation vest.
  - Remember to use the prescribed patterns for boat driving around our lake.
  - Pick up floating debris and check out the course for debris prior to skiing.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Gonzalo Peschiera presented an idea to place another slalom course in the main canal for tournaments. This would improve spectator viewing. He would also like to purchase cameras to be used instead of judges for the gates. This would eliminate the need for 2 judges. George will work on the cost of doing this and present it at the next regular meeting.
- New brooms have been purchased to clean the docks.
- Looking for a volunteer to manage the GMSC website. Please contact Hans ([gmsc\\_news@bellsouth.net](mailto:gmsc_news@bellsouth.net)) if you are interested.
- Please empty trash containers and take the trash to our dumpster.
- Please remember to pay your guest fees and sign the release form for every guest.
- Remember to lock-up if you are the last one leaving the facilities. Doors have been found wide open or unlocked in multiple occasions.
- If you need police assistance for anyone trespassing on the Club's property, call (305) 476-5423 for the Doral Police Department.
- If you need a remote opener for the gates at the club, contact Joe Luzoro at [luzoro@bellsouth.net](mailto:luzoro@bellsouth.net).
- If problems occur with the electric gates, please contact Leo Ferradaz.
  - Home: 305.485.0272
  - Cell: 305.216.6254
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## UPCOMING DATES

### **Club Dates**

- April 9: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:00 pm).
- April 25: Annual Picnic and Kids day (starting at 10:00am). RSVP to George at [skigeorge@mindspring.com](mailto:skigeorge@mindspring.com)
- May 14: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:30 pm).
- June 11: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:30 pm).
- July 9: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:30 pm).
- August 13: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:30 pm).

### **Tournaments**

- May 30-31: Latin America Championship 3-round slalom.
- June 13-14: Slalom, trick, and jump Class C.
- October 3-4: 3-round slalom. Tommy Harrington will be our featured driver.
- The Southern Regional Tournament will be held at Paducah, KY.
- The National Tournament will be held at West Palm Beach, FL.
- The Big Dawg finals will be held Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at West Palm Beach, FL under the lights.
- The Ft. Lauderdale Ski Club will be hosting 2 tournaments, one in June and the other in July at Mills Pond.

## IN SEARCH OF A SKI PARTNER

- Looking for a ski partner? Please contact Hans ([gmsc\\_news@bellsouth.net](mailto:gmsc_news@bellsouth.net)). A list is available with members that don't have a regular ski partner and need someone to ski with.

## CLASSIFIEDS

- For rent. Adorable, immaculate, re-done ski home on Lake June in Lake Placid. It is 3/3, has great large sunset views of the lake. New boat house with lifts. Huge screened porch with ping pong table. 2 car garage. It is awesome and owners are willing to rent it out to ski club members, monthly or by the week. This 3,600 acre lake has lots of glass smooth conditions for watersports. Contact Paula Fay at 305.205.9002 or at [raroot@aol.com](mailto:raroot@aol.com).
- George is selling ropes (\$35), handles with vinyl (\$35), and shock tubes (\$20). Contact him at [skigeorge@mindspring.com](mailto:skigeorge@mindspring.com).
- GMSC members will receive 10% off the purchase of watersports equipment and PCM/Indmar parts. Go to Henrik's website [www.miamiskinautiques.com](http://www.miamiskinautiques.com) and use code GMSC.
- Detailing of boats plus complete service done on site. Contact Henrik at 305.438.9464 for quote.

- Looking for information on boat spots? Contact George at [skigeorge@mindspring.com](mailto:skigeorge@mindspring.com).

*If you have comments regarding this newsletter, or would like to include something in an upcoming newsletter, please contact Hans at [gmsc\\_news@bellsouth.net](mailto:gmsc_news@bellsouth.net).*