

GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB

"The World's Best Ski Site"

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GMSC Newsletter

April 2010

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pre-meeting dinner.** Join other GMSC Members and friends on April 8th for our first pre-meeting BBQ dinner. Dinner will be at the north lot 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 if you would like to receive a copy).

- **Courses:** All courses are in excellent condition.
- **Docks:** No report.
- **Entertainment:**
 - Paula Fay will be working with George Levien this year and will chair this committee in future years.
 - There were approximately 10 people at the March pre-meeting social dinner at iL Forno.
 - First pre-meeting BBQ starts on April 8th (7:00 pm at the north lot clubhouse).
 - Kid's day is on April 24th. If you have not already confirmed your attendance, please do so by contacting George at skigeorge@mindspring.com.
 - Looking for volunteers to help during Kid's Day. Set up at 10:00 am and clean up at 3:00 pm. Contact George at skigeorge@mindspring.com if you can help out.
- **Grounds:**
 - Shorty is doing a great job.
 - Leo had grass planted at the north of the North lot at no cost to the club. Thank you Leo!!!
- **Island:** No report.
- **Jump:** The jump needs to be waxed and the course needs repair.
- **Membership:**
 - Jenna Gay and Mordechai (Moti) Gelbhauer attended as prospective members.
- **Shoreline:** No report.
- **Sunshine:**
 - Nancy's and Joe's son, Steven, recently was married to Maggie. Congratulations!!!
- **Safety Tip:**
 - Mike Fay will be working with George Levien in an approval process for wake boarders with wake enhancing devices to use the Old #1 canal (Goya canal). You must be approved prior to using this canal for wakeboarding.
 - All guests must sign the release form as soon as they arrive at our site; it must be signed whether they ski or not.
 - Pick up floating debris and check out the course for debris prior to skiing.
 - Longer shock tubes work better than the short ones.
 - Always turn the boat engine OFF when the driver is getting out of their seat.
 - Kids should always wear a flotation vest.
 - Remember to use the prescribed patterns for boat driving around our lake.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The BOD is requesting a bylaws change to increase the guest fees from \$1.00 to \$5.00 per guest and the penalty for not registering a guest increased from \$10.00 to \$100.00 per violation. Members shall pay their guest fees at the time the guest signs the liability release. Any member allowing a non-member to operate a boat at the Club shall result in that member losing

membership privileges for a period of not less than thirty (30) days. The motion was made by George Levien and seconded by Mike Fay.

a. Article VIII: Guests, Section 1, a, of the bylaws.

- Hans Kunzke suggested the original Mission Statement “legalese” language be updated to the following: “The Greater Miami Ski Club is a social club that develops and encourages water skiing and safety in all its disciplines”. The membership present agreed with this change. For reference, the original Mission Statement for the GMSC came from the Articles of Incorporation dated February 8, 1956. Bill Alderman recently retrieved this document for us.
- Arturo Nelson was the host for 2 sessions of photography at the GMSC and other Miami sites of interest. An article will appear in the Water Ski magazine. A number of high-ranking skiers participated including Todd Ristorcelli, Thomas DeGasperi, Drew Ross, Thomas Moore, Jason McClintock, and Whitney McClintock. Assisting were Nancy Luzoro, Nicolas Posselt, and Dennis Longo.
- Club Members need to think of some creative ways to raise money this year to compensate for our budget shortfall.
- Mike and Paula Fay would like to donate a tiki-hut to be placed in the northwest corner of the north lot in honor of Mike’s parents, Pat and Pete Fay. They are both old time members that devoted a great amount of time to the overall development of the Club dating back to the 70’s.
- The Hall of Fame induction is the weekend of April 9th. Darin Shapiro is being inducted as a wake boarder.
- The information in the roster of our web site for members needs to be updated by the general membership. Contact Hans at gmsc_news@bellsouth.net for your login information.
- 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. The release form should be filled out legibly.
- 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 George Levien at skigeorge@mindspring.com
- If problems occur with the electric gates, please contact Leo Ferradaz.
 - Home: 305.485.0272
 - Cell: 305.216.6254
 - Email: lferradazjr@yahoo.com

UPCOMING DATES

Club Dates

- April 8: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:00 pm).
- April 24: Kid’s Day and Annual Picnic starting at 10:00 am.
- May 13: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:00 pm).
- June 10: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:00 pm).
- July 8: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:00 pm).
- August 12: Ski Club Meeting at 8:3 pm (BBQ at 7:00 pm).

Tournaments

- The following are the dates for the GMSC Tournaments:
 - May 22-23: Latin American Championship. Record & 3 round slalom.
 - June 12-13: Class C, 3 Event, 3 RD Pick & Choose
 - October 9-10: Record Slalom – GMSC
- Arturo Nelson is going to sponsor a 3 round slalom fun tournament to raise funds to assist Kyle Eade and his family. Kyle was recently seriously injured in jump practice for the 50th Moomba Masters.

IN SEARCH OF A SKI PARTNER

- Looking for a ski partner? Please contact Hans (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

- Looking for someone to co-own a brand new Malibu boat. Contact Brian Kreis at skyfit@mindspring.com for additional information.
- For rent. Boat spot for rent. Contact Brian Kreis at skyfit@mindspring.com for additional information.
- 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 water sports. Contact Paula Fay at 305.205.9002 or at raroot@aol.com.
- George is selling ropes (\$35), handles with vinyl (\$35), and shock tubes (\$20). Contact him at 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 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.

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.