

GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB

"The World's Best Ski Site"

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GMSC Newsletter

April 2011

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Safety and Judge's clinic.** George Levien will be conducting a safety clinic on Saturday April 9 at 9:00 am at Okeehetee park in West Palm Beach. A judge's clinic will be held on Sunday April 10, same location. Contact either: George Levien skigeorge@mindspring.com or Charlotte Melchers Cmm001@bellsouth.net if you are interested or for additional information.
- **Kid's day is on April 16th.** If you have not already confirmed your attendance, please do so by contacting Paula at 305-205-9002 or raroot@aol.com. Also, looking for volunteers to help setup, work during this event, and clean up.
- **Change in liability coverage.** In an effort to further protect club members and the Club from liability, during the December 2010 meeting the Club voted on, and approved, that all boat owners add the two (2) land trusts as their additional insured's. This change is of no additional increase to the member's insurance premium. The two trusts are:

John Karnes Trust
1780 NW 94 Ave.
Doral, FL 33172

Group II Trust
1580 NW 94 Ave.
Doral, FL 33172

Boat owners need to contact their insurance company and request for these changes to be made by no later than their corresponding premium renewal. Please contact Nancy Luzoro at luzoro@bellsouth.net if you have any questions.

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

- **Courses:**
 - Ongoing work being done in the canals.
 - Ed Finley suggested the purchase of a transit with long range distance of measurement.
 - George reported he is in touch with a company who sells buoys and recommends we order new ones from them. Gate entrance/exit buoys will now be the same size at the other buoys.
 - Gonzalo is researching the purchase of video cameras which are a requirement for record tournaments.
- **Docks:**
 - No report although docks are all in good shape.
 - The company that installed the deck under the chickee will provide a quote on new docks; this is for reference purposes only.
- **Entertainment:**
 - The ribbon cutting ceremony and party was held to honor the completion of the chickee hut on March 3. A great time was had by all. Mike Fay thanked his wife Paula for all her hard work with this event in making it the success it was. Thanks also go to: Pat and Bill Alderman, Rocky and Laura Pasqua, and Hans Kunzke

who contributed much. A beautiful musical video was played showing much of the history of our great club.

- The first Kids Clinic took place on March 6th. Many kids attended and had a wonderful time. Chalo, Juan, Rocky and Laura helped teach kids to ski for the first time. Very successful and fun day was had by all.
- Annual Kids Day will take place on April 16th starting at 10:00 am. Looking for volunteers to help setup, work during this event, and clean up. Please contact Paula at 305-205-9002 or raroot@aol.com if you can help out.
- The 2011 Calendar of Events has been updated. Please go to <http://www.miamiwaterski.com/events/> for additional information.
- **Grounds:** Grass looks good although some palm trees are dying.
- **Island:** Randy will be checking on the island.
- **Jump:** The annual scraping and waxing has been completed.
- **Membership:**
 - Giana Angelopolulos was voted on and approved as a new member.
 - Prospective members present were Alex Walbridge, Jose Luis Demeterco, and Takis Nakos.
- **Shoreline:** No report.
- **Sunshine:**
 - Bobby Long, a long time nationally rated boat driver and member of the Palm Beach ski club, passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.
 - Our club lost a previous member, Randy Moss. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.
 - Mike and Marcia are expecting baby in April.
 - A Dade-County flyer features Merrit Fay on the cover. Congratulations Merrit!!!
- **Safety Tip:**
 - Mike Flynn demonstrated the simple way to use our clubs AED. If in doubt, dial 911 where a trained operator will walk someone through every step needed to attend to the possible victim.
 - Do not cut corners while navigating about the lake, this is a safety hazard.
 - Watch out for floating debris.
 - Please abide by the no-wake restriction buoy on the south end of the main canal and be courteous to fellow skiers and boaters. If heading south, one needs to idle until past the no wake buoy. If heading north, one should be in and out of gear before and after this buoy in order to prevent rollers into the main canal.
 - We recommend wearing a life jacket when you are trick skiing.
 - 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 motions regarding Ski Rides and Vendors that were presented during the February meeting were read and explained by Luke Webb. Paper/pencil vote was taken with nineteen (19) in favor and twelve (12) against. Based on this result the motions failed to pass.

- A vote to change the time of the monthly summer meetings was taken and approved. Please note that moving forward the summer meetings will start at 8:00 pm (vice 8:30 pm).
- Mike reported that our cash flow is doing well for the first quarter of the year. However, to finish the deck and beach area, there were donations made and the monies were used before notification and approval was made. Discussion was held and a vote will be taken next month.
- Looking for volunteers to take over the following tasks: Monthly Newsletter, Website update and maintenance, Roster update and maintenance. Effective July 2011, Hans will no longer perform these tasks. Please contact Hans at gmsc_news@bellsouth.net if you would like more information.
- Please empty trash containers and take the trash to our dumpster.
- Remember to pay your guest fees and sign the release form for every guest. The release form should be filled out legibly and include the member's name.
- **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, the model used is a MultiCode 4120, mcs412001. To purchase one, go to <http://www.gatehousesupplies.com/> and search under Code 4120. Or, alternatively, you can buy any remote that is compatible with the MultiCode 4120 opener. Contact Hans at hkunzke@yahoo.com for programming instructions.
- 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 14: First Pre-meeting BBQ at 7:00 pm followed by Ski Club Meeting at 8:00 pm.
- April 16: Kids Day and Annual Picnic starting at 10:00 am.
- May 12: Pre-meeting BBQ at 7:00 pm followed by Ski Club Meeting at 8:00 pm.
- May 15: Free Kids Clinic & Social at Main Canal (11:00 am to 5:00 pm).
- June 5: Free Kids Clinic & Social at Main Canal (11:00 am to 5:00 pm).
- June 9: Pre-meeting BBQ at 7:00 pm followed by Ski Club Meeting at 8:00 pm.

Tournaments

- April 30 / May 1. Record slalom.
- June 25/26. Alan Byrd Memorial, 3 Round Pick & Choose Slalom & Trick Class C.
- November 5/6. The Latin American Miami Nautique International record slalom. This tournament is now being included in the Big Dawg circuit.
- Arturo reported on a series of tournaments that he is holding. They will include sponsors and a cash prize to promote competitive waterskiing throughout the summer. See Arturo for additional information.

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

- Need wet suits for a family of 4. If you have any wet suits that you are about to discard or are not using anymore I would use them. The ones I need most are for an adult male, adult female, and 2 children ages 8 and 11. All are of normal height and weight, either full length or shorter. Contact Don Pesta at 305-554-0532.
- 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.
- Need ropes, handles, or shock tubes?
 - Contact Rocky or Laura Pascua at rockyropes@yahoo.com.
 - Contact Henrik at Henrik@miamiskinautiques.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. 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.