

# GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB

*"The World's Best Ski Site"*

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GMSC Newsletter

August 2009

## \*SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS\*

- **August meeting cancelled.** Please note that due to the Nationals taking place at Okechee during the week of August 10<sup>th</sup> and many of the GMSC Members attending this tournament, the August meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will take place on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Annual nominations.** Annual nominations for ski club Officers and Board members will be opened at the September meeting. Elections will take place at the October meeting.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM JULY 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:** All courses are in great shape. Various magnets and buoys have been replaced in the far west.
- **Docks:** No report.
- **Entertainment:**
  - Thank you Luke Webb and Gonzalo Renosto for providing a great dinner for the June meeting.
  - The annual banquet is November 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Grounds:** No report.
- **Island:** Randy Yackee is working to cut down the Florida Holly. The debris needs to be burned.
- **Jump:** The jump is ready for use.
- **Membership:**
  - Gonzalo Renosto, Jose Ron, and Trevor Fichman were voted on and approved as new members.
  - Mark Parker, a former member from 10 years ago, was introduced as a prospective member.
  - Mark Claus was introduced as a prospective member. He is working for Henrik at Miami Ski Nautique.
- **Shoreline:** No report.
- **Sunshine:**
  - Frances Woofenden from West Palm Beach has been appearing in V8 commercials skiing. There was also an article in the Miami Herald about her; she is 84 years young.
- **Safety Tip:**
  - Ed Hickey suggested using duct tape to close the V opening in our handles as a safety precaution. Or, check out:
    - <http://www.usgearonline.com/bridleSoc.html>
    - [http://www.jagersport.com/product\\_info.php?products\\_id=245&osCsid=f1300f4aa5adbdd1279aae4ab608bf74](http://www.jagersport.com/product_info.php?products_id=245&osCsid=f1300f4aa5adbdd1279aae4ab608bf74)
  - All guests must sign the release form as soon as they arrive at our site; it must be signed whether they ski or not.
  - 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.
  - Pick up floating debris and check out the course for debris prior to skiing.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congratulations to all Members of the Greater Miami Ski Club that skied at the State Tournament and Southern Regional Championship.

- The Florida State results were:
 

Boys 2	Dylan Alvarez	1 <sup>st</sup> place overall
Men 1	Louie Thomas	1 <sup>st</sup> place slalom
Men 3	Brad Cox	5 <sup>th</sup> place slalom
Men 4	Gonzalo Peschiera	4 <sup>th</sup> place slalom
Men 5	George Levien	2 <sup>nd</sup> place slalom
	Joe Luzoro	2 <sup>nd</sup> place overall
Men 6	Dennis Longo	1 <sup>st</sup> place overall
Men 7	Ken Rodine	4 <sup>th</sup> place slalom
  
- The Southern Regional results that took place in Paduach, Kentucky were:
 

Boys 2	Dylan Alvarez	1 <sup>st</sup> place overall
Men 1	Louie Thomas	4 <sup>th</sup> place slalom
Men 5	Ed Hickey	1 <sup>st</sup> place slalom
	George Levien	8 <sup>th</sup> place slalom
	Joe Luzoro	3 <sup>rd</sup> place overall
Men 6	Dennis Longo	1 <sup>st</sup> place overall
Men 7	Steve Olvey	5 <sup>th</sup> place slalom
	Ken Rodine	3 <sup>rd</sup> place slalom
  
- So you want to go to see some great skiing at the regionals but you don't have time to go during the weekday, then you cannot miss going to see some great skiing at night. "Watch the Elite 8, Final 4, and Championship of the Big Dawg Series battle under the lights on Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> starting at approximately 8:15pm at Okeeheelee East-West lake. Check out <http://skibigdawg.com/tournamentschedule.html> for additional information.
- The guest fees were only \$6.00 in June. They should be more. Please make sure everyone is signing your guests in.
- AWSEF, the educational foundation, needs your support. Please donate to this worthy cause.
- Bill Alderman made a motion to not have the August meeting due to conflict with the Nationals. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous to not have the August meeting.
- The Big Dawg finals will be held Friday evening under the lights at the Nationals. There will be 16 finalists with the top 8 receiving cash prizes. Our own Ed Hickey will be trying to make the finals. Go Ed!!!! The newly re-designed 2010 Ski Nautique will be used as the official towboat.
- 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 George Levien at [skigeorge@mindspring.com](mailto: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](mailto:lferradazjr@yahoo.com)

## UPCOMING DATES

### **Club Dates**

- August 13: MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED.
- September 10: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:30 pm).
- October 8: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:30 pm).
- November 12: Ski Club Meeting at 7:30 pm.

- November 21: GMSC Annual Banquet.
- December 10: Ski Club Meeting at 7:30 pm.

### **Tournaments**

- Mills Pond put on an excellent tournament supported by Brad Cox.
- The National Tournament will be held at West Palm Beach, FL the week of August 10<sup>th</sup>. Go to <http://www.2009waterskinationals.com/misc/practiceinfo.html> for additional information.
- The Big Dawg finals will be held Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at West Palm Beach, FL under the lights. Go to <http://skibigdawg.com/index.htmlawg.com> for additional information.
- October 3-4: 3-round slalom. Tommy Harrington will be our featured driver.
- The Southern Regional Tournament will be held at Paducah, KY.
- The Ft. Lauderdale Ski Club will be hosting 2 tournaments, one in June and the other in July at Mills Pond. Contact Brad Cox at [bradcox@bellsouth.net](mailto:bradcox@bellsouth.net) for additional information.

### **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 Sale. 2009 Mastercraft Prostar 197 Tournament Boat. For information contact Joe at [luzoro@bellsouth.net](mailto:luzoro@bellsouth.net)
- Looking for someone to co-own a brand new Malibu boat. Contact Brian Kreis at [skyfit@mindspring.com](mailto: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 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).

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