

GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB

"The World's Best Ski Site"

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GMSC Newsletter

December 2009

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pre-meeting dinner.** Join other GMSC Members and friends on December 10th for our pre-meeting dinner. Dinner will be at the il Forno Restaurant starting at 6:00 pm. The restaurant is located at the north end of the guest canal, on the corner of 94 Ave and NW 25 St.
- During the November general membership meeting, Arturo Nelson presented a request to move the AQA Training Center from the guest to the far west canal. Arturo presented a final and written proposal to the Board which was reviewed and discussed in detail. This is a two (2) step process where first, the Board votes on the change and, if approved, the change is then voted on by the general membership. The Board has approved the following change to the contract with the AQA Training Center:

To amend the original contract for the Training Center to be located in the far west canal. The training center will purchase a starting dock for its use. The Training Center's rent will be reviewed annually at the time of renewal of the lease using CPI (Consumer Price Index) as a tool to determine the increase, if any.

Note that except to the above mentioned changes, all other terms and conditions in the existing contract with the AQA Training Center will remain in place.

The next step is for this change to be voted on by the general membership. **Please note that this change will be voted on during the December 10th meeting.**

HIGHLIGHTS FROM NOVEMBER 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:** The main dock has been repaired.
- **Entertainment:** Thank you George for organizing the banquet.
- **Grounds:** Shorty is doing a great job.
- **Island:** Randy Yackee is working to cut down the Florida Holly. The debris needs to be burned. The grass has been cut.
- **Jump:** The jump is ready for use.
- **Membership:**
 - George introduced new prospective members Christophe Mangin, Tim Hocklander, and the Smith family, Jeff, wife Patti, and daughter Whitney.
 - Carmen Pesta, wife of Don, our club member and locksmith, was voted on and approved as a new member.
- **Shoreline:** No report.
- **Sunshine:**
 - Jim Greve broke his leg while bicycling. We wish you a speedy recovery Jim!!!
 - Congratulations to Carmen and Don Pesta on their recent marriage.
- **Safety Tip:**
 - Large tires have been found in the lake and canals. Pay special attention to debris and collect as possible.
 - We are trying to get the City of Doral to approve putting our speed bumps back in place. The speeding cars and trucks are a hazard, be careful.
 - Longer shock tubes work better than the short ones.

- 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

- The general membership voted on and approved the expenditure of \$4,000 to re-tile the bathrooms in the north clubhouse.
- The general membership voted on and approved the expenditure of \$7,500 to remove the trees in the back of the building north of the north lot.
- George Levien nominated Mike Sementa (Dennis Longo second) to become a lifetime honorary member of the Club. Mike was our Treasurer for many years, board member, senior judge, senior scorer and avid skier. Mike has moved to Cleveland to start his new career as a pharmacist. The Board voted unanimously to approve Mike. The general membership voted on and approved Mike as a lifetime honorary member of the Club.
- Looking for a volunteer to manage the GMSC website. Please contact Hans (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. 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

- December 10: Ski Club Meeting at 7:30 pm.
- January 14: Ski Club Meeting at 7:30 pm.
- February 11: Ski Club Meeting at 7:30 pm.
- March 11: Ski Club Meeting at 7:30 pm.
- April 8: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:30 pm).
- May 13: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:30 pm).

Tournaments

- Brad Cox represented us at the December 5th meeting to bid on tournament dates for next year. The following are the proposed dates for the GMSC Tournaments:
 - May 22-23: Latin American Tour
 - June 12-13: Class C, 3 Event, 3 RD Pick & Choose
 - October 9-10: Record Slalom - GMSC
- Jack Travers will be hosting the Regional and the Nationals will be held just outside of Chicago.

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 watersports. 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.