

GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB

"The World's Best Ski Site"

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GMSC Newsletter

February 2010

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Proposed Change to Bylaws.** During the January general membership meeting, Luke Webb made a motion for a bylaws change to require all new members (individual and family) to attend at least six (6) meetings within a twelve (12) month period before receiving voting rights. The purpose of this change is to have new members become familiar within the Club before having voting rights. The Board has agreed with this change. Leslie seconded the motion.

Please note that this change to the bylaws will be voted on during the February 11th meeting.

- **Pre-meeting dinner.** Join other GMSC Members and friends on February 11th 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.
- **Membership Dues.** The 2010 dues are due January 1st. Active (Individual) memberships are \$500.00 and family memberships are \$750.00. Please make your check payable to GMSC and mail to:

Rachel Ferradaz
11385 S.W. 32nd Street
Miami, FL 33165

Also, don't forget to complete, sign and return the Member Release Form to Rachel. This form is available on our web site at:

http://www.miamiwaterski.com/members/Release_member_rev_2005.PDF

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JANUARY 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:**
 - There were approximately 25 people at the January pre-meeting social dinner at il Forno.
 - Kid's day is on April 24th.
- **Grounds:**
 - Speed-bumps on 94th Ave by the north and south lots have been put back in.
 - Shorty is doing a great job.
- **Island:** No report.
- **Jump:** The jump is ready for use.
- **Membership:**
 - Christophe Mangin and Jeff Smith were voted on and approved as new members.
 - Jamie Diaz Pauvail, Kristi King, Aaron King, Chatzis George, Chatus Anastasios, and Moti Mordechai Gelbhauer attended as prospective members.
- **Shoreline:** No report.
- **Sunshine:**
 - Ed Hickey's mother passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Ed's family during this difficult time.
 - Linda Giddens, a former member, must undergo major surgery. We wish Linda a speedy recovery.

- **Safety Tip:**
 - 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

- George talked to the warehouse landowner in the far west canal regarding the slope requirement. The owner stated he was in the process of returning the slope to the required 4 x 1 with riprap bags.
- Mike Fay stated he would like to chair a strategic planning committee for the Club. There was a motion on the floor (seconded by Miguel Neuhaus) that was tabled from the last meeting for Mike to select a committee to further investigate the details of Arturo moving his ski school. Mike was asked to discuss the original motion on the floor or withdraw it prior to introducing another motion. Mike withdrew the original motion. The strategic committee will be composed of a cross section of the club members with approximately 7 to 11 members. The strategic committee will report to the Board and then to the general membership. During the next 6 months there will be no changes to the Club's structure. There was an extensive discussion about the strategic planning committee. It was decided there was no reason to have a vote on the creation of this committee. Mike was asked to proceed with his idea.
- Brad Cox asked everyone to have your guests sign the club releases and pay the fee. A discussion was held on increasing the dues for guest. There was no motion made on the floor to raise the fee amount.
- 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.
- Luke discussed a bylaws change to require all new members to attend 6 meetings within the first twelve months before receiving voting rights. The purpose of this change is to have new members become familiar within the Club before having voting rights. The Board has agreed with this change. Leslie seconded the motion. This bylaws change will be voted on at the February general meeting after proper notification to all members.
- Arturo announced he would not be renewing his contract for the AQA Training Center.
- 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

- 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).
- April 24: Kid's Day and Annual Picnic starting at 10:00 am.

- May 13: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:30 pm).
- June 10: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:30 pm).

Tournaments

- USA Water Ski is requiring an Event Sanction Agreement to be signed by each club for each tournament. We are asking other club's and USA Water Ski to explain the purpose of this agreement and the affects to our insurance policy and Club liability.
- George reported that the US Nationals schedule is posted on the USA Water Ski web site. Go to http://www.usawaterski.org/nationals/index_nationals.html for more information.
- The following are the 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

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.