

GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB

"The World's Best Ski Site"

Henrik Laursen, President Mike Fay, Vice President Rachel Ferradaz, Treasurer Nancy Luzoro, Secretary

GMSC Newsletter

February 2011

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Courses:** Work is needed on the far west canal; repairs will take place when it gets warmer.
- **Docks:** New material for bungees has been purchased and repairs have been made.
- **Entertainment:**
 - The 2011 Calendar of Events has been updated. Please go to <http://www.miamiwaterski.com/events/> for additional information.
 - Upcoming events include:
 - March 3 - 7:00 to 9:00 pm: Ribbon cutting and dedication of the Pete and Pat Fay Family Pavilion. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served.
 - March 6 11:00 am to 5:00 pm: Free Kids Clinic & Social at Main Canal. Parents bring a covered dish.
 - April 16 starting at 10:00 am: Kids Day and Annual Picnic.
- **Grounds:** No report.
- **Island:** No report.
- **Jump:** No report.
- **Membership:**
 - Prospective members present were Camilo Gutierrez, Eric Levin, Janine Perdomo, Pirri Family, Ricardo Alzenman, and Sean Walbridge.
- **Shoreline:**
 - The City of Doral is aware of the construction in the far west canal. Thanks to George, Ed, and Henrik for attending a meeting with the City of Doral and working towards getting this issue resolved.
 - A deck has been build encroaching into the waterline of the far west canal.
- **Sunshine:**
 - Lila Rice had a stroke. Her health is improving.

- Bob Miller's sister, Celeste, passed away. Our condolences go out to the Miller's family.
- **Safety Tip:**
 - George reported that if anyone is interested in becoming a safety director, to attend a clinic being held April 9 in West Palm Beach. See Charlotte Melchers for additional information.
 - Do not cut corners while navigating about the lake, this is a safety hazard.
 - Watch out for floating debris.
 - The no wake buoy has been placed back in the main canal. Please abide by the no wake restriction 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 3 bylaws changes made during the December meeting were discussed in detail, were voted on, and the results were the following:
 - a. Motion 1 – Ski School Activity at the Club presented by Luke Webb: 19 Yes, 11 No, 0 Abstain. Motion failed to carry.
 - b. Motion 2 – Ski Ride for Members presented by Luke Webb: 18 Yes, 11 No, 1 Abstain. Motion failed to carry.
 - c. Motion 3 – Student Type Membership presented by Jim Greve: 13 Yes, 17 No, 0 Abstain. Motion failed to carry.
- If you've been to the last two meetings, you've been voting by ballot rather than a show of hands. If you haven't been to a meeting lately, we'd love to see you.
- If you haven't been in the north clubhouse lately stop by and see the new photographs that were recently framed and hung. These action shots were taken by prospective member Thomas Brenemark. He also compiled some photos and thoughts into a book as a thank you for "a great place and the people within it." Thanks to Kim Laursen for framing and hanging these pictures.
- While you're at the clubhouse, you might notice new paint and carpet, and a framed antique scarf from Cypress Gardens as well. Thanks to Paula Fay for working on this and donating the artwork.
- You can easily hang out under the Tiki hut in the evenings at any time. There is a light switch on the right at the entrance.
- At the last meeting there were many prospective members. It was great to see new people enthused about being on the water.
- Paula Fay reported on brick campaign. She has many orders and reminds members to order now. Check will be tax deductible.

- Fishermen have been seen in the water recently. Others reported there are people in the lake. It is important to inform non-members or unauthorized fishermen that they can only fish from the shore.
- Dennis Longo inquired about who will be auditing the books of the GMSC. Although a CPA oversees the books, the books need to be audited on a yearly basis. This item is being worked on.
- Dennis also mentioned that according to the by laws, the treasurer must be bonded. This is a very inexpensive item that the club will pay for moving forward.
- Dennis inquired about the error made in returning membership dues during 2010. He stated that this expense was over \$2,000 and it must be approved by the general membership. Henrik advised that this will be looked at in detail moving forward.
- Luke suggested he chair a committee to improve the motions that were presented during the January meeting and did not carry. Dennis will be on this committee.
- Mike inquired how the security cameras are monitored. George advised they are monitored on a need to view basis.
- 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, 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

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Tournaments

- Members of the GMSC traveled to Lima, Peru to compete at the Big Dawg 35+. Henrik and Gonzalo worked hard to make this event happen. Attending from the club were Ed Hickey, Gonzalo Peschiera, Henrik Laursen, George Levien, Jeff Smith, Whitney Smith, Brad Cox, and future member Raul Duhalde. In addition, Laurie Lindsey and Chet Raley also attended the event.

Go to <http://video214.com/play/97VYIwC0QsjypbF0yabJIQ/s/dark> to see some pictures and skiers in action.

- April 30 / May 1, record slalom.
- June 25/26 Alan Byrd Memorial, 3 event.
- The Latin American Miami Nautique International November 5/6, record slalom. This tournament is now being included in the Big Dawg circuit.

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

- 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. 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.