

GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB

"The World's Best Ski Site"

Lou Thomas, President

George Levien, Vice President

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GMSC Newsletter

January 2009

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Membership Dues.** The 2009 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 (<http://www.miamiwaterski.com/members/index.html>).

- **Pre-meeting dinner.** Join other GMSC Members and friends on January 8th for our pre-meeting dinner taking place at the San Marcos Restaurant (located at the north end of the main canal) and starting at 6:00 pm.

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

- **Courses:** The courses are in excellent shape. The new buoys are durable.
- **Docks:** No report.
- **Entertainment:** Thank you George and all of the people who assisted with our annual banquet. The banquet was a great success. George passed around pictures from the banquet. Mark your calendars, the banquet for 2009 will be November 21st.
- **Grounds:** No report.
- **Island:** Jorge Angulo had the island cleaned up.
- **Jump:** The jump is in perfect condition.
- **Membership:** Alexandre Long-Willar was voted on and approved as a new member.
- **Shoreline:** No report.
- **Sunshine:**
 - We were saddened to learn that Charter Member and Lifetime Honorary Member of the Greater Miami Ski Club, Edward "The Growler" Gill, passed away. Ed was instrumental in the development of our club for many years. Ed is survived by Lil, his wife for 66 years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this difficult time.
- **Safety Tip:**
 - Everyone needs to remember, and there are no exceptions, shock tubes are a requirement and need to be used for slalom skiing. This rule must be adhered to; otherwise the Board will have to take appropriate action.
 - All guests must sign the release form as soon as they arrive at our site; it must be signed whether they ski or not. This rule must be adhered to; otherwise the Board will have to take appropriate action.
 - Always stretch and warm-up prior to skiing.
 - Always turn the boat engine OFF when the driver is getting out of their seat.
 - Check your ski handles for wear prior to skiing.
 - 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

- George Levien, Ed Hickey, Lou Thomas, and Leo Ferradaz will be meeting in January with the Mayor and Vice Mayor of Doral to discuss the slope problem in the West (#6) canal.
- 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.
- 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.
- New members, remember that you must attend at least 6 meetings during your first year of membership.
- If you need a remote opener for the gates at the club, contact Joe Luzoro at luzoro@bellsouth.net.
- 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

- January 8: Ski Club Meeting at 7:30 pm.
- February 12: Ski Club Meeting at 7:30 pm.

Tournaments

- Brad Cox attended the Florida Federation meeting where the tournament bids were accepted:
 - May 30-31: Latin America Championship 3-round slalom.
 - June 13-14: Slalom, trick, and jump Class C.
 - October 3-4: 3-round slalom. Tommy Harrington will be our featured driver.

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 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.