

GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB

"The World's Best Ski Site"

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GMSC Newsletter

June 2009

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Important Notice.** Please note that an oil spill has been found in the Super-8 canal so we are asking Members not to ski in this canal until the oil has been removed. It seems that the oil is cooking oil and we are working towards cleaning it up and investigating where it could have come from.
- **Pre-meeting dinner.** Join other GMSC Members and friends on June 11th for our pre-meeting BBQ. Dinner will be at the north clubhouse starting at 7:00 pm followed by the May meeting starting at 8:30 pm.

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

- **Courses:** Two cross-lines had to be repaired on the main slalom course as well as on the Super-8.
- **Docks:** No report.
- **Entertainment:**
 - Thank you Henrik, Luke, and Miami Ski Nautique for a great dinner for the May meeting.
 - The annual banquet is November 21st.
- **Grounds:** No report.
- **Island:** Randy Yackee and Pete Brislawn are working to cut down the Florida Holly.
- **Jump:** The jump is ready for use. Joe, Dennis, and Nacho waxed the surface.
- **Membership:**
 - Jeff Conroy was voted on and approved as a new member.
 - Tommy Tonsmeire was introduced as a prospective member.
- **Shoreline:** No report.
- **Sunshine:**
 - Mike Flynn's mother passed away. Our condolences go out to his family.
 - Lillian Gill, an honorary member of the GMSC, passed away on April 6th. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family during this difficult time.
 - Linda Giddens, an old time club member, has been sick with pneumonia but is now recovering.
 - Mike Sementa (60 years young) has graduated from Pharmacology School at the University of Florida.
- **Safety Tip:**
 - Swimming is not permitted off of the swim platform of boats.
 - A new ski season is upon us; check your ropes, handles, and bindings for excessive wear.
 - Be careful when launching/loading boats; the water level has been low.
 - All slalom skiers must have a shock tube on their line. The Board of Directors will enforce this rule with zero tolerance. The punishment for not following this rule will be the loss of lake privileges for a specified period of time.
 - 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 stretch and warm-up prior to skiing.
 - 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 Mayor of the City of Doral has signed off on the slope requirement for the lake in order to maintain a 4-to-1 slope above water plus 5. This was done after months of work from various club members led by George Levien. Thank you George, Lou, Ed, and everyone else that worked hard at getting this requirement approved.
- The proposed by-law change to require all active and inactive members to be members of USA Waterski starting in 2010 was discussed in detail. The by-laws change vote was called with 8-yes votes and 14-no votes. Because of this, no change in the by-laws is taking place.
- Steve Olvey has written another book, The Man Who Would Not Die.
- Clean out the pine needles from the fresh water strainers in your boats.
- Change the water pump impellers.
- 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.
- 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

- June 11: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:30 pm).
- July 9: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:30 pm).
- August 13: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:30 pm).
- September 10: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:30 pm).

Tournaments

- June 13-14: Slalom, trick, and jump Class C.
- October 3-4: 3-round slalom. Tommy Harrington will be our featured driver.
- The Southern Regional Tournament will be held at Paducah, KY.
- The National Tournament will be held at West Palm Beach, FL.
- The Big Dawg finals will be held Friday, August 14th at West Palm Beach, FL under the lights.
- 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 for additional information.

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.