

# GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB

*"The World's Best Ski Site"*

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GMSC Newsletter

March 2010

## \*SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS\*

- **Pre-meeting dinner.** Join other GMSC Members and friends on March 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.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY MEETING** (complete minutes are available, contact Hans at [gmsc\\_news@bellsouth.net](mailto: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 February pre-meeting social dinner at il Forno.
  - Kid's day is on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Grounds:**
  - Shorty is doing a great job.
  - If the gates are not working, check and clean the reflectors.
- **Island:** No report.
- **Jump:** The jump needs to be waxed.
- **Membership:**
  - Jaime Diaz (active member), Andrew King, and Kristi King (family membership) were voted on and approved as new members.
  - Arie Jusidman and Maryann Guzy attended as prospective members.
- **Shoreline:** No report.
- **Sunshine:**
  - Linda Giddens is recovering from her surgery. We wish Linda a prompt recovery.
  - Rachel and Leo Ferradaz are expecting another baby. Congratulations to both!!!
- **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

- Luke Webb's proposal to modify the bylaws was voted on and approved unanimously.
  - **A new active or family member must attend six (6) regular meetings within a twelve (12) month period to receive voting rights.**
- In an effort to further protect club members and the Club from liability, Nancy Luzoro made a motion to require boat insurance policies to have a minimum of \$500,000 liability upon renewal. Nancy's research estimates that the additional insurance will only cost \$12.00 to \$50.00 per year. George Levien seconded the motion. The change was voted on and approved unanimously.
- The BOD is analyzing a dues increase to remedy our budget shortfall.
- Juan Capello discussed the Mission Statement. He asked how it was approved. The BOD approved the Mission Statement. Juan also asked if it needed to be voted on by the general

membership. He also questions the use of the word "traditional" as inappropriate and a liability to the Club.

- Cypress Gardens has been sold to Lego Land.
- Tom De Christopher had the new speed bumps installed.
- Mike Fay read the Mission Statement from USA Water Ski.
- Mike Fay discussed the strategic committee and provided the following updates:
  - Welcome
  - GMSC Steering Committee Members
    - Bill Alderman
    - Juan Alvarez
    - Juan Pablo Capello
    - Mike Fay
    - Michael Fichman
    - Andy Langesfeld
    - Kim Laursen
    - Leslie Lazo
    - Nancy Luzoro
    - Rocky Pascua
    - Gonzalo Renosto
  - Top ten highlighted issues (Zoomerang Survey to all members with questions)
    - By-laws
    - Ski School/ Training
    - Membership
    - Revenue sources (guests, tournaments, taxes, dues, training membership)
    - Club house facilities (long-term)
    - Canal Usage
    - Insurance/ Releases
    - Mission Statement
    - Excess & additional property purchase
    - Social events
  - USA Water Ski by-laws/ Vision Statement
  - USA Water Ski affiliated disciplines
    - Water Ski
    - Barefoot
    - Kneeboard Association
    - Collegiate Water Ski
    - Show Ski
    - Water Ski Racing
    - Hydrofoil
    - Three-event skiing
    - Wakeboard
    - Water Skiers with Disabilities
  - USA Wakeboard By-laws
  - International Water Ski & Wakeboard Federation
  - Club history
    - Tournament water skiers compared to today
    - 1975-1985 approximately the same amount of members as today with 30-35 competitive skiers. Today there are approximately 15-20 competitive skiers

- Canal use comparison. Three slalom canals, one jump canal and three blank canals 1975-1985
- 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](mailto:gmsc_news@bellsouth.net) for your login information.
- 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](mailto: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](mailto:lferradazjr@yahoo.com)

## UPCOMING DATES

### **Club Dates**

- 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).
- July 8: 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. USA Water Ski has agreed that the Club can sign the agreement and that there is no additional liability to the Club.
- The following are the dates for the GMSC Tournaments:
  - May 22-23: Latin American Championship. Record & 3 round slalom.
  - 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](mailto: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](mailto:skyfit@mindspring.com) for additional information.
- For rent. Boat spot for rent. Contact Brian Kreis at [skyfit@mindspring.com](mailto: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](mailto:raroot@aol.com).
- George is selling ropes (\$35), handles with vinyl (\$35), and shock tubes (\$20). Contact him at [skigeorge@mindspring.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:gmsc_news@bellsouth.net).*