

GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB

"The World's Best Ski Site"

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GMSC Newsletter

March 2011

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Proposed change in by-laws.** During the February general membership meeting, Luke Webb made a motion for bylaws changes, which were discussed and are described under General Announcements below. This motion was seconded by Rachel Ferradaz. Please note that this motion will be voted on during the March 10th meeting.
- **Safety and Judge's clinic.** George Levien will be conducting a safety clinic on Saturday April 9 at 9:00 am at Okeeheelee park in West Palm Beach. A judge's clinic will be held on Sunday April 10, same location. Contact either: George Levien skigeorge@mindspring.com or Charlotte Melchers Cmm001@bellsouth.net if you are interested or for additional information.
- **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 FEBRUARY MEETING *(complete minutes are available, contact Hans at gmsc_news@bellsouth.net if you would like to receive a copy).*

- **Courses:** Mike Flynn reported repairs on the west course are half way finished.
- **Docks:** No report.
- **Entertainment:**
 - Dates and Announcements have been posted on the outside wall of the north clubhouse.
 - Paula reported that the deck area under the chickee will be finished by March 3 and ready for the dedication of the chickee hut.
 - March 6 will be the first kids training day in the main canal starting at 11:00 am. Join families and kids at the north lot. Bring covered dish so share.
 - Annual kids day will take place on April 16th starting at 10:00 am. Looking for volunteers to help setup, work during this event, and clean up.
 - Many thanks to Paula for bringing dinner again for the February pre-meeting diner.
 - The 2011 Calendar of Events has been updated. Please go to <http://www.miamiwaterski.com/events/> for additional information.
- **Grounds:**
 - Rachel reported that the grounds are improving.

- Henrik is improving the beach area. Sand will be purchased and spread.
- **Island:** No report.
- **Jump:** Maintenance being done on the jump; it is also being prepared to be waxed.
- **Membership:**
 - Ernesto Bustamante, Eric Levin, Pirri family, and Nick and Natalie Perdomo were voted on and approved as a new members.
 - Prospective members present were Manos Padadokosaka and Gianna, as well as Corrado Dragoni.
- **Shoreline:** No report.
- **Sunshine:** Water is getting warmer.
- **Safety Tip:**
 - An AED/First Responder class will be taking place on March 6th. Please contact Mike Flynn mjflynn1884@gmail.com for additional information.
 - 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

- During the February general membership meeting, Luke Webb made a motion for bylaws changes, which were discussed and are described below. This motion was seconded by Rachel Ferradaz. Please note that this motion will be voted on during the March 10th meeting.

Proposed By-Law Changes:

GMSC Proposed By-Laws Changes

Article XVI: SKI RIDE VENDORS, PROVIDERS

A ski ride vendor is defined as any Club member or entity that receives monetary profit, including tips, for a ski ride or ski instruction. A ski ride provider is defined as any Club member who is reimbursed only for the expense of providing a ski ride. Guests are not allowed

to purchase ski rides or ski lessons. There will be no advertising of any form permitted to promote ski ride activities except as expressly agreed by contract.

1. Ski ride vendor:

- a. The Board of Governors or a Committee selected by the Board of Governors shall negotiate a written contract with Club members seeking to become a vendor. The contract shall at a minimum include remuneration to the Club for use of the Greater Miami Ski Club facilities and a clause for the Board of Governors to terminate the contract at any time. The general membership will vote to approve or disapprove the proposed vendor as provided for by Article XIII of the bylaws Section 1, A & B; the same procedure as a bylaws change.
- b. Must have a commercial liability insurance policy as defined under Article XVII Insurance.
- c. Operating as a vendor without the provisions of Article XVI will result in a minimum of a 30-day suspension of all Club activities for the first offense and removal from the Club for second offense as provided for in Article IX Removal of members.

2. Ski ride provider:

- a. The Club member desiring to be a provider must notify the Board of Governors in writing prior to the initial start of these activities.
- b. Must verify and submit to the Board of Governors their personal liability insurance policy showing coverage for these activities (endorsement) or purchase a commercial liability insurance policy as defined under Article XVII Insurance.
- c. The Board of Governors will annually set the maximum dollar amount the provider shall charge per ski ride. This amount will reflect the approximate current cost to provide ski rides. Acceptance of a greater dollar amount or failure to notify the Board of Governors in writing prior to the initial start of these activities will result in a minimum of a 30-day suspension of all Club activities for the first offense and removal from the Club for the second offense as provided for in Article IX Removal of Members.

ARTICLE XVII: INSURANCE

1. Personal Insurance

- a. Each boat shall have a liability insurance policy with a minimum liability limit of \$500,000.00. Proof of current insurance coverage with the Greater Miami Ski Club and its related entities listed, as additional insured shall be provided to the club. The penalty for violating this rule will be the same as allowing a non-member to drive a boat at the club (Article VIII, Section 1).

2. Commercial Insurance

- a. Each boat used by a ski ride vendor at the Greater Miami Ski Club shall have a commercial liability insurance policy with a minimum liability limit of \$1,000,000.00. Proof of current insurance coverage with the Greater Miami Ski Club and its related entities listed, as additional insured shall be provided to the Club. The following activities are specifically excluded from this commercial category:

- i. Incidental remuneration or reimbursement by a member or guest to a boat owner for organized and sanctioned club activities including practice sessions and tournaments.
- ii. Ski ride providers.
- iii. Any other activity covered by written endorsement from an individual's insurance company and accepted by the Club's insurance company.
- iv. Reimbursement between members who are ski partners.

In the event of a discrepancy, the Board of Governors or appointed committee will determine whether or not certain activities are considered commercial by a majority vote of all Board members. The Board of Governors, as they deem necessary, may recommend increasing the above requirements from time to time. The membership must vote to approve the increase as provided for by Article XIII of the bylaws Section 1, A & B; the same procedure as a bylaws change. Notice shall be given to each active member seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB SAFETY RULES

Delete the section "All BOAT / OWNERS SHALL:

Add in "ALL DRIVERS SHALL" after "Use the prescribed lake pattern":

Have an observer or rear view mirror when towing skiers.

ON THE WATER:

Only members **who have passed the driver's test (are checked out -delete)**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

- 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

- March 6: Free Kids Clinic & Social at Main Canal (11:00 am to 5:00 pm).
- March 10: Ski Club Meeting at 7:30 pm.
- April 3: Free Kids Clinic & Social at Main Canal (11:00 am to 5:00 pm).

- April 14: First Pre-meeting BBQ at 7:30 pm followed by Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm.
- April 16: Kids Day and Annual Picnic starting at 10:00 am.
- May 12: Pre-meeting BBQ at 7:30 pm followed by Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm.
- May 15: Free Kids Clinic & Social at Main Canal (11:00 am to 5:00 pm).
- June 5: Free Kids Clinic & Social at Main Canal (11:00 am to 5:00 pm).
- June 9: Pre-meeting BBQ at 7:30 pm followed by Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm.

Tournaments

- April 30 / May 1, record slalom.
- June 25/26 Alan Byrd Memorial, 3 Round Pick & Choose Slalom & Trick Class C.
- 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.