

# GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB

*"The World's Best Ski Site"*

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GMSC Newsletter

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## \*SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS\*

- George Levien proposed a bylaws change to require all club members to be USA Waterski members. George's idea is to support the governing body of our great sport USA Waterski.

Membership advantages:

1. Liability insurance
2. Discounts on boat insurance
3. Discounts on water skiing products
4. USA Waterski magazine
5. Access to other water skiing enthusiasts
6. Listing of ski sites around the world.

Voting on this proposal will take place at the next regular meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30pm.

- **Pre-meeting dinner.** Join other GMSC Members and friends on May 14<sup>th</sup> 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 APRIL 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:** The courses are in good condition. The skis are not cutting the new buoys.
- **Docks:** No report.
- **Entertainment:**
  - Thank you Nancy and Joe Luzoro and Jim McDonald for a great dinner for the April meeting.
  - The annual picnic and kids day was April 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you George for organizing this event and for everyone that helped.
  - The annual banquet is November 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Grounds:** No report.
- **Island:** Randy Yackee and Pete Brislawn volunteered to cut down the Florida Holly.
- **Jump:** The jump is ready for use. Joe purchased a new battery.
- **Membership:**
  - Stephan Lang-Willar and Alfredo Kunhardt were voted on and approved as new members.
  - Jose Ron, Jeff Conry, and Kent Marinkavik were introduced as prospective members.
- **Shoreline:** No report.
- **Sunshine:**
  - We are looking for a web master for our web site.
  - Richard Johnston, a former ski club member, lost his battle with cancer. Richard was one of the founders of Ski Paradise. He was the national trick record holder many times and an accomplished overall skier. His wife Ruth and their son Ramon survive him.
- **Safety Tip:**
  - Be careful when launching/loading boats; the water level is 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.
- 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 and Lou Thomas attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the motion with the City of Doral to maintain a 4-to-1 slope above water plus 5. There were no objections. The next and final step is for the Mayor of Doral to approve the slope requirement. The Membership applauded George for all of his diligent work on this project. Thank you George!!!
- A new ski season is upon us; check your ropes, handles, and bindings for excessive wear.
- Clean out the pine needles from the fresh water strainers in your boats.
- Change the water pump impellers.
- Thank you Brad Cox for setting up our TV's for digital reception.
- Gonzalo Peschiera discussed the possibility of placing a new slalom course for tournaments in front of the two clubhouses. The Board asked Gonzalo to wait until next year due to the poor economic times. Gonzalo would like to equip the towers with video cameras to eliminate the need for 2 officials during record tournaments. The cost will be approximately \$1,200.00 and would be recuperated within 1 year by the elimination of 2 judges. For the Latin American Championship, he would like to have flags representing each country. The club members present agreed with both ideas.
- Looking for a volunteer to manage the GMSC website. Please contact Hans ([gmsc\\_news@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](mailto:luzoro@bellsouth.net).
- If problems occur with the electric gates, please contact Leo Ferradaz.
  - Home: 305.485.0272
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### UPCOMING DATES

#### **Club Dates**

- May 14: Ski Club Meeting at 8:30 pm (BBQ at 7:30 pm).
- 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).

#### **Tournaments**

- 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.
- 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bradcox@bellsouth.net) for additional information.

#### **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**

- 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](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).

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