

GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB

"The World's Best Ski Site"

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GMSC Newsletter May 2011

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Board meeting on May 11th.** A Board meeting will be taking place on May 11th starting at 7:00 pm at the north clubhouse. All members are invited to attend.
- **Change in time for summer meetings.** A vote to change the time of the monthly summer meetings was taken and approved during the April meeting. Please note that moving forward the summer meetings will start at 8:00 pm (vice 8:30 pm).
- **Pre-meeting dinner.** Join other GMSC members and friends on May 12th for our pre-meeting BBQ dinner. Dinner will be at the north lot clubhouse starting at 7:00 pm followed by the May meeting starting at 8:00 pm.
- **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 APRIL MEETING (*complete minutes are available, contact Hans at gmsc_news@bellsouth.net if you would like to receive a copy*).

- **Courses:**
 - Courses are in pretty good shape and ready for the summer.
 - Ed Finley gave a review of how the purchase of a transit will pay for itself in two (2) years. Membership voted on and approved the purchase of the new transit.
- **Docks:**
 - Tom changed several bungees.
 - Brad reported that some screws are loose on the docks and that some wood is splintering.
 - It was reported that trick skiing and slow speeds do a lot of damage to the docks. When trick skiing or going at low speeds in the main canal, the boat should turn around at the green buoys; this will prevent more damage to the docks.
- **Entertainment:**
 - The GMSC Annual Picnic was a huge success. Well over 100 members, guests, and kids enjoyed our beautiful club, glassy waters, delicious foods, water slide, snow cone machine, ski show, and live music! The kids even played in the little bit of rain that we had as the adults chilled out to great live music. It really was one of those magical days and one that won't soon be forgotten. Many thanks are given to the following enthusiastic volunteers who helped throw the picnic.

Tony Huerta	Todd Migon	Rachel Ferradaz	Paula Fay
Gonzalo Peschiera	Sam Migon	Randy Yackee	Michael Fay
Rocky Pascua	Laura Pascua	Karla Ibarrola	Sandra Mase
Kim Laursen	Juan Pablo Capello	Henrik Laursen	Hans Kunzke

In addition, a huge thank you to the following members who underwrote several items for the picnic!

Tony Huerta
 Gonzalo Peschiera
 Sam and Todd Migon
 Paula and Mike Fay
 Kim and Henrik Laursen
 Juan Pablo Capello
 Miguel Neuhaus

- The next Kids Clinic is scheduled to take place on May 15th (from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm). Many kids learned to ski, trick, and wakeboard during the first clinic. Come to learn or continue developing your skills.
- The 2011 Calendar of Events has been updated. Please go to <http://www.miamiwaterski.com/events/> for additional information.
- **Grounds:** No report.
- **Island:** No report.
- **Jump:** The jump is in great shape. All work has been completed and it is ready for the summer.
- **Membership:**
 - Camilo Gutierrez was ready to be voted on.
 - Prospective member present was Reiner Gomez from Venezuela, who used to be a member.
- **Shoreline:** No report.
- **Sunshine:**
 - The father of Rocky Pascua passed away recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.
 - Ed Finley and his wife are proud parents of 7 month old Joshua. Congratulations to the new family!!!! When is Joshua going to start bare-footing???
 - Salvador Veloso won a very prestigious advertising award for his outstanding Honda advertisements. Congratulations Salvador!!!
 - Kristy and Andrew King have relocated due to employment and have changed membership status to Inactive.
 - Louie Thomas, Will Asher, Chris Rossi, and Dylan Alvarez did a photo shoot in Biscayne Bay.
 - Jamie Beauchesne and Chris Rossi skied at our site or a photo shoot in the Water Skier Magazine. They were very thankful for the time on the water here at our club.
- **Safety Tip:**
 - Mike Flynn made some modifications to the safety rules.

- Sitting on the gunnels or transom of the boat is dangerous and is also a serious safety violation. Paula reported that a friend of Merritt lost his hand while sitting on the gunnels.
- George showed an arm guard placed on a ski handle for safety purposes. He recommends all members purchase one and use it.
- Do not cut corners while navigating about the lake, this is a safety hazard.
- Watch out for floating debris.
- Please abide by the no-wake restriction buoy on the south end of the main canal 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

- As a friendly reminder, please note that members who sponsor new members are responsible to guide them through the bylaws and safety rules of the club.
- If you see a bylaw or safety rule violation that has taken place, please report it to any Board member.
- All monies spent on deck, chickee-hut and beach sand was through donations, contributions and the brick campaign. No monies from the club were used for this project.
- Nicolas Posselt presented a proposal for janitorial services for the club; the Board will review it.
- George reported on taxes on the lots. He will attend a meeting to possibly permanently adjust the value of the land.
- Jim Greve along with Luke Webb will get together to plan a scuba diving trip to the keys this summer.
- Looking for volunteers to take over the following tasks: Website update and maintenance, Roster update and maintenance. Effective July 2011, Hans will no longer perform these tasks. Please contact Hans at gmsc_news@bellsouth.net if you would like more information.
- Luke Webb and Ed Finley will be managing the newsletter effective July 2011. Thanks to both for stepping up and taking over this task.
- 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, the model used is a MultiCode 4120, mcs412001. To purchase one, go to <http://www.gatehousesupplies.com/> and search under Code 4120. Or, alternatively, you can buy any remote that is compatible with the MultiCode 4120 opener. Contact Hans at hkunzke@yahoo.com for programming instructions.
- 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

- May 12: Pre-meeting BBQ at 7:00 pm followed by Ski Club Meeting at 8:00 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 7:00 pm followed by Ski Club Meeting at 8:00 pm.

Tournaments

- June 25/26. Alan Byrd Memorial, 3 Round Pick & Choose Slalom & Trick Class C.
- November 5/6. The Latin American Miami Nautique International record slalom. This tournament is now being included in the Big Dawg circuit.
- Results from the Big Dawg tournament in Brazil.
 - Henrik Laursen / 2nd Place.
 - Gonzalo Pescheira / 3rd Place.
- A Judges and Safety Clinic took place in West Palm Beach. George certified Brad, Miguel, and Brian for the year.
- Arturo presented his desire to conduct a handicapped tournament, which he would like to hold at the GMSC, and taking place on May 28th. This event will be sanctioned by USA Waterski and will take place in the main or guest canal. Arturo will pay \$250.00 for the use of the canal. Members agreed that voting on the approval of these tournaments is needed. Paper/pencil vote was taken with 14 votes in favor and 8 against. The vote passed.

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

- Need wet suits for a family of 4. If you have any wet suits that you are about to discard or are not using anymore I would use them. The ones I need most are for an adult male, adult female, and 2 children ages 8 and 11. All are of normal height and weight, either full length or shorter. Contact Don Pesta at 305-554-0532.
- 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.

- Need ropes, handles, or shock tubes?
 - Contact Rocky or Laura Pascua at rockyropes@yahoo.com.
 - Contact Henrik at Henrik@miamiskinautiques.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.