

GREATER MIAMI SKI CLUB

"The World's Best Ski Site"

George Levien, President George Levien, Vice President Rachel Ferradaz, Treasurer Dennis Longo, Secretary
GMSC Newsletter November 2010

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pre-meeting dinner.** The Board of Governors would like to invite you to join other GMSC Members and friends on November 11th for our pre-meeting dinner. Dinner will be at the north lot clubhouse starting at 6:00 pm followed by the November meeting starting at 7:30 pm.
- Ski club Officers and Board members for 2011 are as follows:
 - President: Henrik Laursen
 - Vice President: Mike Fay
 - Treasurer: Rachel Ferradaz
 - Secretary: Nancy Luzoro
 - Past President: George Levien
 - Board members:
 - Bill Martins
 - Brad Cox
 - Ed Hickey
 - Hans Kunzke
 - Luke Webb
 - Paula Fay
- The annual banquet is November 20th. Please RSVP to George at skigeorge@mindspring.com. Space is limited.
- **Change in liability coverage.** In an effort to further protect club members and the Club from liability, during the February 2010 meeting the Club voted on, and approved, an increase to liability coverage on all ski boats operating at the club. Boat owners need to contact their insurance company and request an increase in their coverage be made, from \$300,000 to \$500,000 per occurrence. This should be accomplished by no later than the corresponding premium renewal.

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

- **Courses:** Ed Finley will be replacing the main lines in the far west course. Ed Brazil checked the accuracy and repaired our main course.
- **Docks:** No report.
- **Entertainment:**
 - Thank you Randy Yackee and George Levien for dinner prior to the October meeting.
 - The annual banquet is November 20th. Please RSVP to George at skigeorge@mindspring.com. Space is limited.
 - Paula Fay has volunteered to head up the Entertainment committee next year.
- **Grounds:** Shorty is doing a great job. Two trees, which are a hazard, are going to be removed from the south lot.
- **Island:** The ramp going from the island dock to the island was burned. A new one is being made. Chalo volunteered to dismantle the old one.

- **Jump:** No report.
- **Membership:**
 - Sean Walbridge, Todd Migon, Sam Migon, Paulino Fernandez, and Beny Rus MD attended as prospective members.
- **Shoreline:** Tires are being dumped into the lake again.
- **Sunshine:**
 - Thank you Don Pesta for making keys for the bathroom tissue dispensers.
 - Tom De Christopher's father passed away in Pennsylvania at the age of 89. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tom's family during this difficult time.
 - Thank you Hans Kunzke for the newsletter.
- **Safety Tip:**
 - 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

- **Training Centers:**
 - Juan Cappello stated the ski school is still running contrary to the February BOD meeting.
 - Paula Fay questioned the added liability to the Club.
 - Ed Hickey reported that he had discussed this issue with Guy Haggard, an attorney that represents many Clubs and USA Waterski. He stated there are not any liability issues if releases are signed.
 - Hans Kunzke stated guest statistics concerning Arturo Nelson. He proposed 3 bylaws changes to address this situation. The statistics and motions are being sent to the membership via a separate notice. There was a second from the floor for the three motions by Luke Webb.
- The new BOD should look into long range financial planning.
- Hans asked all members to update their roster information. Please contact Hans at gmsc_news@bellsouth.net if you need your username and/or password to access the roster and update your information.
- Todd Migon volunteered to replace the bad drywall in the ladies room of the north lot.
- Lou Thomas made a motion for the good of the club: To suspend any and all ski school activity. Non-members cannot pay for pulls. It is OK for members to compensate members. The motion was seconded and discussed. A vote was taken with 24-Yes and 15-No. The motion passed by a majority of the vote.

- Below please find a message from Art Cozier:

From: [Art Cozier](#)

To: [Art Cozier](#)

Sent: Friday, October 15, 2010 4:14 PM

Subject: Retirement at last!

Dear friends and associates,

I wanted to let everyone know that I have decided to retire from daily work at Correct Craft, and today is my last day at work. It has been a great pleasure to have been associated with this company for 44 years, and I intend to stay associated, only not on a daily basis. Thanks to every one of you with whom I have had the pleasure of a contact, and please know that I will still be available if you need information about your boat or anything that I might be able to help you with. The telephone numbers and email address below will continue to be in effect.

Some of you might receive multiple copies of this mail due to my not being very organized about keeping my contacts, for which I apologize, but time is limited today!

Art

- 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

- November 11: Ski Club Meeting at 7:30 pm (pre-meeting dinner starting at 6:00 pm).
- November 20: Annual Ski Club Banquet.
- December 9: Ski Club Meeting at 7:30 pm.
- January 13: Ski Club Meeting at 7:30 pm.
- February 10: Ski Club Meeting at 7:30 pm.

Tournaments

- The Miami World Record Slalom tournament (3 rounds) was held on October 9-10. There were a small number of skiers but all had a great time. The 2nd and 3rd round was run successfully with the experimental turn and burn concept.
- Ed Hickey is featured in an article from Water Ski Magazine. Congratulations Ed!!!

- The Latin American Senior tournament, sponsored by Miami International Nautiques, was held October 30-31.

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.