

# 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

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## **\*SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS\***

- **Change in time for the October meeting.** Please note that the time for the October meeting has been changed, from 8:30pm to 8:00pm. This is due to the Elections taking place during this meeting and in order to provide ample time to the Elections Committee to count all the votes. So mark your calendars for October 14<sup>th</sup> with dinner starting at 7:00pm followed by the meeting starting at 8:00pm. Meeting will be opened in the regular fashion with the first item of business being to open nominations, which will be immediately followed by the elections. Please be on time.
- **Elections will be held at the October meeting.** Nominations for ski club Officers and Board members were opened during the September general membership meeting, are currently closed, and will be re-opened during the October general membership followed by elections taking place during this meeting.
- Annual nominations for ski club Officers and Board members are as follows:
  - President: Bill Martins, George Levien, Henrik Laursen
  - Vice President: Leo Ferradaz, Mike Fay
  - Treasurer: Rachel Ferradaz
  - Secretary: Dennis Longo, Nancy Luzoro
  - Board members 2-year term:
    - Arturo Nelson
    - Bill Martins
    - Ed Finley
    - Gonzalo Peschiera
    - Hans Kunzke
    - Luke Webb
    - Paula Fay
    - Randy Yackee

Outgoing Board members are: Arturo Nelson, Hans Kunzke, and Luke Webb. Board members with 1-year remaining on their term are: Brad Cox, Henrik Laursen, and Joe Luzoro. Note that Joe has resigned from the Board due to his work schedule.

Nominations were closed until the October meeting. Elections will be held at the October meeting.

- **Change in liability coverage.** In an effort to further protect club members and the Club from liability, during the February 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 SEPTEMBER 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:** Please replace buoys that are damaged or let Arturo know and he will replace them.

- **Docks:** The docks need to be sealed.
- **Entertainment:** Thank you Randy Yackee for a great dinner.
- **Grounds:** Shorty is doing a great job.
- **Island:** Mike Flynn has been cleaning up the island. It looks great!!!
- **Jump:** The jump was waxed by Dennis and Joe.
- **Membership:**
  - Paola Chapus Ardid, Alfonso Corona, and Cheryl Goldstein were voted on and approved as new members.
  - No other prospective member(s) attended the meeting.
- **Shoreline:** No report.
- **Sunshine:**
  - Tom De Christopher and Patti got married recently after 12 years together. Congratulations!!!
- **Safety Tip:**
  - 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.
  - Leslie Altman, David Hernandez and Jamie Odcbechain passed their driving test.
  - 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**

- The October meeting will begin at 8:00 pm.
- Lou Thomas read a letter of resignation as President and as the Past President on the Board of Directors for next year.
- A letter of resignation from the Board of Directors was read for Joe Luzoro. Joe is resigning because he cannot attend the meetings due to his work schedule.
- The North clubhouse has a leak in the roof over the ladies room. The roofer that did the previous work was going to go back to check it.
- The owner of the canoe in the far west canal has been asked to remove it from the lake.
- We recently passed our fire inspections and obtained our occupational licenses.
- Mike Flynn stated he is looking for kids to participate in a gymnastics class locally.
- Gonzalo Peschiera stated members should be club members for at least five years before serving on the Board of Directors.
- Paula Fay stated she knew the Board was considering a limited training membership. She believes a conflict of interest exists if a Board member is running a training center. It was explained to Paula that the bylaws states that Board members cannot vote on financial issues they are involved in.

- Lou Thomas stated that paying members and non-members for ski rides opens the Club to additional liability.
- Rocky Pasqua stated that prospective Club Officers and Board Members should be required to state their views prior to running for office.
- George Levien stated he was going to call a Board of Directors meeting to discuss the concept of a limited individual membership. The new membership would not have voting or driving rights.
- Hans Kunzke stated he is looking for someone to take over the newsletter, web site and rooster. Hans has done an excellent job for the Club for many years.
- 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](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**

- October 14 (note new time): Ski Club Meeting at 8:00 pm (Last BBQ at 7:00 pm).
- November 11: Ski Club Meeting at 7:30 pm.
- November 20: Annual Ski Club Banquet.
- December 9: Ski Club Meeting at 7:30 pm.

### **Tournaments**

- The Miami World Record Slalom tournament (3 rounds) will be held October 9-10.
- The results from the Senior Worlds water skiing from Seagate, Italy.
  - Henrik Laursen 4<sup>th</sup> place slalom.
  - George Levien competed in the preliminaries only.
  - Ed Hickey 1<sup>st</sup> place Sr. Men III.
  - Ramon Quintana competed in the preliminaries only.

## 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 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).

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