



News Letter

MIAMI SKI CLUB INC. P.O. BOX 560943 PINECREST, FL 33256-0943

DECEMBER 2002

Happy Hours

December 6, 6 PM

St. Michel
162 Alcazar Ave.
Coral Gables (305) 446-6572

December 13, 6PM

Holiday Happy Hour RUSTY PELICAN
3201 Rickenbacker Causeway
Key Biscayne (305) 361-3818
CORAL ROOM

December 20, 6PM

Tobacco Road,
626 South Miami Ave.
Downtown Miami (305) 374-1198

For further details and maps of each location, please log on to our website: miamiskiclub.com

Theatre night

Wednesday, December 18, 8 PM

Charles Randolph- Wright's intriguing play infused with original jazz music. Blue takes us to the South Carolina home of the Clark family, pillars of the African American community. It is the 1970s and the Clarks are a successful clan buoyed by the prosperity of their recession-proof family funeral parlor. Just as this "perfect" family is about to make the cover of Ebony Magazine, surprise forces go to work as the silky smooth voice of jazz crooner Blue Williams keeps passing through the imagination of Peggy, and soon we learn that in the Clark family, as in most families, everything is not exactly as it appears. Tickets are **\$29** per person for members \$34 for guests. For reservations, make checks payable to Miami Ski Club and mail to **Sabina Van Tuyn**, P.O. Box 0757, Miami Springs, FL 33266. After Dec 8th tickets go up to \$45. visit www.CGPlayhouse.com or call **(305) 888-SNOW**.

Snowball

Friday, December 13, 6 PM

HOLIDAY HAPPINESS
AT THE
RUSTY PELICAN

Please join us for a very special Holiday Happy Hour and Mini-Snowball. Spend an enchanting evening with your fellow ski club members. Enjoy fabulous hors 'oeuvres and a complimentary cocktail. This could also be your last chance to pick up the new ski season trip information, speak to the trip leaders or sign up for an incredible ski trip! The event is limited to only 100 guests, to ensure your reservation, please RSVP as soon as possible.

Barnacle by moon

Saturday, December 21, 6 PM - 9 PM

Join us for Barnacle by Moonlight at the **Barnacle State Historic Park**. This popular after-hours series features musical entertainment under the moonlit skies of South Florida. Bring a blanket and snacks. As you walk into this historic site you are surrounded by a tropical hardwood hammock. Today, it is one of the last places where one can see a remnant of the once vast "Miami Hammock." In the 1920's Commodore Munroe preserved the original hammock between the road and the Barnacle, cutting out only a winding buggy trail barely wide enough for one vehicle. As a result, the forest contains many old trees and appears much as it did in Munroe's day.

For more information visit Floridastateparks.org, e-mail Specialevents@miamiskiclub.net or **(305) 888-SNOW**.



Letter from the Prez...

Greetings again. The months are just flying right by. It seems like only yesterday we were enjoying the sun and surf at the Picnic. But, alas, here we are at the beginning of December, the holiday season. Temperatures are plummeting (okay, so I'm using a little poetic license) and those of us with convertibles can finally drop the tops and enjoy this amazing weather. The last Snowball of the season is a faint memory. And the snow is falling in the Rockies! Ain't life grand!

The October Snowball, while not quite the attendance as we had at the September Snowball, was a great success. All of you that attended really made the evening special with your creative costumes. I'm not sure whether we had more saints or sinners, or more sinners in saints' clothing. I guess that was all part of the fun. In addition, we had Peter Glenn out with the new digs for the winter season (looked awful tempting) and WSI Sports with the latest in sports undergear, both of whom provided wonderful door prizes. Thank you!

So, now as we glide from fall into winter, I can feel it in the air...everyone is getting exciting about hitting the slopes! GOOD NEWS (straight from the mountain reps)...snow is falling heavy in the West and the ski resorts are beginning to open their doors! The first few trips of the ski season are sold out and most of the remaining trips have only a few spaces available. Don't waste any more time, if you haven't signed up, hop on it. It's shaping up to be a fantastic year!

But before we don our boots, gloves and skis, we have a few more events to enjoy here in town. In fact, we have a fun-filled December planned for everyone. Taking a short tour through this Newsletter you will find that we have a wide variety of activities available. There is a wild ride through Oleta River State Park on mountain bike (yeah, somewhat of an oxymoron here in Florida, but it's amazing what man can build), a moonlight evening of music at The Barnacle, a night of theater with "Blue," the traditional happy hours at two of our favorite destinations (of course) and the December Holiday Party at the Rusty Pelican (please note that R.S.V.P. is required for this as limited space is available). No rest for the weary. I look forward to seeing all of you at the events in December. May the holiday season bring everyone good health and happiness!

Jena Rissman (305) 341-3030
president@miamiskiclub.net

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Bike ride

Sunday, December 8, 9 AM

Join us on Sunday, December 8th for the first bike ride of the fall season at **Oleta River State park**. The weather has finally gotten cooler and it's that wonderful time again to dust off your bicycles, get out and enjoy the South Florida outdoors. This park is located in North Miami and has more than 10 miles of mountain bike paths for every level of rider---from novice to expert. The trails are constantly being expanded and improved.

If you ski, this is a great chance to start training for the slopes, if you do not ski, this is your chance to spend a great day with your fellow members, get in some good exercise and have some fun!

After the ride, we'll have lunch at the Miami Ale House. Oleta River State Park is located at 3400 NE 163rd Street, North Miami. Plan to meet at parking lot #1, at 9:00 a.m. Please RSVP to **David Lucking** at **(305) 255-9765** or e-mail him at DaveMiami7@aol.com.

Africa update

Well folks, we seem to be inching toward having this trip finalized. One of the major hold-ups is the unavailability of a flight schedule this far in advance (and consequently pricing). Assuming no changes to this year's schedule, it looks like our departure will be **September 19, 2003**. A quick glance at the calendar will tell you that it's a Friday, and so it is. Leaving on Saturday would not give us favorable connections once in Africa, as not all the local flights are daily. One of the major considerations in planning this trip is the attempt to minimize single night stays, especially if that were only for a layover between flights. Johannesburg is the major hub, and a lot of tours seem to spend at least one night there. I believe we have come up with a schedule which will allow us to bypass Johannesburg, other than to change planes with a minimal layover.

Keeping in mind that this is still only a work in progress, the itinerary is shaping up this way: We'll fly Miami - Atlanta - Johannesburg and then directly to Kruger National Park. This an absolutely fabulous game reserve, and our game lodge is like something out of a travel book. (Come to think of it,



The Sundowner Inn

The Sundowner Inn has a special package for UTAH Skiers visiting or just getting away to a quiet place. 2003 Sundance Film Festival January 16-26 Ski Park City for \$32.00 per day or the Canyons of \$40.00 and play in Park City at night, only 14 miles away. The Deer Valley gondola is 6 miles from our front door with all the amenities that makes the Deer Valley difference.

Please visit us at the www.thesundownerinn.com
Call us toll free at 1 (866) 455-4200.

it is out of a travel book!) What a great way to spend the first few days of the trip - relaxing in this atmosphere, being catered to and going on safari rides! (I wonder how the four little lion cubs I saw there in May are doing!)

From Kruger, we'll hop a jet to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. Only to be again pampered in a fabulous environment, where a foot path crossed by elephant tracks can take you from your room directly to the magnificent falls! Lots to see, great food in very unique open air restaurants which can be found nowhere else but in Africa.

The next destination will be Chobe Park and river in Botswana, with one of the highest concentrations of elephants on the continent. But there are plenty of other creatures, great and small, to be seen as well.

As the current plan is evolving, our next leg should see us in Port Elizabeth (by jet again), exploring along the magnificent historical Garden Route, making our way to the final destination - Cape Town. This is truly a gem of South Africa, with plenty of tours to the wineries, Cape of Good Hope, Table Mountain, Roben Island and much more! As you can see, this will be a full two weeks! So stay tuned for more info, as things come together.

Miami Ski Club 2003 winter ski trips

All prices include air, lodging, pre-trip party, daily breakfast, trip banquet, admission to Springfest, and are based on double occupancy. Other information such as single supplement and land only deductions are available.

Winter Park, Colorado Jan 11- 18, 2003 **\$1,150**

Laurie Hendrickson (954) 442-1602/ Winterpark@miamiskiclub.net

This year, we open our ski season with Winter Park. This **Florida Ski Council** trip offers awesome skiing and endless parties. Winter Park has 2,886 skiable acreage, 134 Trails, 22 lifts and 3,060 feet of vertical drop. Worried about snow? Winter Park boasts 365 inches of annual snowfall. We will be staying at the Iron Horse, Winter Park's ski-in/ski-out premier resort.

Vail, Colorado Jan 18 - 25, 2003 **Price includes 5-day lift ticket!** **\$1,650**

Jack Barr/Michelle Pivar (305) 279-4194/ Vail@miamiskiclub.net

This year, Vail has come through with an unbelievable package, which includes parties with other Florida ski clubs and a 5-day lift ticket. Some Florida ski clubs attending the Winter Park FSC week will be joining us just down the road at Vail to continue the party for yet another week. Vail is famous for its back bowls and especially the new Blue Ski Basin. We will be back at Manor Vail, located steps from the Golden Peak lift and only a few minutes walk to Vail Village with great dining and superb shopping.

Winter Park/Vail Combination Jan 11 - 25, 2003 **\$2,450**

Laurie Hendrickson (954) 442-1602/ Winterpark@miamiskiclub.net

Interlaken, Switzerland Feb 4 – 16, 2003 **\$1,625**

Michelle Dunaj (305) 445-6701/ Interlaken@miamiskiclub.net

This **Florida Ski Council** trip offers the best of touring dining, and skiing. This package include 3 nights in Geneva, 7 nights in Interlaken, and one night in Zurich, accommodations are all four star. Interlaken is located in a valley surrounded by the picturesque Swiss Alps. There are three major ski areas, offering terrain suitable for all levels: Mannlichen, Kleine Scheidegg, and Schilthorn. There will be several optional day tours, including Lucerne, Bern, Zermatt, and Montreux. Come and experience world renowned Swiss skiing, apres ski, and a memorable European vacation.

Park City, Utah Feb 16 - 23, 2003 **\$1,325**

Gail and Jennifer West (305) 382-7530/ Parkcity@miamiskiclub.net

Park City was a key ski venue for the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. For years, members have been asking for a trip to Utah, and you got it. We will be staying at the Shadow Ridge Hotel which is strategically located within walking distance to the lifts. The hotel offers a variety of room configurations including 1 to 3 bedroom condos as well as traditional hotel rooms. Amenities include outdoor heated pool and indoor whirlpool and sauna. From Park City, you have Deer Valley and The Canyons ski resorts available as well.

Add-on to Snowbird, Utah Feb 23 - 26, 2003 **\$ 250**

This year we are offering an add-on to Snowbird. Price includes 3 nights at the Cliff Lodge, and lift tickets.

Lake Louise, Canada Mar 8 - 15, 2003 **\$1,350**

Mike Lorion (305) 661-2165/ LakeLouise@miamiskiclub.net

Lake Louise is one of Canada's best skiing and the Chateau Lake Louise is one of the best places to stay. As Canada's largest ski area, Lake Louise offers skiers and boarders unlimited possibilities. Lake Louise is also skier friendly with a green or easy run from every lift. Want something a little more challenging? Some of the world's best heli-skiing is right here with fresh power that's waist deep. As far as dining, Lake Louise and Banff offer exquisite cuisine. So come out and exploit the exchange rate and join in on the fun.

Breckenridge, Colorado Mar 29 - Apr 5, 2003 **\$1,095**

Gus Shrader (305) 2537309/ Breckenridge@miamiskiclub.net

This trip is perfect for families looking for a special spring break vacation. We will be staying at Beaver Run, which is ski-in/ski-out. Breckenridge offers activities for the entire family, including ice skating, ballooning, and sledding. Additionally, Breckenridge lift tickets are accepted at Vail, Keystone, and A-Basin.

DECEMBER MINI-SNOWBALL RSVP

We have a limited number of guests for this special evening.
Please return this form by December 9th or contact: **SANDIE MARGOLUIS**
11225 S.W. 112 Street, Miami, Fl. 33176
or e-mail Sandiemargoluis@yahoo.com, or hmargolu@yahoo.com
or telephone **(305) 596-9311 or (305) 596-5822**

Members Free Name _____

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Guest \$15.00 Name _____

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PLEASE DETACH HERE AND MAIL TO SANDIE MARGOLUIS 11225 S.W. 112 STREET, MIAMI, FL 33176

HOLIDAY HAPPINESS AT THE RUSTY PELICAN



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 2002
TIME: 6:00 P.M. till 8:00 P.M.
Place: RUSTY PELICAN, CORAL ROOM
3201 Rickenbacker Causeway
Key Biscayne (305) 361-3818

This Happy Hour/MINI-SNOWBALL will be the best one of the year. Fabulous hors d'oeuvres, and one drink ticket per person. Any trips that are still open will be available, so bring your checkbook. It is imperative that you RSVP as soon as possible, as we are limited to only 100 people. The year is almost over, spend it with new and old friends. Call and make dinner reservations and enjoy the beautiful atmosphere.

Make a night of it!

Member free

Guests \$15.00 per person



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8 9 am BIKE RIDE	9	10	11	12	13 6 pm Rusty Pelican MINI-SNOWBALL	14
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22	23	24	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26	27	28
29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	Best wishes for a healthy & peaceful Holiday season & New Year!			