



News Letter

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

MARCH 2002

Happy Hours

March 1, 6 PM

Jake's Bar & Grille

6901 Red Road, Coral Gables
(305) 662-8632

March 8, 6 PM

Doc Dammers Bar and Grill

180 Aragon Ave., Coral Gables
(305) 569-6511

March 15, 6 PM

Downtowner Saloon

10 South New River Drive East
Fort Lauderdale (954) 463-9800

March 22, 6 PM

St. Michel

2135 Ponce de Leon, Coral Gables
(305) 446-6572

New Orleans trip

May 18 - 21, 2002

\$495 per person, double occupancy
+\$35 for private airport transfer
\$730 for private room, -\$180 for land only

Our fun filled four days in the French Quarter have sold out early, but you may still be able to sign on, (if we have cancellations, or The French Market Inn has rooms available). Contact **George Ondricek** at golitarts@aol.com or call (305) 234-7344, to check availability and pricing, as air fare may no longer be available at the rate quoted. This will be lots of fun!

Between February 20 and March 10, please contact Abbe Bendell at (305) 233-4941, or by e-mail at abendell@miamiskiclub.com with questions regarding this trip.

Dine-a-round

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 PM

SOYKA

5556 N.E. 4th Court
Miami, Florida (305)759-3117

Join us at Miami's trendiest nouveau-industrial style restaurant, and winner of the 2001 "best comfort food award"! Club member Bill Griffin, is taking time-off from his underwater activities to host what promises to be a fun evening and a great dining experience! Dinner includes: *salad*, choice of *marinated skirt steak* or *pan seared mahi mahi* or *linguine with mussels* or *grilled chicken*, *dessert*, *glass of wine*, and *coffee or tea*.

Make check payable to the Miami Ski Club and send to **Bill Griffin**, 7046 S.W. 48th Lane, Miami, FL 33155-5602. **Members \$32** and **\$35** for guests. You must make reservations no later than March 15! Any questions, call Bill at (305) 665-7868, or Michelle Dunaj at (305) 445-6701.

Springfest coming up

May 4, 2002

Free to any member who went on a ski trip in the 2001 - 2002 season with the Miami Ski Club, \$40 for guests or members who did not skii with us.

This is our gala event, celebrating the passing of yet another fun filled ski season with our Club. As always, there will be a gala dinner, music, dancing, a cash bar and, of course, great door prizes! As you can imagine, all this needs preparation, and we could use your help. If you would like to lend a hand, please call Sandie Margoluis at (305) 596-9311.



Letter from the Prez...

Hi! Our ski season seems to be in full swing, yet by the time this issue makes it to the bottom of the bird cage, it will be pretty much over. It's almost anticlimactic. All that planning and preparation, and then poof, it's all over. But there is hardly time to think about it, as the 2002-2003 ski season is being planned, contracts negotiated, and reservations being made. Life goes on, and the Ski Club along with it, trying to keep up.

By the time you read this, the elections will be pretty much done, and a new Executive Committee ready to take over. For me, that comes with mixed feelings. On one hand, I can hardly wait to have fewer responsibilities, and even perhaps some time to do the many personal things, which had to be put on hold for the last two years. On the other hand, I look back at all the things we have accomplished, the momentum the Club has generated, and my mind starts to run through the list of things that I wanted to do, but somehow didn't have time to put into effect. But here comes the good news. For the first time in many years, we should have good continuity in the management of this Club. Of course, I write this prior to the elections meeting, but unless there are startling nominations from the floor, the slate of Officers should essentially be comprised of the previous EC, with the addition of a new person graduating from the Board of Directors. This has several advantages. We all know each other, and we are used to working as a team. And we all seem to have the same attitude and ideas for the future of this Club. Which means that we should continue on the same path, building and expanding on what was built over the last two years.

As you know, we have drafted and put into effect new Bylaws. One of the changes is the position of the Past President. Previously, it was more or less an advisory capacity, with no job description. In my opinion, the Past President should be the one with the most experience and best knowledge of the operation of the Club, and it would be a great shame not to put that expertise to work. Which is exactly the case under the new Bylaws. The Past President serves as bid director in charge of upcoming trips, which will then be run by the Vice President. As a consequence, I will still be very much involved with the operation of the Club, with a great degree of input. But some of the functions will have to be taken over by the Board of Directors, which is where you come in. We have a great bunch of people, but we need a lot more help with the Board. There are events to plan, Magazine and Newsletters to put out, people to greet, phone calls to be made, ads to be placed and decisions to be made. You could be a great asset to this organization. Give me a call and we'll get you involved!

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Don't forget to look up the latest information on our web site: miamiskiclub.com

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Database, e-mails

Please help us keep our database up to date! If you have a change of address, changed or got an e-mail address, please let us know as soon as possible by contacting Jack Barr at jbarr@attglobal.net or by calling him at (305) 279-4194.

From time to time, we have some changes or late breaking news, which we need to get to our membership, and e-mail is the only way we can go. Please make sure we have your e-mail address!

Barnacle by night

Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 PM

The Barnacle: 3485 Main Highway
Coconut Grove, (305) 448-9445

The popular after-hours series "Barnacle by Moonlight" features musical entertainment by Tracy Sands under the moonlit skies of South Florida (for more information please visit: <http://www.barnacle.cjb.net>).

Situated on the shore of Biscayne Bay, The Barnacle features the oldest home in Dade County in its original location. Home to pioneer boat designer, Ralph Middleton Monroe. The Barnacle and surrounding grounds offer visitors a rare glimpse at a bygone era. Bring a picnic basket and blanket (no alcohol). **\$5.00 donation at the gate.**

Please RSVP to **Sabina** at **(305) 888-SNOW** or **SabinaVT@bellsouth.net** as we will get there early to try to reserve some space for our group.

Miami wins trophy

The Florida Ski Council trip to Steamboat Springs was not only a lot of fun, but we also managed to recapture the FSC trophy! This is the seventh time Team Miami won the trophy since the cup race was introduced in 1985 - more times than any other club! Over half of the trip participants took part in the race, with Cynthia Florimont, Rich Knight, Barbara Ludovici, M.J. Votypka, George Ondricek and Alan Rose making the team. Can we do it again next year? We could use your help!



Keys bike ride

March 23-24, 2002

We are planning an overnight biking trip to the Upper Keys. We will be staying at a private home overlooking the ocean in Key Largo. We'll meet there (mile marker 100) on Saturday afternoon. Keys festivities and dining will follow on Saturday evening, and if we are sober and able, we'll plan a Sunday morning bike trip along the Keys bike path, probably to Islamorada, where we will lunch/brunch at the Islamorada Fish House overlooking Florida Bay. Since this is a private home, space will be limited, so please sign up early.

\$25 for members; check payable to the Miami Ski Club should be sent to: Michael Weiner, L'Hermitage, Villa 49; 2000 S Bayshore Drive, Coconut Grove, Florida 33133. Please contact Mike before sending checks, to verify availability. **Michael Weiner** at **mdw8321977@aol.com**, or call **(305) 854-4323**.

Summer ski trip

Valle Nevado, Chile, \$1,450 including lift tickets
August 31 - September 10, 2002

Come and escape the South Florida summer with the Miami Ski Club! Valle Nevado is the largest skiable area in the southern hemisphere, located in the heart of the Andes. Fly United Airlines to Santiago, relax in the five star Plaza San Francisco Hotel, enjoy a buffet dinner, and next day travel the 37 miles to the magical ski village of Valle Nevado. Ski this vast, 23,000 acre area serviced by 41 lifts, or try heliskiing or hang gliding. At night, eat in one of the many international restaurants, then party at the disco, or in one of the numerous lounges and bars. Breakfast and dinner are included each day with your 7 nights lodging. Of course, there will be the usual MSC parties to liven things up even more!

Space is limited on this incredible bargain of a trip, so please sign up early! A single supplement is available for \$280. Ski rentals, gratuities and departure taxes are not included in the \$1,450 price, which is per person, based on a double occupancy. Contact trip leader **Lag Giannino** at **Lgiannino@aol.com** or call (305) 661-4957.

Results of the ski trip survey are in and tallied up. Space permitting, we will let you know the results in the April issue of the Newsletter!



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KEYS BIKE RIDE	Board meeting	6:00 pm Barnacle by moonlight		Passover	Good Friday		Snowmass trip departs
31	* Make sure to set aside the evening of Saturday, May 4 for our annual SPRINGFEST! Dancing, dining, door prizes!						
Easter							