



# News Letter

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

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## Happy Hours

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February 7, 6 PM

**Jake's Bar**

6901 Red Road South Miami (305) 662-8632

February 14, 6PM

**TAURUS**

3540 Main Highway

Coconut Grove (305) 443-5553

February 21, 6PM

**BARNACLE BY MOONLIGHT**

3485 Main Highway

Coconut Grove (305) 448-9445

February 28, 6PM - *AFRICA TRIP OPENS!*

**BICE BAR at the Grand Bay Hotel**

2669 South Bayshore Drive

Coconut Grove (305) 858-9600

## Barnacle by moon

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Friday February 21, 6 - 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 from the busy Main Highway, in the center of Coconut Grove, a forest called a tropical hardwood hammock, surrounds you. In the 1920s it was a representative example of the original landscape within the limits of Miami. Today, it is one of the last places where one can see a remnant of the once vast "Miami Hammock." 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. Cost per person is a \$5.00 donation at the gate. For more information please visit [www.Floridastateparks.org](http://www.Floridastateparks.org).

## Dine-a-round

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Tuesday, February 25, 7 PM

**GIRALDA CAFE**



**The Best of Peru in the Heart of Coral Gables**

254 Giralda Avenue

Coral Gables (305) 448-6064

Peruvian cuisine has become one of the world's exceptional gastronomic experiences. It is a culinary fusion of a variety of cultures combining the indigenous Peruvians with Spanish, African, Chinese, Italian and Japanese immigrants.

Join us for a special menu selection and taste of Peru. We will begin with a variety of *yucca*, *potato* and *Peruvian corn* with their famous *Huancaína* sauce, a selection of *Chupe de Camarones* (excellent shrimp chowder), *Mussels Soup* or world re-known *Ceviche*. The main course selections are *Conchitas a la parmesana* (broiled fresh scallops with fresh grated parmesan cheese), *Lomo Saltado* (filet minion strips marinated with onion, spices and potato), *Aji de Gallina* (a most delicious creamy fricasse of chicken unlike any you have ever tried!), or *Pescado en salsa Ajo* (fresh fish in garlic sauce). For dessert choose from *Cuatro leches* (Four milks) or *homemade Torta de Chocolate* (chocolate cake). Glass of wine with dinner, coffee or tea. **Members \$32** Guests \$34. Please make checks payable to the Miami Ski Club and mail to **Tricia Jacobs**, 7035-H Southwest 47th Street, Miami, FL 33155. For additional information please call (305) 447-1000 or checkout their website at [www.giraldacafe.com](http://www.giraldacafe.com). Please RSVP by February 21st, and don't miss it!



## Letter from the Prez...

As I'm writing this letter, we've just kicked off a new year - 2003. I'm still not getting it right on my checks (thankfully my computer has the automatic date feature, saving me from an embarrassing situation at the office). Having now completed the second quarter of my term as President of the Club, I look back over the last six months to see how it's going. A few bumps in the road, but otherwise the Club is proceeding successfully. We continue to get membership inquiries daily, folks showing an interest in joining the Club. Very exciting! Let's keep the enthusiasm that we started this fiscal year off with

(nearly 200 at the Picnic, approximately 275 at the first Snowball). Now that the holidays are over and life is returning to normal (whatever that is), I want to see all of those familiar faces out and about at our Club events and on the ski slopes! I'll be looking for you!

On occasion, due to the nature of certain events (namely, the Snowballs, Picnic and Springfest), we request that you RSVP in advance. We make this request of you only when necessary. As most of you know, the Club is on a limited budget. It is a non-profit organization that is funded primarily by membership dues collected from each of you...a mere \$60 (on average) per person, per year. As you can imagine, it takes some very creative negotiations and planning by the Board to provide you with major events such as the Snowballs and Picnic at no additional cost to you...fully included with your dues. In order to be able to provide these wonderful events, we are required to commit to a certain minimum number of attendees (to be fully paid for even if the number guaranteed does not attend), for which the vendor will usually guarantee approximately 10% over our minimum number. Accordingly, properly responding to the RSVP allows us to manage the cost and adequately provide for all at these events.

As a result of the RSVP issues in December (as addressed above), we were forced to turn some of you away from the Mini-Snowball at the Rusty Pelican. Unfortunately, due to the size of the room we were able to secure and the fire code restrictions, we were limited to 100 persons. We clearly informed you of this in the Newsletter. Accordingly, once we received 100 responses, we had to turn folks away. The problem occurred because some of you responded but didn't show and others showed but didn't RSVP in advance. This meant that many of you were turned away unnecessarily. Please, we request that you RSVP when requested (if you intend to attend the event) and that you attend if you RSVP. If for any reason you are unable to attend after you have responded, please let us know. Also, if you don't RSVP, please understand that we may not be able to accommodate you if you just show up. We ask that you be considerate of your fellow members. Thank you.

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[president@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:president@miamiskiclub.net)

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## Be a dinner host

Do you have a favorite local restaurant in Miami-Dade or Broward and would like to share it with your Miami Ski Club friends?

We are looking for members to host one of our popular monthly dine-a-rounds! To volunteer for a particular month or even make restaurant suggestions, please e-mail Tricia Jacobs, at [secretary@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:secretary@miamiskiclub.net) or call her at (305) 447-1000. Be a host to an old time favorite or introduce us to a new South Florida hotspot. This a great way to mingle with our members and enjoy a night out.

# Spring trip survey

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## LAS VEGAS OR NEW YORK WANTS YOU!!

We are planning a spring trip for 2003 and we need your help. We can put together a trip for \$600 to \$650 per person for the last week in May or the first week in June. Price would include air, hotel, transfers, and one banquet dinner. The **Vegas** trip would be 3 nights, 4 days. (Shows run about \$100.00 a ticket) The **New York** trip would be 2 nights, 3 days and would include one show. Please call Sandie Margoluis at (305) 596-9311 or E-mail her at [sandiemargoluis@yahoo.com](mailto:sandiemargoluis@yahoo.com) and let her know if you would be interested. We would need 10 rooms with double occupancy, to make one of these trips possible. This could be the trip you have been waiting for!

# Africa trip opens

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On Friday, February 28, we will start selling the long anticipated Africa trip! At 6PM, at our Grand Bay Hotel in Coconut Grove happy hour, we will start taking deposits and applications. See insert for details. Additional information and photos available at [miamiskiclub.com](http://miamiskiclub.com)!

# March theatre night

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Wednesday March 5, 8:00PM

**Boulevard of Broken Dream** by Joel Kimmel  
Coconut Grove Playhouse, 3500 Main Highway

Music by Harry Warren, Lyrics by Al Dubin. You know his lyrics - 42nd Street's "Lullaby of Broadway," to "I Only have Eyes for You," "Tiptoe through the Tulips", "Quarter to Nine" and more... But why don't you know Al Dubin's name? He was a genial, fun loving man, as well as songwriter, husband, father, gambler, overeater, drinker and womanizer. And because he lived "Big" by his own rules, he found himself on top of the world, as well as hitting rock bottom. Enjoy his memorable tunes and the roller coaster ride that was his life in this fascinating musical, Boulevard of Broken Dreams.

**Members \$29**, guests \$34. Please make checks payable to Miami Ski Club and mail to Sabina Van Tuyn, 7269 SW 54 Avenue, Miami, FL 33143. Checks must be received by February 23, after this date tickets are \$45. Contact [SpecialEvents@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:SpecialEvents@miamiskiclub.net) or call (305) 662-SNOW after February 20, as Sabina will not be reachable until that day.

# Trip update

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By the time you receive this Newsletter, our ski trips to Winter Park and Vail will have already come and gone. Next to go in February are Interlaken and Park City. Lake Louise is in March and is sold out. Your last chance of the 2002-2003 season is Breckenridge. Details are provided below. Breckenridge is an awesome value and has some of the best spring skiing around. Check it out. Special thanks go out to our trip leaders who have devoted the last year to planning activities for these trips. We will be looking for help for next year, so keep it in mind.

We have already started working on 2004 trips as well. We are in the process of finalizing the Florida Ski Council trips to Vail and Heavenly. I think you will approve of our hotel selections. As you know, we don't seek the cheapest properties - the college days were a long time ago! Instead, we look for the best value, preferably ski-in and ski-out, great amenities, etc. Additionally, we will be looking at bids from Sun Valley, Telluride, and Winter Park for the 03-04 season.

Internationally, we have a lot going on. Africa is our big trip in September 2003. We are also getting information for a summer ski trip (no skiing in Africa). We are still in the preliminary stages and we'll keep you informed. The final issue is Europe 2004. Our European trips have been very popular over the years, and we want to plan something special. The council will be voting on the Europe destination - a choice between Kitzbuhl and Garmish. While these are great venues, we have been to Kitzbuhl in recent years and we have not seen much information on Garmish. We are looking instead into possibly going to Scandinavia and Russia, but February and March, ski season, is not ideal for St. Petersburg or Moscow. So, we may have to go off-piste and think about a May trip. Again, we have not yet decided, but I wanted to keep you informed of the process. I want to thank those of you who have sent me e-mails and voice mails with suggestions. Believe me I am throwing all of them into the mix. - See you on the slopes!

*Cathy*

**Breckenridge, Colorado**  
**Spring Break Trip**  
**March 29 - April 5, 2003 \$1,095**  
**Gus Shrader (305) 2537309**  
**[Breckenridge@miamiskiclub.net](mailto: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.



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