



# News Letter

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

JANUARY 2003

## Happy Hours

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January 3, 6 PM

**Bougainvillea Old Florida Tavern**  
7221 SW 58 Ave  
South Miami (305) 669-8577

January 10, 6 PM

**Smith & Wollensky**  
1 Washington Avenue  
Miami Beach (305) 673-2800

January 17, 6 PM

**Rose Bar - Delano Hotel**  
1685 Collins Ave  
Miami Beach (305) 672-2000

January 24, 6 PM

**Taurus**  
3540 Main Highway  
Coconut Grove (305) 648-1525

January 31, 6 PM

**Sunset Tavern**  
7232 SW 59 Avenue  
South Miami (305) 665-9996

For further details and maps of each location, please log on to our website: [miamiskiclub.com](http://miamiskiclub.com)



## Theatre night

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Wednesday, January 9, 8 PM

**ROMEO & BERNADETTE** by Mark Saltzman  
Coconut Grove Playhouse, 3500 Main Highway  
Coconut Grove (305) 442-4000 (Box office)

Shakespeare meets "The Sopranos" in this hilarious musical. It's a delightful comic confection as Romeo is reborn from an Elizabethan stupor and stumbles upon his true love, Juliet. Her real name however is Bernadette and she's the beloved daughter of a Brooklyn mob boss. From Renaissance Italy to Little Italy, feuding family members will take you on a most entertaining ride as Romeo pursues his Bernadette. **Members \$29**, guests \$34. Please make checks payable to Miami Ski Club and mail to Sabina Van Tuyn, P.O.Box 0757, Miami Springs, FL 33266. **Checks must be received by January 4**, after this date tickets are \$45. Contact [SpecialEvents@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:SpecialEvents@miamiskiclub.net) or (305) 888-SNOW.

## Dine-a-round

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January 21, 7 PM

**DESIDERIO, 2121 Ponce de Leon**  
Coral Gables, (305) 443-6866

Flirst Dine-a-round of the year, this is one of Coral Gables finest International restaurants. Choose from extensive gourmet selections of *caesar salad, insalata bianca, mixed salad with goat cheese, or minestrone alla Toscana* to start. A main course choice from *homemade pastas, gnocchi, veal valdosta, veal scaloppini, veal chop milanese, chicken francesca, petit filet minon, grilled samon, and red snapper with tomoatos and white wine* (to name a few), dessert, coffee or tea and a glass of wine. **\$26** for members and **\$28** for guests. Join us at 7 PM at the bar for a drink, and then at 7:30 PM we will sit down to a lovely dinner. Please make checks out to the Miami Ski Club, and mail to **Sandie Margoluis**, 11225 S.W. 112 Street, Miami, Florida 33176. Any questions, call at **(305) 596-9311**. Please RSVP by January 18th. Looking forward to a wonderful dining experience.



# Letter from the Prez...

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope the holidays treated everyone well and look forward to a healthy and wealthy new year for all. Not only do we have the excitement of a brand new year, but we (us MSC members) are very fortunate to be breathing down the neck of the 2003 winter ski season. YES! I don't know about the rest of you, but my skis are waxed, sharpened and ready to go.

Just a quick recap of the November events, then we'll move on to what's up and coming. Although I was unable to attend the November Snowball (got called out of town on business at the last minute...bummer), I heard that, as always, it was a resounding success. It seems as though everyone really enjoys donning their cowboy boots, putting on their Stetsons and strapping on their spurs. Yee Haw! In addition to our traditional happy hours, we offered another night at the theater. It was so great to see so many of you take advantage of this cultural event. Although I didn't get an exact count, the Miami Ski Club took up at least three full rows of the Coconut Grove Playhouse for the opening night of the Urban Cowboy. Outstanding! For those of you who haven't joined us for the theater nights, you're really missing out. The performances, with the company of friends, have provided a wonderful experience. Of course, there's no need to continue to sit on the sidelines as more theater nights are scheduled. See the first page of this Newsletter for details on Romeo & Bernadette. Hope to see you there!

Okay, now for the impending January events, we have quite an exciting line up. With five Fridays in January, we have a wide selection of happy hour destinations, including many of our favorites. We also kick off the ski season with Winter Park and Vail. Those of us heading to Winter Park are working on our racing form in order to win the Florida Ski Council Cup again this year. With Vince and Pauline Arias at the helm, I have every confidence that the Miami Ski Club can bring it home again! For those who aren't skiing in January, in addition to the happy hours, we also have our monthly dine-a-round and the theater night. So, there's no need to sulk here at home...plenty to keep you busy.

Looking even further into the future, the Florida Ski Council has selected the two domestic destinations for the 2004 ski season. Hard to believe that even before the first trip of 2003 takes off, we're planning for 2004. No grass grows under these feet. Read all about the 2004 destinations in the trip update later in this Newsletter. Well, folks, that's all to report for this month. Until next month...

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# Winter trip update

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Our 2003 ski season looks to be a huge success. We have already sold out Winter Park, Vail, and Lake Louise. We are trying to expand the March trip to Lake Louise, but we have had difficulties getting additional air. This happens to be the same week that Montreal and Quebec City schools have spring break. Guess where Canadians like to go for a break from winter.

Park City is selling very well with only a few rooms remaining. Your best bet is spring break in Breckenridge. Breck is a great value starting at \$1,095 and includes air, lodging, planned activities for the whole family. The town of Breckenridge is one of my favorites. It is packed with great restaurants, awesome shopping, and activities for all ages. There is a skating rink, snow mobiling, and horseback riding if skiing does not wear you out.

We are already starting to work on our 2004 line up. Vail and Heavenly will be the Florida Ski Council domestic trips for 2004. The European trip has not yet been selected. We are looking at several options for Europe – we want something that is new and exciting. We will keep you posted. If you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to drop me a line at [vicepresident@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:vicepresident@miamiskiclub.net). See you on the slopes.

## Available ski trips

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**INTERLAKEN, Switzerland, Feb 4 - 16, 2003 \$1,625**  
**Michelle Dunaj (305) 445-6701**  
[Interlaken@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:Interlaken@miamiskiclub.net)

This **Florida Ski Council** trip offers the best of touring dining, and skiing. 3 nights in Geneva, 7 nights in Interlaken, and one night in Zurich, all at four star hotels. Interlaken is located in a valley surrounded by the picturesque Swiss Alps.

**PARK CITY, Utah, Feb 16 - 23, 2003 \$1,325**  
**Gail and Jennifer West (305) 382-7530**  
[Parkcity@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:Parkcity@miamiskiclub.net)

Park City was a key ski venue for the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. We will be staying at the Shadow Ridge Hotel which is within walking distance to the lifts. **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.

**BRECKENRIDGE, CO. Mar 29 - Apr 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.

# Africa trip to open

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**September 19 - October 4, 2003 \$ 3,995**

At last, we seem to have all our elephants in a row and are able to offer this fabulous trip to you. It took some planning, but the result is very exciting!

Before we go into details, let's get some small print out of the way. The trip will officially go on sale on **Friday, February 28 at 6PM**. This will be at the designated happy hour which will be announced in the February issue of this Newsletter. We expect the trip to fill very quickly, and the spaces will be assigned on a first-come-first-serve basis. If you live out of town, you will be able to send your deposit and application (post marked *after* February 21, 2003) to either the Treasurer (Abbe) or the VP of trips (Cathy), who will submit the application for you. The initial deposit will be \$750, with a second payment of \$1,500 due by May 1, 2003 and the balance due before July 15, 2003. There will be a separate payment/cancellation policy for this trip (just as for Japan/China last year). Enough said.

Now for the fun part! All I can say, this trip will blow your socks off. All the accommodations are truly first class, with carefully planned travel. All jet flights, never more than a 2 hour layover, no early morning departures once there, and only one time do we have a single night in any one location, always arriving at our destination in mid afternoon - very comfortable. As a matter of fact, our itinerary is so neat, that the travel agency wants to us it for their own trips in the future. By the way, this trip is our very own, put together by us, for us.

We'll start off with three days in a very unique game lodge in Kruger National Park, with plenty of relaxation and safari game drives. Then on to Victoria Falls, more exploring and relaxing, including a dinner cruise on the Zambezi River, banquet dinner with a Zulu dance show, etc. Then on to Botswana for a river as well as land safari in Chobe Park, with one of the highest elephant concentrations on the continent. After that, we jet off to Port Elizabeth and explore along the coastal Garden Route, with some of the most magnificent scenery in Africa. This includes two nights at the Knysna Quays Hotel, voted the best hotel site in South Africa, overlooking the ocean. On to Cape Town, with time to shop and explore on your own, as well as wine country and Cape of Good Hope tours, Botanical gardens and much more. For a more complete itinerary, just watch for the February Newsletter, or see the web.

This trip will include all breakfasts, all but three lunches, and most dinners and banquets. Very little money to spend once there. For more info, stay tuned or contact me at [africa@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:africa@miamiskiclub.net).

George



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January 2002						
			<b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6 pm BOUGAINVILLEA TAVERN South Miami	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 3 pm WinterPark & Vail pre-trip party	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6 pm SMITH & WOLLENSKY Miami Beach	<b>11</b> Winter Park trip departs
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8 pm THEATRE NIGHT	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6 pm DELANO HOTEL Miami Beach	<b>18</b> Vail trip departs
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7 pm DINE-A- ROUND	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6 pm TAURUS Coconut Grove	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> noon Interlaken pre-trip party	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>Board meeting</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6 pm SUNSET TAVERN South Miami	