



News Letter

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

NOVEMBER 2003

Happy Hours

November 7, 6 - 8 PM

Mandarin Oriental Hotel
500 Brickell Key Drive
Miami (305) 913-8365

November 14, 7 - 9 PM

River House
301 S.W. 3rd Ave.
Ft. Lauderdale (954) 525-7661

November 21, 7 - 11 PM

SNOWBALL
Miami Airport Marriot
1201 NW LeJeune Rd.
Miami (305) 649-5000

November 28, 6 - 8 PM

Chart House
51 Chart House Drive
Coconut Grove (305) 856-9741

Bike ride

Sunday, November 30, 2003 at 10:30 AM
George's house to Blackpoint Marina

Once again, we'll meet at George's house at 17145 SW 80 Ct, Miami, then ride out on the bike path along scenic Old Cutler Road to Blackpoint Marina. We can take a faster group, willing to pedal a few more miles and take a detour through the lush bike road winding through the natural preserve by the Deering Estate. We'll all meet up and have a leisurely lunch on the terrace of Pirate's Den, then back to the house to spend some quality time hanging out around the pool with drinks and enjoying the company. For more information, directions, or just to be friendly, call **George Ondricek** at **(305) 234-7344** or make contact via e-mail at pastpresident@miamiskiclub.net.

Theater night

Wednesday November 19 8:00PM

The Tale of the Allergist's Wife by Charles Busch
Coconut Grove Playhouse, 3500 Main Highway
Coconut Grove (305) 442-4000 (Box Office)

Charles Isherwood of *Variety* best described the lead character of Allergist's Wife when he wrote, "Marjorie has all the accoutrements of Jewish Upper West Side success - the esteemed doctor husband, the \$900,000 co-op, the grown-up, (fairly) successful girls - and just one major blight, a bubonic plague of a mother." As the play opens, a new storm descends upon her-someone from the past. Don't miss this devious social satire filled with wicked fun. It took Broadway by storm - "Uproarious!" The earlier the checks, the better the seats!!! **Members \$27**, guests \$33. Make checks payable to Miami Ski Club and mail to Sabina Lorion, 7269 SW 54 Ave, Miami, FL 33143. **Please send by November 2**, after this date tickets are \$37. Contact SpecialEvents@miamiskiclub.net or call (305) 662-SNOW.

November Snowball

Friday, November 21, 7-11 PM

Miami Airport Marriot
1201 NW LeJeune Rd. (305) 649-5000
Members free, \$20.00 for guests

WESTWARD HO!

Learn to dance the two step and join us for a night of fun and music with Boogie Man George. Sandy Mershon will be guiding us through the dance steps. If you have not signed up for a trip, you will have the opportunity to do so. Please bring your checkbooks, your dancing boots and your appetite. Hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings as well as a cash bar await. (See page 7 - for details.)



Letter from the Prez...

We just got back from Africa, and what a great time! We saw it all – the big five (leopards, lions, buffalo, rhinos, and elephants) plus giraffes, hippos, impalas, kudu, monkeys, baboons, penguins, and the list goes on and on. The scenery was spectacular – Vic Falls, Cape Town, Knaysna, Kruger, Chobe. We had a great group of people sharing in this awesome experience. Personally, I managed to buzz through 22 roles of film. I'm rethinking the merits of digital cameras. You could say I got a little over exuberant with the camera. But could you blame me?

We are getting ready for our next adventures. George Ondricek is leaving in November to check out India, a huge country with many places to see. Laurie Hendrickson will be checking out New Zealand and Tahiti. We are hoping for a replay to the land down under. We will keep you posted on the developments. We've made great contacts in the travel industry and we are looking to see the world. So get your passports ready!

The year is certainly flying by quickly and soon we will be ready to bring in a new Board of Directors as well as a new Executive Committee. The only one who has a certain position next year is me. I will become Past President as of June 2004. The rest of the Executive Committee positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) are up for grabs, and I know that there are great leaders out there. George Ondricek has graciously agreed to chair our Elections Committee and he will ensure qualified candidates and adherence to the bylaws. The bylaws are available on our website at MiamiSkiClub.com. I can tell you from first hand experience as Treasurer, Vice President, and now President, involvement in the Club is very rewarding. I have gotten so much from the Club over the years.

If you are not interested in an executive position, we always need help at the board of directors and volunteers level. Many of you have already stepped up, but we need more help. You see, the more successful we are, the more events we have, the more help we need. It's really that simple. So drop me a line if you want to lead a bike ride, a Dine-a-round, or any other special event. We'd love to hear from you!

Cheers.

Cathy Stahlmann
president@miamiskiclub.net (305) 607-8840

Vail Colorado Ski Vacation Home For Rent *(Short Term)*

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December Snowball

**Friday, December 12, 2003
RUSTY PELICAN - Coral Room
3201 Rickenbacker Causeway, Key Biscayne**

Holiday Happenings

This **Happy Hour (6:00P.M. - 8:00P.M.)** is a must for everyone. Enjoy one free drink on us, indulge in great hors d'oeuvres and then dine at the lovely restaurant. Bring your checkbooks for trips that are still available. More in the December Newsletter.

Elections

Once again, the elections are upon us! Right now, we are looking for the next generation of this Club's leaders. The positions to be filled are President, Vice President (trips), Treasurer and Secretary. If you have any desire to be a part of this team, or would like to suggest a candidate, please contact the Nominating Committee of Sandie and Howard Margoluis, Abbe Bendell and headed by George Ondricek (pastpresident@miamiskiclub.net). We need you to get involved to continue this great Club!

Africa returns

We are back! And boy, what a trip it was! Just to give you an idea: We got to see all of "the big five" (that's elephant, rhino, lion, leopard and buffalo). And that was just on the first day! Monkeys playing in the trees outside your bungalow, elephant herds walking across the river in our back yard, watching hypos feed below the viewing deck (with a bar, of course) was all a part of our first few days. Then on to Victoria Falls, an awesome elephant back safari and an incredible sunset dinner cruise on the Zambezi River. From there to Botswana to even more animals and more elephants than you could count. And on to South Africa to go down the incredibly scenic Garden Route coast and more adventures along the way to Cape Town. It was also a great time for whale watching as well as sea lions and penguins. Some of us even made it into "the big six", by spending a day in a pursuit of great white sharks! What an adventure! Check out the web site to see a few of the thousands of pictures taken on this action packed trip!

Trips update

When you have good food, music by Boogy Man George and great views of Miami, this makes for a great party. So it was on Friday, September 12th at our Snowball. We had over 170 members and guests attending and everyone had fun.

This summer, we had a great ski trip with 74 members going to Chile. Lag Giannino did a fabulous job leading the trip. Our Africa trip left on September 19th at 6:45am from Miami and arrived in South Africa on September 20th at 2:40pm their time. A long day but worth it for a trip of a lifetime!

The MSC Trip leaders have done a great job in selling their winter trips this year. The Florida Ski Council Vail trip is closed. The sister trip to Snowmass is close behind. The last I heard there were only one or two double rooms left, with checks in the mail.

In January 2004, we are skiing St. Anton. This trip includes both breakfast and dinner each day with two days in Salzburg to see some of Europe. This trip is about 50% filled and is at a great price.

In February 2004 - we go back to Telluride. We had a great time there before. It is located in the SW part of Colorado and does not have that large influx of skiers from Denver that many other resorts do. Telluride has opened a new back bowl so there is a lot to ski and a real mining town to explore. There is a rumor that a Chocolate Fling is taking place that week. Currently, about 25% of the Telluride trip is filled and there's a lot of interest from other Florida clubs so don't wait too long to sign up.

Heavenly, Lake Tahoe in March 2004 is another great trip. When you think of Lake Tahoe, you think skiing in the day and gambling at night. You can also take a paddleboat across the Lake to ski Squaw Valley, for the day. This trip is already 40% full, so sign up quickly for this exciting experience.

The last ski trip is Keystone in late March. This is our spring break trip and a great place to bring the family. Keystone is high enough in the mountains to give good skiing well into the April and May time frame. You can also ski A-Basin, Breckenridge and Vail on the same lift ticket if you want to take a shuttle to these resorts. On this trip we offer either suites or hotel rooms so don't wait too long to sign up, we already have 25% of this trip filled as well.

The way these trips are structured, there is little chance to add more air, land or room to accommodate more people. When our trips are full, it is better to sign up for another trip than to hope an opening occurs in a trip that is already closed. See you on the slopes.

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Miami Ski Club 2004 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.

Vail, Colorado, January 10- 17, 2004

\$1,695

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

This Florida Ski Council trip will be the vacation of a lifetime. We are staying at the luxurious Vail Marriott in the heart of Lions Head Square and paces away from the lift. The Marriott just underwent \$40 million in renovations including wonderfully appointed rooms, European spa, and first class service. We have ordered buffet breakfast for everyone with made to order omelettes and waffles. Vail, of course, continues to be North America's premier resort boasting awesome powder days and haute cuisine. Don't miss out!

Snowmass, Colorado, January 17 - 24, 2004

\$1,450

Cindy Oliver (305) 387-3514 Snowmass@Miamiskiclub.net

Nothing goes better with Vail than Snowmass. We will be staying at the Stonebridge Inn known for its quaint lodge atmosphere with its cozy fireplace lounge area for memorable apres ski. Snowmass skiing remains a Colorado favorite with access to Aspen Highlands, Ajax, and buttermilk. Looking for a great night life- You cannot go wrong in Snowmass or downtown Aspen. Daily breakfast is included.

Vail /Snowmass combination, January 10 - 24, 2004

\$2,625

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

St. Anton/ Salzburg, Austria, January 24 - February 2, 2004

\$1,625

Bernd Meier (305) 648-0783 StAnton@miamiskiclub.net

Yes, we are off to the Austrian Alps! This is a wonderful European vacation. This pocket of the Alps reports abundant snow with slopes to challenge serious skiers and coddle novices. We will be staying 7 nights at the Hotel Karl Schranz (****) which includes daily breakfast and dinner. This tyrolean hotel is fully equipped with sauna, solarium, steam bath and massage facilities. We've also added 2 nights in Salzburg at the Hotel Mercure**** (breakfast included) offering some of the best sights in Europe. Enjoy!

Telluride, Colorado, February 7 - 14, 2004

\$1,425

Jennifer West (305) 382-7530 Telluride@miamiskiclub.net

Over the years, Telluride has been a Club favorite. The scenery is spectacular and the skiing is fun. We will be staying at the Ice House in the heart of town and steps away from the lift. The Ice House has some of the best drinks in the rockies and is a fun place to swap stories after a long day of skiing. Also, Telluride, a real mining town, offers both reasonably priced restaurants as well as gourmet dining experiences. Daily breakfast included.

Heavenly, Nevada, March 13 - 20, 2004

\$1,395

David Lucking (305) 445-6701 Heavenly@miamiskiclub.net

This will be the second Florida Ski Council trip of the season. We are flying into Reno and staying at the Embassy Suites which are basically small apartments. Cook to order breakfasts and evening receptions with appetizers are the hallmark of the Embassy Suites. Take the riverboat across Lake Tahoe and ski Squaw Valley. Of course there is plenty of gambling to be had as well. Perhaps enough winnings to pay for the trip!

Keystone, Colorado, March 27 - April 3, 2004

\$1,275

Burt & Joan Weiss (305) 651-2205 Keystone@miamiskiclub.net

Bring the family out to Keystone for springbreak. At the Inn at Keystone, you are a short walk to the lifts or an even shorter shuttle ride. Keystone prides itself as being family oriented, providing activity passports for deals on tubing, skating, and other activities. The best thing about Keystone is that your lift pass gives you access to A-Basin (usually open through June), Breckenridge, and Vail. Regular shuttle service between resorts is available. Daily continental breakfast is included.

MIAMI SKI CLUB, INC. TRIP APPLICATION

MAIL TO TRIP CHAIR PERSON, NOT TO CLUB

PARTICIPATION IN THIS TRIP IS LIMITED TO THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING OF MIAMI SKI CLUB, INC.

name _____	phone day _____
mailing _____	evening _____
address _____	fax _____
city _____ state _____ zip _____	e-mail _____

traveling family members	children _____
spouse _____	_____ age _____
	_____ age _____

trip _____	date _____	cost \$ _____
lift ticket <input type="checkbox"/> how many lift tickets	how many days on each ticket: _____	_____
attached is my deposit check, for _____ person(s), in the amount of \$ _____		
payable to the Miami Ski Club		
roommate	<input type="checkbox"/> need roommate:	<input type="checkbox"/> non smoker
name _____	<input type="checkbox"/> single supplement	<input type="checkbox"/> smoker

TOUR CONDITIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES: MIAMI SKI CLUB, INC. and cooperating agents act only in the capacity of agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations and transportation, whether by railroad, motor bus, motor car, steamship, or plane and as such shall not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason of defect in any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying out the arrangement of the trip(s), or otherwise with the connection therewith. We reserve the right without notice to make changes in transportation or lodging as might become necessary. The MIAMI SKI CLUB, INC. reserves the right to cancel this trip at any time. The member agrees to be bound by and any and all CAB regulations and rules applicable to this trip. If there is any forfeiture of the members deposit due to the violation of any CAB regulation by the MIAMI SKI CLUB, INC. or any member thereof, the member agrees to hold harmless the MIAMI SKI CLUB, INC., from any loss which may be sustained by said member, if there is a contract between CAB regulations and the printed portion of this brochure, the CAB regulations shall prevail. Baggage is carried at owner's risk. In consideration of the mutual benefits derived from membership in the MIAMI SKI CLUB, INC., and acknowledging the hazards inherent in the sport of snow skiing, the undersigned does hereby assume all risks and absolves, releases and waives any and all liability, claims or demands against the MIAMI SKI CLUB, INC., its officers, directors and each and every member

thereof which may arise out of, or be related to an injury or pecuniary loss by reason of said membership, through participation on this trip. Airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their aircraft.

CANCELLATION POLICY: A cancellation request must be made in writing and sent (return receipt requested) to the MIAMI SKI CLUB, INC. In the event of cancellation, a refund will be made less a \$50 service fee per person, up to 60 days prior to departure. If full payment or WRITTEN NOTICE OF CANCELLATION is not received by MIAMI SKI CLUB, INC. on or before 60 days prior to departure, then deposit will be forfeited. If a cancellation request is received by MIAMI SKI CLUB, INC. less than 60 days prior to departure a refund will be made ONLY if an eligible substitute is available from the waiting list. The applicant must secure an eligible substitute who has paid for the full trip price at least 24 hours before the time of scheduled departure. In this event, a refund will be made, less all expenses incurred by the MIAMI SKI CLUB, INC., plus a \$100 service fee. MIAMI SKI CLUB, INC., reserves the right to increase the trip prices. In the event the cost increases, any such increase in trip prices will be invoiced to the trip participant. Such increases shall not modify or alter the cancellation provisions above. Refunds may not be made until six to eight weeks after the trip is concluded if canceled within 60 days prior to departure. Certain trips may carry a different cancellation policy, which will supersede any other policies.

I/WE HEREBY ATTEST THAT I/WE HAVE READ, FULLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ALL OF THE CONDITIONS CONTAINED ABOVE AND ON THE REVERSE SIDE, AS WELL AS IN THE TRIP BROCHURE, OF WHICH I/WE HAVE RECEIVED A COPY

signature _____	required for each person on trip; if under 18, signature is required of adult, who will accompany and be responsible for minor
applicant (& for children under 18) _____	date _____
spouse _____	date _____
child (over 18) _____	date _____

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skier ability

- never skied before
- beginner - ski mostly green slopes
- intermediate - ski mostly blue runs
- advanced - will ski blacks, all terrain

equipment rental

- will not rent
- need to rent skies and poles only
- need to rent boots, skies and poles

frequent flyer info

airline _____

number _____

seat request

I would enjoy

- group breakfasts
- group lunches
- group dinners

my name, the way I would like for it to appear on my name badge (first name only)

WAIT LIST POLICY: When a trip is full, all extra trip applications will be put on the wait list in the order received. To be put on the waitlist, persons must be members in good standing of the MSC, have submitted a completed trip application and a deposit check. Persons on the wait list must notify appropriate MSC Trip Chairperson in writing if they desire to be removed from the wait list.

When space becomes available, they will be notified in writing that they are confirmed on the trip and become subject to all cancellation fees. Upon confirmation of a trip, the balance currently due on the payment schedule must be received by the Trip Chairperson within seven days. Persons who are on the wait list and who are not offered space on the trip or who withdraw from the wait list prior to being offered space on the trip will be refunded their entire down payment. You may check with the Trip Chairperson from time to time to determine your status on the wait list.

TRIP PRICES: All prices quoted are based on double occupancy, unless otherwise noted on the trip materials. You must have a roommate assigned to get per person double occupancy rate or be subject to single supplement rates or cancellation. Pricing for 3rd and 4th persons are available upon request. SEPARATE BEDS ARE NOT GUARANTEED ON MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY RATES.

Final payment on all trips is due 60 days from departure. Any payments not received timely are subject to any late penalties assessed to the club.

Sixty days from the date of trip departures, the Club will turn back to the resorts and airlines any unsold rooms and air seats. Although many times it is possible to get rooms and air seats back, any new bookings made within 60 days of departure are subject to the current air rate and any additional fees incurred in obtaining lodging accommodations.

Within 45 days of departure, any name changes will be subject to a fee imposed by the airlines. Itinerary changes may be subject to a fee imposed by the tour operator, as well as any air fare differentials. Changes made after travel has commenced will be subject to any fees levied by the airlines. Changes made once travel has commenced must be made through the MSC tour operator.

Prices are based on current tariffs in effect as of printing date. Prices of all trips are subject to change due to unforeseen increases.

RULES OF CONDUCT: In order to promote goodwill and relaxation at the Miami Ski Club activities (trips, parties Snowballs, etc.) it shall be the duty of the person in charge of such an activity or any member of the Board of Directors to eject anyone from the activity whose behavior exceeds the bounds of good taste or who participates in illegal acts. Such person shall also be subject to expulsion from the Miami Ski Club if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. In that case, the sole liability of the Miami Ski Club shall be the refund of the membership dues paid during the current year. It is the Club's policy to expressly prohibit any and all illegal activities by any member of the Club or by any participant in Club activities.

POLICY CONCERNING NON-TRIP PARTICIPANTS SHARING ROOMS: Miami Ski Club trips will be limited to only those persons whose applications and payments have been received and confirmed by the MSC office. Attempts at allowing non-trip participants to share accommodations will not be permitted. This policy has been established to protect the Miami Ski Club's reputation with the hotel industry and to avoid inconveniencing other trip participants.

FLIGHTS: All flights depart Miami International Airport. It is the responsibility of the trip participant to be at the airport at the time indicated by the tour operator to insure ample time for both the participant and luggage to make the flight. The Miami Ski Club is not responsible, either for the cost or subsequent arrangements, for any trip participant who misses the scheduled flight. The trip participant is responsible for making arrangement to get to the resort - there will be no refund of the trip payment if either the airline ticket or hotel accommodations are not used.

If the trip participant did not attend the pretrip party or otherwise make arrangements to get the airline ticket for the trip leader, prior to the day of departure, it is the trip participants responsibility to be at the airport early enough so as not to jeopardize the trip leader missing the flight. If a trip participant has not gotten their ticket from the trip leader by the time the flight is called for boarding, the trip leader will leave the ticket with a supervisor at the airline's ticket counter.

LUGGAGE: As a part of the organization of the trip, the Miami Ski Club makes arrangements for baggage handling during the trip. This may or may not apply during the period of baggage handling for airport checkin, depending upon airport security procedures prevailing at the time of the flight.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Every attempt is made to satisfy each accommodations request, with assignments being made on a first-come, first-served basis. If the requested accommodations are unavailable, MSC reserves the right to assign the next most suitable accommodations and collect any additional monies due.

ROOMMATES: Roommate preferences must be indicated on trip applications. Any changes or subsequent requests should be made in writing and mailed it to the Trip Chairperson. Those not requesting specific roommates will be matched as suitably as possible.

LIFT TICKETS: Lift ticket arrangements must be finalized 30 days before trip departs. The Club will not purchase lift ticket in the ski area.

TRIP LEADER: The trip leader may chose at times to ski with you. The leader does so as a fellow skier and is not to be considered a guide. You are responsible to judge your own ability to descend a slope safely based on your own physical endurance. the weather. snow conditions and inclination of skiing terrain. The areas chosen by the trip leader does not indicate that terrain is safe or suitable for you.

ALL TRIP PRICES QUOTED ARE PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. PRICES FOR SINGLE SUPPLEMENT, ADDITIONAL PERSON(S) PER ROOM AND GROUND ONLY PACKAGES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. CANCELLATION POLICY MAY BE DIFFERENT OF SOME TRIPS - PLEASE CHECK WITH TRIP LEADER

NOVEMBER SNOWBALL RSVP

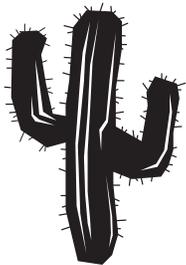
Please return this form by **November 17, 2003** to **Sandie Margoluis**
11225 S.W. 112 Street Miami, FL 33176 or call Sandie at (305) 596-9311 to make reservations.
You must respond, so we have enough food!

NAME OF MEMBER _____ FREE
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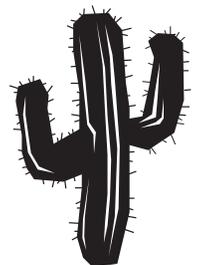
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PLEASE DETACH HERE AND MAIL TO SANDIE MARGOLUIS 11225 S.W. 112 Street Miami, FL 33176

WESTWARD HO!!! SNOWBALL



**Miami Airport Marriot • 1201 NW LeJeune Rd.
Friday November 21st
Time: 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Phone: (305) 649-5000**



Join Us for our Annual Western Party.

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Please bring your checkbook, your dancing boots, your appetite, and plan on having a swinging time learning to line dance, and do the two step with our very own Boogie Man George and Sandy Mershon.

Hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings will be served as well as a cash bar.
The name of the game is fun, fun, fun.

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