



News Letter

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

APRIL 2005

Happy hours

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FRIDAYS

April 1, 6-8 pm (snacks!)
The Rusty Pelican
3201 Rickenbacker Causeway
Key Biscayne, Florida
(305) 361-3818

April 8, 6-8 pm
Monty's in the Grove
2550 South Bayshore Drive
Coconut Grove, Florida
(305) 858-1431

April 15, 6-8 pm (appetizers!)
Biltmore Lounge
1200 Anastasia Avenue
Coral Gables, Florida
(305) 445-1926

April 22, 6-8 pm (appetizers!)
The Martini Bar
300 SW 1st Ave. (2nd fl. - Riverwalk)
Ft Lauderdale Florida
(954) 764-4345

Theater night

THE GOLDDIGGERS
Saturday, April 9, 2:00 PM matinee
Gusman Center for the Performing Arts
174 E. Flagler Street, Miami, (305) 374-2444
<http://www.gusmancenter.org>

Join us for a lively **benefit** dance and theatre at the Historical Gusman Center in Downtown, Miami! You can self park in the rear of the theatre.

In order to have great, orchestra seats, please send checks (ASAP) before March 20th, made payable to MSC, **\$16 members** and \$18 guests, to Sabina Lorion, 5190 Hammock Park Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33156. Please call Sabina at (305) 662-SNOW with any questions, or e-mail VicePresident@MiamiSkiClub.net

After the show, we will have a **happy hour** (BYOB) at Mike and Sabina's house, before heading out to **dinner** at Trattoria Sole, 5894 Sunset Drive, South Miami. Trattoria Sole will provide separate checks. We will make reservations for those who RSVP.

Scuba trips - 2005

Summer scuba Trips, May dive update

As you well know, scuba season is right around the corner. Make sure you mark these dates on your calendar. Prices for May 1st are as follows: Dive including tanks and weights - \$65, gear rental \$35, and nitrox \$6 (all tax included). Contact **Norris Woldford** at (305) 710-4081 or dives@miamiskiclub.com. There's a 5 person minimum reservation by the Wednesday before the trip.

May 1 Conch Republic Divers/Islamorada 8:00 am
June 5 Seahorse Dive Charters/Pompano 8:00 am
July 10 Horizon Divers/Key Largo 8:00 am
Aug. 7 Sunstar Charters/Boynton 8:00 am
Sept. 11 Blue Water Divers/Key Largo 8:00 am
Wreck Dives - Spiegel Grove/Duane

Renewal

Our membership year ends at midnight, May 31. Enjoy another year with us by please taking a few minutes and sending in your membership form and dues right away! We have inserted an application in this issue for your convenience. Your **Miami Ski Club membership** gives you the opportunity to travel on some incredible trips, and free admission to some wonderful events! It also gives you the Newsletter and calendar to remind you of upcoming events. Join us for another year at our July Picnic, our Snowballs and more. And of course skiing is not all that we do. If you are interested in scuba diving, you will see that we are offering scuba trips and many more outdoor adventures for you to enjoy all year long!



Letter from the Prez...

Well, with a mix of satisfaction and regret, I must inform you that the MSC Winter 2005 ski season is over. We had a great year for skiing with good weather and snow at most venues. In January, we had rave reviews for Breckenridge and Vail. In February, we had some of our skiers experience EXTREME skiing in Whistler and an awesome European ski trip to St. Moritz. We wrapped up our season with Steamboat in March. But, before too much depression sets in, we have an exciting trip to Greece & Turkey. The Greece & Turkey trip went on sale February 4th, but did not sell out, so there are a few openings left to join another MSC adventure. Just don't wait too long for I am sure the few seats left will go quickly.

As you view the rest of this Newsletter, you can see we are gearing up for our summer activities. We have Springfest coming, our dive trips starting in May, our annual picnic in July, Keys weekend, and other great activities all to look forward to. Springfest Gala is on April 30th at Monty's Stone Crab on the Beach. It is a Black Tie Optional Dinner/Dance. It is free to those who have skied with the Club during the 2005 season, including Argentina 2004 and also our India trip. The first dive trip is May 1st at Conch Republic Divers in Islamorada. If you are interested, please contact Norris at dives@miamiskiclub.net.

As hard as it may seem, it is that time of year where we start looking for trip leaders for our 2006 winter trips. What makes the MSC trips successful is due in a large part to the efforts of the trip leaders. If you are looking for a challenging and rewarding opportunity, then I would hope you would consider it. If you are interested in being a trip leader, please submit your Trip Leader's Application as soon as possible.

In addition to the need for trip leaders, we are also looking for your MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL. Did you know that your MSC membership expires at the end of May? We have included a Membership Application in this Newsletter so all you need to do is to fill out the application, attach your check for the appropriate amount and send it in. We appreciate your supporting the Club with your membership.

If you really want to have fun, try helping out at a Happy Hour, a Dine-a-Round or sponsoring a special event. It is a great way to meet new people and to get involved with the MSC. So come out and take advantage of all the activities that the MSC has to offer and, by all means, enjoy yourself.

Gail West (305) 382-7530
president@miamiskiclub.net

Club news

It's always good to bring you happy news, and this month it's really good news! We are very pleased to announce the marriage of Rita Neubauer (our past trip leader) and Gordon McCulloch, our resident ski bum. They met on a Miami Ski Club trip in Heavenly, so it was only fitting that they decided to tie the knot in Loveland! It was an outdoor ceremony, followed by a few runs down the mountain. Their home will be in their new house in Breckenridge, where Gordon can devote himself to skiing full time, teaching ski school part time. Good luck!

Springfest

Saturday, April 30, 2005, 7:30 pm
Monty's, 300 Alton Road, Miami Beach

Don't forget to mail in your RSVP on the inside of the back page! This year, the theme is "Spring is in the Air". It is imperative that you RSVP by April 20 to Sandie Margoluis, as we need to give the restaurant an accurate count. This will be a dinner dance and formal attire is optional. The menu includes such great entrees as: conch chowder, salad, lemon chicken or grilled mahi-mahi. This is free to all who have traveled with MSC this year! Don't miss this!

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St. Moritz report

February 18-28, 2005

Glamorous - doesn't even begin to describe our experience at St. Moritz! This trip to Switzerland (for 36 lucky MSC participants) set new heights, both literally and figuratively. Nestled at 6,000 feet in the Swiss Alps, we arose most days to sunny skies. However, it was rather cold. Skiing required full layering even with the sun shining. This was certainly not your typical ski trip. However - no roughing it at any point! Champagne was the daily norm! Synonymous with quality and elegance, we now understand why St. Moritz is one of the most famous holiday resorts in the world.

St Moritz had something for everyone - advanced or intermediate skiers, spa aficionados, gourmants at heart or double diamond shoppers. There was something for everyone. We tried three ski areas: Corviglia, Corvatsch, and Diavolezza - each mountain with incredible views. Lunches and après ski parties on the top of the mountain lifts allowed everyone to come and enjoy the views and the local cuisine - skiers and non-skiers alike.

We stayed at the elegant 4 star *Hotel Monopol* located in the center of town; a 2 minute walk to the ski train and also to the spa and sauna. Breakfast buffets and 5 course dinners were included.

Our first day, we participated in an exclusive annual event - the White Turf Races - horse racing in the snow on a frozen lake. The horses were from generations of royal breeding. The crowd sported the most elegant variety of furs we've ever seen - men and women alike! And, of course, champagne for everyone as we danced to bands during the breaks between races. Some took the panoramic train tour through the Swiss Alps. Others enjoyed the paragliding on skis; still, others enjoyed massages and toured the local five star hotels.

After one week of enjoying the lifestyles of the rich and famous, we had a bus drive and tour past Lake Cuomo and Lake Maggiore to the beautiful lakeside town of Lugano, Switzerland on the border to Italy. We stayed at the 4 star spa /hotel, *Villa Sassa*, which had magnificent views looking down into town and onto the lake. Many of us made a visit to the Bellinzona castle(s). Others did the famous Foxtown European designer outlet center. We ended our Switzerland visit with a group dinner in a local grotto, *Grotto Dei Bianchi*. We enjoyed a tour of the distillery and a slide show of the vineyard and winemaking process from the owner and winemaker himself. Then we sampled phenomenal wines, dinner and local music in a private grotto just for the MSC group. A wonderful finale to our trip!

Laurel Hendrickson, trip leader

Trip update

What a wonderful season!

As of this writing, the Steamboat trip is enjoying the four star resort, the Sheraton, at the base of the lift in wonderful sunny weather. Glowing reports have come back from all of the trips. Cindy and Frank Sandmaier led everyone to the parties and dancing with other clubs in the FSC at Breckenridge. Vail had sunshine every day, with delicious, gourmet dinners most evenings, all arranged by Michaela Doherty. The Whistler trip, although we could have used a little more snow, had the luck of a foot of snow the day before our arrival and beautiful sunshine every day except the first. The farewell banquet at Umberto's was simply delicious. St. Moritz set a new standard in luxury for MSC (see St. Moritz Report). So we await word from Steamboat Springs. Also - don't be so quick to pack away all your ski gear as we are hard at work on the next season and another wonderful trip to South America this summer. Pack your suitcases for Greece and Turkey in September! We will only have a couple of spots left by the time you read this. It promises to be another grand experience. Check out the photo gallery on www.miamiskiclub.net!

Vail trip report

Vail! A winter wonderland with all the European charm and coziness of an Alpine village, but all the comforts and conveniences we Americans are accustomed to. Where else can you ski all day on a huge mountain, never take the same run twice, and then enjoy après ski and a fabulous dinner just steps from your hotel? Vail has it all!

On Saturday, January 22nd, our group met at MIA early to catch our non-stop flight to Denver. Once there, we were not sure we had left Florida - it was almost 60 degrees! As our bus climbed the mountains, our fears were alleviated when we saw snow.

Our first stop was Breckenridge to pick up the rest of the group, people who had been on the FSC trip, and were skiing another week. Then on to Vail! We arrived at beautiful Manor Vail Resort with enough time for everyone to get settled, rent their equipment and get ready for our welcome Happy Hour.

The next morning, everyone was eager to ski. When Richard and I arrived at the breakfast buffet at 8 am, everyone was already there! And who could blame them, the sun was bright, the sky was blue and the forecast called for a high of 40 degrees! Our good weather continued throughout the week. Tuesday, several skiers went to Beaver Creek. The snow was equally good, and there were no lift lines.

Our entire group got together for two dinners. On Wednesday at *Mezzaluna* in Lionshead and also our banquet (the last night) at the fabulous *Lord Gore Restaurant* in our hotel. We also enjoyed a wine and cheese party, at Roy and Melinda Kelley's condo which made the affair more intimate.

Several awards were given at the banquet. The *Hero of the Day* went to Dr. Jack Gabay, who removed a dislodged contact lens from Bobbie Voglino's eye using a pen!! The *Tree Hugger* award went to Veronique Damseaux, who made friends with a few evergreens - trying to keep up with George Ondricek. The *Tenacity* award went to David Siegel, who bruised his shoulder on the first day, had thoughts of going home, but then decided to stay on and party. Finally, our last award went to Vivian Berkowitz, who was a *Never Ever Skier* before the trip, but is well on the way to becoming an ace. After her first day of lessons she informed us that she was bored with her class. The following day she moved onward and upward and never looked back!! She received a T-shirt reading: *Ski School Drop-Out*. We were told that by the end of the week she was skiing blue runs. All in all, it was a perfect trip. Our group was great! Don't let anybody tell you it's too cold to ski in Vail in January!

Michaela Doherty, trip leader

Greece & Turkey

Only two cabins left!

Our September 7 - 20, 2005 adventure trip opened to a record turnout of eager travelers, but this time, we were prepared with a large number of available spaces. Our limiting factor are the cabins on the motor-sailing yacht, the *Wind Spirit*, of which we booked an entire half! We ended up with a few free cabins, but have sold four more spaces in the last week, which leaves us now with only two cabins free! If you have been hesitating about going on this fabulous trip, hesitate no longer!

In case you have been out of town, in a coma, or just not paying attention, this is one incredible trip! We fly into Athens, do some sightseeing there, and then venture out of the city, to explore some of the places you have read about in history books and ancient myths. We then board our very spacious and luxurious ship, and set sail for the Greek Isles and the incredible coast of Turkey, ending up with a grand finale in Istanbul. We simply don't have enough space to describe this trip, but we have an extensive slide show and tons of information about this trip on our web site, miamiskiclub.net. Even if you aren't planning on going, check out the pictures! Any questions, please call George at (305) 234-7344, or e-mail greece@miamiskiclub.net. We hope that you'll join us!

Trip leaders wanted!

As you can see from some of the reports in this issue, being a trip leader can be a very rewarding experience! It takes a bit of doing and a lot of dedication to do it right, but you get to make a difference in a lot of people's lives, if only for a week! Ultimately, it is our trip leaders who make a ski trip into a really unique and fun experience, which is what sets our Club apart from the rest. If you have been on some of our ski trips, you know what we are talking about! And if you would like to make things fun for your friends and fellow Club members, we would very much like to have you run one of our trips in the 2006 ski season!

We are finalizing the upcoming ski trips, and we have some excellent venues, ranging from Colorado to Zermatt, Switzerland. If you would like to be an integral part of this exciting aspect of the Miami Ski Club (and get a free ski trip on top of that), please fill in the application on the right and send it in, along with your membership renewal. We are looking forward to having you with us!

Trip Leader Application



Miami Ski Club, Inc.
 P.O. Box 560943 Pinecrest, FL 33256-0943
 Phone/Fax (305) 949-4114

TRIP LEADER BENEFITS:

You will have the pleasure and satisfaction of being an integral part of the Miami Ski Club and making your participants happy. Your trip will be paid for, as meager compensation for your labor.

MIAMI SKI CLUB'S SHARE:

The Club and its vendors will handle all contracts, destination selections, pricing, lodging and transportation arrangements. MSC will provide support and advice, as well as handling of payments to all vendors.

TRIP LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES:

As trip leader, you will be responsible for selling and promoting your trip, which includes attendance at Snowballs and as many other Ski Club events as possible. You will be in charge of making pre- and post-trip party arrangements, as well as organizing activities at the location. You will collect monies from participants, attend some orientation meetings and coordinate with the Vice-President of MSC and the vendors. At the end of your trip, you will provide the Club with a simple accounting of expenses, and you will supply a short story with trip photos for publication in the Miami Skier Magazine. As a representative of the Miami Ski Club, you will be expected to act in a professional manner, consistent with MSC Bylaws and guidelines. You are to promote fun, friendship and comradery to everyone on your trip. You are not to solicit upgrades or any other special considerations for yourself, or anyone in particular. If any such considerations are offered, you are to pass those on to the MSC or your group.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

RESORTS WHICH YOU ARE MOST FAMILIAR WITH

TIME OF YEAR/DESTINATION BEST FOR YOU

TIME OF YEAR/DESTINATION NOT POSSIBLE FOR YOU

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HOME PHONE WORK PHONE

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E-MAIL DATE OF BIRTH

Please put a check mark next to the phone number that you wish to have listed

QUALIFICATIONS

HOW MANY YEARS IN MSC HOW MANY TRIPS WITH THE MSC

LIST YOUR LAST THREE TRIPS WITH MSC

TRIP YR. LEADER

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LIST TRIPS WHICH YOU HAVE RUN FOR MSC

TRIP YR. # OF PARTICIPANTS

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LIST OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

SIGNATURE DATE



Membership Application

SOURCE CODE
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The Miami Ski Club, Inc. (MSC), established in 1968 as a non-profit organization, extends an invitation to all those interested in having fantastic, fun-filled times to join our fabulous snow skiing trips and the year round outdoor and social events. Our membership year is from June 1 to May 31.

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	RENEWAL (From last year)	NEW
INDIVIDUAL Available to individuals over the age of 18	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
FAMILY Married couples and single parents with children under the age of 24 residing with parents; couples with common address (need proof of residency)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80
ASSOCIATE Individuals or families residing more than 100 miles from Miami International Airport	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35
AFFILIATE Entitles current members of other Florida Ski Council clubs to join MSC trips after specific dates. Carries no other Miami Ski Club benefits		<input type="checkbox"/> \$1

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is well known that the more you get involved in the Club, the more you will get out of it! We always need friendly people to greet new members, help with various activities, the magazine or Newsletter. Would you like to join that group?

I would like to be more involved in the Miami Ski Club. Count me in!

LAST NAME _____ SEX _____

FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE INITIAL _____

ADDRESS _____

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FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS ONLY (spouse signature required)

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

WORK PHONE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

NAME OF CHILD _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

NAME OF CHILD _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

NAME OF CHILD _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW

In consideration for the benefits derived from membership in the Miami Ski Club, Inc. and acknowledging the hazards inherent in the sport of snow skiing, bicycling, roller blading, and other outdoor activities, 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 any injury or pecuniary loss by reason of said membership, through participation in club activities.

Please make checks payable to Miami Ski Club, Inc. and mail to above address.

I would like to be included in a Club Directory I do not want to be in a Club Directory

ADULT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SPOUSE SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



Springfest

R.S.V.P. FOR SPRINGFEST 2005

Name of 2005 ski trip / India trip participant:

Number of non-skiing members (\$45 ea.)

Number of non-members (\$50 ea.)

In celebration of a terrific and very successful ski season, we are proud to invite you to the annual Springfest! If you went on any of our 2005 ski trips, or India, your admission is **free**. For other members, who did not ski with us, this fabulous evening can be attended at a bargain **\$45**. For non-members, the charge is \$50. Seating is limited, and will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis! Please fill out this coupon, detach and mail to Sandie Margoluis no later than April 20, 2005.

This is the event which brings our ski season to an end, and we go all out to celebrate. We sincerely hope that you will attend. This event is an outstanding value for everyone - skier or not!

TRIP YOU WENT ON: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK ENCLOSED

DETACH HERE AND MAIL IN



Spring is in The Air!



Saturday, April 30, 2005 7:30PM till 11:00PM

Monty's Stone Crab , 300 Alton Rd, Miami Beach, Florida, (305) 673-8168

This will be a dinner dance and formal attire is optional. Wear your dancing shoes as Boogie Man George will be there with your favorite songs. There will be a cash bar, sit down dinner of conch chowder, salad, lemon chicken or grilled mahi-mahi with tropical fruit salsa, chocolate lava cake for dessert and coffee or tea.

Members who skied with MSC this year, including Chile, and those who travelled to India are FREE.

Other MSC members \$45, non member guests \$50.

It is imperative that you **RSVP** by April 20 to Sandie Margoluis as we need to give the restaurant a count. (Please specify fish or chicken.) Please RSVP by calling (305) 596-9311 or returning this form to Sandie Margoluis 11225 SW 112 St., Miami, Florida 33176. Make checks payable to the Miami Ski Club. You can also e-mail Sandi at membershivevents@miamiskiclub.net, or call her at (305) 596-9311
You must RSVP to reserve a space!



Address correction requested
TIME DATED MATERIAL

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April, 2005						1	2
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3 <i>Daylight savings time</i>	4	5	6	7	8 6 pm MONTY'S Coconut Grove	9 2 pm THEATER & DINNER Gusman Center	
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24 <i>Passover</i>	25	26	27	28	29	30 7:30 pm SPRINGFEST Monty's/MB	