



News Letter

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

MARCH 2005

Happy hours

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- FRIDAYS**
- March 4, 6-8 pm (appetizers!)
Café Tu Tu Tango
(Cocowalk 2nd Floor)
Coconut Grove, Florida
(305) 529-2222
- March 11, 6-8 pm (appetizers!)
St. Michel
162 Alcazar Avenue
Coral Gables, Florida
(305) 446-6572
- March 18, 6-8 pm (appetizers!)
Brasserie (HH prices from 6-7 pm)
333 E. Las Olas Blvd.
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
(954) 779-7374
- March 25, 6-8 pm
Coconut Grove Sailing Club
2990 South Bayshore Drive
Coconut Grove, Florida
(305) 444-4571

Bike ride

Saturday, March 19, 9:45 AM
Matheson Hammock Park
9610 Old Cutler Road, Miami

Take advantage of the gorgeous South Florida winter weather and join us for one of the most scenic bike rides in Miami! We'll start along the mangrove lined bike paths of Matheson Hammock Park, and head North toward the Cocoplum Circle. After checking for manatees at the bridge, we'll continue on main highway into the heart of Coconut Grove and stop for a water break! From there, it's a short ride through Dinner Key Marina to our luncheon spot at Scotty's Landing on the water. Meet us at the outside parking lot of Matheson Hammock at 9:45! For more information, contact **Michelle** or **Dave Lucking**: secretary@miamiskiclub.net or socialevents@miamiskiclub.net. Happy Riding!!

Theater & dinner

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, limited 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.

Dine-a-round

Tuesday, March 29, 6 PM cocktails, 6:30 dinner
MISS SAIGON 9503 S. Dixie Highway,
(Dadeland Plaza), Pinecrest, (305) 661-2911

Join us for a gourmet dinner of authentic Vietnamese cuisine. We will start the evening with a tasting of some appetizers, followed by *Miss Saigon Rice noodles with grilled shrimp, chicken and crispy spring rolls, Beef Watercress, Chicken with Lemon Grass and Caramel Shrimp*. A surprise dessert will complete the gourmet evening. A glass of house wine or Vietnamese beer is included. Please mail your check made payable to **Miami Ski Club** to: **Lisa Brumfield**, 7350 SW 135 Terrace, Miami, FL 33156 **Members: \$32** Guests \$35. Please RSVP by Friday, March 25 to Lisa.Brumfield@Ryder.com or call her at **(305) 500-3668**. Meet us for cocktails at 6:00 PM.



Letter from the Prez...

Well, the 2005 ski season is well under way. Our first two trips (Breckenridge and Vail) have come and gone and, as I'm writing this, Whistler is gearing up to depart soon. Both Breckenridge and Vail were great successes and a lot of fun. Of course, the success for our trips is due in large part to our very capable trip leaders. A great big thanks goes out to Cindy Sandmaier, (trip leader for our Breckenridge trip,) and Michaela Doherty, (trip leader for Vail,) for their hard work in making Breckenridge and Vail such wonderful experiences. From all the emails

I have received, we have many happy members who will return next season for another great ski experience with the Miami Ski Club.

The Breckenridge trip was also a Florida Ski Council trip. We had over 600 people from the State of Florida skiing on the mountain, having wild parties with great food and of course, the famous FSC Club races. The MSC male and female did great both individually and as a team. Congratulations, you all have made the Club proud. Check out the racing results included in this newsletter - many thanks to Pauline Arias for her work as captain of the MSC team.

Mark your calendar for our Springfest Gala on April 30, 2005, at Monty's Stone Crab on the Beach. This year's Springfest Gala is a Black Tie Optional Dinner / Dance. Springfest is a traditional event in the MSC and marks the end of another Winter ski year and introduces the Club's Summer Events. Springfest is free to those who have skied with the Club during the 2005 season, including Argentina 2004 and also our India adventure.

Have you checked out the web site www.miamiskiclub.com lately? There are a lot of pictures and information about Greece & Turkey! The Club has a great Internet site and a lot of effort goes into keeping it up to date. With Laurel Hendrickson doing the web site, Nansy Mackenzie and George Ondricek publishing the Newsletter, and Joanne Sargent keeping telephone messaging updated, we have a great team getting the word out to our membership. If you have a moment, let these people know their efforts are appreciated. I know the Club would not be successful without their efforts and the help of the Board and that of the other volunteers. So come out and take advantage of all the activities that the MSC has to offer and, by all means - do come and enjoy yourself. See you there.

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Club news

Congratulations to Michelle Dunaj Lucking who recently retired from her position as senior attorney for the State of Florida. Michelle had a stellar 17 year career in public service and is now moving to greener pastures! Good luck Michelle! Please let us know about your "news" - without your input, there will be no "Club News". This is a column for the members, by the members. Please e-mail all information with as much detail as possible to communications@miamiskiclub.net, or call **George at (305) 234-7344**. Read all about it!

Greece & Turkey

September 7 - 20, 2005

This incredible trip to Athens, historical sites on the Greek mainland, a Windstar cruise through the Greek Isles and Turkish ports, with a grand finale in Istanbul, is now open! We have only a few spaces left on this trip, as well as on the optional extension to Anatolia. For trip sheets, pricing, itineraries and many, many pictures from our destinations, please visit our web site, www.miamiskiclub.com. If you still have questions that are unanswered by the on-line information, call **George at (305) 234-7344!**

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Trips update

By now, we have a bunch of very happy skiers back from three fabulous trips: Breckenridge, Vail and Whistler, with the St. Moritz trip heading out. The only ski trip remaining is the March 5-12 outing to **Steamboat Springs**, Colorado. If you are thinking about taking advantage of this great ski season, see if there is any space left, by calling **Joanne Sargent at (305) 665-7868**, or e-mail her at **Steamboat@miamiskidub.net**.

Our **Greece & Turkey** trip almost sold out to a very anxious group of travelers, making it the best selling trip in recent memory. The good news is, we have booked an entire half of the Wind Spirit motor sailing yacht, so we still have a few spaces available on this incredible adventure.

We are hard at work on the **2006 ski season**. This involves looking at some different resorts, such as Sun Valley and Mammoth, just to name a few. We will be looking at a couple of hotels in Zermatt, Switzerland. Remember the last sell out trip to Zermatt? It has already been five years! As soon as we have things finalized, we'll let you know. We are very excited by the prospects!

So ski hard and safely, and we look forward to seeing you at some of our events here in Miami as well.

The Swamp Tromp

Saturday, March 12, 9:45 AM
Everglades National Park (305) 242-7700
<http://www.nps.gov/ever/pphtml/activities.html>

Join us for a hike, picnic lunch and a **Swamp Tromp** to an alligator hole with a very informative, enthusiastic, volunteer ranger, Ellen Siegel. At **9:45 AM** we'll meet under the big fig tree at the courtyard in Royal Palm parking lot for an easy 1/2 mile walk on the Anhinga Trail to see birds and alligators. At **noon** we'll carpool to Long Pine Key for a picnic. **1:00 PM** carpool to a cypress dome for the **Swamp Tromp**. Long pants and tie-on sneakers and socks that can get wet are suggested. No Texas or aquasocks! Bring: **\$10 entry fee** (per car), a picnic lunch, sun glasses, bug spray, sun hat, plastic bag for wet things, some dry clothes and shoes, water bottle, camera and/or binoculars. Directions: Florida Turnpike south to the end (Fl. City). Turn right at the light onto Palm Drive and follow signs to Everglades National Park. After the entrance, continue to "Royal Palm" parking lot. Volunteer ranger's cell is (305) 332-5544 if needed the day of the event. RSVP to **Pam Epstein (305) 772-1500** by Tuesday, March 8.

Race report

Congratulations Miami Ski Club Racers!

Fifteen hearty souls from the Miami Ski Club hit the Nastar course and gave it their all in the Florida Ski Council Cup Race in Breckenridge (January 18, 2005.) As we were the last club to race (13 other Clubs raced before us) the course somewhat resembled a bobsled run. But hang on we did and finished in second place behind the Gator Ski Club for the second time in as many years. We must do something to reverse this! The three best women scores and three best men's scores represented us as our Team. These consisted of Cynthia Florimont, M.J.Votycka, Barbara Ludovici, George Ondricek, David R.Bartlett and Mike Alter.

Individual gold medals were also given to the best racers in their age bracket which included Cynthia Florimont, Barbara Ludovici, Pauline Arias and Vincent Arias. Special Congratulations to Cynthia Florimont for receiving the Gold Medal for fastest woman on the mountain! The girl was truly smok'n through the gates. Last, but certainly not least, every one of the fifteen racers received a Nastar medal from Bronze, Silver to Gold. Thanks Miami, let's do it again next year in Snowmass, but come in first!

Pauline Arias, Race Captain/Vincent Arias, Co-Captain



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