



News Letter

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

OCTOBER 2005

Happy hours

October 7, 6-8 PM (appetizers, drink specials!)
Villagio Restaurant @ Merrick Park
358 San Lorenzo Ave.
Coral Gables, FL • (305) 447-8144

October 14, 6-8 PM
Posh Wine Bar (in the Waverly)
110 N. Fed. Hwy
Ft. Laud., FL • (954) 763-3553

October 21, 6-8 PM (appetizers! drink specials!!)
Fritz & Franz Bierhaus
60 Merrick Way
Coral Gables • (305) 774-1883

October 28, 6-8 PM
China Grill (appetizers, drink specials!)
404 Washington Avenue
Miami Beach, FL • (305) 534-2211

September Snowball

Friday, September 30, from 7 PM to 11 PM
Rusty Pelican, 3201 Rickenbacker Causeway,
Key Biscayne, (305) 361-3818

Join us for a fun evening! We've got a great location overlooking the Miami skyline and we've arranged for plenty of dancing and a sampling of appetizers with a Mediterranean flair to welcome the Club home from Greece and Turkey. This will be a great opportunity to see old ski pals and to make new friends as you plan your winter vacation. As we have been telling you, our trips are selling quickly, so you do not want to miss out. See why we are the oldest ski club in South Florida. Bring your check book and reserve a great getaway.

Doors open at 7 PM, but we've arranged for a cash bar on the second floor at 6 PM. Enjoy a drink and totally wind. Admission is free to all current members and \$25 for guests. RSVPs are a must and should be received by September 20. Make checks payable to the Miami Ski Club and send to the Miami Ski Club P.O. Box 560943, Pinecrest, FL 33156. Also you can RSVP to the Miami Ski Club message box - (305) 949-4114.

November snowball

It's that time of the year again. Mark your calendars for the next two snowballs! Join us for a fun filled evening of listening to the Jazz Music of the Gecko Island Band on **Friday, November 11th** at the 94th Aero Squadron. Don't miss this evening of cocktails and pasta in a most charming country inn on the south side of Miami airport. This event is free to members and \$25 for guests! RSVPs are a must. See page 7 for more details.

Also please save this date - **Friday, December 2** for a Special Mini Snowball Happy Hour. This will be held at the Chart House in Coconut Grove from 6:00 PM. till 8:00 PM. If you missed last year, for sure you will want to join us this year. It was a huge success last year!

Details to follow in the November newsletter.

Movie night

Saturday, October 29, 2005 8:00 PM
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
201 SW Fifth Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Come see Warren Miller's 56th annual feature film event, highlighting world class skiers and snowboarders showcasing their talents in awe inspiring locations all over North America and across Europe. Experience the best big mountain and backcountry terrain, moguls, half-pipes and rails on the big screen; including footage of Jeremy Bloom riding in the backcountry of British Columbia. Get inspired to hit the hills in Copper, Snowmass, Zermatt, Sun Valley and Lake Louise! Join in the live pre-show entertainment before hand.

Please make checks payable to the Miami Ski Club for **\$15 (members)** and **\$16 (non-members)** and mail to **Sandy Londono** c/o Joseph J. Blake and Associates, 4000 Ponce De Leon Boulevard, Ste 410, Coral Gables, FL 33146. Any questions please call Sandy at **305-448-1663 ext 108** or email her at specialevents@miamiskiclub.com.



Letter from the Prez...

Knowing that we have members from around the United States, I sincerely hope that you and your family are well in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. I remain shocked by the extensive devastation in the Gulf States. Like so many in Miami, I am reminded of Hurricane Andrew some 13 years ago and how happy we were to see ice and to take a hot shower for the first time in a few days. I also realize that in the grand scheme of things, I, personally, was mostly inconvenienced by Andrew. Such is certainly not the case for our neighbors in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. They will not be bouncing back. Instead, they have a very long road to recovery ahead. So, the Club is going to act and hopefully, in some small way, we will make a difference. As we did after 9-11, we have been and will continue to collect money on behalf of the American Red Cross Disaster Recovery Fund. Any contributions we receive at a Happy Hour, Special Events or by mail will be directly and completely passed onto the ARC.

Despite the clean up around the neighborhood, we have found time to continue planning events for you to enjoy. First, we have our first Snowball at the Rusty Pelican on September 30. This is always a great turnout and it's a great opportunity to sign up for a ski vacation. The mediterranean theme will honor the return of our Greece and Turkey trip. So far, our ski trips are selling very well. I think the EC did a great job this year selecting a broad variety of ski locations. Personally, I am thrilled to see the Club return to great mountains such as Copper and Sun Valley for the first time in several years. Our trip to Canada lets you experience the best of two world class resorts: Lake Louise and Baniff Springs at a very reasonable price. Of course, being Canadian, I am always partial to the Great White North.

As October brings cooler days, we will definitely be taking advantage of the awesome weather. As you see throughout the NewsLetter, we continue to strive to find fun and interesting ways to enjoy Miami. In the next few months, look for horse back riding and an evening sail in Biscayne Bay. We will also be planning bike rides as well in the cooler weather. We have lot's of fun riding through the Shark Valley or the Grove. We always seem to work in a stop for lunch and a few laughs along the way. There is even talk about hitting a Panther's game. If you have any ideas for a Special Event, please let us know. We are also looking for volunteers to run dine-a-rounds. If you know of a great restaurant give us a call and we will help you put together a great night out.

Cheers!!

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

Don't forget to look up the latest information on our web site: miamiskiclub.com

Volunteer!

Come out and be an integral part of the Miami Ski Club. We need help planning Special Events and organizing Dine-a-rounds. We've had really great events this year - skiing, diving, kayaking, horse-back riding. We've also partaken in cultural events such a Theatre nights, Jazz concerts, and gourmet dinners. All of these events rely on Club members taking time out to organize an event. Come on out and get involved. We need your help!

Hurricane Katrina

With the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf States, the Miami Ski Club has decided to get involved. We will be using our Happy Hours and Special Events, including the September Snowball as collection points for donations for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to the American Red Cross and drop it off with the Club. Let's help the survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

Above board

At the time of this writing, the Greece and Turkey trip is cruising away and we have received great reviews from the Las Leñas trip and the Hawk's Cay weekend. We have had good response with our upcoming ski trips and the board will decide in September if we should expand a few to accommodate more members. We have been getting some great attendance at our recent happy hours and we are seeing new guests since the Miami Herald article was published. The Club is still in need of some gracious volunteers to host a monthly dine-a-round. There are so many wonderful restaurants in South Florida, sign up now! There are some exciting upcoming special events planned which include performances at the Coconut Grove Playhouse, horseback riding in November and a visit to the Broward King Tut exhibit in January. The board decided to try a different theme for the November Snowball this year. We will be hosting an evening of Cocktails, Wine & Jazz with a live performance from the Gecko Island Jazz trio. Mark your calendars for November 11th.

Back from the Keys

As they say: What goes on in the Keys, stays in the Keys! Our sell out weekend to Hawk's Cay started with a tropical Happy Hour. We had several people from Miami who happened to be in the neighborhood join us for drinks and yes they were flowing! Seems that several energetic people decided that Key West was only a stone's throw away and headed south to some of Conch Republic's finest establishments. Saturday morning we saw sheepish grins and a lot of giggling. A good time was had for sure.

Saturday for many meant diving and snorkeling. I can think of no better way to beat the summer heat than to enjoy the local coral reefs of the Keys. Others went shopping or just lounged by the pool with a good book and a frozen drink with a pretty umbrella in it. Our banquet dinner had everything from fresh seafood to delicious steak, not to mention the high cal desserts. Believe it or not, energy levels were still running high, and another contingency made its way back to Key West for rumrunners and dancing. I can say we all appreciate the hard work that went into planning such a great event.



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Sept. 29 – Oct. 9

See you there!

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60 Merrick Way, Coral Gables 33134 / Tel. 305 774-1883
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Horseback riding

Saturday, November 19, 2005 at 10:00 AM
Bar B Ranch
3500 SW 121 Street, Davie, FL
(954-424-1060)

Saddle up cowboys and cowgirls! It's time to hit the trails once again now that the cooler weather is arriving. Join the posse - your friends at MSC - at the Bar B Ranch in Davie for an enjoyable one and a half hour horseback ride through a 160 acre nature preserve. We'll have our own personal guide who will help you in the basic techniques of riding - if needed. No experience is necessary but you must be 16 years or older. The prices will be **\$38 per person for members**, \$43 per person non-members and gratuities will be additional. We must reserve in advance for this one. Please make your check payable to The Miami Ski Club, and mail before November 1st to **Joanne Sargent**, 7046 S.W. 48 Lane, Miami, FL 33155. You can also call Joanne at **305-665-7868** - if you have any questions.

Let's have lunch after at a still to be determined spot. We are limited to 15, so get in early! If you missed this last year - you missed a great time!



