



News Letter

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

MARCH 2006

Happy hours

March 3, 6:30 - 8:30 PM (appetizers)
94th Aero Squadron ELECTIONS MEETING
1395 NW 57 Ave. (836 Dolphin Exp. & Red Rd.)

March 10, 6 - 8 PM
Tambo Restaurant (2 for 1 drinks, appetizers)
275 Giralda Avenue, Coral Gables (305) 476-9025

March 17, 6 - 8 PM
O'Hara's (drink specials, appetizers)
1903 Hollywood Blvd. (954) 925-2555

March 24, 6 - 8 PM
John Martin's (appetizers/HH prices)
253 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables (305) 445-3777

March 31, 6 - 8 PM (appetizers)
Biltmore Lounge
1200 Anastasia Ave., Coral Gables (305) 445-1926

Golddiggers

Saturday, March 25, 2 PM
Gusman Center for the Performing Arts
174 E. Flagler Street, Miami, (305) 374-2444

This is a repeat of a popular event last year. Don't miss it this year! Join us for a lively benefit dance and theatre in the downtown Miami area at the culturally historic Gusman Center. Parking - not a problem! You will be able to self park in the rear of the theatre.

In order to have great, limited orchestra seats, please send checks (ASAP) before March 18th, made payable to MSC, **\$16 members** and \$18 guests, to **Sandy Londono**, 4000 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 410, Coral Gables, FL 33156. Please call Sandy Londono at **(305) 663-2964** with any questions. You can also e-mail her at Specialevents@MiamiSkiClub.net.

For those interested in **lunch** prior to the show please contact Sandy at the number above. There are number of nice places in and around downtown to eat!

Bike ride

Sunday, March 12, 10 AM
Matheson Hammock Park, 9610 Old Cutler Rd.

The weather simply doesn't get any better down here than this time of the year. So, why not take advantage of it and join us for a leisurely bike ride along Old Cutler Road into the Grove, to have a water side lunch at Scotties' Landing! We'll meet in the small parking lot just inside the main entrance at 10 AM, and depart promptly at 10:15. You'll enjoy weaving through the bike trails in this tropical hammock to the scenic lake bordered by a large coral rock picnic pavilion. We'll then make our way outside the park and bike scenic Old Cutler Road into the Grove for lunch at Scotties! Please let us know if you would like to join us by e-mailing Michelle Lucking at secretary@miamiskiclub.net.

Dine-a-round

Tuesday, March 28, 6 PM
Ginger Grove Restaurant
3000 Florida Ave., Coconut Grove (305) 779-5100

Start the evening at 6 PM with cocktails. We will then be seated for dinner. Enjoy the extensive appetizer menu to be followed by: *miso marinated butterfish with tempura shisito peppers and fresh cucumber* or *whole roasted Chinese spike chicken, teriyaki glaze and ginger chicken meatballs* or *spicy grilled skirt steak with citrus soy, Thai chilis, mangos, Fingerling bananas and crispy parsnips*. A cocktail, as well as all of the appetizers, entrees and side dishes are included in this sampling dinner! After dinner - enjoy the *Chef's selection of Ginger Grove's signature desserts*. Cost is **\$42 members**, \$45 guests. Please R.S.V.P. and make your check payable to the Miami Ski Club and send to **H. Allen Benowitz** 1865 Brickell Avenue, A Tower, Penthouse 11, Miami, FL 33129-1657, **(305) 586-1181**.



Letter from the Prez...

Our January ski trips are back from awesome conditions. Some say the best snow conditions that Colorado has had in over 20 years. I was part of the Snowmass trip and I also managed to squeeze in a few ski days in Breckenridge and Copper. There were a few days when I literally did not see my skis the entire run, because we had so much snow (and no ice!) - unbelievable. As I am writing, the Zermatt participants are doing some last minute shopping and packing for their European adventure and Sun Valley and Canada are also gearing up. This year, the enthusiasm from our skiers has been great, and many of you are already asking what is happening next summer and next winter. With the passing of Lag Giannino last December, the EC was very hesitant to run a summer ski trip. However, Lag's dear friend Bud has been very gracious and has offered all of Lag's files, so that we can keep this wonderful tradition going. Consequently, we are now in the process of negotiating a summer ski trip to South America. We will have details soon!

Many of you, no doubt, heard that Steve Smith suffered a serious heart attack at Copper Mountain and subsequently passed away while in a hospital in Denver. While this is certainly tragic, we are comforted by the fact that Steve was doing something that he absolutely loved - skiing with his friends from the Miami Ski Club. Recently, I had an opportunity to look back into past issues of the Miami Skier Magazine and our website, and I note that Steve always smiling - whether he was enjoying lunch in Venice, reviewing a trail map before heading down the trail, or toasting a drink with the gang during apres ski. I will miss his smile. I must confess, the Club has also become an important part of my life as well. I firmly believe this event has brought out the best in our Club members. As Steve did not have any living relatives, it was his adopted Ski Club family that stepped in to track down key medical information and contacted his life-long friends, and helped to coordinate Steve's return to South Florida so that he can be layed to rest with his parents. To me, this speaks volumes as to the quality people the Club has attracted. We can all be very proud.

Finally, I would like to thank those of you who have come to me to offer your help with the Club. Be sure that I will hold you to it! It is great to see our members taking a firm stake in the direction of the Club. We need that. Here are some areas where we need immediate help : We need volunteers to help check in members at our Springfest, Picnic and Snowballs. And we are always looking for people to organize an event - gourmet Dine-a-rounds, bike rides, canoeing etc. Really, anything you can think of, we are willing to give it a try!

Cheers!!

Cathy Stahlmann (305) 607-8840
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Egypt & Israel

November 3 - 19, 2006

This history packed tour is pretty much planned out at this point. As a matter of fact, while you are reading this, George is on-site, choosing the hotels, tasting all the food (horrible job!) and making all the final arrangements. And most of all, taking lots and lots of pictures, so you can see just how incredible this trip is! We hope to have the pricing of this trip finalized by the middle of April, and expect the trip to go on sale sometime in the middle of May.

Ski South America!

After countless requests to keep our summer ski trip going, the Board has decided to plan a ski trip to South America. We are now in the process of soliciting bids from the major resorts in Chile and Argentina. Tricia Jacobs will be coordinating and leading this year's trip. Trish is currently our Treasurer and already has an established rapport with our South America vendors and resorts. For more information please do not hesitate to contact Trish at Treasurer@miamiskiclub.net.

Upcoming events

April 2, 2006 - Swamp Tromp

April 9, 2006 - Bike Ride

April 29, 2006 - Springfest

Our fabulous Springfest happening will be held at the Sonesta Beach in Coconut Grove. Sit down dinner complimentary if you traveled with the Ski Club in 2005/2006. More info to follow in the April issue.

May 13, 2006 - Sailing

May 21, 2006 - Shark Valley Bike Ride

July 4th - Celebration - TBA



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(ski in/ski out)
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Week of April 9-16th
2 bedroom w/studio lockout
\$280/night
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402-461-4709 Home
402-461-2612 Work
402-984-0749 Cell

Swamp tromp

Sunday, April 2, 2006, 9:45 AM
Everglades National Park (305) 242-7700

Join us once again 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 Tevas 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, camera and/or binoculars. Directions: Florida Turnpike south to the end (Florida 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 or Sandy Londono (305) 663-2964 by Wednesday, March 29. You can also get more information on the park at <http://www.nps.gov/ever/pphtml/activities.html>.

Redland riot tour

Saturday, March 4th, 10:30 AM
Coral Gables City Hall

Join us for a fun filled historical tour of the Redland and Homestead area hosted by Rob Burr, a descendant of a Dade County pioneer family and our local historian. We will be boarding a private bus from City Hall in Coral Gables next to the Saturday farmer's market. The first stop will be at Cauley Square where we can enjoy a delightful lunch at the very quaint and charming tea room, or tour the interesting boutiques at 11:30 AM. At 1PM we will re-board the bus and begin touring our local treasures: RF Orchids, the Fruit & Spice Park, Schenbly Tropical Fruit winery for a wine tasting, Robert is Here fruit stand, Knaus Berry Farm and other hidden South Florida delights. The cost for Tour & Bus **\$30 members** and \$ 32 guests. Send your check payable to Miami Ski Club and mail to **Patricia Jacobs** 10920 SW 134th Court, Miami, Florida 33186. Space is limited, so reserve your spot by February 23rd. Free Parking at City Hall is included. For more information contact **Rob Burr** at (305) 443-7973.

*Something Old - Something New
The Children's Exchange
has the perfect items for you!*

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Coral Gables 305-666-6235
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Large Selection – Special Event Dresses
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