



News Letter

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

AUGUST 2009

Happy hours

August 7, 6 - 8 PM

The Indigo Bar (drink specials)

Lobby of Intercontinental Hotel, (305) 577-1000
100 Chopin Plaza, Downtown Miami

August 14, 6 - 8 PM

Oceanaire Seafood Restaurant (drink specials)

900 South Miami Avenue, (305) 372-8862

August 21, 6 - 8 PM

Gatsby's (drink specials, appetizers)

1805 So. University Dr., Davie, (954) 476-0063

August 28, 6 - 8 PM

Keys Weekend happy hour in Marathon Key

SoBe bike ride

Saturday, August 8, 8:45AM

**Miami Beach Bicycle Center, 601 5th street
(Corner of 5th and Washington)**

Let's do it again! Enjoy a great look at the real Miami Beach as you pedal 15 miles at a leisurely pace along Miami Beach coastline through South Beach, Millionaires Row and the MiMo district along the North Shore. Feel like celebrities on bikes under the watchful eyes of the Miami Beach Police Department who escort us and stop traffic for safety all along the ride! Stops along the route are scheduled for a quick stretch and some water at North Shore Park. Depending upon the pace of the ride, the entire circuit takes around two hours. Bike rentals available call (305) 531-4161. The ride is not a race but MSC thinks intermediate riders may find this ride more enjoyable. This ride is not limited to Miami Ski Club. Let's follow up with lunch, ideas welcome.

Please RSVP to **Pam Epstein** at (305) 772-1500 or e-mail her at socialevents@miamiskiclub.net. Please bring \$5 cash for members and \$10 cash for guests to give to Pam at the event. Hope to see you!

Keys Weekend

Friday to Sunday, August 28 - 30, 2009

Tranquility Bay Luxury Resort, Marathon

Our fun-in-the-sun trip is officially closed out, but we can still try to find you a spot, if you would like to join us! This bargain of a getaway is priced at \$260 per person and includes two nights in luxury two bedroom townhouses and a banquet dinner. The beach and the swimming pool are yours to enjoy, as well as the Tiki bar and other amenities. You also have the option of a variety of watersports, including diving and snorkeling, or a quick Key West getaway!

To join the fun, please contact **Victor Linares** at KeysWeekend@miamiskiclub.net, or give him a call at (786) 859-8482, but do it today!

Snowball!

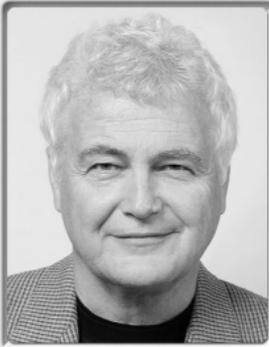
Friday, September 11, 7 - 11 PM

**94th Aero Squadron, 1395 NW 57 Ave., Miami
(Red Rd. exit off 836) phone (305) 261-4220**

If you had fun at the MSC Annual Picnic, then you can't miss the September Snowball! And in case you missed the Picnic, you can't afford to miss the Snowball. So, there - you simply have to come!

Of course, the trips which still have space available will be for sale, with all the trip leaders on hand. Music by Boogie Man George, dancing, great food and good company. The best part, the event is free to all members, and there is free parking! Our dress theme for the event is "denim & diamonds", so use your imagination and dress the part!

Please see the RSVP form and more details on the inside back page. We have limited space at this wonderful venue, so send your RSVP in as soon as possible! You certainly wouldn't want to miss out on this event. For more information, please contact Sandie Margoluis at (305) 596-9311, or e-mail her at membershipevents@miamiskiclub.net.



Letter from the Prez...

Greetings!

Wow, what a great turnout we had at the Picnic! 162 people showed up for the fun and festivities, and to sign up for the trips. This year, we have done very well with the ski trip kick-off, with two of our trips nearly filling up. It was great to see so many people chatting and having fun. We have also had the pleasure of welcoming a number of very familiar faces we have not seen for a long while. Welcome back!

In almost the same breath, we are getting ready for the September Snowball and plotting a totally different October event. Then comes the Holiday Party, New Year rolls around, the ski trips come and go, and we have the elections on our hands! As you will read in the "Above Board" article, we have already set up our Elections Committee. It is their task to canvas the membership, and come December 1, have a list of qualified candidates for the 2010/12 slate of officers. Sounds like a piece of cake, doesn't it? Well, it isn't. The Committee cannot just pull names of qualified candidates out of their hat. The reality is, the Election Committee can help in the process of submitting applications of candidates and hopefully steer those who are interested in running the Club into the right positions. But they cannot come up with the candidates. The candidates must come from the membership. We seem to be suffering from a lack of willingness on the part of the membership to roll up their sleeves and join in on making things happen. There is a core group of very dedicated people on the EC and the Board, who, along with the trip leaders and a few volunteers generate a lot of enthusiasm and give us all the things we take for granted. The Club is doing very well, we have a lot of momentum, lots of well attended trips and events, and we are doing well financially. In short, we have a really good thing going here! However, all this can fall flat on its face, if we don't have enough people stepping up to the task of running the Club. We have been around for 41 years now, and it's been fun all the way. I would hate to see the vibrant and viable organization that we are fall down on apathy.

I don't aim to be the voice of doom, but I feel it's my responsibility to stress the importance of volunteers in an all-volunteer organization! Things never happen by themselves, and it will not always be the other guy who steps up and pitches in. Sometimes, it needs to be you. And you know what? The rewards are incredible! If not for the Club, I would have never been able to make so many friends, have so much fun and done so many things. I must say that I felt a great degree of pride when I looked around the packed room at the Picnic, knowing that I was fortunate enough to be among those instrumental in creating that spirit of fun and friendship. I hope that you will take the chance and help the Club move forward.

George Ondricek, president@miamiskiclub.net
(305) 234-7344

Any ideas?

We are always looking for something new, something exciting and something fun for our special events. As always, we are looking for input from you. Is there something you think we should do as a club? Would you like to plan an event, an outdoor adventure or a weekend outing for the gang? Fresh ideas are always welcome, and we would like to hear from you! You can contact Pam at socialevents@miamiskiclub.net, or George at president@miamiskiclub.net with your idea. After all, these events are planned for your enjoyment, so you should be driving the process!

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Trip corner

We were blown away by the incredible attendance at our annual Picnic on July 19th. Great to see old friends and make plans for the upcoming ski season. The weather provided a perfect setting for overlooking Sailboat Bay and the pool outside of our windows. The furthest thing on my mind was snow. Luckily, most people wanted to plan ahead and so we had a near sell out for Telluride and Vail. We have more space on the Crested Butte trip and Winter Park. So don't hesitate, you still have plenty of choices, but that could evaporate pretty fast.

We have closed out the Keys Weekend trip to Tranquility Bay Luxury Resort in Marathon for August 28 – 30th, 2009. This is a repeat of our highly successful trip last year to the same resort. If we receive additional interest in this trip we will try to secure additional Beach Houses. If you have missed your opportunity to participate in this fun trip, give Victor Linares a call at (786) 859-8482 to see if he can still accommodate you and your friends. For further details, please see the Trip Flyer in this issue. See you on the beach!

Cookbook tour party

Wednesday, September 23, 5:45 PM - 7:30 PM
2333 Ponce de Leon Blvd, Coral Gables

Morton's The Steakhouse is celebrating the launch of their newest cookbook, Morton's The Cookbook: 100 Steakhouse Recipes for Every Kitchen, by hosting a series of cookbook tour parties. The evening will include a sampling of recipes from Morton's The Cookbook, paired with a selection of fine wine and cocktails. Guests will also be invited to participate in an auction that includes a 'Morton's Chef Table,' where 6 guests will enjoy a personal wine dinner paired with a signature Morton's menu. 100% of the auction proceeds will benefit Morton's The Steakhouse's 2009 national charitable partnership, Feeding America, and locally, the Daily Bread Food Bank. Please RSVP by September 16 to Pam at socialevents@miamiskiclub.net or call her at **(305) 772-1500**. Mail your checks for \$64 members and \$69 for guests made payable to Miami Ski Club, to Pam Epstein at 12602 SW 103 Court, Miami, FL33176. This event includes hors d'oeuvres, wine, cocktails, a cook book (retail value is \$32) signed by Tylor Fields, one of the authors who will be present at the event, a \$5 donation to the Daily Bread Food Bank, tax and gratuity. The Miami Ski Club was personally invited to attend, so let's make it count!

Above board

The July board meeting had us dealing with the usual business of reporting on past events, setting up new fun stuff, and discussing ways of making things work into the future. In that regard, the 2009/10 budget was approved by the Executive Committee and ratified by the full board.

We have also jumped the gun a little and established our Election Committee. You may not remember, but this is our election year, where we need to come up with a new slate of officers who will run the Club for another two years. The elections will be held in February 2010, but the deadline for submitting applications for the office of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary is December 1, 2009, which isn't all that far away! The Election Committee is comprised of Pam Epstein, Karen Kirby, and headed by our Past President, Howard Margoluis. If you would like to run for office, or would like to recommend someone, please contact the Committee by dropping an e-mail to election@miamiskiclub.net, or by calling any one of the three committee members (see web site for phone numbers).

Habitat for humanity

Saturday, September 26, 8:00 AM
Site to be determined

Building homes for Habitat once again! Join us for a good deed and give back to your community. No experience needed. Miami Habitat has built more than 500 homes in low-income neighborhoods of West Perrine, Liberty City, South Miami, Goulds, Homestead, South Miami Heights, Overtown, Princeton and Little Haiti. It provides families in need of a decent place to live. Habitat will give us a brief training and we will sign in and get assignments. You help with what you are comfortable doing. They provide free parking at the site, water, toilets, construction materials and work supervision. Bring: Basic hand tools, at least a hammer, work gloves and a nail apron. You may bring more tools if you like. i.e.: hard hat, box cutter, pencil and tape measure. Bring: Gatorade and Lunch for a 30 minute break at NOON. Clothing: Wear modest, cool apparel, hat, sunscreen, Closed toe shoes (sneakers or work boots.) No jewelry is best. Leave valuables at home, not in trunk of your car. Our day ends at 3:00 PM (leave earlier if necessary) This is so rewarding! www.miamihabitat.org Hurry and bring friends. Let's show them again what MSC can do! RSVP by September 20 to Pam Epstein at **(305) 772-1500** or e-mail socialevents@miamiskiclub.net for site info and directions.

MSC 2010 trips

All Miami Ski Club ski trips are priced per person, double occupancy. Base price includes (except where noted) airfare, ground transportation, lodging and taxes, a farewell banquet dinner, an additional dinner or mountain lunch during the trip; a pre-trip and post-trip party – and last but certainly not least, free admission to the annual Springfest event. Initial trip deposits are \$750, unless specified otherwise. For even more fine print, see your trip flyer and trip application. Please note that, after the time of booking, the airlines may impose additional taxes or fuel surcharges and local taxing authorities may increase existing taxes, which would be passed on to the trip participants. Airlines recently instituted baggage fees which are the responsibility of the trip participant. We also highly recommend that everyone purchase travel insurance. For more detailed information on the following trips, and hot links to our destinations, visit our website at miamiskiclub.com.

CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO

January 9 - 16, 2010

Grand Lodge Crested Butte, Telluride & Crested Butte two week package \$ 2,544

This is our warm up trip for the season and is offered in conjunction with the Florida Ski Council trip in Telluride from January 16 to 23rd. The Grand Lodge Crested Butte is a full service hotel in the heart of the Mountain Village with on-site restaurant and deli. Our oversized Emmons Studio accommodations contain a king size bed as well as a king size Murphy bed and come equipped with a kitchenette including a refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher and stove. High speed wireless Internet access is complimentary. on-site amenities include an indoor/outdoor pool, hot tub, steam room and spa to soothe your muscles after a day on the slopes. The hotel is conveniently located approx. 200 yards from the Red Lady Express Lift. The resort is situated deep in the Elk Mountain Range, on the edge of a vast wilderness. A free town shuttle gets you into Crested Butte, a Colorado Ski town, with plenty of additional dining options, funky bars with live music and other late night options. The mountain receives about 300 inches of annual snowfall, covers 1167 acres of terrain and provides 16 lifts. There are plenty of choices for beginners, intermediate and expert skiers. back country options are available at the Adventure Center. Your Mountain Concierge can arrange for sleigh rides, on-mountain dinners, snowshoe tours, cross country ski tours and guided back country tours.

Trip Leader: None. There will be no farewell banquet dinner, additional dinner or mountain lunch or free admission to the Springfest. Free admission to Springfest will be earned through your participation in the Telluride trip. Contact our Telluride trip leaders for information at (305) 458-8383 or crestedbutte@miamiskiclub.net

TELLURIDE, COLORADO

January 16 – 23, 2010

Mountain Lodge, \$1,695

Join us for the event of the season as we team up with other Florida Ski Clubs for a week of skiing and fun filled activities sponsored by the Florida Ski Council at internationally recognized Telluride Ski Resort. Founded in 1878, Telluride is a National Historic Landmark dominated by mining and Victorian-era architecture. It is both a bustling ski town and historic jewel nestled among the majestic beauty of Colorado's San Juan Mountains. The sun shines 300 days annually, making the skiing and snowboarding an epic experience. Our ski in/ski out Mountain Lodge luxury accommodations are located at the Mountain Village with glorious vistas. The Mountain Lodge is richly furnished in a Western motif with soft leather furniture, flagstone accents and designer touches throughout. Framed in dazzling views of the 14,000ft peaks of the San Juans, the lodge offers the upscale amenities of a resort destination. Here you will find time to relax in the outdoor heated pool or Jacuzzi, enjoy the exercise and steam room or sip a beverage at the Tavern Bar. The lodge provides an on-site ski shop and restaurant. Complementary high speed wireless access is provided for those who need to stay in touch. The free gondola is at your finger tips to take you between the Mountain Village and Telluride where you can explore old-time bars, delectable eateries, and art galleries. Telluride receives more than 300 inches of snow each year, offers more than 2,000 skiable acres for all ability levels and boasts no lift lines. A wide variety of trails and bowls offers skiing for the timid to the adventurous. And don't forget to try out the recently opened Revelation Bowl.

A combination Crested Butte/Telluride trip is available. Inquire with Telluride trip leaders. Trip leaders: Lisa and Rick Hagen (305) 458-8383 telluride@miamiskiclub.net

VAIL, COLORADO

February 6 – 13, 2010

Manor Vail Lodge, includes a hot breakfast daily, \$1,595

Vail is the nation's largest ski resort by area. Its Austrian style facades, fabulous shops, restaurants and galleries provide the visitor with a European feeling. Our accommodations are at Manor Vail Lodge, which recently had extensive renovations and enhancements. Let breathtaking views of Vail Mountain and Gore Creek captivate you from our location at the base of Golden Peak, with direct access to the Riva Bahn Express, which is one of the fastest ways to the back bowls. The lodge has luxury amenities, premium guest services, spa services, two heated swimming pools, four hot tubs, fitness facility, on site lounge and an upscale restaurant. We will coordinate optional outings to sample the area's internationally known gourmet restaurants specializing in local game. We will also 'hit' the local happening spots for après ski and live music. For fun activities, visit the Adventure Ridge. Vail's 5,300 skiable acres, abundance of great powder, seven mile long mountain face, 193 trails and famous back bowls and Blue Sky Basin will soon remind you why the area has so much international appeal. For the skiers it offers everything, from long intermediate runs through the aspens to the back bowls as well as back country skiing in the Blue Sky Basin. And there are plenty of green runs for those who want to take it easy. Your discounted lift tickets provide you access to Vail, back bowls, Blue Sky Basin, and Beaver Creek (a ten minute shuttle ride).

Trip leader: Maggie Zaitz (305) 807-1098 vail@miamiskiclub.net

WINTER PARK, COLORADO

February 21 – 27, 2010

Vintage Resort Hotel, \$749 (providing your own air)

This is our final (six day) trip for the season. We plan to stay at the popular Vintage Resort Hotel in studios with kitchenettes and fireplaces. The hotel, which has been voted one of the best 50 ski resort hotels by Conde Nast, offers an on-site ski shop, sauna, outdoor pool and outdoor hot tub. Five Mountain Tavern, located just inside the lobby, is the perfect place to catch up with your ski buddies after a hard day on the slopes. Plus, we get great lift ticket rates! Winter Park Resort consists of four adjacent areas: Winter Park, Mary Jane (including Parsenn Bowl), Vasquez Cirque and Vasquez Ridge. A network of trails and lifts connects the four distinct mountains. The Panoramic Express Lift, the highest 6 person lift in North America, takes you to the top of Parsenn Bowl and a view that lives up to its name. 3078 acres of skiable terrain provide an extensive variety for all levels of skiers. So what are you waiting for? Don't want to ski? Try a scenic snow cat tour, dog sled rides, snowmobile tours, sleigh rides or hot air balloon rides.

Trip leader: Carrie Florea (954) 895 - 8830 winterpark@miamiskiclub.net

RUSSIA

May 19 - 31, 2010, pricing to be announced in October 2009

We have secured space on the five star MS Tolstoy, which is without a doubt the most unique and luxurious boat cruising the Volga river. We have blocked out the best category of cabins, to assure the ultimate experience for our travelers. One of the unique things about this boat is the size - it takes only about half the passengers the other cruises do, once again playing into the intimate and private nature of our exotic trips. This two week adventure is to start in Moscow, with three days to explore the city, and then embark on a cruise down the Volga river, eventually ending up in magnificent St. Petersburg for another three days of exploration. We are just in the process of setting up this trip, so details and photographs won't be available until fall of this year, but make sure to block out the time in your calendars! We have also just deposited our overseas air on Singapore Air, considered the best airline in the world. Those of you who flew with us to Indochina know this already!

Trip leader: George Ondricek (305) 234-7344 russia@miamiskiclub.net

For trip details, contact trip leader, or check the TRIPS page on our web site, miamiskiclub.com. Trip application forms available from trip leader, or can be downloaded from our web site.



KEYS WEEKEND

Friday to Sunday, August 28 - 30, 2009
Tranquility Bay Luxury Resort, Marathon

\$260 per person (double occupancy per room in two bedroom townhouses)

Please join us for a great weekend getaway in the Florida Keys. We have secured a fabulous deal at the luxurious Tranquility Bay Beach House Resort, located in Marathon, and we have a spot just waiting for you! What a great way to escape the grind of our South Florida hectic lives. Enjoy happy hours while watching a Key's sunset turn into moon light as we are expecting a full moon. How about a great banquet dinner that promises to be delicious? All of this awaits you.



Thinking about taking in the best of the Florida Keys? This is the place! We've got a pristine 2 acre beach, a huge pool for lounging around and maximizing our tans. Feel a little pampering is in order? Check out the private spa that offers massages, facials, body therapy and nail treatments, all designed to encourage inner peace, harmony and balance. Not one to just kick back? Perhaps some scuba diving or snorkeling on the local reefs. We will be organizing an optional

group dive/ snorkel for those who are interested. There is a variety of water sports, volleyball and deep sea fishing available right there at the resort. Certainly enough to keep you occupied the whole weekend! Finally, let's not forget Key West, which is just a short drive south from our resort. Walk the streets of Key West, listen to some Jimmy Buffet, enjoy the history and the drinks at the local favorites like Sloppy Joe's or Hog's Breath.

Our accommodations are in luxurious townhouses, each with a pool and Gulf view. The downstairs is equipped with a gourmet kitchen, half bath and a spacious living and dining area with a 42" plasma TV. The upstairs has two private bedrooms with their own baths. Everything in a laid back, Keys style luxury. We have reserved only a limited number of units, so don't delay and sign up now! For resort information, please visit www.tranquilitybay.com.



This great deal includes:

- 2 nights sharing a 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse
- Welcome cocktail at TJ's Tiki Bar
- Banquet dinner

Cancellation policy:

- Full refund less a \$ 50 cancellation fee if cancelled in writing prior to July 15, 2008
- No refund if cancelled on July 15 or after, unless an eligible substitute is available, in which case a \$50 cancellation fee will be deducted from the refund

Contact:

Victor Linares (786) 859-8482
KeysWeekend@miamiskiclub.net

Mail trip application forms and checks payable to Miami Ski Club to:

Victor Linares
53 Esplanade Drive, #C
Miami Springs, FL 33166

* Single supplement of \$150 available

SEPTEMBER SNOWBALL RSVP

Please return this form by **September 4, 2009** to **Sandie Margoluis**
11225 SW 112 Street Miami, FL 33176 or call Sandie at (305) 596-9311, or e-mail her at
membershipevents@miamiskiclub.net to make reservations.

RSVP or cancellations are a must, for we pay whether you show or not!

Space is limited, so don't be left out!

NAME OF MEMBER _____ FREE

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NAME OF GUEST _____ @ \$40

NAME OF GUEST _____ @ \$40

TOTAL ENCLOSED

PLEASE DETACH HERE AND MAIL TO SANDIE MARGOLUIS 11225 S.W. 112 Street Miami, FL 33176

Friday, September 11th at the 94th Aero Squadron
1395 NW 57th Avenue (Red Rd. exit off 836), 305-261-4220

DENIM & DIAMONDS SNOWBALL!

TIME: 7 PM TILL 11 PM
DRESS UP FOR THE THEME AND HAVE FUN!

This will be another opportunity to sign up for the ski trip you have been thinking about since our Picnic! Please bring your checkbooks as a deposit is necessary to hold the space for you. We will dance to Boogie Man George's music and dine on a wonderful buffet including grilled chicken, vegetable lasagna, garden salad, rice pilaf, seasonal vegetables, and a lovely dessert, with your choice of coffee, tea, or soda. There will be a cash bar for your convenience. Free parking! Please RSVP to Sandie at (305) 596-9311, or e-mail her at membershipevents@miamiskiclub.net, or return the top portion to Sandie Margoluis, 11225 SW 112 Street, Miami, Florida 33176. Of course, you may bring a guest for a \$40 charge. Members free. Do not forget the dress is a mixture of cocktail and denim casual. The guys can wear tuxedo jackets with jeans and sneakers. And of course the gals can bring out their New Years tops with jeans or reverse. Whatever works to keep with the theme! Come join in the fun, sign up for a trip and party, party, party... Looking forward to seeing you all!



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