



# News Letter

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

MAY 2009

## Happy hours

**May 1, 6-8PM**

**Wyndham Resort**  
Bahamas weekend

**May 8, 6-8PM**

**Prezzo** (Loehmann's Fashion Island)  
18831 Biscayne Blvd., Aventura  
(305) 931-5775

**May 22, 6-8PM** (appetizers)

**Tuscan Steak**  
433 Washington Ave, Miami Beach  
(305) 534-2233

**May 29, 6-8PM**

**Berries Restaurant** (outdoor bar)  
2884 SW 27th Ave., Miami, (305) 448-2111

## Springfest

**Saturday, May 16, 7 - 11 pm**

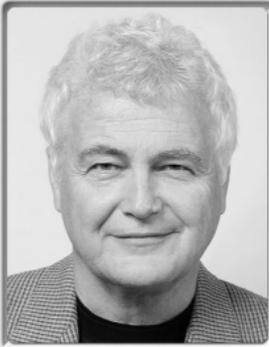
**Hyatt Regency, 50 Alhambra Plaza, Coral Gables**

Come and help us celebrate the close of the Miami Ski Club's 40th season! It is our last major event of the year, and we would like to close out this successful year in style. This gala event is free to those who have skied with us in 2009, and \$50 for members, \$55 for guests. The evening will include a banquet dinner, music and dancing. A great way to hook up with your friends, while enjoying a wonderful evening. But you must RSVP for this event now! Please call Barbee at (305) 632-2755, e-mail her at [memberships@miamskiclub.net](mailto:memberships@miamskiclub.net), or just fill in the RSVP form on the inside back cover and mail in! For more details, see inside back page. We certainly hope that you will join us and help us celebrate!

# TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!

MAY IS THE LAST MONTH OF THE 2008/09 FISCAL YEAR, AND UNLESS YOU HAVE RENEWED IN MARCH OR APRIL, YOUR MEMBERSHIP RUNS OUT AT THE END OF MAY. BY RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP, YOU ARE NOT ONLY ASSURING THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTERS, BE ADMITTED TO OUR PICNIC AND SNOWBALLS FOR FREE, THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN OUR FABULOUS TRIPS, BUT BY REJOINING THE CLUB, YOU WILL ALSO ASSURE THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THIS WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION. DO YOU KNOW OF ANY OTHER CLUBS THAT OFFER SO MUCH FOR SO LITTLE? WE DON'T! YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE ALLOWS US TO PUBLISH THIS NEWSLETTER, MAINTAIN THE WEB SITE, AND OFFER MANY OF OUR SERVICES, INCLUDING FREE ADMISSIONS TO MANY OF OUR MEMBERSHIP EVENTS.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE CLUB AND SEND YOUR RENEWAL TODAY!**



## Letter from the Prez...

Greetings!

Hard to believe, but we are closing out the 40th year of the Miami Ski Club's illustrious existence! We still have a few weeks to go and need a few more weeks to reconcile the books, but by all accounts (no pun intended, of course), we had a successful year. Even in this undisputably tough economic climate and with everyone hanging on to their wallets, we seem to have managed to come up on top, stemming the tide of red ink and anticipating a modest gain for the Club. We hope to be able to have the annual

State of the Miami Ski Club Address published in the July issue, with a full accounting of our finances and a review of the 2008/09 fiscal year. I must admit that this year was not a walk in the park, and that all our officers pitched in not only by doing extra work, but also by relieving some of the Club's financial burdens. More on that in a couple of months!

As the 08/09 fiscal year is pretty much in the bag, we are turning our sights to the future of the Club. As you can read elsewhere in this issue, we are hard at work on a set of ski trips for the upcoming season, we are coming up with new special events and thinking of ways to make things even more fun for you. The ongoing prosperity and health of the Miami Ski Club go well beyond the fiscal bottom line. This is, after all, a people organization, and we need people to make things happen and to assure the continued success of our organization. In only one year, we will have a new Executive Committee and we hope to have enough qualified people interested in those positions to provide the continuity we need so much. I know we are always asking for help, and that the responses are very few and far between. After all, it is so much easier just to show up and have fun, than to make the fun happen! But I can assure you that getting involved and pitching in has great rewards. You get to know a lot of people and make some really good friends along the way, coupled with the satisfaction of seeing the Club prosper and its members enjoying themselves.

Things may be going pretty well right now, which is great, but this sense of well being also breeds complacency. No need for me to get involved, things are just fine, right? Wrong. We need good people to get involved, learn the ropes and assume the leadership of this Club a year from now, three years from now, and so on. The current leadership will move on only thirteen months from now, and we will need a new group to step up and take over. I cannot stress enough the importance of continuity. So if you think you may want to give back to the Club a little, have a lot of fun and be instrumental in continuing the legacy of this Club, please give me a call and we'll see how we can integrate you into this vibrant and active organization!

George Ondricek, [president@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:president@miamiskiclub.net)  
(305) 234-7344

## Any ideas?

We are always looking for new events that would be fun for our group, bring in new members and to keep everyone coming back. No matter how good you are, after a while fresh ideas are harder and harder to come up with! So if you have an idea for a fun special event with a broad appeal to the membership (especially if you are willing to run the event), please let us know! You can always contact any of the officers with ideas, and we will be more than happy to listen to them! Try [president@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:president@miamiskiclub.net), [pastpresident@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:pastpresident@miamiskiclub.net) or [vicepresident@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:vicepresident@miamiskiclub.net)!

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**Pamela Epstein**

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## Trip corner

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While a group of 30 lucky trip participants are splashing in the crystal clear waters of the Bahamas and being pampered at the Viva Wyndham Fortuna Beach Resort, we are getting closer to finalizing our 2010 ski trips. Apart from the FSC Telluride trip, we are planning an extension to Crested Butte to take advantage of our presence in the area. We have identified other exciting ski areas, including Snowbird, Vail, Keystone and Winterpark for which we need additional pricing information before deciding which ones offer the better value. Airlines have only partially announced pricing and we are waiting for further input.

We need trip leaders! We need hardworking and fun loving trip leaders for the upcoming season, including our Keys trip in the fall of this year. Applicants need to be able to market the trip, work with spreadsheets, be able to administer the paperwork in a timely fashion and communicate with the trip participants to ensure that everyone has a fun time. This is a unique opportunity to get to know your fellow members better and benefit from a free trip. Your VP is here to support you to make your trip successful! As a trip leader, you are truly an integral part of the Club, and you have the unique opportunity to share all the great things we have to offer with others. You have the power to bring new members into the Club, and to make sure the old hands have fun and renew year after year! Trip leader application can be found on page 6 of this Newsletter, as well as on our website under "Membership" and the "Volunteer" tab. Please mail the application to the Club at the P.O. Box indicated.

## Bike ride

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**Sunday, May 24, 9:45 AM**  
**Matheson Hammock Park, 9610 Old Cutler Road**

Our favorite ride down the scenic path of lovely Old Cutler Road, viewing nature and beautiful homes. We will pass the Cocoplum Circle and continue on to Main Highway in the heart of Coconut Grove. Biking a little further through Dinner Key Marina and stopping to enjoy lunch and chatting at Scotty's Landing, overlooking the Bay. After lunch we will return to Matheson Hammock Park. Please meet at Matheson Hammock picnic parking lot at 9:30 AM. Promptly at 9:45 AM we will be leaving. Please wear a helmet! Contact Pam Epstein at [socialevents@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:socialevents@miamiskiclub.net) or (305) 772-1500 for more information. Please join us and enjoy this wonderful weather before it gets too hot!

## Dine-a-round

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**Tuesday, May 19, 2009 - 7 PM**  
**Wine69 Wine Bar & Bistro (305) 759-0122**

Our May Dine-a-round will be in uptown on the east side, in a bistro-type bar-and-grill setting. Wine69 is located at **6909 Biscayne Boulevard Miami, FL 33138**. We will be greeted by owner Ben Neji with choices of special wines from Chile, France and Argentina as we prepare for a wonderful dinner family style. If we have enough numbers in attendance, we will be treated to the talented music and song of a fabulous night club singer whom you will love.

Served family style: Cheese and charcuterie platters (Wine69's popular quintet): 5 imported cheeses and 5 cold cuts; Spanish salpicon: seafood salad marinated in olive oil, lemon juice and vinegar mixed with red pepper, green pepper and onions; beef carpaccio: thinly sliced beef with shaved parmeggiano, capers and extra virgin olive oil; quiches florentines: fresh spinach and goat cheese quiche; sauteed Spanish shrimps: shrimps sautéed in garlic and Spanish olive oil; Mediterranean platters: assortment of hummus, marinated artichokes, and kalamata olives; creative wines: Terra Andina Sauvignon Blanc, Chile; Pierre Henri Pinot Noir, France; Alcane, Cabernet Sauvignon, Argentina.

Please make check payable to the Miami Ski Club for **\$42 for members** and \$47 for guests, including tax, gratuity, and glass of wine. Parking in rear; valet parking. Send payment to H. Allen Benowitz, 1865 Brickell Avenue, Tower A, PH 11, Miami, FL 33129-1657. Call **Allen at (305) 586-1181**(cell) or Jo and Allen at (305) 856-1402 at home for details.

## We need your help!

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As you well know, the Club is strictly a volunteer organization, and we depend entirely on our members to pitch in and make things happen. All the planning of the trips, events, and the direction of the Club are decided by the Board of Directors and the various committees. As you can imagine, we are constantly in need of more help. Right now, we have a couple of vacant spots on the Board of Directors. We need to fill the position of Director of Publications to help with this Newsletter, and we can use a couple of people to help with our Development positions to promote and expand the Club. We can also use the help of someone who knows their way around spreadsheets, to help us implement some more automated systems. If you can help, please contact George Ondricek at [president@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:president@miamiskiclub.net), or any of our officers.

## Above board

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As you have read in the last Newsletter, we have lost our friend and great supporter, Nansy MacKenzie, who passed away a month ago. Her departure not only left a void in our hearts, but also on our Board of Directors. Nansy was the Director of Publications and she was instrumental in the publication of this Newsletter. We very much need to fill her position, and would sincerely welcome anyone with even marginal Quark Express skills to assume her position. Can you help?

Our long time friend and another great supporter, Burt Weiss had stepped up and filled the position of Director of Advertising, vacated by David Hartman several months ago. Welcome on board (again)!

On the legal front, we are still dealing with the lawsuit brought by Michelle Dunaj, Laurie Hendrickson and Sabina Lorion. In a nutshell, they are asserting that the Club denied them access to records last May. The Club's position is that Laurie never made a request, Sabina was not a member at the time and that Michelle never made a proper request, as required by applicable statutes. As an aside, Michelle Dunaj had subsequently inspected the Club's records in early October 2008 and declined the offer for further inspections. Nevertheless, the lawsuit goes on, motions are being filed and time and energy are being wasted. We are still awaiting a hearing on the merits of this case.

## Empire tour

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### AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE TOUR

June 4 - 18, 2009, \$7,895

(land only \$6,512; single supplement \$2,827)

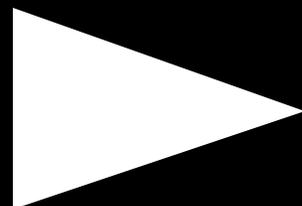
June 18 - 21, 2009 Czech Republic extension,  
\$1,260 (single supplement \$744)

Our fabulous trip to the heart of Europe will be departing next month and will be closing out shortly. If you are still on the fence about this trip, don't wait any longer and sign up now! This will be a very intimate trip, where you will experience the Old World in the most charming way possible. With all the details thoroughly thought out and planned, you will not be disappointed. Luxury accommodations all the way, wonderful meals and very special tours to some places you would never get to see otherwise.

Our tour starts in Budapest, then on to a luxury cruise up the Danube to Bratislava, two days in Vienna, on to Melk, Durnstein and Passau, from where we will continue on to the highlight of the trip, the Czech Republic. You will experience Cesky Krumlov and a few rarely visited gems along the way to Prague. Three days of touring the most unique city in Central Europe can be followed with a three day extension, exploring ancient castles, mountain spas and other cultural treasures. Don't miss out on this one!

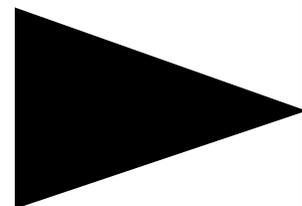
E-mail [empiretour@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:empiretour@miamiskiclub.net), or call George at (305) 234-7344 for more information.

**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW  
YOUR MSC MEMBERSHIP!**



**TRIP LEADERS WANTED!**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR FUN LOVING PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED IN THE CLUB AND MAKE THINGS HAPPEN! WE NEED TRIP LEADERS FOR ALL OF OUR UPCOMING 2010 SKI TRIPS, AS WELL AS OUR KEYS WEEKEND IN THE FALL. A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY GET TO KNOW PEOPLE AND GET A FREE TRIP. IF YOU WANT TO GIVE IT A SHOT, FILL IN THE TRIP LEADER AP AND MAIL IT TO US!





# Membership Application

SOURCE CODE  
NL 5-09

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ APT. \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

## E-MAIL

### FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS ONLY (spouse signature required)

NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CHILD \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

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### 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. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Club, its Officers, Directors and Agents from any injury and all loss for expenses incurred by or attributable in any way to any trip, ski related or otherwise, or other Club sponsored activities.

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

ADULT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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 "A club for all seasons"  
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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.

<b>TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>RENEWAL</b> (From last year)	<b>NEW</b>
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<b>INDIVIDUAL</b> Available to individuals over the age of 18	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70
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<b>FAMILY</b> 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"/> \$80	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90
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<b>ASSOCIATE</b> Individuals or families residing more than 100 miles from Miami International Airport	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45
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<b>AFFILIATE</b> 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
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### 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!

# 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

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RESORTS WHICH YOU ARE MOST FAMILIAR WITH

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TIME OF YEAR/DESTINATION BEST FOR YOU

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TIME OF YEAR/DESTINATION NOT POSSIBLE FOR YOU

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LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ APT. \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

TRIP \_\_\_\_\_ YR. \_\_\_\_\_ LEADER \_\_\_\_\_

TRIP \_\_\_\_\_ YR. \_\_\_\_\_ LEADER \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST TRIPS WHICH YOU HAVE RUN FOR MSC**

TRIP \_\_\_\_\_ YR. \_\_\_\_\_ # OF PARTICIPANTS \_\_\_\_\_

TRIP \_\_\_\_\_ YR. \_\_\_\_\_ # OF PARTICIPANTS \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST OTHER QUALIFICATIONS**

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SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# Springfest 2009 RSVP

Join us for our annual Spring Fest Formal to be held from 7pm to 11pm on Saturday, May 16th.  
This beautiful affair will be held at the Hyatt Regency Coral Gables at the Alhambra,  
50 Alhambra Plaza, Coral Gables, Florida 33134.

Please return this form to **Barbee Russo, 10601 S.W. 136 Street, Miami, FL 33176**  
RSVP via e-mail at [membershipevents@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:membershipevents@miamiskiclub.net), or call Barbee at **(305) 632-2755**.  
Please RSVP by May 10! Checks need to be made out to the Miami Ski Club.

2009 SKIERS **FREE**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERS **\$50**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST **\$55**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please RSVP by May 10!**

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# Springfest 2009



**7 - 11pm on Saturday, May 16**

**The Hyatt Regency Coral Gables, 50 Alhambra Plaza, Coral Gables, (305) 441-1234**

The sit down dinner will consist of Gables salad, with an array of baby greens, crispy plantain croutons and grape tomato and raspberry vinaigrette. Your choice of either delicately stuffed chicken breast with cheese and spinach or a vegetarian platter, of artichokes and confit of shallot risotto.

Served with Chef's choice of starch and fresh vegetables. Dessert will consist of cheesecake, served with freshly brewed coffee, decaffeinated coffee and Tazo teas.

If you've been on a 2009 ski trip with the Club (no pary packs), this event is free. If not, the cost is \$50 per person for members who have not joined us on a trip this membership year. \$55 for non-member guest. There will be a DJ for your dancing pleasure. RSVP to **Barbee Russo** at **(305) 632-2755** or mail in the attached form. You can also e-mail your rsvp to [membershipevents@miamiskiclub.com](mailto:membershipevents@miamiskiclub.com) by May 10th, 2009. Please remember to call if you can't make it and have already reserved your place, we pay for every dinner whether you show-up or not.

We look forward to sharing a lovely evening with you once again; if you've never been please join us for a fun-filled evening with wonderful friends.



Return service requested  
TIME DATED MATERIAL

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