



News Letter

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

APRIL 2010

Happy hours

April 2, 6 - 8 PM

Da Vittorio Restaurant

(drink specials and appetizers)
264 Giralda Ave., Coral Gables, (305) 445-8783

April 9, 6 - 8 PM

Gatsby's (drink specials and appetizers)

1805 South University Drive Davie, (954) 476-0063

April 16, 6 - 8 PM

Ruth's Chris Steak House

2320 Salzedo St., Coral Gables, (786) 497-0453

April 23, 6 - 8 PM

Mayfair Hotel Lobby Bar

(appetizers, drink specials) 3000 Florida Ave.,
Coconut Grove, (305) 779-5100

April 30, 6 - 8 PM

Tres Hermanos Bar

(drink specials, appetizers)
Magic City Casino at Flagler Dog Track
450 NW 37th Avenue, Miami, (305) 649-3000

Do not miss this exciting venue. Miami's first and only casino to feature Las Vegas style slot machines! This is Miami's very own casino, built just for you, South Florida. 700 of the most popular slot machines make up the all-new Magic City Casino. Try your luck! There is Poker, Roulette and Blackjack too. Our member, Allen Benowitz will be exhibiting his lovely photographs as a private showing. There will be drink specials of \$3 Magic City Mojitos and beer at \$2.50. Finger food such as mini hot dogs, wings, mini quiche, popcorn and peanuts will be provided. 9 PM DJ begins. See www.magiccitycasino.com for more details about the venue. Bring a friend to this happy hour!

Enjoying our happy hours? Then maybe you can become the new MSC happy hour coordinator!

Bike ride

Saturday, April 17, 9:15 AM sharp
Shark Valley parking lot

Shark Valley lies in the heart of the "True Everglades," or river of grass, that stretches 100 miles from Lake Okeechobee to the Gulf of Mexico off Tamiami Trail / SW 8th St., 25 miles west of the Florida Turnpike. Wildlife abounds here where animals share a freshwater ecosystem of sawgrass marsh and tree islands. Enjoy a cool 15 mile, safe, easy bike ride on a paved road in full view of gators, turtles, birds and other remarkable wildlife. Halfway, we walk up to the observation tower which provides a spectacular view into the sawgrass marsh. Bikes are available to rent for \$7.25 an hour and entrance fee to the park is \$10 per car. You must RSVP so we know you are coming. Please bring **\$5 cash** for members and \$10 for guests. Contact **Pamela Epstein** at **(305) 772-1500** or socialevents@miamiskiclub.net. After the bike ride, we will drive to "The Pit" for an old favorite BBQ lunch with our group.

Driving Directions: The Shark Valley entrance of Everglades National Park is located on U.S. Highway 41 (Tamiami Trail), 25 miles west of the Florida Turnpike (SR 821), or 39 miles east of SR 29. Need directions to Shark Valley? While some driving direction tools do not recognize this rural location, but either of these two will get you there: [Mapquest to Shark Valley](#) or [Local.Live.com](#).

**TIME TO
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!**



Letter from the Prez...

Greetings!

The ski trips are all done, the Elections are over, and the only thing missing are the Springfest and the Russia & Vegas trips, which will return at the very last day of our fiscal year. And a pretty full year it was! Even though we had fewer ski trips this year, we will have managed to squeeze in two "exotic" trips (Austro-Hungarian Empire Tour and Russia), the Bahamas trip, and lots of other events. By all accounts, we have had an excellent year, but there are still two months left, so we will wait for the final accounting until

the end of May. Not that we expect any surprises, but the Las Vegas and Russia trips are yet to depart, the Springfest is yet to be held, and our lawsuit is still alive and well.

Personally, I hoped this part of it would be over by now, but I am obviously misjudging the level of personal anger and issues at play here. I thought the all time low was hit with the broadcasting of the anonymous e-mails which spread outrageous accusations throughout the membership and beyond. But maybe I was wrong on that as well. In the latest installment of this saga, we have been reported to the IRS for allegedly violating our not-for-profit status requirements and public disclosures. As a consequence, we were just subjected to a full IRS audit. There was never any doubt in my mind about the origins of this complaint, seeing how close it paralleled the allegations of the lawsuit, but as the audit went on, the source became rather evident. Nevertheless, the audit wound down just a few days ago, and as expected, we are told it was a clean audit. As a matter of fact, we were complimented on the depth and thoroughness of our bookkeeping and oversight. The IRS did an in-depth review of all our payments to contractors and vendors, as well as board members, and found no instances of improprieties. There were no cited code or other violations, or the need to restate our filings. We just had an exit meeting with the IRS and are awaiting the final report, which we hope to cover in the next Newsletter. We do expect some minor recommendations, but beyond that, it is business as usual for us.

On a different note, as the new fiscal year approaches, so does the need for volunteers for many board positions. As we have mentioned so many times in the past, we desperately need people to take over this Newsletter; the running of our happy hours and special events; advertising, and many other functions. Keep in mind that every aspect of this Club is run by volunteers, and no volunteers = no Club. Or at least parts of it. Can you imagine us without happy hours? Or without the Newsletter? Yet, if no one steps forward to carry on, this could very well happen. Are you going to be the one making the difference?

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

Trip leaders needed!

In the last couple of issues, we have been asking you to step up and take charge of one of our upcoming trips in 2010/11. Not only do we have three ski trips in the works, but there will be the Keys Weekend and another long weekend trip we are contemplating on putting together. However, the applications must be in by the end of April, so don't hesitate!

Becoming a trip leader is one of the most rewarding experiences. You will become involved in the

working of the Club, and you will be single handedly instrumental in creating a fun trip and making life long friends. The Club takes care of the travel arrangements and contracts, while you concentrate on the fun stuff and the paperwork. To sweeten the deal, the Club will also pick up the cost of your trip! If interested, please fill out the Trip Leader Application form in this issue and mail to the Club. For more information, please contact our current VP of trips, Bernd Meier at (305) 310-1265, or via e-mail at vicepresident@miamiskiclub.net. But don't hesitate, time is running out!

Original theater

Sunday, April 11, 1:45 PM

Andrews Living Arts Studio, Ft. Lauderdale

Andrews Living Arts Studio, located at 23 NW 5th St. (near Broward Blvd. & Andrews Ave) in Ft. Lauderdale is a new, intimate theater setting where we will have the honor of viewing the talents of Miriam Kulick. Miriam and her husband Barry, a marine life photographer, are long time Ski club members. Miriam is the producer, actress and writer of this original material. For over 25 years, Miriam has been involved in the acting world as a teacher, an equity union actress in NYC and South Florida and a director, writer and producer. Her show, written for two actresses only, "Almost Tamed – Tales of Mayhem, Motion and Malarky", consists of several short comedic and dramatic plays, dealing with taming the beast that lies within each of us and the outside world. Various dynamics of love and friendship are explored, a show for every adult. View her impressive website at www.miriamkulick.com.

Please RSVP by April 6th to Pam Epstein via e-mail at socialevents@miamiskiclub.net, or at (305) 772-1500. Seats are limited, so please mail your checks made out to the Miami Ski Club for **\$20 members** (\$25 guests) to Pam Epstein, 12602 SW 103 Court, Miami FL 33176. Don't miss this original play! Let's go celebrate after the show, suggestions welcome!

Springfest

Saturday, May 8, 7 - 11 PM

Hyatt Regency, 50 Alhambra Plaza, Coral Gables

Please come and help us celebrate the close of a very successful year! This is a gala event, with a wonderful sit-down dinner and live music to dance to. It is **free to any of our travelers** to Europe, Telluride, Vail, and even Russia (but no party packs). MSC members who have not joined us on any of these are still most welcome for only **\$50 per person**, and guests can join us for \$55, which is still a bargain.

For more details on this event, or to RSVP, please take a look at the last page of this Newsletter. You can also contact Sandie with your RSVP or with more questions at (305) 596-9311, or via e-mail at membershipevents@miamiskiclub.net. Please be considerate and RSVP only if you will attend, as we have to prepay for everyone.

Dine-a-round

Tuesday, April 20, 2009, 7 PM

Puntino Downtown, 353 SE 2nd Street, Miami

This month's Dine-a-round takes us to the newest of a breed of fast-growing fine downtown Miami restaurants, due to the rapid growth of our city's core. A personal tasting proved accurate Puntino Downtown's recent favorable review in Brickell Magazine. Following his family's outstanding tradition from Naples, Italy, Christoforo Pignata and his wife Jada, carry their commitment for outstanding and timeless service of Italian cuisine at reasonable prices. Together with Manager Ernesto Graniero and Executive Chef Fabio Vaccarella, the warm hospitality of Puntino's staff awaits us.

Choice of Appetizer: *Minestrone Soup* (mixed vegetables); *Bruschetta Puntino* (toasted bread topped with tomatoes marinated in extra virgin olive oil with garlic and fresh basil); *Mozzarella Puntino* (fresh mozzarella toasts lightly pan fried with green olives, capers, parsley, lemon butter, white wine sauce); *Romana Alla Cesare* (Romaine lettuce with Cesar dressing, homemade seasoned croutons).

Choice of Entrée: *Gnocchi Alla Sorrentina* (potato dumplings with tomato sauce, buffalo mozzarella, fresh basil); *Cotoletta Alla Milanese* (breaded chicken breast served with arugula salad, tomatoes, balsamic vinaigrette); *Spigola Cilena* (Chilean sea bass filet, pan seared, served with cherry tomatoes).

Dessert: Tiramisu (lady fingers, dipped in Espresso coffee, topped with Mascarpone, cream and dusted with powdered cocoa with a touch of Amaretto).

Beverage: Choice of one glass of white or red wine; coffee or tea included.

As usual, we look forward to a wonderful meal, turnout, and the camaraderie which draws so many friends to our Dine-a-rounds. Reservations will be made upon receipt of your check on a first-reserved, first-served basis in date order. The price of \$40 per member, (or \$45 for guests) includes tax, gratuity, glass of wine, and free parking. Please make your checks payable to the Miami Ski Club and send to **H. Allen Benowitz**, 1865 Brickell Avenue, Tower A, PH 11, Miami, FL 33129-1657. You can also call Allen at (305) 586-1181 (cell) or Jo and Allen at (305) 856-1402 at home; or e-mail Allen at Specialevents@miamiskiclub.net.

For more information on Puntino Downtown restaurant, take a look at www.puntinodowntown.com, or call them at (305) 371-9661. The restaurant is located half a block west of Biscayne Blvd. (SE 2nd Street is one way westbound). There is free parking available at the adjoining Hertz garage, just east of the restaurant.

IT'S RENEWAL TIME AGAIN!



Yes, we know it seems just like yesterday that you sent your membership application in. But our membership year runs from June 1 to May 31, so come the month of June, all memberships not paid between March 1 and May 31, 2001 will become inactive (our Bylaws say "terminated", but that sounds a bit too harsh in today's gentler, kinder world). Your timely renewal will not only guarantee that you don't miss out on anything, but it also helps support our Club, by giving us the necessary means to put on all those wonderful events that we all take for granted!



DON'T WAIT. RENEW NOW!



Membership Application

SOURCE CODE
4-10

LAST NAME _____ SEX _____

FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE INITIAL _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ APT. _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____ FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS ONLY (spouse signature required)

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

WORK PHONE _____

NAME OF CHILD _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

NAME OF CHILD _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

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.

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

ADULT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SPOUSE SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Miami Ski Club, Inc.
 "A club for all seasons"
 P.O. Box 560943
 Pinecrest, FL 33256-0943
 Phone/Fax (305) 949-4114
 e-mail: mail@miamiskiclub.com
 Web site: miamiskiclub.com

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 and other trips and the year round outdoor and social events. Our membership year is from June 1 to May 31. Membership fees are not refundable.

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| DUES | TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP |
| <input type="checkbox"/>
\$70 | INDIVIDUAL
Available to individuals over the age of eighteen |
| <input type="checkbox"/>
\$95 | FAMILY
Married couples and single parents with children under the age of 24 residing with parents; couples with a common address (need proof of residency) |
| <input type="checkbox"/>
\$50 | ASSOCIATE
Individuals or families residing more than 100 miles from Miami International Airport |
| <input type="checkbox"/>
\$1 | AFFILIATE
Entitles current members of other Florida Ski Council clubs to join MSC trips after specific dates. Carries no other Miami Ski Club benefits |

GOING GREEN

In an attempt to save some trees and a bit of postage, we will be giving you the option of how you want to receive your Club news:

- I would like to keep receiving a hard copy of the MSC Newsletter
- Save a tree and a stamp, I will look up all the news on line

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. 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

RESORTS WHICH YOU ARE MOST FAMILIAR WITH

TIME OF YEAR/DESTINATION BEST FOR YOU

TIME OF YEAR/DESTINATION NOT POSSIBLE FOR YOU

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

SIGNATURE DATE



TIME DATED MATERIAL

Return service requested

Miami Ski Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 560943
Pinecrest, FL 33256-0943
(305) 949-4114

<http://www.miamiskiclub.com>

e-mail: mail@miamiskiclub.net

April 2010					1	2	3
						6 pm DA VITTORIO Coral Gables	
4 <i>Easter</i>	5	6	7	8	9 6 pm GATSBY'S Davie	10	
11 1:45 pm THEATER Ft. Lauderdale	12	13	14	15	16 6 pm RUTH'S CHRIS Coral Gables	17 9:15 am BIKE RIDE Shark Valley	
18	19 <i>Board meeting</i>	20 7 pm PUNTINO DOWNTOWN Miami	21	22	23 6 pm MAYFAIR Coconut Grove	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30 6 pm TRES HERMANOS Miami		