



News Letter

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

AUGUST 2010

Happy hours

August 6, 6 - 8 PM

Gaetano Bar at Hotel St. Michel

(appetizers and drink specials)

162 Alcazar Ave., Coral Gables (786) 422-6796

20% dinner discount for MSC members!

August 13, 6 - 8 PM

Big City Tavern (drink specials, appetizers)

609 East Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale

(954) 727- 0307

August 20, 6 - 8 PM

Ruth's Chris Steak House

(drink specials, appetizers)

2320 Salzedo St., Coral Gables (305) 461-8360

August 27

Tranquility Bay Luxury Resort

2600 Overseas Highway, Mile Marker 48.5

Marathon, (305) 289-0888

Sunset snorkel sail

Saturday, Aug. 14, check in 4:45 PM

Reef Roamer, Key Largo, mile marker 100

Join us for an afternoon of snorkeling and a champagne sunset sail. Our fun begins with a 1 hour snorkel in one of the pristine shallow reef sites in John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park. The park extends 3 miles into the Atlantic, is 25 miles in length and has numerous coral reefs which are home to sponges, shrimps, crabs, turtles, lobster and nearly 600 species of fish. After snorkeling, the champagne is uncorked and rum punch is served. We sail into the sunset on our way back to Key Largo. Water is available on board and soft drinks and snacks are available for sale. Bringing your own small cooler of

Dive, dive, dive!

Sunday, August 15, 8:30 AM

Dixie Divers, Deerfield Beach

After a successful July dive with RJ Diving out of Miami Beach under perfect weather conditions, we are now getting ready to chase some lobsters further up north. We have made arrangements to dive with Dixie Divers out of Deerfield Beach on the very comfortable "Lady Go Divers" on August 15th, leaving at 8:30 from the local Deerfield dock. These will be two drift dives with our own flag in approx. 60 ft of water. We plan to have an optional lunch at either JB's on the Beach or Oceans 234 in Deerfield Beach, close to the town pier, right on the beach.

Anyone needing tanks, please let Bernd know. Air is \$10 per tank and nitrox \$15. If you are going for lobsters, be sure to bring your valid license. You will need to bring your C-card. Nitrox certification is needed if you plan to rent nitrox tanks. Please mail your check in favor of Miami Ski Club for \$55 (tanks not included) for **members** and \$60 for guests to: **Bernd Meier, 3350 Devon Rd., Coconut Grove, FL 33133, phone (305) 310-1265.**

drinks and snacks is allowed. The boat returns to dock around 8:30 PM. Plan to stick around Key Largo and join other MSC members for dinner and cocktails at a local waterfront Keys restaurant.

Reef Roamer is located at Key Largo Resorts Marina at Mile Marker 100 next to Ramada Inn in Key Largo. Miami Ski Club discounted charter price is \$40 per member (\$45 non-member) and includes snorkel gear, gratuity and sales tax. Please make check payable to the Miami Ski Club with your contact information and mail the check to **Linda Kaplan** at 9500 S. Dadeland Blvd, Suite 703, Miami, FL 33156. Please RSVP to Linda by August 1 to socialevents@miamiskiclub.net or give her a call at **(305) 978-6256.**



Letter from the Prez...

Hi everyone,

I hope you are enjoying your summer. What did you all think about our Picnic at Rusty Pelican? Wasn't it fantastic? The delicious food was so plentiful; and those desserts, yum! All of you members are the best, so supportive and I loved seeing you all. We had many new faces and welcome you. Thank you to our party planner, Sandie Margoluis. Reina McWilliams is our new Registration director and had a group of devoted volunteers checking all 140 of you in at the Picnic.

So now our 2011 ski trips are open and we offer you January in Breckenridge, Colorado, Beaver Run Resort. This is our Florida Ski Council (FSC) trip which includes other Florida ski clubs, extra parties and fun. February trip takes us to Banff/Lake Louise, Canada, Fairmont Banff and Chateau Lake Louise. This Chateau is a favorite of mine and the luxury and wondrous sites are magnificent. Remember, I am a non-skier and had plenty to do in Canada. If your partner does not ski, bring them along. No need to worry MSC will keep them occupied. March ski trip brings us to the Cliff Lodge in Snowbird, Utah, with plenty of activities for the whole family; diverse terrains for skiing and spectacular scenery. Sign up now!! George Ondricek is busy planning his yearly exotic trip to Morocco on May 13 to June 1. We are getting bids for an Alaskan cruise July 22- 29, 2011.

Our 2nd new board meeting was full of new ideas to help make this a prosperous year. The Eco-island kayak trip was a huge success as was our Dive in July. Sign up now for our August 14 Sunset snorkel sail. I hope you will join us in Tranquility Bay for our Keys weekend, August 27-29. Aaaaah, I can't wait to relax by the pool. Lisa Hagen has our Miami Ski Club Facebook page underway and we'll shortly have a link on our website. This and our free event web posting sites will enhance Miami Ski Club's attendance, which is a goal of ours. We have had several guests attend Happy Hours by citing us on the websites. "A Club for All Seasons" is what we are and we want to welcome new, young and old, couples, singles, skiers and non-skiers to take part in our happy hours, fabulous events from bowling to diving, Dine-a-rounds, summer weekend get-a-ways, Exotic trips and of course our ski trips. Our first "Snowball" event is on Friday, September 24. A live band "The Click" will be there for our dancing pleasure. This year we will have a member charge of \$10 for our "Snowballs". It will be worth every penny and more!! Last month's newsletter had our Board photos. Many of you know us, but take another look and please come up to us at an event to introduce yourselves. We really want to make this year a wonderful experience and to get to know all of you. All of us on the Board welcome any feedback or ideas. Have a great month!

Live, Love, Laugh
Pamela Rose Epstein, president@miamiskiclub.net

Save the date

- September 14.....Dine-a-Round
- September 24 Snowball*
- October 1-3Peter Glenn Ski Show Event
- October 2.....Domestic Violence Awareness Walk
- October 19.....Dine-a Round
- October 22 Snowball*
- October 30 Fantasy Fest in Keywest
- November 5-7FSC Orlando meeting
- November 9Dine-a-Round
- November 26 Holiday Happy Hour

*There will be a \$10 per member entrance charge for the Snowballs

Dine-a-rounds

Following a summer break, our gourmand events will be back in full force in September. Once a month, we seek out dining establishments with exquisite food and atmosphere, then secure great pricing for our members. Over the years, we have eaten in some of the best long established restaurants, as well as introducing promising new eateries which have come onto the Miami culinary scene. If you would like more information on these events or have suggestions, please contact our host Allen at (305) 586-1181.

Morocco trip

**Southern Spain and Morocco, May 13 to 28, 2011
Portugal extension, May 28 - June 1, 2011**

This latest installment of our exotic trips has just been announced, and we already have a list of prospective participants long enough to sell the trip out! We are in the early stages of planning and don't expect to have pricing until October, but expect a full sellout when the trip goes on sale sometime in November. Stay tuned!

This adventure will have us exploring Granada, Cordoba and Seville in southern Spain, before embarking on a ferry to Tangier, Morocco. For the next nine days, we will explore the Cities of Rabat, Marrakesh, Quarzazate and Fez, with a few points of interest along the way. As you can imagine, our trip will include stays in historic palaces, unique hotels and even in a Bivuoac tented Berber camp, to get the full flavor. Camel rides, bazaars and palaces will be the order of the day, creating another experience of a life time.

We will include a tour of Madrid, before returning home, or staying another three days to explore Lisbon, the medieval town of Obidos, Porto and Ponte de Lima in Portugal.

Snowball

**Friday, September 24, 7 PM
Double Tree Hotel, 711 NW 72 Ave., Miami**

If you attended the Picnic, you know what a great time we had. The atmosphere was relaxed and the food just awesome! And we will do it all again, this time with dancing to the great band "The Click." As always, there will be plenty of good food and great company, with all of our ski trip booths set up, ready to sign you up!



Our theme is crazy hats, so get creative! There will be great prizes for the funniest and most creative hat. You will also be able to try your luck in our cash 50/50 drawing. So save the date, and look for the RSVP form in the next issue of the Newsletter!

Safespace walk

**Saturday, October 2, 7:30AM check in
Gwen Margolis Amphitheater, 16501 NE 16 Ave.**

Let's all participate in the Domestic Violence Awareness Walk and Expo in North Miami Beach. We are Team Miami Ski Club and we are going to make a difference! All of us can walk 2 miles. That's all it is! Receive a commemorative Domestic Violence Awareness Walk-a-thon kit/gift bag; contains a nylon bag, T-shirt and water bottle. You must fill out a Registration form, available at a happy hour or contact **Pamela Epstein, president@miamiskiclub.net** or **(305) 772-1500**, choose a T-shirt size on the form, sign the waiver please and enclose a check for \$20 made out to Safespace Foundation DV Awareness Fund, all before September 20, 2010. You may mail the form and check directly to the address on the form or mail to Pamela Epstein, 12602 SW 103 Ct. Miami FL 33176. We will all meet and start our walk together. The walk starts at 9 AM, but we need to get our kits and team together prior at 7:30 AM. There will be an expo, food and guest speakers for this yearly event. Visit www.safespacefoundation.org for further information about our Community Partner.

Dive report

Our July dive in Miami was absolutely spectacular. Calm warm water and very good visibility - what else can you ask for? Good company, that's what! And lucky us, we had it all. After the dive, we had a great lunch at the terrace at Monty's, overlooking the marina.

What a fabulous day!

This month, we will do it again, but this time with the option of catching



some lobsters. So please be sure to join us for more fun on the 15th with Dixie Divers in Deerfield Beach!



MSC 2011 ski 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.

BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO

January 22 - 29, 2011, Beaver Run Resort, \$1,435

This is our wildly popular Florida Ski Council trip with lots of lively activities for skiers and non-skiers alike. Ski Breckenridge, the perfect Mountain Town with its Victorian vistas, colorful gold rush heritage and four huge interconnected mountains it is offering something for everyone. This quaint Victorian mining town comprises Colorado's largest historic district. Beaver Run Resort is a ski in/ski out facility and the Beaver Run Super Chair in front of the Resort should get you up the mountain in no time. Breckenridge has a total of 30 lifts and nearly 2,400 acres of varied ski terrain. Base elevation is at 9,600 ft, promoting good ski conditions. 14% of the trails are considered easy, 31% more difficult, 19% most difficult and 36% expert. Plenty of mountain lunch opportunities exist to let you enjoy beautiful views and a variety of dining options. Try the Vista House on Peak 8 for some incredible views over the Continental Divide. Back at the Resort soothe your aching bones in a hot tub or the pool to be ready for an exciting night on the town.

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

BANFF / LAKE LOUISE, CANADA

February 19 to 26, 2011, Fairmont Banff and Chateau Lake Louise, \$1,875

The Banff / Lake Louise area is in the heart of the Banff National Park, a Unesco World Heritage site. Here you will enjoy the driest, lightest snow and terrain to suit every desire from gentle groomed runs to some of the world's most extreme challenges. Ski Banff lift tickets are interchangeable at Lake Louise, Sunshine Village and Norquay. You can also ski one evening at Norquay. The three areas offer almost 8,000 acres of skiable terrain. Both hotels offer luxurious rooms and superior service. For both skiers and non-skiers the town of Banff is home to designer shops and boutiques, a bustling nightlife, museums, dining and spas.

Trip leader: Lori St. John (303) 906-8656 banff@miamiskiclub.net.

SNOWBIRD, UTAH

March 13 to 20, 2011, Cliff Lodge, \$1,750

With the ascent of Snowbird's 125-passenger Aerial Tram from 8,100 feet to the breathtaking 11,000 feet summit in only 8 minutes, Snowbird Ski transports quests into a fanciful world of spectacular scenery and amazing powder. Continuous vertical, natural waves and smooth curves make Snowbird a sensation for die-hard skiers. Snowbird's diverse terrain includes challenging steeps, and huge bowls, yet there are plenty of intermediate cruisers and gentle gladed trails through the trees. Snowbird offers a wide variety of winter activities for the whole family! We have everything from snowshoe rentals and guided snowshoe tours to plenty of restaurants and stores. And do not forget to visit one of the area's spas.

Trip leader: Adriana Demirdjian (305) 979-8378 snowbird@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.



Trip Application

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 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 trips and the year round outdoor and social events. Participation on trips is limited to current MSC members in good standing.

Our membership year is from June 1 to May 31.

All trip prices quoted are per person, double occupancy, unless otherwise noted. Prices for single supplement, additional person(s) in room and ground only packages may be available on request. Cancellation policy or payment schedule may be different on some trips. Please check with the trip leader.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT (IF AVAILABLE)

LAND ONLY (IF AVAILABLE)

LIFT TICKETS - HOW MANY: _____
 NO. OF DAYS ON LIFT TICKET: _____

PLEASE TRY TO FIND ME A ROOMMATE

I HAVE A ROOMMATE
 NAME: _____

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE MIAMI SKI CLUB, INC. AND MAIL TO THE TRIP LEADER, NOT THE CLUB. MEMBERSHIPS TO BE PAID SEPARATELY AND MAILED TO THE MSC P.O. BOX ADDRESS

NAME OF TRIP	TRAVEL DATES
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LAST NAME	SEX
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FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
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ADDRESS _____

_____ APT. _____

CITY	STATE	ZIP
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HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE
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CELL PHONE	FAX NUMBER
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E-MAIL

TRAVELING FAMILY MEMBERS

NAME OF SPOUSE	MUST SIGN APPLICATION
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NAME OF CHILD	AGE OF CHILD
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NAME OF CHILD	AGE OF CHILD
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FIRST NAME(S) AS IT SHOULD BE ON THE NAME BADGE(S)

I/WE HEREBY ATTEST THAT I/WE HAVE READ, FULLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ALL OF THE CONDITIONS CONTAINED ABOVE **AND ON THE REVERSE SIDE**, AS WELL AS IN THE TRIP SHEET, OF WHICH I/WE HAVE RECEIVED A COPY

ADULT SIGNATURE	DATE
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SPOUSE SIGNATURE	DATE
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RESPONSIBLE FOR MINORS	DATE
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Signature is required for every person on the trip; if under 18, signature of adult who will accompany and be responsible for the minor is required

RELEASE OF LIABILITY WAIVER AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: I, and all members of my family, fully understand that the MIAMI SKI CLUB (hereinafter referred to as the "Club") acts only as a coordinator of any trips or other Club activities, and is not a Seller of Travel Services as defined by Florida Statutes Chapter 559, as amended, or any similar Federal or State statute or regulation. As such, the undersigned, on behalf of him/herself and all members of his family, understands that the Club, as a trip coordinator, accepts no responsibility for the services or products of any person, ski area, airline, motor coach, hotel, insurance company, ski rental company, mountain resort, or organization whatsoever rendering any of the services or accommodations being offered on any trip. Trip and other activity fees are based upon current tariffs and are subject to change without notice. The Club accepts no responsibility, in whole or in part, for any delay, delayed departure or arrival, missed air travel or other carrier connections, loss, damage, or injury to person or property, or any mechanical defect or failure of any nature whatsoever, or for any substitution of lodging or a common carrier with or without notice, or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby. I/we fully understand that the Club is a voluntary association run by volunteers only, who are not professionally trained in conducting trips or other Club activities. As such, by participating in any such trip or Club activity, I/we do not rely upon the expertise of any Director, Officer, Trip Leader, Activity Coordinator, or any of the Assistants on any such trip. I, and all members of my family, hereby expressly acknowledge that snow riding and similar activities are inherently dangerous, and we hereby acknowledge the hazards inherent to the sport of snow skiing or snow boarding, and hereby assume all risk of injury or damage incident to such activity. As such, I/we hereby agree that I/we are solely responsible for our personal safety and conduct, and that as a participant, my family and I hereby jointly and severally absolve, release, waive, and forever discharge any and all liability, claims, or demands against the Miami Ski Club, Inc. and The Florida Ski Council, Inc., and any of its Officers, Directors, Agents, Trip Leader, and Assistant Trip Leaders which may arise out of or otherwise be related to any injury, damage, or pecuniary loss by reason of any such Club membership or activity or participation in said organization. In further consideration for the mutual benefit derived from the joint participation by membership in the Club, and participation in Club related activities, I/we fully understand that I am responsible for meeting all payment deadlines and obligations to the Club in a timely fashion. Should I/we miss any departure, I/we understand that I may not be able to recover any part of my/our trip or activity payment. Furthermore, I, and my family members, hereby agree that the Club shall not be responsible for either myself or any member of my family who is denied entry into any state, territory, providence, or country because of any prior criminal convictions, civil offenses, or by reason of any rules or regulations propagated by the US Department of Immigration and Naturalization Services including, but not limited to, laws and regulations governing the issuance and renewal of US Passports and/or Travel Visas. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Club, its Officers, Directors, Agents, Trip Leader, and Assistant Trip Leaders from any and all loss for expenses incurred by or attributable in any way with any trip or other Club sponsored activity. I/we agree to abide by the By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Club and the Trip Leaders in connection with any trip or other Club activity. Furthermore, should any dispute arise out of my Club membership or participation in any Club sponsored activity or trip, then both the Club and I agree to submit any such dispute for resolution to binding, mandatory arbitration before the American Arbitration Association (AAA) to which we agree that the then current edition of the Commercial Rules of Arbitration of AAA shall apply. Each party shall bear their own cost and expenses incident to said arbitration proceedings. I/we further agree that the Venue for any such arbitration proceedings shall be Dade County, Florida unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties. I/we further agree that Florida law shall apply to any dispute arising out of or incident to this Agreement.

CANCELLATION POLICY: A cancellation request must be made to the Trip Leader in writing and becomes effective when received. Please confirm receipt of cancellation with Trip Leader. In the event of cancellation, any refund will be subject to deduction of a Club service fee, any related expenses incurred by the Club and vendor penalties, where applicable. If cancelled more than 90 days prior to departure the Club's service fee will be \$75. If cancelled 90 days or

less prior to departure the Club's service fee will be \$150. If cancelled 90 days or less prior to departure, refunds may not be made until 6-8 weeks after the trip is concluded. If an eligible substitute is available, either from a waiting list or provided by the trip applicant, the substitute shall provide payment at least in accordance with the payment requirements of the trip but in no event later than 14 days prior to scheduled departure. The Club reserves the right to increase the trip prices. In the event the cost increases, any such increase will be invoiced to the trip participant. Such increases shall not modify or alter the cancellation provisions above. Certain trips may carry a different cancellation policy which will supersede any other policy.

WAIT LIST POLICY: When a trip is full, all extra trip applications will be put on the wait list in the order received. To be put on the waitlist, persons must be members in good standing of the MSC, have submitted a completed trip application and a deposit check. Persons on the wait list must notify the Trip Leader in writing if they desire to be removed from the wait list. When space becomes available, they will be notified in writing that they are confirmed on the trip and become subject to all cancellation fees. Upon confirmation of a trip, the balance currently due on the payment schedule must be received by the Trip Leader within seven days. Persons who are on the wait list and who are not offered space on the trip or who withdraw from the wait list prior to being offered space on the trip will be refunded their entire deposit. You may check with the Trip Leader from time to time to determine your status on the wait list. **TRIP PRICES:** All prices quoted are based on double occupancy, unless otherwise noted on the trip materials. You must have a roommate assigned to get per person double occupancy rate or be subject to single supplement rates or cancellation. Pricing for 3rd and 4th persons are available upon request. Separate beds are not guaranteed on maximum occupancy rates. Final payment on all trips is due as specified in the Trip Sheet. Any payments not received timely are subject to any late penalties assessed to the Club. Ninety days from the date of trip departures, the Club will turn back to the resorts and airlines any unsold rooms and air seats. Although many times it is possible to get rooms and air seats back, any new bookings made within 90 days of departure are subject to the current air rate and any additional fees incurred in obtaining lodging accommodations. Any name changes may be subject to a fee imposed by the airlines. Itinerary changes may be subject to a fee imposed by the tour operator, as well as any air fare differentials. Changes made after travel has commenced will be subject to any fees levied by the airlines. Changes made once travel has commenced must be made through the Club's tour operator. Prices are based on current tariffs in effect as of printing date. Prices of all trips are subject to change due to unforeseen increases.

NON-TRIP PARTICIPANTS SHARING ROOMS POLICY: Miami Ski Club trips will be limited to only those persons whose applications and payments have been received and confirmed by the Trip Leader. Attempts at allowing non-trip participants to share accommodations will not be permitted. This policy has been established to protect the Club's reputation with the hotel industry and to avoid inconveniencing other trip participants. **LUGGAGE:** As a part of the organization of the trip, the Club makes arrangements for baggage handling during the trip, where possible. This will not apply during the period of baggage handling for airport check in.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Every attempt is made to satisfy each accommodations request, with assignments being made on a first-come, first-served basis. If the requested accommodations are unavailable, the Club reserves the right to assign the next most suitable accommodations and collect any additional monies due.

ROOMMATES: Roommate preferences must be indicated on trip applications. Any changes or subsequent requests should be made in writing and mailed to the Trip Leader. Those not requesting specific roommates will be matched as suitably as possible.

LIFT TICKETS: Lift ticket arrangements must be finalized 30 days before trip departs. The Club will not purchase lift tickets in the ski area.

TRIP INSURANCE: Trip Interruption insurance is not required but highly recommended. The Club does not sell trip insurance and is not responsible for the coverage offered by travel insurance vendors.



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