



# News Letter

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

FEBRUARY 2010

## Happy hours

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**February 5, 6 - 8 PM**

**Posh Wine Bar** (in the Waverly)  
110 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale  
(954)-763-3553

**February 12, 6 - 8 PM**

**Morton's The Steakhouse** (specials until 6:30 PM)  
2333 Ponce de Leon Blvd  
Coral Gables, (305)442-1662

**February 19, 6 - 8 PM**

**Randazzo's Little Italy**  
385 Miracle Mile (corner of LeJeune)  
Coral Gables, (305) 448-7002

**February 26, 6 - 8 PM**

**94th Aero Squadron** (free appetizers)  
1395 NW 57th Ave. Miami (836 and Red Rd.)  
(305) 264-2143

**The election meeting will start at 7 PM.** Be there!  
We will be accepting nominations from the floor and voting for officers to run the Club in 2010 - 2012.

## MSC elections

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**Friday, February 26, 7 PM**

**94th Aero Squadron 1395 NW 57th Ave. Miami**

These are our candidates for the MSC Executive committee positions in 2010 - 2011:

**Pam Epstein for President**

**Bill Grieco for Vice President**

**Gina Masses-Valera for Treasurer**

**Maggie Zaitz for Secretary**

We look forward to introducing these candidates to you in person on February 26. Please come to this important meeting and support the Club!

## Private yoga class

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**Thursday, February 18, 7:15 PM**

**The Viceroy Hotel Spa, 485 Brickell Ave., Miami**

Green Monkey Yoga has offered Miami Ski Club a chance to experience a private Yoga class. A novice? Come and try it out with us. Green Monkey is Miami's first balanced living company offering people tools to find balance and a healthy life and proves to be beneficial to skiers. Yoga Journal Feb. 2010 tells us that to prepare for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, a number of elite athletes are practicing asana, pranayama and meditation as a means to prepare body, breath and mind for medal-worthy performances. Our class is 1 hour at the beautiful Viceroy Spa. Later we can visit Viceroy's hip Club 50 on the 50 floor to enjoy cocktails and light appetizers for purchase. Dress is casual loose clothing or yoga apparel, a Yoga mat if you like, but mats will be provided. Valet parking available for \$8, you may find street parking. Please RSVP **Pam Epstein** by Feb. 15 at (305) 772-1500. Please mail your checks made out to Miami Ski Club for **\$10 members** and \$15 guests to Pam Epstein at 12602 SW 103 Court, Miami FL 33176. Explore the world of Green Monkey at [www.greenmonkey.net](http://www.greenmonkey.net).

## Board positions

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Come June, a new EC will be taking over and selecting a Board of Directors. We hope that many of the current Directors will remain, but even now, we have some key spots which need to be filled. Most of all, we need a Director of Publications to take over this Newsletter. This is one of our key avenues of communication with the membership, and we desperately need a willing member to take over this post. With the sudden passing of Burt Weiss, we also need to find a Director of Advertising, whose job it is to find ads for the Newsletter and the new web site, when it becomes operational. How about you, can you help?



## Letter from the Prez...

Greetings!

We just got back from the FSC ski trip to Telluride, and what a blast it was! To keep everyone happy, we had sunshine as well as a snow dump, our accommodations were first rate, and the trip leaders did a great job. Another fun trip for the MSC chronicles. Next, we'll have to see if the Vail trip going out about the time you read this can top it. At the same time, we are already in the planning stages of the 2011 ski trips and a bunch of other adventures, which you can read about in more detail on the following page.

As you know, this is our election month. I hope to see all of you at the 94th Aero Squadron on the 26th of this month. We will be introducing our candidates for the Executive Committee and will open the floor to nominations. As that part of it is pretty much done, we need to focus on the Board of Directors. As you know, we have lost our previous Director of Publications, Nansy McKenzie. She cannot be replaced in our hearts, but we sorely need to fill her position as the editor of this Newsletter. I have been filling in during her illness and since her passing, but due to work pressures and other commitments will not be able to continue after June. I will even donate the computer system with all the necessary hardware and software, along with training of the person willing to take on that position. We have been asking for help in this arena for a long time, and I hope that the right person will step forward and pitch in.

In more sad news, our Director of Advertising, Burt Weiss, very unexpectedly passed away last weekend. I am sure that most of you knew Burt and his wife Joanie through their many years in the Club, all the trips they have run as trip leaders, and through their contributions as volunteers. Again, no one can replace Burt for Joanie, their family and friends, but we will need someone to come in and take over the job of gathering advertising for our Newsletter.

On the positive side of the news spectrum, we have been hard at work in putting together a new, modern web site, which in the future can be easily maintained by volunteers without any particular web design knowledge. We are test flying it now, filling in current information, checking all the links and overall functionality. So far, we are pretty happy with the result, and we hope to have the new site on line around the middle of February. We strongly encourage everyone to go on the new web site (still [miamiskiclub.com](http://miamiskiclub.com), or [.net](http://.net) or [.org](http://.org)), test drive it and give us some feedback! The photo archives will take a little longer to build up, so please be patient with that aspect of it.

See you at the election meeting!

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

## Russia trip

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Our May 18 - 31, 2010 trip is getting ready to close out this month. At this point, we only have one cabin left, and we would love for you to grab it! For details on this trip, please take a look at the Trips page on our web site, [miamiskiclub.net](http://miamiskiclub.net). Don't forget to see all the photographs of the locations we will be visiting! To sign up, or to get more information about trip, itinerary and the locations, please contact George Ondricek at (305) 234-7344 or e-mail him at [russia@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:russia@miamiskiclub.net). We would not want you to miss out on this one!

## Trip leaders wanted

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We are finalizing our 2011 ski (and other) trips, and it's time to look for trip leaders! If you are interested in becoming actively involved in the Club and having some fun, you should give it a shot! There is a trip leader application on our web site, [miamiskiclub.com](http://miamiskiclub.com) - just fill it out and mail to the Miami Ski Club, P.O. Box 560943, Pinecrest, FL 33256-0943. For more information, please contact our current VP in charge of trips, Bernd Meier at [vicepresident@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:vicepresident@miamiskiclub.net), or give him a call at (305) 310-1265.

# Author event

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**Wednesday, February 24, 7:45 PM**  
**Books & Books, 265 Aragon Ave., Coral Gables**

Author Event from the bestselling author of *The Double Bind*, *Midwives*, and *Skeletons at the Feast* comes a novel of shattered faith, intimate secrets, and the delicate nature of sacrifice. *Secrets of Eden* (Shaye Areheart Press, \$25) is both a haunting literary thriller and a deeply evocative testament to the inner complexities that mark all of our lives. Once again the author, Chris Bohjalian has given us a riveting page-turner in which nothing is precisely what it seems. As one character remarks, "Believe no one. Trust no one. Assume all of our stories are suspect."

Join us at Books and Books in the Gables for this event. Later we can dine at the Books and Books indoor cafe or outdoors under the stars. Check out [www.booksandbooks.com](http://www.booksandbooks.com). Please RSVP by February 19th to **Pam Epstein** to reserve seats at (305) 772-1500 or [socialevents@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:socialevents@miamiskiclub.net). The event is **\$5 members** and \$10 guests. Please pay Pam at the door with cash or a check made out to the Miami Ski Club. Looking forward to seeing you there!

# Bike ride

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**Saturday, March 6, 9:45 AM**  
**Matheson Hammock Park, 9610 Old Cutler Rd.**

Due to unseasonably arctic weather conditions, we had to cancel this favorite bike ride in January. Now that the temperatures are back what we are used to, let's try to do it for real!

Our favorite bike ride down the scenic path along 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 eventually stopping to enjoy lunch and catching up on a little conversation at Scotty's Landing, overlooking the Bay. After lunch we will cycle back to Matheson Hammock Park, in an attempt to burn off some of the calories from lunch. We will meet at Matheson Hammock Picnic parking lot at 9:30 AM and then start our ride promptly at 9:45 AM. This is one of the most scenic rides in Miami, and we sincerely hope that you will join us. Please RSVP to **Pam Epstein** at [socialevents@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:socialevents@miamiskiclub.net) or (305) 772-1500 so she knows to expect you.

# Trip corner

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If you have been undecided so far whether to join our Russia trip, you may still have a chance to participate in this unique opportunity to visit several of the Unesco World Heritage Sites, including the Kremlin and the Hermitage in St. Petersburg. The Hermitage has 3 million items of art (not all of them displayed) and the largest collection of paintings in the world. We have only one cabin left available until February 14th, so don't miss your chance. And with all the visits to different cities and sights, you will never have to pack. Your cabin on the first class M.V. Tolstoy will be your home for the duration of your trip. Visit our website for more information. So hurry before the boat leaves without you. Inquiries can be addressed to the trip leader, George Ondricek, at [russia@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:russia@miamiskiclub.net).

By the time you read the Trip Corner, our Telluride participants will already have unpacked their bags and are reminiscing about all the fun they had on this fabulous sold out FSC trip. And while our Vail participants get ready to be pampered at the newly refurbished Manor Vail and plan to explore again the incredible back bowls of Vail mountain and Blue Sky Basin, we continue to explore other opportunities to travel with our members and friends during the off season.

We have booked a trip to Las Vegas for April 23 – 26, 2010 staying at the fabulous Bellagio, right on the Strip, in the center of activities. No long commutes, everything is happening right here – including a visit to Cirque du Soleil with its performance of "O", an occasion not to be missed (optional). Like a little bit of adventure? Well, there are lots of options for you to explore, whether it is a trip to or flight over the Grand Canyon, visiting the new Sky Walk at the Southrim, dune buggy rides, renting a dirt bike or taking an off road tour in an SUV. The trip is available for up to 20 lucky people. We are flying non-stop out of Ft. Lauderdale. For those who like to dress up, you can bring 2 checked bags free of charge. The trip will close out on March 7, so hurry, send your check to secure your spot.

We have started to work on our 2011 ski trips, including the Florida Ski Council trip to Breckenridge, a trip to Banff and Lake Louise and to Snowbird, to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We need trip leaders for these upcoming and other trips. If you want to have a lot of fun and lead a group, please use the trip leader application on the web and mail it to the Club's address, or e-mail to [vicepresident@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:vicepresident@miamiskiclub.net).

This is just a taste of things to come. We will keep you posted. Any ideas or suggestions, please write to [vicepresident@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:vicepresident@miamiskiclub.net).

# Viva Las Vegas!

## MIAMI SKI CLUB LAS VEGAS WEEKEND

Friday to Monday, April 23 – 26, 2010, Bellagio ★★★★★ on the Strip  
\$759 per person (double occupancy) in Deluxe Rooms  
including non-stop air from Ft. Lauderdale



Please join us for an unforgettable trip into luxury at the world famous, centrally located Bellagio on the World Famous Las Vegas Strip, in deluxe accommodations. Be enchanted by the Fountains of Bellagio in the hotel's 8 acre Lake Bellagio fronting the hotel where the lighted fountains erupt, sway and dance to music from Sinatra to Pavarotti. The Bellagio is all about living the European high life, and few hotels on Las Vegas can match it. Modeled after the beautiful village of Bellagio on Lake Como and with touches of elegance at every turn, this hotel is nothing less than stylish. It boasts botanical gardens, a Fine Art gallery with many originals, a superb water fountain show (choreographed to

music), 6 swimming pools, 4 jacuzzis, a world class spa, fitness center, restaurants galore serving many diverse cuisines, great boutique shopping, no less than 2 wedding chapels and one of the most popular live shows in Vegas, Cirque du Soleil's "O". Dining options consist of 10 fine dining restaurants including Aqua, Le Cirque and Picasso as well as 6 casual eateries – you need to stay a couple of weeks to try them all out. And if you are into shopping, there are plenty of quality shops on-site and in surrounding hotels. If you are out to try your luck, the 89,000 square foot casino includes Blackjack, Caribbean Stud Poker, Craps, Keno, Let It Ride, Poker, Pai Gow Poker, Roulette, Slots, Big Six, Baccarat, Megabucks and a race and sport book. The beauty of Vegas is that you can do a lot of things within the city or in the not too distant surroundings. Las Vegas has a host of free things to do: Lion Habitat at MGM Grand, the Aquarium at the Silverton, Fountain Shows at Cesars, Volcano at the Mirage, Wildlife Habitat at the Flamingo, Show in the Sky at the Rio, Fountains at Bellagio, Conservatory at the Bellagio and many others. Visit [www.lasvegas.com](http://www.lasvegas.com) for more info and ideas to make this a fun filled weekend.

**Optional activity:** Cirque du Soleil April 24, 2010 at 10 pm - \$150 per person (12 person min.)

Seeking more of an adventure? Try one of the many tours available to the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Colorado River for rafting, canyon tours, airplane rides, etc. – the list is endless.

**Pricing options:** Land only: \$459 Single supplement: \$350

### **This great deal includes:**

- 3 nights in a Deluxe Room at the Bellagio
- Round trip air by Southwest Airlines from FLL
- Airport to hotel transfer in Las Vegas

### **Cancellation Policy:**

- Full refund less a \$50 cancellation fee if cancelled in writing prior to March 7, 2010
- On or after March 7, Club will refund any monies recovered from vendors, minus \$75

### **Contact:**

**Adriana Dermidjian (305) 532-1147**  
after 6:15 pm on weekdays  
[LasVegas@Miamiskiclub.net](mailto:LasVegas@Miamiskiclub.net)

Mail trip application form and check payable to Miami Ski Club to:

Adriana Dermidjian  
1621 Collins Ave., #1001  
Miami Beach, FL 33139



# Trip Application

NAME OF TRIP

**Viva Las Vegas!**

TRAVEL DATES

**April 23-26, 2010**

Please make sure your name is exactly as it appears on your government issued picture identification you will be traveling with (drivers licence or passport.)

LAST  
NAME

SEX

FIRST  
NAME

MIDDLE  
INITIAL

ADDRESS

APT.

CITY

STATE

ZIP

HOME  
PHONE

WORK  
PHONE

CELL  
PHONE

FAX  
NUMBER

**E-MAIL**

## TRAVELING FAMILY MEMBERS

NAME OF  
SPOUSE

MUST SIGN APPLICATION

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

SPOUSE  
SIGNATURE

DATE

RESPONSIBLE  
FOR MINORS

DATE

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

## 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](http://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.** Memberships are not refundable

All trip prices quoted are per person, double occupancy, unless otherwise noted. Prices for additional person(s) in room available on request.

### Cancellation Policy for this trip:

- Full refund less a \$50 cancellation fee if cancelled in writing prior to March 7, 2010
- On or after March 7, Club will refund any monies recovered from vendors, minus \$75

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT (IF AVAILABLE)

LAND ONLY (IF AVAILABLE)

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:**  
Adriana Dermidjian  
1621 Collins Ave., #1001  
Miami Beach, FL 33139

MEMBERSHIPS TO BE PAID SEPARATELY AND MAILED TO THE MSC P.O. BOX ADDRESS

**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 ski 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. Ski 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 ski 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 ski 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 ski 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, a refund will be made less a \$75 service fee per person, up to 75 days prior to departure. If full payment or written notice of cancellation is not received on or before 75 days prior to departure, then deposit will be forfeited. If a cancellation request is received by Miami Ski Club, Inc. less than 75 days prior to departure a refund will be made only if an eligible substitute is available from the waiting list. The applicant must secure an eligible substitute who has paid for the

full trip price at least 5 days before the time of scheduled departure. In this event, a refund will be made, less all expenses incurred by the MIAMI SKI CLUB, INC., plus a \$150 service fee. Miami Ski Club, Inc. reserves the right to increase the trip prices. In the event the cost increases, any such increase in trip prices will be Invoiced to the trip participant. Such increases shall not modify or alter the cancellation provisions above. Refunds may not be made until six to eight weeks after the trip is concluded if canceled within 75 days prior to departure. Certain trips may carry a different cancellation policy, which will supersede any other policies.

**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 appropriate MSC 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 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 60 days from departure. Any payments not received timely are subject to any late penalties assessed to the Club.

Sixty 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 75 days of departure are subject to the current air rate and any additional fees incurred in obtaining lodging accommodations.

Within 45 days of departure, any name changes will 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 MSC 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 MSC office. Attempts at allowing non-trip participants to share accommodations will not be permitted. This policy has been established to protect the Miami Ski 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 Miami Ski Club makes arrangements for baggage handling during the trip. This may or may not apply during the period of baggage handling for airport check in, depending upon airport security procedures prevailing at the time of the flight.

**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, MSC 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 it 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 ticket 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.

# Dine-a-round

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Tuesday, February 16, 2009, 7 PM  
Michy's, 6927 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, (305) 759-2001

Our Dine-a-round year is gathering steam with our third return dining experience, by popular demand. Premier chef Michelle Bernstein continues to dazzle our community with the most tasteful fare, at Michy's on Miami's Upper East Side. Reviewed by the Miami Herald as the finest restaurant in the State of Florida, Michy's has received a 4-Star rating and is one of Miami's hottest gourmet bistro experiences. Seating is limited to the first 20 persons and reservations will be made upon receipt of your check on a first-reserved, first-served basis in date order.

1st Course (Family Style)

*Watercress salad, tarragon, grapes, goats' cheese, balsamic vinaigrette; Blue cheese & jamon croquetas, fig marmalade.*

2nd Course (Family Style):

*Whole yellow tail snapper, Malaysian curry, plantanos, hearts of palm; "Short Ribs Falling off the Bone", Creamy mashed potatoes, Moroccan carrots. Vegetarian meal available upon request.*

3rd Course: *Michy's Red Velvet Cup Cake.*

One glass of wine, Iced tea, American coffee, sodas and specialty coffee included. Valet parking behind Michy's at Biscayne Blvd & 69th Street (turn east 50 feet and left behind the restaurant.)

As usual, We look forward to a fabulous feast to remember, turnout, and the camaraderie which draws so many friends to our Dine-a-rounds. To RSVP, please make check of **\$55 for members** and \$60 for guests, payable to the Miami Ski Club. Includes tax, gratuity. Please mail checks to **H. Allen Benowitz**, 1865 Brickell Avenue, Tower A, PH 11, Miami, FL 33129-1657. Call Allen at **(305) 586-1181** on his cell, or at [specialevents@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:specialevents@miamiskiclub.net), or Jo and Allen at (305) 856-1402 at home for more information.

# New MSC web site

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We are just putting the finishing touches on our all new web site. Our original web site had served us well over the years, but it's time to move forward. We are hoping to be on line by the middle of February. The functionality is all there, and we are updating the content with current entries. Start looking for it at [miamiskiclub.com](http://miamiskiclub.com) and let us know what you think! It will take us some time to have all the photo galleries on there, so please be patient with that.

# FSC report

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I just attended the Florida Ski Council Fall Meeting during the first weekend in November at the Holiday Inn Select in Orlando. I was joined by Board members George Ondricek, Bernd Meier, Rick Hagan, Lisa Hagan, Maggie Zaitz, and Pam Epstein. The fall meeting is where the ski areas for the 2011 ski season are chosen. The January trip is the main FSC trip and usually averages around 670 participants. The February trip is also an FSC trip, but only averages around 310 participants. The March trip is for ski clubs to consider during their respective spring break weeks and is not a FSC run trip.

A Technology and Marketing Workshop was held on Friday, November 6. A golf tournament was also held on Friday at the Eastwood Golf Club. I was paired off with a representative from Northstar at Lake Tahoe. Rounding out the foursome was a member of one of the other ski clubs and a representative from Big Sky in Montana. We had a great time golfing and talking about their ski areas. A Costume Party and buffet dinner was held on Friday night. Each ski area sponsored a breakfast and a lunch. The morning session discussed the January and February locations for the 2011 ski season. The locations had been narrowed down to four locations each for January and February. Three locations made their pitch for the Spring Break 2011 trip in the afternoon. Representatives from each resort presented information in an entertaining style. A review of the 2010 trips was discussed.

Saturday night's buffet dinner included a trip preview program. We were able to ask questions and collect information on the different areas. The ski areas chosen for 2011 are Breckenridge (January 22-29, 2011), Whitefish, MO (February 12-19, 2011) and Snowmass, CO for Spring Break (March or April 2011).

The next meeting of the FSC will be in January 2010 during the Telluride trip. The Spring FSC meeting will be held at the Saddlebrook Resort near Tampa from June 4 to 6, 2010. If you would like more information about the FSC, please visit the new FSC website at [www.floridaskicouncil.com](http://www.floridaskicouncil.com) or contact me at [FSCdelegate@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:FSCdelegate@miamiskiclub.net).

*Bill Grieco*

Editor's note:

*Please excuse the delay in getting this report to you. Our last two issues were confined to only four pages and simply did not allow us the space to run this informative summary. By the way, if you would like to join us at the June 4-6 FSC meeting in Tampa, please contact Bill and let him know.*



TIME DATED MATERIAL

Return service requested

**Miami Ski Club, Inc.**

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	1	2	3	4	5 6 pm <b>POSH WINE BAR</b> Ft. Lauderdale	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 6 pm <b>MORTON'S</b> Coral Gables	13
14	15 <i>President's Day</i>  <i>Board meeting</i>	16 7 pm <b>MICHI'S</b> Miami	17	18 7:15 pm <b>YOGA CLASS</b> Miami	19 6 pm <b>RANDAZZO'S</b> Coral Gables	20
21	22	23	24 7:45 pm <b>AUTHOR EVENT</b> Coral Gables	25	26 6 pm <b>94th AERO SQUADRON</b> Election meeting	27
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Plan on our Saturday,  
March 6 bike ride!