



News Letter

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

JANUARY 2010

Happy hours

January 8, 6 - 8 PM

Sosta Lounge & Bar (specials)
1885 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood,
(954) 921-0880
www.lapiazzapastacafe.com

January 15, 6 - 8 PM

Fritz and Franz Bierhaus (appetizers)
60 Merrick Way Coral Gables
(305) 774-1883

January 22, 6-8 PM

Anacapri (drink specials & appetizers)
2530 Ponce de Leon
Coral Gables, (305) 443-8388

January 29, 6-8 PM (special MSC invite)

Saks Fifth Avenue
Fur Department, 2nd floor
7535 Dadeland Mall, (305) 662-8655

A special happy hour:

Saks Fifth Avenue, Dadeland, has cordially invited MSC for a Champagne Happy Hour in the Fur Salon on the second floor. There will be a brief Fur Salon and "Killian" fragrance presentation. We will all be given a 15% off gift card for the evening. This card can be used to purchase any full priced merchandise, storewide (includes name brands, fragrances, cosmetics, furs, shoes, men and ladies apparel. Please contact Pam Epstein at socialevents@miamiskiclub.net for any questions regarding this event.

Dine-a-round

Tuesday, January 26, 7 PM

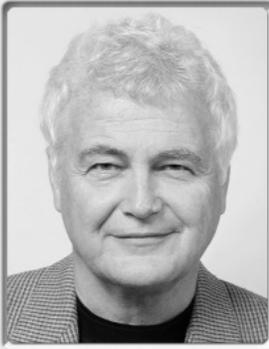
The Ivy at the Grove

Our first Dine-a-round of the New Year will transport us to the heart of Coconut Grove, where we will experience the combined ambience of New Orleans décor, a British pub, and the fare of London Town.

We will enjoy an array of sumptuous dishes mindful of Italy, England, and America, including choices of a wide selection of appetizers: *Tuna Tartar, Calamari Fritti, Bang Bang Chicken*, and *tomato and Basil Galette*. Entrees: *Salmon Fishcake, Chicken Paillard with Sicilian Caponata, Salt Beef and English Mustard Sandwich on Rye, Bangers and Mash* (wild boar sausages with Pommes Puree), and *The Ivy Hamburger*. Vegetables and potatoes: *Sprouting Broccoli with Hollandaise Zucchini Fritti, Parmesan Fried Courgettes with Pesto Cherry tomatoes and Basil, Hand Cut Fries, White Truffle Mash, Creamed or Buttered Spinach, and Thyme-Roasted Carrots*. Desserts: *Scandinavian Iced Berries* (with hot white chocolate sauce), *Treacle Tart* (with Crème Fraiche), *Wimbledon Strawberries and Cream, Sticky Toffee Pudding, Cappuccino Brulee, and Baked Vanilla Cheese Cake*.

As usual, we look forward to a fabulous feast to remember. Enjoy the camaraderie which draws so many friends to our Dine-a-rounds. To RSVP, please make check of \$45 per member (\$50 for guests) payable to the Miami Ski Club. Includes tax, gratuity, two glasses of wine. Send 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.

Happy New Year!



Letter from the Prez...

Greetings!

Here we are, kicking off another year, making resolutions and gauging the effects the holidays had on our waist lines. As far as the Club goes, we are over the hump of our fiscal year, putting us closer to the end than to the beginning. Obviously, still way too early to run victory laps, but all indicators are telling us that we are having another good year. Our ski trips have attracted a few more skiers than the year before, the Austro-Hungarian Empire Tour trip is in the bag, and we are still signing up travelers on the

Russia trip. We seem to be doing well with the membership and our financial picture is currently very sound. We have made no huge leaps forward, but we seem to have a pretty solid footing, which in this day and age is nothing to sneeze at. If the remaining months keep up, we should be looking at 2009/10 as another successful year for the Club.

As you will read in more detail on the next page, we are in an election year, which will bring changes to the Club. Bernd Meier (Vice President) and Cathy Stahlmann (Treasurer), will be rolling off the Executive Committee, and as Past President, I will assume a more background role. As you see, our new Executive Committee will be coming up from the ranks of Directors. The Club will be gaining valuable energy and hard working enthusiasm on the EC, but on the other hand, the very same people will be leaving a sizable void in the ranks of Directors. And this is where you come in. We need you to pitch in and help us run this Club, as others have been doing for over forty years. I think that we have all become spoiled and simply assume that someone else will take care of things, while we are having fun. Not necessarily. Just imagine when Pam steps up and there is no one to run happy hours. Can you see us without our weekly Friday nighters? Yet, if nobody comes forward and volunteers, that will be the picture. Same for this Newsletter. I have been filling in for a long time, but that will be true only until June. Then somebody else will need to take over. We will need people to run registration at our events, volunteers to secure advertising for the Newsletter, members who will take charge of the special events, and so on.

Earlier in December we had our 10th holiday board meeting/gathering at my house. Each year, we cook up the biggest turkey that will fit in the oven, everyone on the board brings some food and wine and we have a wonderful evening of it. It would be nice if next year, you would be a part of the festivities. I know that I have been asking for help on these pages more often than I want to admit, but the reality remains: we are a volunteer organization, and without volunteers, we won't have a Club.

George Ondricek, president@miamiskiclub.net
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Board of directors

As the new Executive Committee takes office on June 1, 2010, one of the most important tasks will be the installation of a new Board of Directors. We hope that most of the current board members will stay on, but we still need more volunteers! As some of the current board members step up to run the Club as officers, huge voids will be left in the positions they currently occupy. Namely, we will need your help in filling the position of Advertising (finding ads for our Newsletter), development of our membership, help with coordinating happy

hours and special events, taking care of registration, representing the MSC at the Florida Ski Council and other duties. One of the most important positions which has been vacant since the passing of Nansy MacKenzie is the production of this Newsletter. This is currently handled by George Ondricek, but we sorely need someone to take on the duties as the Director of Publications. We will give training, guidance, the software and even the hardware to keep this publication going, but we do need someone to take on this position. If you are willing to help in any of these areas, please contact any of the officers and let them know!

Bike ride

Sunday, January 10, 9:45 AM
Matheson Hammock Park, 9610 Old Cutler Rd.

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 RSVP to **Pam Epstein** at socialevents@miamiskiclub.net or (305) 772-1500 so she knows to expect you.

Wine tasting

Thursday, January 28, 7 - 9 PM
1311 Washington Ave., Miami Beach

We are invited to a wine tasting at the charming **Escopazzo Organic Italian Restaurant** (305-674-9450). Enjoy organic wines from Sicily with delectable finger foods in a low key, relaxed atmosphere. "Escopazzo" is reminiscent of a Tuscan courtyard with it's stone fountain and quaint sitting bar, offering award winning collections of Italian wines. There will be a wine expert available for indepth discussions. View their rave reviews and tasty menus on www.escopazzo.com.

Following the event there is a \$35 prefixed dinner menu available, if you care to stay. Please RSVP by January 25 to **Pam Epstein** by e-mail at socialevents@miamiskiclub.net or by phone at (305) 772-1500. This unique event is \$25 for members and \$30 for guests. Please mail your check, made out to Miami Ski Club, to Pam Epstein at 12602 SW 103 Court, Miami FL 33176.

Russia trip

Since the opening of our May 18 - 31, 2010 trip, we have gained several participants, but still have a couple of cabins left on this wonderful trip! We have also secured some concessions from our vendors, which allows us to keep this trip open longer. However, we will still have to close out this trip in a few short weeks, so if you are thinking about joining us, this is your last chance! For details and photos see our web site, or call **George Ondricek** at (305) 234-7344.

MSC elections

Friday, February 26, 7 PM
94th Aero Squadron 1395 NW 57th Ave. Miami

As you may know, 2010 is our election year, and on February 26 we will be selecting our leadership for the next two years. At the election meeting, the Chairman of the Elections Committee will introduce four candidates for the MSC Executive Committee and then solicit nominations from the floor. If the candidates run unopposed, these new officers will assume their duties on June 1, 2010, at the beginning of our fiscal year. In the event there are qualified nominations from the floor and we have multiple candidates for any of the EC positions, we will be sending out numbered ballots to our membership to cast their vote.

Four candidates have submitted their applications by the December 1, 2009 deadline, for the following positions:

Pam Epstein for **President**
Bill Grieco for **Vice President**
Gina Masses-Valera for **Treasurer**
Maggie Zaitz for **Secretary**

You all know Pam Epstein who has been coordinating our happy hours and special events for the past four years. She has been in the Club for five years, with four of those serving on the Board of Directors. She had taken five major trips with the Club and has a great deal of hands-on experience in organizing events for the Club. Her dedication, enthusiasm and energy have been vital to the success of this Club, and she is certainly a great choice for the position of President.

Bill Grieco has been in the MSC for three years, is our current Florida Ski Council Delegate and ran our Breckenridge trip last year. He brings a wealth of experience from other ski clubs as well as his professional accounting experience.

Gina Masses-Valera has been in our Club three years as well, and she attended three of our ski trips. Gina is currently on the Board of Directors as our Director of Development for Broward County. She is a professional accountant, which will be a tremendous asset in her handling of our finances.

Maggie Zaitz has been front and center in the Miami Ski Club for five years now, having been on the Board of Directors for four of those years. She is currently running her fourth ski trip for us, and many of you know her from our happy hours and special events which she coordinated in the past.

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



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31	Please pencil in February 26, 2010 at the 94th Aerosquadron for our election meeting!						