



# News Letter

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

MAY 2010

## Happy hours

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**May 14, 6 - 8 PM**

**Crazy Pianos**

(drink specials and appetizers)  
3015 Grand Ave, Coco Walk, 2nd floor  
Coconut Grove, (305) 567-2462

**May 21, 6 - 8 PM**

**Cadillac Ranch** (drink and appetizer specials)

The Village at Gulfstream Park, 921 Silks Run Rd.  
Hallandale Beach, (954) 456-1031

**May 28, 6 - 8 PM**

**Berries in the Grove** (outdoor patio)

2884 SW 27 Ave, Coconut Grove  
(305) 448-2111

## Horseback riding

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**Saturday, May 22, 9:45 AM**

**Bar B Ranch, 3500 SW 121 Street, Davie**

Howdy ya'll, get ready to saddle up once again! A beautiful time of year to hit the "happy trails" and join the posse on a 1-1/2 hour ride through a lovely 160 acre nature preserve at Bar B Ranch (954-424-1060). We will have our own personal guide to help us with basic techniques and no experience is needed. You must be 16 years or older and weigh maximum of 240 lbs. Please RSVP by May 13 and make your checks payable to Miami Ski Club for \$55 members and \$60 guests (horseback ride & gratuity). **Betty Boffing** is your host once again. Please mail checks to Betty at 351 Cambridge Road, #209, Hollywood, Fl. 33024. Please put your e-mail address or cell phone contact information on your check. Contact Betty at [bboffing@aol.com](mailto:bboffing@aol.com) or her cell phone is (954) 881-0530. Let's all enjoy lunch after at Scruby's Bar B Que. Limited to 15 cowboys and cowgirls!

## Springfest

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**Saturday, May 8, 7 - 11 PM**

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

Did you send your RSVP in? If not, please do it right now, as RSVPs were due on April 30! This is our 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 these trips are still most welcome for only **\$50 per person**, and guests can join us for \$55. RSVP to Sandie at (305) 596-9311, or at [membershipevents@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:membershipevents@miamiskiclub.net) now!

## Shake-a-leg

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**Sunday, May 16, 12 Noon**

**2620 S. Bayshore Dr. Coconut Grove**

Miami Ski Club has a chance to help out with Shake-A-Leg's May Community Bay Day. Shake-A-Leg Miami is a fully accessible watersports center on Biscayne Bay, serving a diverse group of participants. Shake-A-Leg is a not for profit organization always looking for volunteers, such as sailing instructors, skippers, crew, administrative/office support and more. Many at risk youths and students with disabilities participate in watersports and enrichment activities there. The Bay Day event will take place from 1-5 PM, so please be there around noon to help set up. We will be needing assistance signing people up for the different activities (kayaking, sailing, and powerboat rides) as well as food service help. Aside from general event help, if any of you have boating experience, let us know. Please contact our host and member, Joel Krieger at [joel@joelbkrieger.com](mailto:joel@joelbkrieger.com), (305) 505-0941 or (305) 858-8585. Please RSVP as soon as possible to volunteer for this rewarding community event. Visit [www.shakealegmiami.org](http://www.shakealegmiami.org) if you would like more information.



## Letter from the Prez...

Greetings!

Hard to believe, but this is my last President's letter. Come June 1, Pam will be taking over the hot seat, and this page along with it. As soon as we have our books for the 2009/10 fiscal year closed out, I will be putting together the "State of the Miami Ski Club Address" to give you a rundown on how we fared financially, and that will be my last presidential communication. We won't have that article to you until sometime late summer, but I am already looking forward to writing it. If you have been reading the Newsletter, you

know that we had a pretty good year last year, but this year we seem to have done much, much better. Our "secret" goal was to recuperate the losses from the previous two years, but that seemed a bit too ambitious. However, looking at the books as they are right now, we may end up coming very close to that mark, and nothing makes me happier than handing over a Miami Ski Club with a solid infrastructure and in perfect financial health.

In the last issue, I have reported that we came through the IRS audit nice and clean. Not too surprisingly, that prompted some anonymous e-mails from our "friends", making all sorts of fantastic allegations, still attempting to project an image of a leadership deeply involved in all kinds of wrongdoing, including keeping our records secret and hidden from the membership. The irony of it is, the MSC records are collecting dust and dead roaches in our public storage unit, as they always have, feeling rather lonely, as rarely does anyone come to see them. The truth of the matter is, the MSC records are, as they have always been, available to anyone with a legitimate purpose to see them, but there just isn't that much interest out there.

We are still looking for members who would take an active interest in the running of the Club. It's so easy to just show up at events, have a great time and go back home with nothing to worry about. But I think we are taking for granted the small group of volunteers that makes all those fun things happen for us. I hope that you will look around the next time you are having fun with the Club, and decide to contribute. I can only tell you that it's incredibly rewarding to see people around you having fun, and knowing that you are at least in part responsible for it. You should try it!

I would also like to apologize for being totally absent from the Miami Ski Club scene over the last couple of months. A very old skiing injury and two subsequent back surgeries have taken their toll over the years and I found myself in need of some rather serious spinal surgery. So lately, I have been trying to come to terms with my bionic status, shiny new hardware, bone grafts and the long recovery that come with it. But I fully plan on coming to Springfest, and I hope to see you there!

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

## MSC picnic

Sunday, July 25, 12 - 5 PM  
Rusty Pelican, Key Biscayne

Even though the date seems far away, it will be here before you know it! This is one of our biggest events of the year, with all the new ski trips coming up for sale. Of course, there will be great food and drink, a cash bar and lots of fun. So please pencil this date into your busy schedule, so you don't miss out! Just make sure your membership is renewed, as the event is free to members!

**TIME TO  
RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP!**

# Dine-a-round

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Tuesday, May 18, 7 PM

La Bodeguita, 3138 Coral Way, Miami

Two weeks after Cinco de Mayo, our May Dine-a-round transforms us to the namesake of where the Mojito was invented, and Ernest Hemingway's favorite hangout and dining spot in Old Havana, Cuba: La Bodeguita Del Medio. Having been at this island in the sun's original charismatic restaurant on a recent trip to the island 90 miles from Key West, the ambience of La Bodeguita Miami certainly feels authentic, with a variety of Cuban dishes, nostalgic for those whose families hail from Cuba and exciting for those who wish to share in the atmosphere and international flair of this local find just east of Coral Gables. Hostess Lourdes and proprietor Joseph Maya are anxious to welcome us for a fun evening of cultural food and music, including the sounds of the Buenavista Social Club.

Choice of **appetizers**: *Tamal en hoja* (corn tamale made Cuban style with onion and garlic sauce); *croquetas de jamón y pollo con mariquitas* (ham & chicken croquettes with chips); *empanadas de chorizo* (empanadas filled with Spanish sausage). Salad/Ensaladas: *lechuga, tomates y pepinos en aderezo de vinagre balsámico* (house salad, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers with vinaigrette dressing).

**House specialties**: *todos los platos están servidos con 2 acompañantes: arroz blanco jasmín, moros o maduros* (entrees are served with your choice of 2 side orders: jasmine white rice, moros or fried plantains). Choice of Entrée: *masas de puerco fritas con salsa criolla de cebollas y ajo asado* (crispy and tender fried pork chunks with onions and roasted garlic sauce); *pechuga de pollo a la parrilla* (grilled chicken breast); *filete de tilapia a la parrilla* (grilled tilapia served with lemon butter sauce).

Choice of **dessert**: *flan de leche* (custard with cream) or *arroz con leche* (rice pudding).

**Beverage**: choice of one glass of white or red wine or Mojito; coffee included.

As usual, we look forward to a wonderful meal, turnout, and the camaraderie which continues to draw so many friends and new members to our Dine-a-rounds. Reservations will be made upon receipt of your check on a first-reserved, first-served basis in date order. Please make your checks payable to the Miami Ski Club for \$42 per member, (or \$47 for guests). 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**.

# We still need you!

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We keep calling out to our membership for volunteers on the Board of Directors. We had some offers, but still desperately need help in these areas:

**Happy hours**: we need a fun, outgoing person to help out with setting up and running our weekly happy hours. Can you imagine the Club without them? Yet, if we don't get help, we may need to cut down.

**Advertising**: we need a persistent individual to find advertisers for the Newsletter and the web site.

**Newsletter**: this very publication has been reaching you every month for the past ten years. And we are at a point where a new editor needs to take it on. Again, can you imagine the Club without it?

**Special events**: we have come to take for granted all the bike rides, theater nights and countless other fun events which make this Club so much fun each month. As Pam will be taking on the bigger picture, we will need an enthusiastic and imaginative individual to take over. This is a position with tremendous potential. You can have a lot of influence on the Club and how much fun our members have.

**Development**: these are actually two positions; one for Dade, and one for Broward. The job is to seek out new markets for the Club and to expand our membership. Ultimately, the right people in these positions can hugely influence the future of our Club.

If you think you could help, please contact us at [president@miamiskiclub.net](mailto:president@miamiskiclub.net).

# End of the year

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Yes, the end is coming! May 31 is the last day of our fiscal 2009/10 year, and all memberships officially expire. We have been sending out membership renewal reminders for a couple of months now, but it's getting down to the wire! We really appreciate all the renewals that came in, but the majority of our membership still needs to renew. So please, take a few moments, fill out the enclosed MSC Membership Application form and send it in.

Memberships are our main source of income, and these funds are essential in enabling us to book trips and make downpayments; to publish and mail out this Newsletter, to maintain the web site; to put on the Picnic, Snowballs and other membership events, and much more. So when we say that we need you, we really mean it! As you know, everyone here is a volunteer, donating lots of time, but we still need your memberships to continue!



TIME DATED MATERIAL

Return service requested

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