



News Letter

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

SEPTEMBER 2010

Happy hours

September 3, 6 - 8 PM

The Grove Spot (drink specials)
3324 Virginia Street, Coconut Grove
(305) 774-6696

September 10, 6 - 8 PM

Holleman's Restaurant (drink specials, appetizers)
1 Curtiss Parkway (off the circle, parking in back)
Miami Springs, (305) 888-8097, Karaoke at 9PM

September 17, 6 - 8 PM

Cadillac Ranch (drink and appetizer specials)
The Village At Gulfstream Park
921 Silks Run Road, Hallandale Beach
(954) 456-1031

September 24, 7 - 11 PM

SNOWBALL
Double Tree Hotel (dinner, live music, dancing)
711 NW 72 Ave., Miami, (305) 261-3800

Save the date

October 1-3Peter Glenn Ski Show Event
October 2Domestic Violence Awareness Walk
October 19Dine-a Round
October 22 Snowball*
October 30 Fantasy Fest in Key West
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

For more information about our events and the Miami Ski Club, visit www.miamiskiclub.com!

Dive, dive, dive!

Saturday, September 11, 12:30 PM

Quiescence, Key Largo, MM 103, (305) 451-2440

Well, we had 8 lucky divers participating in our August 15th drift dives with the very comfortable Lady Go Diver out of Deerfield Beach. The reefs were beautiful with plenty of sea fans and huge sponges surrounded with a vast variety of fish. The weather was perfect, company was great and the lunch at JB's on the Ocean, overlooking the beach was a nice conclusion to this great outing.

We have now made arrangements for our next dive on September 11th, at Quiescence in Key Largo, 103680 Overseas Highway. We will have our own boat, limited to 6 divers, so sign up as soon as you can to reserve your space. We plan to dive two 30 foot deep reefs. Any one needing tanks, please let Bernd know. Air tanks are \$8 plus tax per tank, to be paid for in cash at the shop. Please be there at 12:30 pm, boat leaves at 1pm sharp!

You will need to bring your C-Card and Log Book. Please mail your check in favor of Miami Ski Club for **\$71** (tanks not included) **for members** and \$76 for guests to (please provide your cell phone number and e-mail address with your check): **Bernd Meier**, 3350 Devon Rd., Coconut Grove, FL 33133, phone **(305) 310-1265**.

Grand Timber Lodge, Breckenridge, CO

Ski-In/Ski-Out, Five Star Resort

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3Bed/3 bath, Week of January 9-16, 2011

Call Dave for info, 469-383-4318



Letter from the Prez...

Hi all,

This is the morning after our Sunset snorkel sail in Key Largo. It was a divine evening of snorkeling, a lovely sunset, champagne and new friendships. Barbara, Melissa, Glenn, Jonathan, Fariba, Chris and Debra, it was a pleasure having you and we hope to see a lot more of you. Is everyone ready for autumn's cool weather and holiday shopping season to begin? September brings that new hustle bustle feeling in the air. Monthly Dine-a-rounds with H. Allen Benowitz start up again and the Snowball event is September 24;

do not miss this rocking dance hat party. A \$10 admission in advance please. (See flyer) Ski trip leaders will be set up so bring your checkbooks to sign up for a ski trip and also to take part in our 50/50 raffle. I'm really excited about our Key West Fantasy Fest day for Halloween but, body painting is out for me this year, guys!

If you are sitting at your computer, go to www.miamiskiclub.com and click on Facebook. Join Facebook, become a friend or just check us out. I appreciate all of you bringing friends to events as well. Astrid Matthyse, Bud Clark, Anna Oaten and Lori St. John brought us new members this summer. Thank you so much! If I missed someone let me know. New members Andrew Hall and Edith Patterson found us on the GablesHomepage.com event listing, attended a happy hour and joined. What's not to like about MSC, we are surely the friendliest bunch of people around. We are active, unique, energetic, up for anything and FUN! Come to a Happy Hour to meet us and follow a group that dines together after the event. My sister attended a MSC dinner at my home. She could not stop commenting on how welcoming and friendly everyone was. She never met a group like us.

Jo Rauch is doing a great job setting up and updating our website. We are working on more photo links, looking into PayPal, advertising on our website, Twitter, MSC T-shirts or other logo items to order, different events and trips to offer you all. If you have any thoughts or ideas, let us know. We want to grow as a club, not only in attendance but in success as a Ski Club, social club and travel club. Know any friends that just moved to Miami, invite them to an event. More updates will follow regarding our Alaskan Cruise July 22-29 2011 in the October Newsletter. We have gotten bids but need to set up a nice package to present to you. *How many MSC Ski Trips have you been on in the past 10 years, since 2000? How many of George Ondricek's exotic trips have you been on in the past 10 years, since 2000?* This does not include party package, only full MSC ski trips please. *E-mail me and see where this leads.* Once again I've enjoyed another month as your Miami Ski Club President, thanks to a dedicated Board and great members like you.

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Pamela Rose Epstein, president@miamiskiclub.net

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Dine-a-round

Tuesday, September 14, 7 PM
Provence Grill, 1223 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach

Our first dine-a-round of the season takes us to SoBe to one of our early favorite restaurants. What was once a little piece of Provence in the heart of Brickell Village has moved to SoBe. Personally prepared and presented by renowned restaurateurs Eric Cormouls-Houles and Claudio Giordano, the gracious hosts have teamed up to continue their commitment for outstanding and timeless service of country French bistro dining cuisine at reasonable prices. Provence Grill (305-531-1600, provencegrill.com) is located at the foot of Lincoln Road, between Alton Road and West Avenue, near convenient parking and away from the crowds.

Choice of appetizer: *house salad; chilled cucumber soup; sauteed calamari.* **Choice of Entrée:** *Trout Amandine; Coq au vin (chicken in red wine sauce); steak served with fries; Linguini Primavera.* **Dessert:** *Crème Brulee; Profiterole.* **Beverage:** Choice of one glass of *white or red wine:* Cabernet Sauvignon or Chardonnay. Wine list bottles half price with dinner!

As always, 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. To RSVP, please send check for **\$40 members**, \$45 guests, payable to the Miami Ski Club. Includes tax, gratuity, glass of wine. Mail checks to **H. Allen Benowitz**, 1865 Brickell Avenue, Tower A, PH 11, Miami, FL 33129-1657. For more information, call Allen at **(305) 586-1181** cell, or Jo and Allen at (828) 682-1327, or e-mail Specialevents@miamiskiclub.net.

Fantasy Fest

Saturday, October 30, 10:15 AM departure
Parking lot TBA in south area

By popular request here we go again to the Key West Captain Morgan Fantasy Fest Parade. Miami Ski Club will join in 70,000 exuberant partygoers as this year's parade rolls down Duval Street. Featuring glittering floats, marching bands and dancing groups, it doesn't get any wilder than this! Art lovers gather for this bona fide cultural event to determine the best illustrated bodies at the Green Parrot Bar; 601 Whitehead St at 3 PM. Parade route includes Whitehead, Front and Duval Streets at 7 pm. The theme this year is Habitat for Insanity; I guess this means anything goes!

We will meet at an area down South (TBA) park our cars, and hop on our charter bus to Key West. We leave promptly at 10:30 AM. It will be a 3-4 hour comfortable bus ride with reclining seats and a restroom. Everyone will please bring their own boxed lunch, drink and BYOB. Light snack provided. We arrive and will be dropped off as close as allowed for a day of eating, drink, music, dancing, merrymaking and madness. Wear a costume if you like, or get your body painted. The actual Parade is at 7 PM. At 10 PM we meet the bus at a designated location and will depart Key West at 10:30 pm sharp. More details in October Newsletter.

Please RSVP to **Pam Epstein** at **(305) 772-1500** or at president@miamiskiclub.net. Seats are limited. Please make out the check to Miami Ski Club for **\$57 members**, or \$62 guests and to Pam Epstein at 12602 SW 103 Court, Miami FL 33176 with your contact information on the check. The price includes the bus (www.southernbuslines.net), tolls, gas, clean up fee and driver gratuity.



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.

Morocco trip

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

We are on track setting up this next installment of our exotic adventure trips. We are still a few months away from having all the details and pricing, but we expect to have this trip ready to open sometime in November. We'll keep you posted!

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.

Above board

As you know, we are looking into an **Alaskan cruise** for the early summer of 2011. If you would like to be considered as a trip leader for that trip, please contact our VP of trips, **Bill Grieco**, at vicepresident@miamiskiclub.net. More details will be made available as soon as we have the pricing and the trip is finalized.

We are happy to report that the lawsuit regarding MSC's records has been settled to the mutual satisfaction of the parties. The parties agree that it is time to move on and that all prior statements regarding the litigation and the underlying dispute are mutually withdrawn by all parties. The parties have agreed that no more comments will be made regarding this matter.

We are still looking for members who would like to become more involved in the running of the Club. We need volunteers for various committees, such as hospitality, membership, registration, etc. We are still looking for someone to take on the publication of this Newsletter. If you are interested, please let us know!

Ft. Lauderdale

SKI & SNOWBOARD SHOW

Presented by:

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One weekend only! Don't miss out!
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Broward County Convention Center
1950 Eisenhower Blvd. • Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33316
Friday 1pm - 9pm, Saturday & Sunday 10am - 6pm
for more info, please call (954) 484-3606 or visit www.peterglenn.com

\$1 Off Admission

\$1 off regular priced admission to the 2008 Southeast Winter Sports Show with coupon.
Regular admission price: **Adult = \$5, Children under 16 = FREE** Code MSC10



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. If you cannot walk, a donation check for \$20 would be greatly appreciated! 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.

FSC weekend

**Friday, November 5 - 7
Holiday Inn, Orlando, Florida**

As a Miami Ski Club member, you are welcome to attend the Florida Ski Council meetings. There are two major planning meetings, with the November session coming up. The November meeting is all about ski trips. Summaries of select ski trips for the 2012 season are sent by the FSC to the 17 Florida ski clubs in advance of the fall meeting. clubs then review the venues and the bids, and provide input. The selected resorts give a presentation and an open discussion is held. By vote, the FSC clubs select a "short list" of resorts. At the fall meeting those bids are reviewed, the prospective destination resorts make a final presentation and a vote is taken to decide on the final venue for the January, February and Spring Break trips for 2012. Several of us on the Board attend semi-annually; if this interests you come along! Food is sponsored by various vendors and there are fun activities, such as golf, to spice up the weekend. More details and cost will be published in the October Newsletter. Contact **Bill Grieco** at vicepresident@miamiskiclub.net for information. You may also visit www.Floridaskicouncil.com and learn more about the FSC.

Dear friends, this Newsletter is being sent to you as a current or recent Miami Ski Club member.

However, this is the last issue being sent to those who have not renewed for 2010/11.

If you have not yet renewed, please do so now, and don't miss out on any of the events and fun activities we have planned, not to mention our fantastic trips! Membership applications are available on our web site, miamiskiclub.com.

We miss you, and we need you!

September Snowball RSVP

Come join us at the Double Tree Hotel for the September Snowball!
Friday, September 24, 7 - 11 PM

MEMBERS \$10
(\$15 at the door)

NAME: _____ \$10

NAME: _____ \$10

GUEST \$40
(\$45 at the door)

NAME: _____ \$40

NAME: _____ \$40

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$.....

Please return this form **by September 17** to Reina McWilliams, 10852 SW 117 Street, Miami, FL 33176. Be sure to include your check made out to the Miami Ski Club.

September Snowball

LIVE MUSIC BY "THE CLICK" BAND



WHEN: Friday, September 24, 2010, 7 - 11 PM

WHERE: Double Tree Hotel
711 NW 72 Avenue, Miami (305)-261-3800

Join us for our first Snowball of the year!

The theme is a **Hat Party** and prizes will be given for the most creative hats.

We will have a cash bar and dance the night away to the **Click Band**.

Bring your checkbook so you can sign up for a wonderful ski trip.

Remember, if you do not ski, there is still plenty to do on our trips.

We will have a **buffet dinner** consisting of salad, chicken, rice pilaf, mashed potatoes, and assorted desserts with coffee or tea.

Just **\$10 for members** (when paid in advance, \$15 at the door) and **\$40 for guests** (when paid in advance, \$45 at the door). Parking is \$5. Please RSVP by mailing the above coupon with your payment by September 17. To cancel, please contact Reina at (305) 255-6396 or membership@miamiskiclub.net.



TIME DATED MATERIAL

Return service requested

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September			1	2	3	4
					6 pm GROVE SPOT Coconut Grove	
5	6 <i>Labor Day</i>	7	8 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	9 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	10 6 pm HOLLEMAN'S RESTAURANT Miami Springs	11 12:30 pm DIVE Key Largo
12	13	14 7 pm PROVENCE GRILL Miami Beach	15 <i>Board meeting</i>	16	17 6 pm CADILLAC RANCH Hallendale Beach	18 <i>Yom Kippur</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24 7 pm SNOWBALL Miami	25
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