

February, 2012 Newsletter



"A social club for all seasons"

HAPPY HOURS

February 3, 6-8PM

Atchana's East /West Kitchen (specials)
Lobby of Mutiny Hotel
\$8 valet available, stay for dinner valet will be validated
2951 S. Bayshore Drive, Coconut Grove, (305) 441-2100

February 10, 6-8PM

Big City Tavern (drink and appetizer specials)
609 East Las Olas Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
(954) 727-0307

February 17, 6-8PM

Villagio Restaurant (drinks specials)
358 San Lorenzo Avenue (Village of Merrick Park)
Coral Gables, (305) 448-2111

February 24, 6-7:15 PM ***

The Peacock Garden Café Bar (drink specials and appetizers)
(entrance at orange awning entrance near Sonesta Hotel)
2889 McFarlane Road, Coconut Grove (305) 774-3332.

Election meeting to follow see below



***MSC ELECTION MEETING

Friday, February 24, 2012, 6:00-7:15PM (drink specials & appetizers)

The Peacock Garden Café Bar (Orange Awning entrance near Sonesta Hotel)

2889 McFarlane Road, Coconut Grove (305) 774-3332.

At 7:15 we will all join in a private room for election meeting. Please be prompt for cash bar and appetizers before meeting. We look forward to introducing our candidates to you in person on February 24. **Please attend this important meeting to support the club!**

(See Board of Directors article inside for candidates)

MSC 2012 Ski Trips and Mediterranean Cruise

All Miami Ski Club ski trips are priced per person, double occupancy, unless otherwise specified. Base price includes (except where noted) airfare, ground transportation, lodging and taxes, a pre-trip and post-trip party and minimum one dining event at the resort. Initial trip deposits are \$750, unless specified otherwise. View fine print on 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. Miami Ski Club takes pride in our competitive pricing for this 2012 ski season. We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance.

PARK CITY, UTAH

March 10 - 17, 2012, Park City Peaks Hotel, \$1,390

Here is a place with access to three distinct mountain areas. If you want pampering, go to Deer Valley or you can head to the Canyons, or Park City Mountain. And did you know that you can actually ski six resorts in one day? Just take the guided Interconnect Tour which takes you on a hike/ski tour of 6 incredible peaks at Deer Valley, Park City, Solitude, Brighton, Alta and Snowbird – what a treat. A fun family trip! Remember, Park City also has the Olympic Park where you can bobsled the actual course – imagine the adrenaline rush you will be getting, too fast for you? Take the fun coaster ride down the Payday lift or go to the Gorgoza Tubing Park and then top it all off with a balloon ride over Park City, it does not get any better than this!

Trip Leader: David Hartman (305) 453-9208 ParkCity@miamiskiclub.net

SPECTACULAR MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE

COME JOIN US, BRING FRIENDS!!!

May 31 – June 10, 2012 Includes 2 nights in Barcelona

Experience one of Europe's most popular destinations aboard the new NCL EPIC. We have a spectacular itinerary for you on our 7 day cruise. Travel easy with Miami Ski Club to Barcelona, Naples, Rome, Florence, Nice and Provence. \$1000 deposit required. Please view trip flyer and trip application inside for pricing and complete details!

Trip Leader: Maggie Zaitz (305) 807-1098 or email Mediterranean@miamiskiclub.net

OUR FIRST SOCIAL FEST 2012

Save the Date: Saturday, May 5th, 2012, 7-11PM

Social Fest is a great party with a theme, cash bar, dinner, DJ, and a dance your shoes off exciting evening for all, and open to all our members and guests with RSVP. There will be a discounted charge for members with advance RSVP and payment only. Pricing, RSVP form, theme and venue will be in March newsletter.

(In the past our Spring event was called Springfest and was a formal affair that was free to trip participants only. In the past, a partial fee was added to trip participant pricing to help us subsidize Springfest formal event, allowing it to be FREE for all trip goers. Other MSC members and guests were welcome to attend paying full price. This is no longer the situation and this event is not added to any trip pricing.) **Social Fest is now another fun event for all!**

Board of Directors

As you may know, 2012 is our election year, and on **February 24** 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, 2012, 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, the person nominated will need to be present and before the adjournment of the meeting will need to submit a Request/ Application for consideration as a candidate. **At this time four candidates have submitted their applications by the December 1, 2011 deadline, for the following positions:**

David Hartman for **President**
Karen Kirby for **Vice President**
Bill Grieco for **Treasurer**
Gina Masses-Valera for **Secretary**

David Hartman- has been a MSC member since 2005. He served as a Board Member as Director of Advertising and was our EC Vice President in 2007-2008. David is currently on the Board as Director of Web Services. He was trip leader on two past trips and presently Trip Leader for Our Park City 2012 trip, which is sold out. David has run numerous Keys snorkel, dive trips for Miami Ski Club. In his personal life he owns and operates a travel agency and marketing consulting company and volunteers with the Marine Mammal Conservancy in Key Largo. David's enthusiasm and experience will prove invaluable to MSC.

Karen Kirby- has been with MSC over 4 years and has consecutively served as a Board member as Director of Web Services and Hospitality. She and husband, John have attended four trips with the club and frequent all our Happy Hours. For the past 35 years Karen has owned her own business in the field of medical transcription and has served as Mayor and councilwoman for the Village of Miami Shores. In addition, she has served on numerous boards for charity organizations. The list goes on -- Karen is a real asset!

Bill Grieco has been in the MSC for five years, is our current EC Vice President and our Florida Ski Council Delegate. He ran our Breckenridge trip 2009. He brings a wealth of experience as a Professional Accountant and has been treasurer for many organizations over the years. Bill is currently the treasurer of the local chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers. A tremendous asset in handling our finances. Bill's easy going nature makes him a pleasure to work with.

Gina Masses-Valera Gina is currently our EC Treasurer and doing a great job. She has been in our club five years as well and attended 3 ski trips. She was on the Board of Directors as Director of Development for Broward County 2009. Gina is a CPA with her own practice on South Beach.

We look forward to introducing these candidates to you in person on **February 24**. Please come to this important meeting and support the Club!

MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE

May 31 to June 10, 2012
Includes two nights in Barcelona



Experience one of Europe’s most popular destinations in a brand new and unique way aboard the NCL EPIC. This modern marvel, voted ‘best cruise ship overall’ by travel weekly, made her European debut May 2011. Relax as you enjoy the award winning and hilariously inventive Blue Man Group, the Cirque Dreams, comedy specials, an ice bar (one of 16 world wide), a casino, spa, two pools, numerous restaurants and many other amenities.

The spectacular itinerary begins with two nights in Barcelona, the capital of Spain’s Catalonia region. Here you will be able to visit various points of interest and enjoy optional evening outings with typical food, drink and music. You will then continue on a seven day cruise. See complete itinerary in the back. First you will visit Naples, with optional side tours to the Isle of Capri and Pompeii. The next stop will lead you to Rome. After you will visit Florence and the Tuscan region. You will then continue to Nice, the jewel of the French Riviera, then on to Marseille, the oldest city in France founded in 600BC. Here you may also want to visit the city of Avignon, and the quaint villages of Le Baux and Aix en Provence. With such abundant choices every step of the way, and reasonable prices, this Miami Ski Club trip is destined to be a success.

Package: Prices are per person double occupancy for Inside and Balcony Cabins. Prices are per person single occupancy for the Studio Cabins. Prices include 2 nights and 2 breakfasts in a 4 Star Hotel in Barcelona, all meals and snacks aboard the ship, round trip air from Miami, ground transfers, air taxes, fuel surcharges, port charges, cruise taxes, ground and ship gratuities, pre and post trip parties. *Prices may be subject to change due to flight changes and any other events beyond our control. Airline baggage fees are not included in the package.*

Contact:
Pamela Epstein, Trip Leader
Mediterranean@miamiskiclub.net
305-772-1500

Inside Cabin	Double Occupancy	\$3,100
Studio Cabin	Single Occupancy	\$3,350
Balcony Cabin	Double Occupancy	\$3,450

Sun [Barcelona, Spain](#)

6:00PM

Barcelona, Spain The capital of Spain's Catalonia region is a classy, exciting, vibrant city that hosted the 1992 Summer Olympic Games. The old center of town boasts one of the greatest concentrations of Gothic architecture in Europe. But you'll find many marvels of Modernisme around throughout the rest of the city.

Mon [At Sea](#)

Tue [Naples, Italy](#)

7:00 AM 7:00 PM

Naples, Italy Naples changes dramatically from neighborhood to neighborhood, from chic to shabby, then back to chic again. But some of Italy's best shopping and dining is always at hand, including the original Neapolitan Pizza. Nearby you'll find Mt. Vesuvius, the Isle of Capri and Pompeii.

Wed [Rome \(Civitavecchia\), Italy](#)

7:00 AM 7:00 PM

Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy Bask in the glory of the city that once was the capital of the world's most powerful empire. No visit to Rome is complete without a visit to the Coliseum that stands as a reminder of the gladiator days. But be sure to visit St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican and the Pantheon, too.

Thu [Florence/Pisa \(Livorno\), Italy](#)

7:00 AM 7:00 PM

Florence/Pisa (Livorno), Italy How lucky to visit the Tuscan region, Florence & Pisa, resplendent in art and history. What's even more fortunate is that all the main attractions in Florence are centrally located for the perfect walking tour. See Santa Croce, Piazza del Duomo and Michelangelo's David.

Fri [Nice \(Villefranche\), France](#)

8:00 AM 7:00 PM

Nice (Villefranche), France At the foot of the Alps is the jewel of the French Riviera. Luxuriate on long sandy beaches and terrace cafés. Stroll along the Promenade des Anglais. Savor pissaladiés and caillettes.

Featured Shore Excursions

Sat [Provence \(Marseille\), France](#)

7:00 AM 4:00 PM

Provence (Marseille), France Located on the Mediterranean coast, Marseille is the oldest city in France and was founded in 600 BC. Amongst the many terracotta-roofed buildings lie many intriguing sights including the Cathedral of Notre-Dame-de-la-Garde. Other places well worth visiting are the city of Avignon and the quaint villages of Le Baux & Aix en Provence.

Sun [Barcelona, Spain](#)

5:00 AM