



News Letter

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

JUNE 2009

Happy hours

June 5, 6 - 8 PM

Angelo and Maxie's Steakhouse (appetizers)
3000 Florida Avenue (in the Mayfair Hotel)
Coconut Grove, (305) 445- 8177

June 12, 6 - 8 PM

Wyndham Resort
Bahamas weekend

June 19, 6 - 8PM

Biltmore Lounge (appetizers)
1200 Anastasia Avenue
Coral Gables, (305) 445-1926

June 26, 2009, 6 - 8 PM

Mix Ultra Lounge (drink specials and appetizers)
1903 Hollywood Blvd.
Hollywood, (954) 925-2555

MSC picnic

Sunday, July 19, 2009, noon - 4 PM
Sonesta Bayfront Hotel, Coconut Grove

It's that time of the year again! Our first major event of the season and the grand opening of our 2010 ski trips! There will be plenty of food, drink and great company. Best of all, this event is free to all members. So make sure that your membership is renewed, so you won't have to pay the \$45 guest fee! Don't forget to bring your check book, as this is the time and place our ski trips will go on sale. We have limited space available on all the trips, including the Florida Ski Council to Telluride, so signing up early is highly recommended.

The venue is central, great parking options, and the Biscayne Ballroom offers magnificent views of Sailboat Bay, Coconut Grove and far beyond. So please fill out the RSVP form in the back of this issue and send it in today!

Dine-a-round

Tuesday, June 23, 2009 , 7 PM

Calamari Italian Seafood, Coconut Grove

Our June Dine-a-round takes us to Coconut Grove's newest restaurant for a fine Italian seafood meal served on red and white checkered tablecloths. Calamari Italian Seafood is located on the site of the old Taurus, 3540 Main Highway, Coconut Grove, (305) 441-0219. This wonderful restaurant is under the same management and ownership as Café Luna, Carpaccio's in Bal Harbour, among many other successful food emporiums.

First course: Choice of Insalata della casa (Romaine, cucumber, avocado, tomatoes, red onions, green and yellow peppers in a cilantro lemon vinaigrette); Mozzarella Caprese (slices of mozzarella, fresh tomatoes and basil); Caesar (traditional Caesar salad tossed with homemade seasoned croutons, and parmigiano cheese); Eggplant Parmigiana.

Main course: Choice of Rigatoni tuna Bolognese (Rigatoni pasta with special tuna Bolognese-style sauce); Pollo Piccata (breast of chicken simply grilled with capers and roasted peppers in lemon butter sauce); Tilapia Oreganato (tilapia fillet tossed in seasoned bread crumbs and sautéed); pork chop Milanese (Double center cut pork chop pounded thin, hand breaded and pan fried).

Dessert: Choice of Tiramisu or Tartufo ice cream.

Please make check payable to the Miami Ski Club for \$40 for members and \$45 for guests. This includes tax, gratuity, and one glass of wine. Free valet parking, or park at a meter or nearby municipal lot. Please send your check to **H. Allen Benowitz**, 1865 Brickell Avenue, Tower A, PH 11, Miami, FL 33129-1657. For details or to make your reservations, please call Allen at **(305) 586-1181** (cell) or Jo and Allen at (305) 856-1402 at home. This is our last gourmet dining experience for the summer, so come and join us for this grand finale!



Letter from the Prez...

Greetings!

Well, here we are, the 2008/09 year behind us, and we are full speed ahead into the next one! We are very optimistic about the upcoming year, as we seem to have gotten a good handle on things, managed to adjust to the current economy, and have some pretty good plans for 2009/10.

As I have mentioned on this page before, this was a tough year. The Club suffered financial losses the year before, the economy hit rock bottom, and other issues came into play, none of which made our lives easier. Trip participation was affected, and as you can imagine, we live and die by our trips. But we have watched every penny like a hawk, paid attention to details and kept on renegotiating our contracts, which in the end allowed us to come out on top. None of our trips lost money, our special events did extremely well, and we seem to have ended the year with a modest income. Our treasury received a nice boost and is very solid now. As I write this, the 08/09 year is still not closed out, but I hope to have a full report for you on the Club's finances and general state of affairs in the August issue of this Newsletter.

In many ways, running the Club is considerably harder than running a business. We have no employees, only a bunch of dedicated volunteers working in their spare time. And we are all amateurs at what we do for the Club. Worse yet, our business model is absolutely horrible, and few enterprises could survive this way. When you think about it, we need to lay out large sums of money as much as a year in advance, and our "profits" are miniscule. We are happy to make \$25 per person on the ski trips, yet if we have as much as one unfilled room left, we stand to lose thousands. Our return on investment ratio defies any viable economic model, and our loss risk is huge. Yet, we can make it work, if we plan well and pay close attention to the execution. To the benefit of the Club, the hundreds upon hundreds of hours spent on all the details and minutia are donated by those involved in running the Club, and in the end, our members reap the benefits. We have had our ups and downs, but we have managed to do pretty well for over 40 years, providing an incredible value to our members. I always say that my life has been made infinitely richer for all the friendships I have made and the fun times I have had over the years in the Club. When I look around, most of my friends, my personal relationships and even my leisure time activities are very closely related to the Club. And this is the reason why we work as hard as we do for the Club - to give everyone the opportunity to look back one day and come to the same realization. This is a great Club, and I am proud to be able to tell you today that things are going well and looking up!

George Ondricek, president@miamiskiclub.net
(305) 234-7344

July 4 fireworks

Saturday, July 4th 5:30 PM
Miami Springs Country Club Golfcourse
650 Curtiss Parkway

Celebrate and enjoy a concert and firework display on the green in Miami Springs. Food, drink vendors and full cash bar will be available. All you need is a blanket, chair, red, white & blue attire and a great 4th of July spirit! We will meet on the golfcourse at a designated location on the Country Club side of the street near the golf carts and driving range.

Look for **Pam Epstein** in an Uncle Sam hat and red MSC t-shirt. Please contact Pam at (305) 772-1500 or socialevents@miamiskiclub.net to RSVP. Price is \$5 cash only please, for members and guests the day of the event.

Bring family and friends and leave time for parking. Miami Springs will also have an afternoon parade and earlier events that may interest you at www.miamispringscountryclub.com. Come on out and enjoy our great group to celebrate Independence day with!

MSC beach bags

These versatile bright red nylon drawstring bags with our MSC logo are now available for \$10. They are well made, functional, and they look pretty sharp! Not only will you get a neat bag, but you will be supporting the Miami Ski Club and a good cause, as a portion of our proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity. Please call **Pam Epstein** at (305) 772-1500 or e-mail her at socialevents@miamiskiclub.net to place your order. Quantities limited, so do not miss out! Great carry all for ski trips, beach, biking and hiking. Visit <http://www.habitat.org/> for further information about this wonderful organization.



For a color image of these cool bags, please take a look at our web site, miamiskiclub.com.

Above board

June is the first month of our 2009/10 fiscal year, and with it come some changes, mainly a new Board of Directors. Much to our delight, it is pretty much the previous board, with some minor changes. As it turns out, everyone on the 2008/09 board decided to stick with it and keep on pitching in. I can't tell you how lucky we are to have such a dedicated group working for us and holding things together!

As you very well know, Pam Epstein has been front and center every Friday night, hosting just about all of our happy hours for the past several years. That is an incredibly difficult task, and we owe Pam a lot for doing it. As other endeavors in her life will require some Friday nights, she will stay in her current position as Director of Social Events and keep organizing the happy hours, but the hosting duties will be

Keys Kayaking

Saturday, June 27, 9:30 AM
Robbie's Marina, Key Largo

Get ready to experience the Florida Keys at their best: kayaking and snorkeling! We will meet at Robbie's Marina (MM 77.5 Overseas Highway, 305-664-4878) and paddle across to Indian Key where we step back in Florida history and visit the ruins of a small port colony that was destroyed by a surprise Indian attack in 1840. There will be time to walk around the island, picnic, swim or snorkel to cool off. We then paddle across the channel to Lignuvitae Key, another wonderful historic site. We'll be in the water for about 4 hours. We plan to all stop for lunch after.

Kayaking experience and an adventurous spirit are desirable! Please bring a bathing suit, towel, a dry bag, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, sturdy shoes that can get wet (no thong sandals please), a hat, drinking water and snack. Bring dry clothes to leave in the car.

Your hosts are long time members and kayak lovers, **Evelyn Roisman and Betty Boffing**. Please RSVP by June 22 to Evelyn at eroisman@aol.com or leave her a message at (305) 238-2669. Checks should be made out to Miami Ski Club for \$45 members and \$50 guests and sent to: Evelyn Roisman at 15112 SW 74 Place, Miami, FL 33158. Event day only please, call Evelyn's cell at (786) 261-8597 or Betty's at (954) 881-0530. Kayaking has been repeatedly requested by many of our members, so we hope you will join us!

divided among a few other people. Want to help out? We can certainly use some friendly faces signing up our members on Friday nights!

Barbee Russo will also remain on the board, albeit in a different position. This time around, she will not coordinate our membership events, such as the Snowballs, but will take on the Development position which had been vacant for some time. The task of putting together the Picnic, Snowballs and other parties will be taken up by Sandie Margoluis. She returns to the board after a one year break. I think she missed us just as much as we have missed her!

We will also welcome Gina Massesvalera as our newest board member. She will be taking on the duties of the second Development position and helping out with other chores on the board. We are still looking for a replacement for Nansy, our Newsletter editor. Can you fill this void?

Officers & directors

Executive Committee

President	George Ondricek
Past President	Howard Margoluis
Vice President	Bernd Meier
Treasurer	Cathy Stahlmann
Secretary	Mary Ann Shockley

Board of Directors

Advertising	Burt Weiss
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Membership	Marcia Rosenbaum
Photography	Victor Linares
Public Relations	Lisa Hagen
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Social Events	Pamela Epstein
Special Events	Allen Benowitz
Web Services	Karen Kirby

Unfortunately, our **Director of Publications** position is still vacant, since the passing of Nancy MacKenzie. If you have any graphics skills or some experience with a page layout program, we could use your help with the publication of this Newsletter. We can provide some on-the-job training, if needed! Getting involved on the Board of Directors is a wonderful way to become a part of the Club and make some life long friends. If you could help, please contact any of the EC officers, or drop an e-mail to George Ondricek at president@miamiskiclub.net, or just give him a call at (305) 234-7344.

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pamelasjewel@yahoo.com



ARE YOU A MEMBER?

UNLESS YOU HAVE RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, YOU ARE NO LONGER A CURRENT MEMBER!

ALL 2008/09 MIAMI SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED ON MAY 30.

AS OF NOW, ONLY ONE THIRD OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE SENT IN THEIR RENEWAL APPLICATIONS AND DUES. SO IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY, PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES, FILL OUT THE APPLICATION ON THE RIGHT AND SEND IT IN WITH YOUR DUES!

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE OF YOUR RENEWAL, YOU CAN ALWAYS SEND AN E-MAIL TO database@miamiskiclub.net AND CHECK! WE'LL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO LET YOU KNOW.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE CLUB AND SEND YOUR RENEWAL TODAY!



Membership Application

SOURCE CODE
NL 6-09

LAST NAME _____ SEX _____

FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE INITIAL _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ APT. _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

E-MAIL

FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS ONLY (spouse signature required)

NAME OF SPOUSE _____

WORK PHONE _____

NAME OF CHILD _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

NAME OF CHILD _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

NAME OF CHILD _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW

In consideration for the benefits derived from membership in the Miami Ski Club, Inc. and acknowledging the hazards inherent in the sport of snow skiing, bicycling, roller blading, and other outdoor activities, the undersigned does hereby assume all risks and absolves, releases and waives any and all liability, claims or demands against the Miami Ski Club, Inc., its officers, directors and each and every member thereof, which may arise out of, or be related to any injury or pecuniary loss by reason of said membership, through participation in club activities. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Club, its Officers, Directors and Agents from any injury and all loss for expenses incurred by or attributable in any way to any trip, ski related or otherwise, or other Club sponsored activities.

Please make checks payable to Miami Ski Club, Inc. and mail to above address.

ADULT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SPOUSE SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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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 snow skiing trips and the year round outdoor and social events. Our membership year is from June 1 to May 31.

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	RENEWAL (From last year)	NEW
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INDIVIDUAL Available to individuals over the age of 18	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70
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FAMILY Married couples and single parents with children under the age of 24 residing with parents; couples with common address (need proof of residency)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90
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ASSOCIATE Individuals or families residing more than 100 miles from Miami International Airport	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45
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AFFILIATE Entitles current members of other Florida Ski Council clubs to join MSC trips after specific dates. Carries no other Miami Ski Club benefits		<input type="checkbox"/> \$1
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is well known that the more you get involved in the Club, the more you will get out of it! We always need friendly people to greet new members, help with various activities, the magazine or Newsletter. Would you like to join that group?

I would like to be more involved in the Miami Ski Club. Count me in!

Trip corner

Some of us have not even fully unpacked from the last ski trip, and here we are, ready to start another ski season! Here is the first glimpse of our upcoming 2010 ski season offerings:

Our first trip of the season will be to **Telluride**. This will be a fun Florida Ski Council trip from January 16 to 23, 2010 with lots of exciting activities. We will be staying at the ski-in/ski-out Mountain Lodge in the Mountain Village. The Mountain Lodge is richly furnished in a Western motif with soft leather furniture, flagstone accents and designer touches throughout. Framed in dazzling views of the 14,000 ft. peaks of the San Juan mountain range, the lodge offers the upscale amenities of a resort destination. You will enjoy an outdoor heated pool and Jacuzzi, exercise and steam rooms, as well as the Tavern Bar. Prepare to be pampered! A wide variety of trails and bowls offers skiing for the timid to the adventurous. Try out the newly opened Revelation Bowl. And for our gourmants and shoppers, there is the historic town of Telluride, offering world-class dining, shopping and exciting nightlife.

We will be offering an extension to the Telluride trip which will be to **Crested Butte** from Jan. 23 to 30, 2010. We have reserved studio accommodations at the Grand Lodge, a full service hotel in the heart of the mountain village. On site amenities include an indoor/outdoor pool and hot tub, an exercise room and complimentary high speed wireless Internet. This is a great way to extend your skiing!

Yes, we are going back to one of our favorite haunts, the newly renovated Manor Vail Lodge in **Vail**, from Feb. 6 to 13, 2010. We have reserved studios with fully equipped kitchens and fireplaces. Each unit features a balcony or patio with views of the Vail Mountains, Gore Creek or the Gore Range. The property is located right across from the Golden Peak lift. I don't have to tell you that Vail with 5,300 acres of terrain is the largest single ski mountain in the United States and one of its top ski resorts. For the skiers, it offers everything, from long intermediate runs through the aspens to the back bowls as well as back country skiing in the Blue Sky Basin. And there are plenty of green runs for those who want to take it easy. The non-skiers can enjoy Vail Village, an Austrian inspired center with walking streets bordered by over 70 restaurants, loads of galleries to browse around in, boutiques and bars to relax after your shopping spree. In the unlikely event that you will run out of things to do there is always Beaver Creek, a short run away by shuttle bus. See you in Vail!

Our final trip for the season is scheduled for Feb. 21 to 27, 2010 to **Winter Park**. This is tentative at

this point, as we have not yet signed a contract. We plan to stay at the popular Vintage Resort Hotel in studios with kitchenettes and fireplaces. The hotel, which has been voted one of the best 50 ski resort hotels by Conde Nast, offers an on-site ski shop, sauna, outdoor pool and outdoor hot tub. Plus, we get great lift ticket rates! Five big mountains provide an extensive variety for all levels of skiers. So what are you waiting for?

We have worked very hard on securing great locations with attractively priced packages. We are sure you'll love our 2010 ski offerings! Trips will go on sale on July 19th our Picnic at the Sonesta Bayfront Hotel in Coconut Grove, overlooking Sailboat Bay. So don't miss out on these great trips, join us for a BBQ and be the first ones to sign up!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact our VP of trips at vicepresident@miamiskiclub.net. See you at the Picnic!

To Russia with love

May 19 - 31, 2010

As this Newsletter issue is landing in your mail boxes, our Austro-Hungarian Empire Tour is taking off on the fantastic journey into the Old World for a two and a half week vacation that is sure to create some unforgettable memories. Not to rest on our laurels, we are already hard at work on our next exotic adventure. How does spring in Russia sound?

We have just secured space on the five star MS Tolstoy, which is without a doubt the most unique and luxurious boat cruising the Volga river. We have blocked out the best category of cabins, to assure the ultimate experience for our travelers. One of the unique things about this boat is the size - it takes only about half the passengers the other cruises do, once again playing into the intimate and private nature of our exotic trips.

This two week adventure is to start in Moscow, with three days to explore the city, and then embark on a cruise down the Volga river, eventually ending up in magnificent St. Petersburg for another three days of exploration.

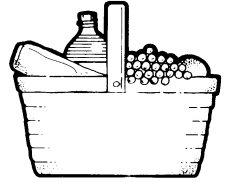
We are just in the process of setting up this trip, so details and photographs won't be available until fall of this year, but we can tell you that we are negotiating with Singapore Air for our overseas transportation. Those of you who were fortunate enough to take part in our Indochina trip know very well why Singapore Airlines is considered the best carrier in the world! What can we say, we always try to get the best for you, and this trip will be no exception! Stay tuned for more information.

MSC ANNUAL PICNIC RSVP

Please return this form by July 10, 2009 to Sandie Margoluis 11225 S.W. 112 Street Miami, FL 33176 or e-mail **Sandie** at membershipevents@miamiskiclub.net or call her at (305) 596-9311 to RSVP.

Please make sure you respond, so we have enough food!

RSVPs and cancellations are absolutely necessary.



NAME OF MEMBER _____

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NAME OF GUEST _____

@ \$45

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TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

PLEASE DETACH HERE AND MAIL TO SANDIE MARGOLUIS 11225 S.W. 112 Street, Miami, FL 33176

MSC PICNIC

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2009 AT HIGH NOON

Lunch is served from 1 PM - 2:30 PM

Sonesta Bayfront Hotel, Coconut Grove

2889 McFarlane Rd., Coconut Grove, FL 33133, (305) 529-2828

Party time, picnic time, play time!

Come and join us as we kick off our 41st year and the 2009/10 ski season!

Our ski trips will go on sale at noon with trip leaders ready to sign you up.

Then at 1 PM the food line opens and you will be treated to a lunch of tossed Ceasar salad, barbecue chicken, grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with corn on the cob, roasted potatoes, jalopeno corn bread, rolls and all the fixin's.

There will be a cash bar to quench your thirst, or you can use the bar by the pool and enjoy the spectacular view of Sailboat Bay, Coconut Grove and beyond.

So come, have fun, see your friends and sign up for a ski trip or two!

Valet parking is \$9, or you can park in the municipal garage in the same building.

Members free

Guests \$45



Return service requested
TIME DATED MATERIAL

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