



JUG & MUG SKI CLUB



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GENERAL MEETINGS are held the third Tuesday of each month. The next general meeting will be February 18 at **Tripper's, 350 Frandor Avenue, Lansing**. Social hour begins at 6:30 pm, with the meeting starting at 7:30 pm. Feel free to stay after the meeting for drinks and socializing.

COUNCIL MEETINGS are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. This month, the meeting will be February 11 at 410 South Cedar Street, on the corner of Cedar and Kalamazoo. Contact Sharon Roberts at least two days before the meeting if you have an agenda item for the council. Members are welcome at any meeting; feel free to see your council at work.

Upcoming Activities

TINA'S 4TH ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY, CO-HOSTED BY KEITH HINES, FEBRUARY 2 It'll be the Denver Broncos v. the Seattle Seahawks playing in Super Bowl XLVII in the first outdoor, cold weather Super Bowl! The party starts at 5 p.m. at 6084 Harkson Drive, East Lansing. Hot dogs and brats will be provided. Bring a dish to share and your own beverages. Wear your ski clothes so you can cook your dog or brat on the outdoor grill! There'll be Super Bowl-related games, and card tables set up. Call 517-253-7107 with questions or email grandma.tina@yahoo.com.

A WINTER EXTRAVAGANZA, PETOSKEY, FEBRUARY 6-9, 2014 Consider going on this trip if you would like to downhill and cross-country ski, snowboard, or go shopping or to the casino. Attendees ski at Boyne Resorts with cross-country skiing at Petoskey State Park.

We have made it simple to participate in this trip.

Call Perry Hotel at (231) 347-4000 for your room reservation. (Even though the rooms have been released to the public, the discount will be honored as long as rooms are available.)

Inform reservation staff you are with the Jug & Mug Ski Club to get the group discount rate.

Thursday stay is optional.

All rooms are individual pay.

Cancellation policy is 48 hours prior to arrival.

Inform the trip chairs you are going! They need to know so they can plan for you.

Friday night welcome party will be in the Resort Room, next to Noggins Room, beginning at 5 p.m. with Happy Hour pricing from 4 to 6 p.m. No food or drinks can be brought into this room.

Room costs are the Cushman Room at \$99 and the Park House Room at \$119 per night for 1 or 2. Add \$20 per night for a 3rd and also for a 4th person in the room. The Cushman rooms are their smaller rooms. A Bayside Room can be reserved for \$169.

Contact chairpersons Lisa Martin at 517.749.3222 or lisa.a.martin@comcast.net and Sharon Roberts at sharonann48@hotmail.com or 517-230-5357.

This event is approved by the J&M Council and all funds shall be made out to Jug & Mug Ski Club.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING, FEBRUARY 16

We had such a good time cross-country skiing in January that we decided to do it again in February. Meet at 1:00 pm at Burchfield Park, located at 881 Grovenberg Road in Holt. If you don't have an annual city park permit, there is \$3 entry fee. Ski rental is available for \$8.00 for the first hour and \$3.00 for the second hour, with an \$11.00 maximum for the day. Please arrive at

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President's Column

As I finish writing this column today, I am in Green Bay, Wisconsin, with family in what seems like frigid weather forever, with a -16 degrees this morning, and that does not include the wind chill. When I told my granddaughter I would again be there for her January birthday, I did not realize this winter would undeniably be a consistent frosty winter. After contemplating travel options, I chose to travel via Hwy. 2. I lucked out, as the roads were good with an abundance of sunshine that bounced and glistened off the lakeshore snow.

January 21 was our first general meeting at Trippers. Pizza was provided by Council and enjoyed by all who attended. Two servers were provided for us and they did an excellent job making sure everyone's needs were met. The constant comments I have received from those in attendance was how nice it was to be in a quiet room where they could hear and talk among each other.

Several upcoming events on the schedule to consider are skiing, shopping, or the casino February 6-9 while staying at the historic Stafford Perry Hotel, Petoskey, and the March 7-9 trip to Cedar Bend, Mancelona, where you can do the on-site activities as cross country skiing, snowshoeing and relaxing inside the main lodge or driving to one of the ski slopes about 20 minutes away. Tina is again hosting the super fun Super Bowl party February 2. The yearly St. Patrick's Day party is March 15 at the home of Sharon Gaier who always does a theme. The Club is grateful to those who host parties in their homes year after year for the rest of us to greet and meet and have a good time.

The Club needs more involvement from the members to plan activities and to host a party. For instance, we need activities for April and May. **Also, council elections will be in April.** Think about serving to learn how decisions are made, be part of the decision process and realize ways you can contribute. Consider talking to council members or others regarding serving on the council, planning a trip, hosting a party or whatever you think would be of interest to do. People want to do new things. The Club wants your participation.

Keep warm, safe and hope to see you at Trippers and getting involved.

Sharon Roberts
President

2013-2014 Council

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ONGOING EVENTS

TGIF — Our happy hour for February will be at **Harry's Place** located at 404 Verlinden Avenue in Lansing. Harry's has an all you can eat fish special from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm for \$10.50. You can choose cod, shrimp, clams, smelt, or catfish, served with fries, baked potato, or cole slaw. Happy hour for the month of March will be at **Art's Bar**, Kalamazoo Street, Lansing. We meet every Friday from 5 to 7 pm and they often have music starting around 8 pm. Their Friday specials are Long Islands for \$4 and Fish and Chips for \$8.99. Come and join the fun! If you have any suggestions for Happy Hour, please call Kurt Mertins at 517-886-4061.

Jug & Mug Book Club — Our next meeting will be at Helen Ross's house, Monday February 3, 6:30 pm. Bring your ideas for the next book to read, a snack to share, and your own beverage. Helen lives at 1401 Somerset Close Street, East Lansing.

Our current book is "Watch for Me on the Mountain" by Forrest Carter. It's the story of Geronimo and is told from several different persons' points of view. Geronimo was able to help the Apache people ward off slavery and death, against huge odds, for twenty years longer than seemed possible. Moving, sad and inspiring, this book brings about heightened appreciation for Native American spirituality and resiliency.

If you are interested in being part of our book club, contact Helen at hall_family@hotmail.com.

Movie Matinee — Do you enjoy watching the latest movie release? Join an informal group to see all the newest shows on Thursday afternoons at NCG Theatre. Joanne Creede will send out an email on Friday (sometimes later) listing the movies and the time, usually the last showing prior to 6:00 p.m. You vote for your favorite, via email, and Joanne will send out an email on Wednesday stating the movie choice and the time. Sometimes we go out for a meal after the movie. Cost of the movie is \$5; everything else is optional. To get on the email listing, send a request to kayjoe@comcast.net.

Indoor Tennis — Jug & Mug members and guests are back on the courts every Wednesday night. We play 6 pm to 8 pm at the MSU tennis facility on Mt. Hope, with rehydration following. If you wish to be on the email list, contact Rich Rybicki (richrybick@yahoo.com). Players of all levels welcome; get off the couch and on the court.

Singing at Burcham Hills — We will be singing at Burcham Hills on two Sundays, February 9 and February 23, downstairs in the Whitehouse Room at 7:00 pm. Join us; we sing familiar songs and music is provided. It is a pleasant hour and the senior residents love our participation. It is a great opportunity to feel good about helping others. For more information, contact our music coordinator, Diane West, at westdance@att.net or 810-687-7007.

Sing A Long — On February 25, the Sing A Long will be at the home of Joyce Davenport, 2790 Sirhal #317, East Lansing, behind Coral Gables Plaza. We meet in the community room, right by the big main doors where you walk in. Arrive anytime after 7:00 pm. Bring your singing voice, a beverage, and a snack to share, if you want. Plan on a relaxed "good for the soul" evening filled with music. Contact Joyce at 402-2488 with any questions.

Walking the River Trail — We have a NEW meeting place for the walk. Our usual route suffered with the ice storm, with branches over the trail that are not being cleared away. As a result, part of our route has not been plowed, creating a dangerous situation. For now, we are meeting every Monday and Wednesday at 6:15 pm at Maguire Park, Jolly and Aurelius Road, Lansing. There is parking off Aurelius, behind the former 7Eleven store. Walking is a weight-bearing, low-impact exercise with numerous health benefits. Yes, it is dark out there, but there is adequate light on the path. Get some beneficial exercise that is important for your well being and physical health. Put on your hat, don your mittens, walk with us, laugh with us, and enjoy the outdoors. Call Joanne Creede at 285-4795 or Bonnie Mernitz at

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2 Super Bowl Party	3 River Walk Book Club	4	5 River Walk Tennis	6 Winter Extravaganza	7 TGIF, Harry's Winter Extravaganza	8 Winter Extravaganza
9 Burcham Hills Winter Extravaganza	10 River Walk	11 Council Meeting	12 River Walk Tennis	13	14 TGIF, Harry's	15
16 Cross Country Skiing	17 River Walk	18 General Meeting	19 River Walk Tennis	20	21 TGIF, Harry's	22
23 Burcham Hills	24 River Walk	25 Sing A Long	26 River Walk Tennis	27	28 TGIF, Harry's	

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12:30 pm if you need to rent skis. Everyone is invited to join us after skiing at Buddies in Holt about 3:00 pm, even if you do not go skiing. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Stephens at 335-9403 or 525-1783 or Joanne Creede at 285-4795. Questions for the park are 676-2233. <http://pk.ingham.org/WinterSportsStatus.aspx>.

We are also developing an e-mail/phone ski list for downhill and cross-country. If you would like your name on this list, please contact Mary Stephens at Brandy777219@yahoo.com or Joanne Creede at kayjoe@comcast.net.

CEDAR BEND, MARCH 7-9, 2014 Join us for a fun-filled weekend in a lovely rustic lodge in Mancelona at Cedar Bend Farms. Enjoy cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing and tubing on the property, or at Cedar River by Shanty Creek resort, and downhill skiing at Shanty Creek, Boyne Mountain, Nub's Nob, or Boyne Highlands, all within a 20 minute drive. Casinos are also nearby. The trip will include two nights of lodging, Friday night welcome party, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and Sunday breakfast. This is a fun and relaxing weekend and you don't have to ski to enjoy yourself. Bring board games, music, books, or anything relaxing you can think of. The cost is \$75.00 for members and \$85.00 for non-members.

The last possible date to sign up is at the February 18 General Meeting. You can also mail a check (made out to Jug & Mug) to Helen Ross, 1401 Somerset Close, East Lansing, 48823. Reserve your spot now by contacting Helen at hall_family@hotmail.com or 517-332-5595.

ZODIAC PARTY, MARCH 15 Let's celebrate St. Patrick's Day Jug & Mug style, with a "POTATO PARTY" at the home of Sharon Gaier, 5915 Patriots Way, East Lansing. Her

number is 333-2624 or 316-6525. The fun begins after 6:00 PM Saturday evening.

Please bring an unbaked potato and Sharon will bake them and provide the fixings for your own stuffed potato. You may also bring a dish to pass and any games that you may want to play. As usual, this is BYOB. So come and join the St. Patrick's Day party with your Jug & Mug friends. Remember a dollar for the kitty.

THE BOOK OF MORMON, JUNE 13 Yes! We have a chance to see a Broadway show right here in East Lansing. If you are interested in seeing what the NYT calls "the best musical of this century," the play Entertainment Weekly considers "the funniest musical of all time," join us at the Wharton Center in June to see The Book of Mormon. There are a limited number of seats available before they go on sale to the public. Interested? Let Kurt Mertins know ASAP so we can reserve seats together for a great evening at the Wharton. The group discounted price is \$86. Mark your calendar for June 13, 7:30 pm, at the Wharton. Contact Kurt at kmertins@hotmail.com or 886-4061 or Barb Tanaka at 899-5835 or barbtanaka@yahoo.com.

Jug & Mug on Facebook

Visit the Jug & Mug Facebook page, "like" the Jug & Mug, post comments and photos, share with friends, stay tuned for activities.

2014/2015 Jug & Mug Council Elections

WE WANT YOU! Unlike draft notices of yesteryear, this is not the US Army calling you up, but your Jug & Mug Ski Club asking members to run for next year's council and offices. If you enjoy participating in club activities, it's time to step up to the plate and help. We need your energy and fresh ideas on our council. You may be thinking "Who me? I don't know enough." Or "I'm too shy." Or "It's too much work." But these are learn-on-the-job positions (previous council members will advise you), you're never required to give a speech, and it's not arduous. Requirements: show up for the meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, speak about your ideas and opinions, and help plan club projects and activities. Please speak to Sharon Roberts or any of your council members (contact information on page 2) to volunteer to run for a position. Your club needs you!



February 2014 Singles DanceSports



Ballroom, Swing, and Nightclub

Great Lakes Swing Association ~ Wednesdays, 6pm.

Lesson \$6, 7-10 pm dance \$10 at Rollhaven of Flushing
east of Flint, 3464 Ann Drive off Pierson Road - west of I-
75 and just east of Elms Road. Info/map: [greatlakesswing-
dance.com](http://greatlakesswing-dance.com).

Snow Much Fun Winter Blues Blast ~ Saturday, February 1. 6:45-11 pm. Grand Ledge Masonic Lodge #179, 200 West River Street, Grand Ledge. Singles, Couples, Casual Attire, table Seating, West Coast Swing lessons and dance party. \$10 General admission.

Information: 810-691-2719 or 517-749-1300

Strictly For Fun "Love of Dance" Valentine Dance Party ~ Dress to Impress ~ Saturday, February 1.

Lessons 6:45-8, dance 8-10:30 pm. Central United Methodist Church, 3rd floor. Casual attire. \$15. Info: strictly.for.fun.ballroom@gmail.com.

Capitol Area Sunday Swing ~ Sunday, February 2, 9, 16, and 23. Opens 5:45, West Coast lesson at 6, dance 6:45-10 pm. Eagles Club, 4700 North Grand River west of the Airport. Admission \$8. With lesson, \$10. Dances are subject to occasional cancellation. (517) 321-0933 or casdance.com.

Tomlian Ballroom Dance ~ 2nd Saturday, February 8.
Central United Methodist Church. 7 pm lesson (add \$5),
Dance 8-10:30 pm, \$10. Info: (517) 655-3611, tomlian-dance.com.

USA Monthly Ballroom & Swing Dance ~ 3rd Saturday, February 1 and 15. Central United Methodist Church. 7 pm. Special instructors & dance 8-11 pm. \$15. Info: usadance2037.org.

Freestyle & Ballroom

Singles TGIF Nite Life ~ Fridays, February 7, 14, 21, and 28. 8-12 with Hors d'oeuvres at 8:30. Admission \$12. Details: singlestgif.com.

Greenville Singles Dance ~ Most Fridays, 7 pm-12
Greenville American Legion, Casual dress. Admission \$7

Country

Ten Pound Fiddle Contra & Square Dance ~ Next dance March 1. Admission \$10. TenPoundFiddle.org.

Looking Glass Festival ~ Saturday, February 15.
Dancing at Central United Methodist Church. Admission \$10. Info: lqmaa.org/ and lqmaa.org/fest13.htm.

Lessons

Parkwood YMCA ~ You CAN Dance Workshop! ~
Singles and couples, featuring beginning lessons. Must pre-register for all activity at Parkwood front desk: (517) 827-9680.

Michigan Athletic Center ~ Enrollment info: MAC
Concierge 364-8800

Lansing Parks & Recreation ~ Info: 483-4277 or www.lansingmi.gov/parks/actproq/dance_classes.jsp

Further Information and new dance venues
Contact: Carolyn Tody ~ carley1t@sbcglobal.net or 402-3224.

Wanted: more photographers to take photos at the Jug & Mug Ski Club events. These photos are not only used for the slideshow at the general meetings but also serve the purpose of creating historical records for the Club. You do not need to be a photographer but photos taken and submitted should be done with discretion. If you take photos, be sure to send them to Rich Rybicki and/or Sharon Roberts. Contact Sharon for additional information and Rich to let him know you are sending photos. Contact information is on page 2.

PAST ACTIVITIES

WINTER ZODIAC PARTY, JANUARY 18

About 25 people showed up at Helen Ross's house to enjoy good food and play cards (poker, euchre, and a wild game of 500 Rummy). Some of the great food selections were white chicken chili, tuna casserole, Chinese fried rice, homemade pies and cakes, and various salads. After totally filling ourselves up, the card games ensued. Thanks to everyone who attended and see you again next year!

Helen Ross

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING, JANUARY 19

Three brave souls came to the Burchfield for Cross Country Skiing on January 19. Joanne Creede, Bobby Black, and Mary Stephens had a swell time skiing from the warming house and around the back of the park. Joanne had purchased new skis so she was flying. We were dressed appropriately and were **not** cold. Afterward, we had great food and beverages at Buddies in Holt. Burchfield is the only Ingham County Park that is offering cross-country ski rental so try to join us again on February 19.

Joanne Creede and Mary Stephens

Jug & Mug February Birthdays

2/11 Thomas Beckner
2/13 Joyce Hensley

Free birthday deals: Check it out!
[http://dealseekingmom.com/
birthday-freebies-clubs-specials/](http://dealseekingmom.com/birthday-freebies-clubs-specials/)

*Join us every third Tuesday at Trippers Sports Bar,
350 Frandor Avenue, Lansing. We have a private
meeting room, just inside the front door. Social hour
starts at 6:30 pm and the general meeting starts at
7:30 pm. Check it out on February 18.*

INTRODUCTIONAL SKI WEEKEND, JANUARY 24 - 26

The Instructional Weekend, the last weekend in January, was a true old time ski weekend. The wind speed was higher than the temperatures; the snowfall equaled the cold temps. I added a neck warmer to my ski wardrobe. A total of seven ski clubs from across the state joined in the party. Nightly music was provided by Lansing's own Life Support.

Starting with some Friday skiing, it was time to get acquainted with our Jug & Mug group at the welcome party. The party then moved to Ivan's for music and drinks.

Saturday started with greetings at breakfast, then time to bundle up for the ski lessons. A small crowd gave a chance for some real custom instructions.

The banquet was held in the Cedar River area of the resort. The 10 minute bus ride is equaled by a ski run down the purple lift. If you have not been to Shanty Creek resorts in a while, they have made some very nice changes. The prime rib was excellent along with a fine chocolate cake desert. The annual door prize give away had one winner from our group. Denise Cecil won some goggles. Waiting for the shuttle bus, we endured the loss of the MSU-UM game.

Sunday was a repeat of Saturday until early afternoon, when it was goodbyes to all our old and new friends and it was back on the road to home.

One of the great benefits of the trip once you arrive you can leave the cars keys in the room. As I cleaned the six inches of snow off my car in preparing to leave I realized there have been 8 attendees annually but they change each year. So I see a potential of 24 attendees for next year's trip to Shanty creek. Oh no, we may have to stay at the Summit area, not Schuss village; with that large of group, the price of success.

Rich Rybicki and Mike Canzillo

Upcoming Events

February 2	Super Bowl Party
February 6-9	Petoskey Trip
February 16	Cross Country Skiing
March 7-9	Cedar Bend
March 15	Zodiac Party
June 13	The Book of Mormon
June 22	President's Picnic

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YOUR JUG & MUG MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES YOU TO THE BENEFITS OF MDSC AND OTHER SKI/SOCIAL CLUBS. THE WEB SITE (WWW.MDSCSKI.ORG) LISTS CURRENT EVENTS, AFFILIATED CLUBS, AND DISCOUNTS. CALL OUR MDSC REPRESENTATIVE, TERI MILLER, AT 517-699-2969 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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