



# JUG & MUG SKI CLUB



## The Journal

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[www.jugandmug.org](http://www.jugandmug.org)

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**GENERAL MEETINGS** are held the third Tuesday of each month. The next general meeting will be October 20 at **Tripper's, 350 Frandor Avenue, Lansing**. Social hour begins at 6:30 pm, with the meeting starting at 7:30 pm. You are invited to stay after the meeting for drinks and socializing.

**COUNCIL MEETINGS** are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. This month, the meeting will be October 13 at 410 South Cedar Street, Lansing. Contact Bilky Joda-Miller at least three 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

### DINNER AND A MOVIE, OCTOBER 17

Don't stay home on a Saturday night. Enjoy dinner at the UKAI Hibachi Grill and Sushi Bar, 754 Delta Commerce Drive, Lansing. We'll meet at 6:30 pm and be entertained as our meal is prepared at the table. Between courses, we will decide what movie to watch at Regal Cinema, 5330 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing. Contact Bilky Joda-Miller by noon on Thursday, October 15, at [bilkyj@yahoo.com](mailto:bilkyj@yahoo.com) or 256-6596.

### HALLOWEEN PARTY, OCTOBER 24

Don't This is hosting this great event again this year. The festivities starts at 7:00 pm with dance music by Tom Beckner. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share; Sloppy Joes will be provided. Costumes are optional but dress for the weather as the barn is not heated. Admission is \$7 at the door. The address is 10565 West Price Road, Fowler 48835. Volunteers are still needed to help with admissions and coordinate some food. Please contact Teri Miller at [tmclocks@hotmail.com](mailto:tmclocks@hotmail.com) or 699-2969 or to help make this evening a success.

### PURPLE ROSE, NOVEMBER 14

Don't hesitate to sign up and purchase a ticket for the play **Casting Session** by Jeff Daniels. These tickets sell fast. The play, a comedy, is about Frank and Ron who are two middle-aged actors who have been



competing for the same roles in New York City and beyond for thirty years. *\*Contains adult language.*

The cost is \$38.00, checks payable to the Jug & Mug Ski Club. The play begins at 3 p.m. BUT meet Kurt at 2:40 in the theater lobby to get your ticket. Purchase and refund deadline is **November 7**. After the play, we will eat at the Smokehouse 52 BBQ Restaurant. The cost of your meal is up to you.

See your trip chair at the October general meeting or contact Kurt Mertins at [kmertins@hotmail.com](mailto:kmertins@hotmail.com) or 886-4061. Attendees are responsible for their own transportation. Should you wish to share the ride to Chelsea, meet at the Okemos Park & Ride at 1:00 P.M. to carpool (behind the Cracker Barrel restaurant). Let Kurt know if you will **NOT** meet at the Park and Ride. Log onto <http://jugandmug.org> for driving directions and details.

### SCHUSS MT RESORTS INTRODUCTORY WEEKEND, JANUARY 22-24

The Jug & Mug's first ski weekend is ready to go at Schuss Mt. resorts. The price has increased and hopefully the fun factor also.

Included are three days of skiing, two breakfasts, Saturday night banquet with door prizes, and up to 16 hours of ski instructions in downhill, telemark, snowboarding and cross country techniques, along with two nights lodging.

Lodging consists of two choices: Schuss Village or Cedar River. Schuss Village is the typical two queen beds, one bath for \$339 per person, double

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# Council Column

Dear Jug & Mug Members:

Are you bored? Is life NOT an adventure? Need a purpose? Join a club and get involved. Statistics have proven; volunteering is good for your overall health.

I do not have any statistics, but in my life observations, all organizations have a small core group of people doing a majority of the work. Amazingly, this small core group is involved in many different organizations.

Personally, I am a member and involved in the American Legion; Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, (APCO); Eaton County Historical Commission; Jug & Mug Ski Club; and the Knights of Columbus. I guess I cannot sit on my hands; I usually volunteer for something. Why belong if not involved? Why be a card carrying member and just pay dues money? There is much more to life than watching the world go by when instead you can help mould that world.

I love the Jug & Mug! No other organization I belong to is just about having fun, meeting new friends, going on new adventures. We do not advocate any causes, try to influence public policy or work for the underprivileged.

Our only cause, our only policy, is to engage in group activities for a great time. Think about that; our outings, events, trips, etc., all center on doing things we enjoy with people we enjoy. Sure some trips may not be as smooth as we wish, some activities are not your cup of tea, BUT they all involve having a great fun time. So if you want fun, travel and adventure (FTA) get involved. Run an event, assist with an event, attend an event.

**Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.**

That being said, ski season is quickly approaching. This is a ski club! So skiing we shall go!

We begin in December with the Warren Miller movie *Chasing Shadows*. Help support skiing and the Okemos Ski Team. January is the Introductory Weekend at Schuss Mountain Resort. Gee, I chair that event. Sign up soon.

March we all enjoy Cedar Bend in Mancelona, Michigan, for a fun filled winter weekend. The weekend includes snow shoeing and cross-country skiing. Boyne Mountain and Schuss Resorts are just down the road for downhillers.

We need someone to step up and do a February Petoskey trip. Shopping, gambling, skiing and the Perry Hotel as a great home base. No, my hand is not volunteering!

All this information and more can be found on our website; JugandMug.org.

Rich Rybicki  
Treasurer

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# ONGOING EVENTS

**TGIF** — The club's happy hours for October will be at two places so please check your calendar each week.

- \* October 2 and 9 at Art's Bar, 809 East Kalamazoo Street, Lansing
- \* October 16, 23, and 30 at La Señorita, 2706 Lake Lansing Road, Lansing.

In November, we will be at Reno's North on November 6 and 13, with Air Supply starting their set at 7:00 pm. Midtown Brewing is our location on November 20 and 27; we will be there for Silver Bells in the City.

Please come out and join us for some fun at the end of your week. Many new people have been coming to see what we're about.

Linda Lillie is our happy hour coordinator. If you have any suggestions, contact Linda at LMLillie@gmail.com or 290-0189.

**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, Eastwood Towne Center. 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. Vote for your choice via email and Joanne will send out an email on Wednesday stating the movie choice and the time. We often go out for a meal afterward and discuss the movie, and other subjects. The cost of the movie is \$5; everything else is optional. Contact Joanne at kayjoe@comcast.net to get on the email listing. If you don't have email, you can still attend the movies with us. Call Joanne after 8:00 pm on Wednesday at 285-4795 to find out the selected movie and viewing time.

**Singing at Burcham Hills** — We will be singing at Burcham Hills on Sunday, October 25, downstairs in the Whitehouse Room, at 7:00 pm. Join us; we sing familiar songs and music sheets are 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** — Sing A Long will be on hiatus until after the holidays, in January 2016. To volunteer your home for a future Sing A Long, or if you have any questions, contact Diane West at westdance@att.net or 810-687-7007.

**Social Tennis** — The Jug & Mug members are playing at Lett's Center tennis courts, located on Kalamazoo just west of Martin Luther King Boulevard. Play starts between 5 pm and 5:30 pm on Thursday evenings. We can play outdoors in October, weather permitting. In November, we will move to Wednesday evenings, indoors to the MSU Tennis Facility. After tennis, rehydration takes place at Harry's Bar. If you wish to be on the email list for regular updates, contact Oren Christmas at christmaso@comcast.net or Rich Rybicki at richrybick@yahoo.com.

**Jug & Mug Book Club** -- The Jug & Mug Book Club is a friendly group who get together every six weeks or so to discuss the book we have chosen at the previous meeting. We munch on a snack or two, have a glass of our favorite beverage, and chit-chat a bit before discussing the book. The book we are currently reading is *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving.

Owen Meany is a dwarfish boy with a strange voice who accidentally kills his best friend's mom with a baseball and believes--accurately--that he is an instrument of God, to be redeemed by martyrdom. The book is often hilarious, but as *Highlights Magazine* used to put it, it is "fun with a purpose." When Owen plays baby Jesus in the pageants, and glimpses a tombstone with his death date while enacting *A Christmas Carol*, the slapstick doesn't cancel the fact that he was born to be martyred. This book is widely available in paperback, on Kindle, and in your local libraries.

The next meeting will be held at Rich Rybicki's home, date to be announced later. If you are interested in being included on the book club notification list, please contact Helen Ross at 332-5595 or hall\_family@hotmail.com.

**Walking the River Trail** — Join us every Monday and Wednesday at 410 South Cedar, Lansing, at 6:15 pm for a walk on the River Trail. We walk four miles, to Potter Park Zoo and back. You get beneficial exercise and it may help you shed a few of those excess pounds. The fall colors are popping out and numerous deer, rabbits, and some surprises cross our path. Put on your walking shoes and join us, laugh with us, and enjoy the outdoors. Call Joanne Creede at 285-4795 or Bonnie Mernitz at 449-6368 with any questions.

# October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Movie Matinee Tennis	2 TGIF, <i>Art's Bar</i> Fall Outing	3 Fall Outing
4 Fall Outing	5 River Walk	6	7 River Walk	8 Movie Matinee Tennis	9 TGIF, <i>Art's Bar</i>	10
11	12 River Walk	13 Council Meeting	14 River Walk	15 Movie Matinee Tennis	16 TGIF, <i>La Señorita</i>	17 Dinner & Movie
18	19 River Walk	20 General Meeting	21 River Walk	22 Movie Matinee Tennis	23 TGIF, <i>La Señorita</i>	24 Halloween Barn Party
25 Burcham Hills	26 River Walk	27	28 River Walk	29 Movie Matinee Tennis	30 TGIF, <i>La Señorita</i>	31 Halloween

# NOVEMBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 River Walk	3	4 River Walk Tennis	5 Movie Matinee	6 TGIF, <i>Reno's North</i>	7
8 Burcham Hills	9 River Walk	10 Council Meeting	11 Veteran's Day	12 Movie Matinee	13 TGIF, <i>Reno's North</i>	14 Purple Rose
15	16 River Walk	17 General Meeting	18 River Walk Tennis	19 Movie Matinee	20 TGIF, <i>Midtown Brewing</i>	21
22	23 River Walk	24	25 River Walk Tennis	26 Thanksgiving	27 TGIF, <i>Midtown Brewing</i>	28
29	30 River Walk					

# Upcoming Activities

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occupancy. Quad accommodations are \$295 per person.

Cedar River is a small suite, 2 queen beds, one bath, sleeper sofa with a small living room at \$433, double occupancy; only \$333 per person as a quad.

The sign up deadline is December 18, 2015. Contact Rich Rybicki at [richrybick@yahoo.com](mailto:richrybick@yahoo.com) or 663-1854 for more details.

## ALASKAN CRUISE, MAY 29-JUNE 5,

**2016** There is still time to sign up for a seven nights cruise to see some of the most extraordinary stops along Alaska's Inside Passage and coastline. You'll see glaciers flowing into the sea, forests rising up from the shoreline, and bald eagles soaring gracefully overhead. A naturalist will guide you through the exhilarating natural wonders.

Onboard, enjoy spa inspired staterooms and custom blended bath products to help you feel restored and renewed. Complimentary access to the



relaxing Persian Garden and exclusive access to the Blu restaurant serving breakfast and dinner. The cruise starts in Vancouver, British Columbia (make sure you have a current passport), sails through the Inside Passage, with stops at Icy Strait Point, Juneau, and Ketchikan, including a cruise past the Hubbard Glacier.

The double occupancy cost is \$870 for an inside stateroom, \$1,270 for an Oceanview stateroom, or \$1,670 for a Veranda stateroom. We were able to add a few of the popular Oceanview and Veranda staterooms but when those are gone, we won't be able to add any at this price so sign up soon. Taxes, fees, and port expenses are included. Airline flights, gratuities and optional port excursions are extra. For those who are interested in spending a couple days exploring Vancouver prior to the cruise, we have reservations at the Days Inn at the Vancouver Airport.

The price will be \$80 per person per night double occupancy. If you want to stay four to a room, the cost will be \$40 per night each. Additional details on accommodations for the optional stay in Vancouver and air flights will be communicated to all participants. If you want to go on the cruise but don't know what may happen in your life between now and May 2016, you will get all your money back minus a \$30 cancellation fee as long as you cancel by January 19, 2016. Contact Bilky Joda-Miller at 256-6596 or [bilkyj@yahoo.com](mailto:bilkyj@yahoo.com) or Joanne Creede at 285-4795 or [kayjoe@comcast.net](mailto:kayjoe@comcast.net) to sign up or with any questions.

## WARREN MILLER MOVIE (WME) CHASING SHADOWS

We are once again partnering with the Okemos HS Ski team in presenting the 66<sup>th</sup> Warren Miller Movie, "Chasing Shadows." The movie date is **Friday, December 4, 2015.**

Shortly we will receive posters and promotional material from Warren Miller entertainment to advertise the movie. Movie tickets for advance sale will also be available. The Jug & Mug Ski Club is the exclusive distributors of the movie in the Lansing area. If you want to help the ski community in Lansing, contact the committee chair Rich Rybicki, email [richrybick@yahoo.com](mailto:richrybick@yahoo.com) or phone 517-663-1854.



## Past Activities

**DINNER AND RIVERWALK THEATRE, SEPTEMBER 12** We all loved those *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels!* Riverwalk Theatre is an intimate space with not a bad seat in the house. And our seats were awesome, center front! The musical showcased the tremendous talent in the Lansing area. Acting, singing, dancing, humor, plot twists and turns . . . what more could you want? Of course, there was good food at both Clara's or Troppo's prior to the play and then we all met up at the theatre. Thanks to all who joined us for the fun.

*Joanne Creede and Bilky Joda-Miller*

**ZODIAC PARTY, SEPTEMBER 19** About 40 Jug & Muggers ventured out to Haslett for the 3rd annual September zodiac party at my home. Burgers and brats were cooked up while I dodging the flames and a few raindrops. John Sadowski most accurately predicted the MSU--Air Force score and received the Spartan Gnome trophy for his effort! Cards, cornhole (Rich prefers to call it "baggers"), and old videos of past J&M activities mixed with lots of laughs and talk to provide a good time. Thanks to all who attended, brought food and produce, and helped clean up. If no one objects, we will do this again next year!

*Tom McGee*

**OVER THE LEDGE PLAYHOUSE, SEPTEMBER 20** Ten people attended Neil Simon's play "Barefoot In The Park" at Over The Ledge Theater, Grand Ledge. The play centered on a couple that are newlyweds in every sense of the word. The actors delivered great performances that provided wit, laughter and imagination to the audience. After the play, the group met at the Log Jam Restaurant for dinner and cake (to celebrate birthdays) that was left over from Tom's Zodiac party. Everyone remarked how he or she enjoyed the play and the day. Until next summer.

*Sharon Roberts and Linda Lillie*



## Membership Contest

The Jug & Mug Ski Club is offering a voucher program to encourage club members to bring new guests to general meetings. For every new guest that might be interested in joining the club, the member who brings that guest will receive a \$5 voucher. The voucher(s) are good for any event that is run through the club and in which money is paid to the club. Vouchers are good for one year from the time the person receives them. When you bring a guest to a meeting, introduce him or her to the person working the welcome desk. After verification that the guest is new, the club member will receive their voucher. If you have questions, feel free to contact Orestes Mavromatis or any council member. Contact information is on page 2.

## Jug & Mug October Birthdays

10/03	Debra Maynard
10/03	Lisa Martin
10/04	Daniel Frushour
10/06	Cindee Picklo
10/13	John Murphy
10/15	Jo Moening
10/17	Maryanne Illman
10/19	Gary Link
10/21	George Sipka
10/21	Jan Murgittroyd
10/26	Charlotte Morton
10/27	Don Theis

Free birthday deals: Check it out!  
<http://dealseekingmom.com/birthday-freebies-clubs-specials/>

# CMSC and MDSC

The acronyms CMSC and MDSC are for the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC) and the Metro Detroit Ski Council (MDSC). These two organizations are the umbrella organizations for various ski and social clubs in their respective geographic areas.

Now the good news: the Jug & Mug Ski Club is now a member of both of these Councils. We have access to over 100 clubs to attend their activities and trips at regular member prices. We can also advertise our activities on their web sites.

Visit the web sites of each organization to see what they have to offer:

Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CDMS)  
<http://www.skicmsc.com/>

Metro Detroit Ski Council (MDSC)  
<http://www.mdscski.org/welcome.html>

All of the Clubs and Councils are dedicated to promoting, supporting and furthering the general interest in skiing, snowboarding and summer sports and to develop camaraderie within the sports. We now have that opportunity in both an east and west direction.

## Finding Events on the <http://jugandmug.org> website

On the Home Page:

1. Under **Featured Events** on the left side of the page, click on the event name to open for information and map OR
2. Select/click on "**Trips & Activities**" tab.
  - \* Select Events Calendar to see all. Click on event on calendar for information.
  - \* Select Featured Events to see 1-time events.
  - \* Select On Going Events to see weekly and monthly events.
3. All event information includes location, map and basic information and listed by date.
4. Scroll to bottom of Home page, blue area, there is a list of upcoming events and more.

Web Committee:

Sharon Roberts, Helen Ross & Rich Rybicki

## October 2015 Singles Dance Events

**Carolyn Tody** 402-3224 or [carley1t@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carley1t@sbcglobal.net)

### Ballroom, Swing, and Nightclub

**Tomlian Ballroom Dance ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, October 10**  
 ~ Lansing Christian Church, 6300 South Aurelius ~ 7 pm  
 Lesson \$5, Dance 8-10:30 pm. \$12. Info: (517) 655-3611, [tomliandance.com](http://tomliandance.com)

**USA Monthly Ballroom & Swing Dance ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, October 17**, at location to be determined. Lesson 7, Dance -10 pm. \$15. Info: [usadance2037.org](http://usadance2037.org)

**Wild Spurs/Jammin' at the Jewel ~ Mondays at 6 pm**, 5270 Perry Rd, Grand Blanc; lessons & other dance parties. Info: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Jewel-Of-Grand-Blanc/226835440661812>

**Great Lakes Swing Association ~ Wednesdays** at Rollhaven of Flushing east of Flint, 3464 Ann Drive off Pierson Road, east of I-75 just east of Elms Road. Lesson 6 pm, Dance 7-10. Nightly rate & membership: \$30. Info/map: <http://www.glsdc.org/>

**Lansing Eagles Capitol Area Sunday Swing ~ Most Sundays** at the Eagles Club, 4700 N. Grand River. 6 pm lessons, 7-10 pm dance. Admission \$8 or \$10 with lesson. *Dances are subject to occasional cancellation.* Info: Mike (517) 490-7838, or Joann (810) 691-2719

### Freestyle & Country

**Greenville Casual Singles Dance ~ Saturday October 10 and 24 (Halloween Dance)** 7 pm-12 at the Greenville American Legion: \$7

**Ten Pound Fiddle Contra & Square Dance ~ Saturday, October 3.** 6:30 pm lesson, Dance 7-10. \$10. <http://TenPoundFiddle.org>

**Looking Glass Music & Arts ~ Looking Glass Festival: October 16-17-18.** Info: <http://lgmaa.org/>

### Group Lessons (Private Lessons available)

**Parkwood YMCA** ~ Register: (517) 827-9680.

**Dewitt YMCA** -13161 Schavey Rd, DeWitt. Registration: (517) 827-9660

**Michigan Athletic Club** ~ Register: Concierge 364-8800.

**Lansing Parks & Recreation** ~ Info: 483-4277 or [www.lansingmi.gov/parks/actprog/dance\\_classes.jsp](http://www.lansingmi.gov/parks/actprog/dance_classes.jsp)

**Lansing Eagles Club** ~ Lessons precede dance. Info: Mike (517) 490-7838

### General dance venue information:

Lansing ~

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/140480982080/>

Ann Arbor ~

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1391767727753582/>

Howell - [www.sharkclubhowell.com/entertainment](http://www.sharkclubhowell.com/entertainment)

Flint ~ American Dance Center ~ Info:

<http://www.danceaway.com/>

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Hotline: 517-342-9955  
Web site: [jugandmug.org](http://jugandmug.org)  
<http://www.facebook.com/Jug-Mug-Ski-Club/>

## Upcoming Events

October 2-4	Fall Outing
October 17	Dinner & a Movie
October 24	Halloween Party
November 14	Purple Rose
December 4	Warren Miller Film
January 22-24	Introductory Weekend
May 29-June 5	Alaskan Cruise

Join us for the General Meeting at  
**Trippers**  
See Page 1 for details

### Metropolitan Detroit Ski & Snowboard Club

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ENTITLES YOU TO THE BENEFITS OF  
OTHER SKI/SOCIAL CLUBS. THE WEB SITE  
([WWW.MDSCSKI.ORG](http://WWW.MDSCSKI.ORG)) LISTS CURRENT  
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