



JUG & MUG SKI CLUB



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GENERAL MEETINGS are held the third Tuesday of each month. The next general meeting will be July 15 at **Tripper's, 350 Frander 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 usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 410 South Cedar Street but this month, the meeting will be held at 5:15 pm on July 15 at Trippers prior to the general meeting. 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

JUDY'S 4TH ANNUAL MACKINAC ISLAND TRIP, JULY 18 - 20 The trip is now closed. Until next year . . .

SALMON FISHING, AUGUST 24
August is prime fishing time on beautiful Lake Michigan. The fish are schooling and getting ready to go up the Grand River at Grand Haven. Dave Panetta has reserved three boats, six people per boat. Sign up by August 19 to reserve your spot. The trip is six hours, starting at 6:00 am and ends at noon. There are many species to catch: Chinook salmon, Steelhead, Coho salmon, Brown Trout, Lake Trout. Each boat will have 12 to 18 lines out and we will take turns catching fish. Bring a cooler for your fish, which will be cleaned and filleted for you by the boat crew. You will need a valid fishing license. An all-species 24-hour license can be bought for \$10 at the dock. You may bring food and beverages, but NO glass containers. The temperature can be 10 to 15 degrees cooler on the lake, so bring a jacket and if rain is predicted, rain gear. Wear soft soled shoes, if possible, and your camera. The cost is \$110 per person. There is always a small chance the trip will be cancelled due to extreme weather but you will get a full refund if that happens. Call Dave Panetta at 517-230-0413 with questions or to reserve your place. We will carpool from Meijer on West Saginaw.

This trip is supported by the J&M Council but checks shall be made out to the trip chair.

TIGER BASEBALL, AUGUST 27 Join us to see the Detroit Tigers battle the New York Yankees. The bus leaves Dunham's parking lot promptly at 4:30 pm. The cost of the bus ride to Comerica Park and back and your ticket is only \$54. Note this is a Wednesday date. For more information or to reserve your seat, contact Kurt Mertins at 517-886-4061 or kmertins@hotmail.com.

FALL OUTING, OCTOBER 10-12 We are returning to the Mystic Lake YMCA Camp just north and west of Clare. The club price has not yet been determined. Log on to www.mysticlakecamp.com for all the camp has to offer. More details and signups at the July general meeting.

WINTER CRUISE, DECEMBER 14-20
Come sail away! . . . on a six night western Caribbean cruise. Ports of call are George Town, Grand Cayman; Falmouth, Jamaica; and Labadee, Haiti. Departing from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on December 14, our ship, the Independence of the Sea, is a marvel of maritime engineering. The ship had a \$7 million upgrade in 2013. The new features included a cupcake shop and an Italian trattoria called Giovanni's Table. On the technology side, the ship got new digital signage, bow-to-stern Wi-Fi and a poolside movie screen.

We will be in each port of call for one day where you are free to explore. While cruising, you can take advantage of the multiple on-board amenities,

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President's Column

Greetings Everyone,

Soon the Fourth of July, Independence Day, will be here which provides recognitions and celebrations nationwide. Several history facts are: The final wording of the Declaration of Independent was agreed upon July 4, 1776, after a draft was submitted on July 2 to the Continental Congress. Celebrations became more common after the first 15 to 20 years it was written. In 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress declared July 4 to be a national holiday. For many it is the time to view beautiful fireworks throughout the skies. In retrospect, when I moved to Michigan I learned fireworks were illegal and it was disappointing as I grew up with family purchased fireworks going off in the sky. I did not miss those firecrackers going off before the Fourth though.

The council and a few others have been busy working on activities for the membership. For instance, Linda Lillie has taken extra time to plan the TGIF's this summer near events as MSU Circle Theater, outdoor concerts, festivals, and more. So, come and join others for food, drink and socializing before heading out for a local event. Kurt Mertins is again working on several events as Wine Tasting, Tiger's baseball trip and a play at the Purple Rose Theatre. Linda is coordinating options to attend plays at the Playhouse Theater in Fitzgerald Park. Both Janice Pierce and Linda have volunteered to research options for a Christmas Party. Janice is also planning to assist with the Fall Outing in October along with Tom McRae and others. Of course, the other Council members as well as Joanne Creede are busy with memberships, budget, website, newsletter and more. At the General Meeting, it was nice to see some member inquiring and offering to assist with events.

On the road again and this time I will be traveling to North Dakota to see family. I will be leaving the 23rd of June and be gone for about two weeks. It is about a 1200-mile trip there. I am fortunate as both my parents still live in their home at the ages of 91 and 84.

Also, the Council Meeting is being changed to **5:15 p.m.** on July 15, before the General meeting. This will provide not only me but them options for the Fourth of July weekend.

Wishes to all for safe Fourth of July travels and activity fun times.

Sharon Roberts, President

"We are most effective as a team when we compliment each other without embarrassment and disagree without fear." Author Unknown

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ONGOING EVENTS

TGIF — The month of July, we will be at Smitty's Place, 117 South Bridge Street, Dimondale. They have a large outdoor area and many drink specials. If you haven't been there before, and even if you have, please join us. NO happy hour on July 4th, but the other 3 Fridays we will be there.

Our August happy hour is at Reno's East, 1310 Abbot Road, East Lansing, which is always a popular place. We have reserved outside space and there is a variety of live music those Fridays.

Contact Linda Lillie at LMLillie@gmail.com or 517-290-0189 with your suggestions for future happy hour locations.

Social Tennis — Tennis is in full swing outdoors at the Letts Center. This Lansing city park is on Kalamazoo just west of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Play begins at 5:15 pm and all skill levels are welcome. The email list is the contact point. If you wish to be on the email list, contact Rich Rybicki at richrybick@yahoo.com or Oren Christmas at christmaso@comcast.net. You can also join us at Harry's Bar on Verlinden for rehydration around 7 pm.

Wednesday Morning Golf Open to any Jug & Mug member who wants to golf, come on over to the Bonnieview Golf Course on M-99 each Wednesday mornings at 8:45 am; golf begins at 9 am. The cost for nine holes for seniors (59 years and older) is \$7 walking and \$14 each for a cart. For those 58 years and younger, the cost is \$10 walking and \$17 each for a cart. If you have any questions, call Ray Doyle at 517-449-1155.

Singing at Burcham Hills — We will be singing at Burcham Hills on Sunday, July 13 and 27, 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 — The July Sing A Long will be hosted at the home of Don Johnson on July 22. Join the singers at 1306 Chartwell Dual Carriage

Drive, East Lansing anytime after 7:00 pm. Bring a snack to share, if you want, a beverage, and your singing voice. A great voice is not required, only enthusiasm and participation. Call Don at 351-4997 with any questions.

Jug & Mug Book Club — The Jug & Mug book club gets together every 6 weeks or so to chit-chat, discuss the chosen book, eat snacks, and drink a beverage or two. Our current book is *Call of the Wild, White Fang, and To Build a Fire* by Jack London. London was a prolific short story and short novel writer in the early 1900's. Many of his stories are set in the Klondike and the Wild West. The stories are very exciting and enjoyable to read. This collection is widely available in your local library, at local and online booksellers, and in Kindle format (99 cents!). Should be good reading.

Our next meeting will be at Rich Rybicki's home, 1245 South Michigan, Eaton Rapids, date TBD. If you are interested in joining our club, please contact Helen Ross at 332-5595 or hall_family@hotmail.com.

Walking the River Trail — We are back on our old walking path! Parking was crowded at our new place so we returned to 410 South Cedar, Lansing. Meet at 6:15 for a walk on the River Trail. Get some beneficial exercise that is important for your well being and physical health. Walking is a weight-bearing, low-impact exercise with numerous health benefits. Walk with us, laugh with us, and enjoy the outdoors. Call Joanne Creede at 285-4795 or Bonnie Mernitz at 449-6368 with any questions.

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. 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. Contact Joanne at kayjoe@comcast.net to get on the email listing.

JULY 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 River Trail	3 Tennis	4 Independence Day	5
6	7 River Trail	8	9 River Trail	10 Tennis	11 TGIF, Smitty's	12
13 Burcham Hills	14 River Trail	15 Council Mtg General Mtg	16 River Trail	17 Tennis	18 TGIF, Smitty's Mackinac Is.	19 Mackinac Is.
20 Mackinac Is.	21 River Trail	22 Sing A Long	23 River Trail	24 Tennis	25 TGIF, Smitty's	26
27 Burcham Hills	28 River Trail	29	30 River Trail	31 Tennis		

AUGUST 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 TGIF, Reno's East	2
3	4 River Trail	5	6 Golf River Trail	7 Tennis	8 TGIF, Reno's East	9
10 Burcham Hills	11 River Trail	12 Council Meeting	13 Golf River Trail	14 Tennis	15 TGIF, Reno's East	16
17	18 River Trail	19 General Meeting	20 Golf River Trail	21 Tennis	22 TGIF, Reno's East	23
24 Burcham Hills Fishing	25 River Trail	26 Sing A Long	27 Golf River Trail Tiger Baseball	28 Tennis	29 TGIF, Reno's East	30
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Budget & Expenses for 2014/2015

BUDGET EXPENSES

Supplies	\$506.50
Postage	\$200.06
NEWSLETTER	\$706.50
INSURANCE	\$400.00
VOICE MAIL HOT LINE	\$180.00
IN/OUT PARTY MAY COUNCIL	\$75.00
DONATIONS	\$200.00
PO BOX	\$62.00
MDSC DUES	\$40.00
MISC SUPPLIES	\$100.00
CHRISTMAS PARTY	\$50.00
PRESIDENTS PICNIC	\$200.00
WEB DESIGN	\$1,187.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,200.50

INCOME

75 MEMBERS @ 30.	\$2,250.00
WARREN MILLER	\$500.00
50/50	\$200.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,950.00



Past Activities

HAWK MEADOW BIKING, MAY 31

It was a warm sunny day, perfect for a bike ride, at the beautiful Hawk Meadows Park, with its curving trails, wooden bridge, and natural scenery. We cycled in the park with the company of a few chipmunks, squirrels, and friendly mosquitoes. ☺ After biking, we took a group photo and gathered at Falsetta's Casa Nova for some refreshments and tasty food. Thanks to all who attended. I think it was an enjoyable day!

Lisa Martin

GRAND AMERICAN FISH RODEO JUNE 12-14

Attendance was sparse at the First Annual Grand American Fish Rodeo held in downtown Lansing at Adado Park. The weather could have been better. The bands were excellent; female country singers led the bands. The beer was excellent, craft beers for \$4.00. Hopefully this event will be bigger and better next year.

Rich Rybicki

THE BOOK OF MORMON, JUNE 13

It was a new adventure for some, a new show for all. Eight people ventured to the Pizza House in East Lansing for a pre-show dinner. We then met many of the others at Hannah Plaza to carpool to the Wharton Center. There was a brief moment of Keystone Cops while we worked out the carpooling but all 15 got to their seats in time. What a show! It was at times loud, somewhat controversial, and full of great music and choreography. The discussions will be and are continuing. Which song did you like best? What about the amazing choreography? How did they make that costume change on stage with only 3 seconds in the dark? Did you realize before hand that most of it would be in Africa? Would you see it again? I know I would. Thanks to all who participated and thanks to Kurt for suggesting it.

Barbara Tanaka

PRESIDENT'S PICNIC, JUNE 22

About 25 to 30 attended the Presidents Picnic in Portland. Dave Panetta grilled hamburgers and Polish sausages. Great food was brought by all who attended. Several of us biked the river trail along the Looking Glass and Grand Rivers. A couple of people kayaked the Looking Glass. It was a beautiful day. A big thanks to Dave Panetta for buying all the supplies for the picnic. Dave Howe, Joanne and I got back from our bike ride after all the cleanup was done; we timed that just right.

Diane Fawley

Warren Miller Movie

Warren Miller Entertainment has announced the title of the 2014 ski movie.
(Drum roll please!)

The title of the new film is:

“NO TURNING BACK”

The club is collaborating with the Okemos High School ski team to host the movie on

Friday, November 21, 2014
at Okemos High School.

New venue, new day,
new adventures, no turning back!

Stay tuned for details.



July 2014 Singles DanceSports



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Ballroom, Swing, and Nightclub

Eagles Capitol Area Sunday Swing ~ Most Sundays, opens 5:45 for 6 pm West Coast Swing lessons, dance 7-10 pm. Eagles Club, 4700 North Grand River west of the Airport. Admission \$10 with lesson or \$8 dance only. Dances are subject to occasional cancellation. Info: (517) 490-7838 for Mike (Eagles), or (810) 691-2719 for Joann (classes).

‘TGIF Dance til ya Drop Party’ ~ 2nd Saturdays opens 6:50, July and August at the Sparrow Michigan Athletic Club in East Lansing. Lesson 7-7:30, Dancing 7:30-10 pm. \$12 admission. Registration: Mac Concierge (517) 364-8800 or just come. Additional info: Mary Benjamin (517) 712-6674

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

Freestyle & Ballroom

Howell Shark Club ~ Check before going ~ Plenty of Fish Singles Dance, 8-1:30 am. 1140 South Michigan Ave., south of downtown Howell. Info: (517) 640-0300 www.sharkclubhowell.com/entertainment

Singles TGIF Nite Life ~ Fridays Dance 8-12 with Hors d'oeuvres at 8:30. Admission \$12. Details: <http://singlestgif.com>

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

Start watching for Fall Lessons

Parkwood YMCA ~ Registration (517) 827-9680.

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

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

Further Information on dance venues:

Dancing in Lansing ~ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/140480982080/>

Dancing In Ann Arbor ~ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1391767727753582/>

More Dancing in Flint ~ American Dance Center ~ Info: <http://www.danceaway.com/>

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.

Upcoming Activities, continued

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such as an outdoor movie screen, ice rink, golf, surfing and a whole lot more.

A deposit of \$250 holds your space, refundable to August 31. An inside state room is \$530, a balcony room is \$750, and an ocean view room is \$900, double occupancy with a \$150 per person onboard credit. All cabin and dining gratuities are included. A valid passport is required.

All deposit checks must be made out to Bilky Joda-Miller, with a memo of "Winter Cruise." You may pay by credit card but please add \$5. To sign up or for questions, contact Bilky Joda-Miller at bilkyj@yahoo.com or 517-256-6596, or see her at the July 15 general meeting.

This trip is supported by the J&M Council but checks shall be made out to the trip chair.

Jug & Mug July Birthdays

7/04	Roger Miller
7/05	Roger Berry
7/22	Rose Kazen
7/23	Cheryl Korf
7/25	Joanne Creede
7/28	Marvin Cook
7/29	Kit Zimmerman

Free birthday deals: Check it out!

[http://dealseekingmom.com/
birthday-freebies-clubs-specials/](http://dealseekingmom.com/birthday-freebies-clubs-specials/)



The Jug & Mug Council will be running a series of articles in the newsletter on

How to Run a Successful Outing!

The Jug & Mug Ski Club has always promoted trips and activities for our members. In recent years, our trip numbers have declined. This is due to many factors, budgets being one element. The other major factor: many of the members who ran very successful trips are not as active in the club or are no longer even a member. The council recognizes that our members need a tutorial in the basics of running trips and activities.

Many of you have attended a number of our activities and many volunteer to assist at these events. **Now, we want YOU to be in charge!** Chairing a trip is rewarding both monetarily and the good feeling knowing you ran a successful outing. It also promotes camaraderie and insight into personalities. You learn a lot about people when sharing a room or spending their money.

All activities begin with an idea. Whether your idea is for a day trip, weekend or a weeklong trip, you need to know if members are interested in at-

tending your outing. Ask your fellow members, whether at a general meeting, happy hour or another function; plant the seed for your activity. If you like the idea, others might agree it is a great idea and they are interested in attending!

Here is a general outline for running a trip, beginning to end!

Outline

Outing: What, where and when!

Present to Council: Budget and date.

Promote: Newsletter, flyers, enthusiasm

Funds: Collecting, record keeping, refunds

The Outing: Checklist, waiver, have fun

Closeout: Income, expenses, final report.

In the coming months, each of these areas will be analyzed and explained.

Upcoming Events

July 18-20	Mackinac Island
August 24	Salmon Fishing
August 27	Tiger Baseball
October 10-12	Fall Outing
October 18	Halloween Party
December 14-20	Winter Cruise



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

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Whoops! This is your last newsletter as your renewal form has not been received. Renew your membership at the general meeting on July 15.

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