



JUG & MUG SKI CLUB



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Hot Line 517-342-9955

GENERAL MEETINGS are held the third Tuesday of each month. The next general meeting will be January 19 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 January 12 at 410 South Cedar Street, Lansing. Contact Billy 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 & A MOVIE, JANUARY 9 We will meet at Capital Prime, 2324 Showtime Drive, Lansing (behind Eastwood Towne Center) at 7:00 pm for a sumptuous meal. Over our meal, we can decide which movie to watch at NCG Cinema. Contact Joanne Creede at kayjoe@comcast.net or 285-4795 before 8:00 pm on January 7 so we assure there are enough seats at the restaurant.

SCHUSS MT RESORTS INTRODUCTORY WEEKEND, JANUARY 22-24

Jug & Mug's first ski weekend is ready to go, except for a little more snow. Get back in the skiing game, get instructions, and a great time to meet skiers from other ski clubs located in the Midwest.

The plan is to arrive on Friday, get a few runs in and then enjoy the welcome party. Live music at Ivanhoe's is offered both nights. Saturday night we have our banquet and see who wins the door prizes. After a few more runs on Sunday, the fun weekend will, sadly, be over.

Contact Rich Rybicki at richrybick@yahoo.com or 517-663-1854 with any questions.

UP NORTH WEEKEND, FEB 18-21 We will be staying at the Crooked River Lodge, Alanson. It is a short drive to Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Boyne Highland, Nubs Nob and Petoskey State Park for downhill and cross-country skiing. The Lodge has snowshoes for use on their 20 acres.

Rooms booked are standard with 2 queen beds and standard 1 king with sofa sleeper/small fridge.

Rate per room is \$109 Thursday and \$119 Friday and Saturday for up to 4 in a room. Complimentary breakfast included. The River View House may be available for up to 8 for \$325 per night, 3-day minimum stay. Call Sharon if interested.

There is an indoor pool and hot tub. The loft above the main lobby includes games, books, 53"-TV, card table and pool table.

Reserve your room by calling the Lodge by January 19 at 866-548-0700. Tell them you are with the Jug & Mug Ski Group and let Sharon know you reserved a room.

Trip Coordinators are: Rooms/Reservations, Sharon Roberts, sharonann48@hotmail.com or 230-5357; Downhill and cross country skiing, Lisa Martin, 749-3222 or asila190659@gmail.com; Friday's Welcome Party and Saturday's dinner, Tom Sarra, 419-376-8744, tsar@rescuemhs.com. Final plans made per those participating.

ZODIAC PARTY, FEBRUARY 27 Come chase away the winter blahs with friends at a fun party hosted by Joyce Hensley. Merriment begins at 6:00 pm. Joyce will provide sloppy joes (or another gastronomic delight) and you bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. We will have games and cards, too; bring a game to share, if you like. Remember a \$1 for the kitty! The address is 1232 Farwood Drive, East Lansing. Directions: From Saginaw Street, just east of Frandor, go north on



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Council Column

Dear Jug & Mug Ski Club Members:

People always say they want to find happiness or be happy but experts say that social connections of all sorts are what bring us true happiness.

When you think about the holidays, most people immediately think of family times and the joy they find together, but there are many other social connections for those whose family is far away. People find joy in their church, volunteering, at work or through social clubs of all sorts. The Jug & Mug Club offers many fun activities that bring you into contact with men and women from all walks of life. You can join in the fun by going on an outing, attending a play or the book club, playing tennis or going to Friday happy hour, walk the River Trail, go to the Thursday movie matinee, and many other weekly and monthly activities. People who are retired often lose their social group they had at work but the Jug & Mug Ski Club can be that fun group you need in your life so find a way to join in. The more you do to find those social connections, the happier your life will be. Think about joining one of the three trips up north this winter or the Zodiac party in February or the Red Wings Hockey Game in March. Make your New Year's resolution to be involved with other people and enjoy your life.

Linda Lillie
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ONGOING EVENTS

TGIF — Happy hour on January 8 and 15 will be at Jimmy's Pub, 16804 Chandler Road, East Lansing. Follow Abbott Road north; it turns into Chandler Road when you cross Lake Lansing Road. We are close to Hawk Hollow so wear your dancing shoes!

On January 22 and 29, we will meet at the Beer Grotto, 500 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, across from the Lugnuts Stadium. No reserved table due to the small size of the bar. There is a large selection of beer available and also wine. The Nut House is across the street for food afterwards.

TGIF meetings in February will be at Tequila Cowboy in the Lansing Mall. Remember that happy hour is from 5 to 7 pm each Friday. See you there!

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

Jug & Mug Book Club — The Jug & Mug book club gets together every 6 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 ***All the Light We Cannot See*** by Anthony Doerr (Pulitzer Prize winner) about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History, where he works. Her father builds a miniature of their neighborhood so she can memorize it and navigate her way home. When the Nazis occupy Paris, they flee to the walled citadel of Saint Malo. Orphaned Werner is enchanted by a crude radio and becomes an expert at building and fixing these crucial new instruments, a talent that wins him a place in the Hitler Youth, and finally, into Saint Malo.

The date of the next meeting is yet to be determined. If you are interested in being included on the book club notification list, please contact Helen Ross at hall_family@hotmail.com or 332-5595.

Social Tennis — We are playing indoors on Wednesday evenings at the MSU Tennis Facility. If you wish to play at other times or days, please contact one of the chairs, Oren Christmas at christmaso@comcast.net or Rich Rybicki at richrybick@yahoo.com. You can be added to the email list or have your questions answered. The email list is the place to be for regular tennis updates.

Singing at Burcham Hills — We will be singing at Burcham Hills on Sunday, January 17, 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 — Join us on January 26 at the home of Sharolyn Gonzalez, 5520 Saddlewood Drive, Holt, for an uplifting song fest. Arrive anytime after 7:30 pm. You are encouraged, but not required, to bring a beverage and/or a snack to share. Don't forget your singing voice. Plan on a relaxed "good for the soul" evening filled with music. Contact Sharolyn at 694-1472 with any questions. To volunteer your home for a future Sing A Long, contact Diane West at 810-687-7007 or westdance@att.net.

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 bite to eat 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.

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. Yes, it is dark during our walk but we have never had a safety issue on the path and it can be amazing to see the world in low light. Put on your walking shoes, hat, and mittens 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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4 River Walk	5	6 Tennis River Walk	7 Movie Matinee	8 TGIF, Jimmy's Pub	9 Dinner & Movie
10	11 River Walk	12 Council Meeting	13 Tennis River Walk	14 Movie Matinee	15 TGIF, Jimmy's Pub	16
17 Burcham Hills	18 M L King Day	19 General Meeting	20 Tennis River Walk	21 Movie Matinee	22 TGIF, Beer Grotto Introductory Weekend	23 Introductory Wkd
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February 2016

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14 Valentine's Day	15 River Walk President's Day	16 General Meeting	17 River Walk Tennis	18 UpNorth Movie Matinee	19 UpNorth TGIF, Tequila CB	20 UpNorth
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28	29 River Walk					

Upcoming Activities

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Coolidge to Farwood. It's about the sixth street on the right, after Fair Oaks and across from apartments. From Lake Lansing Road, go south on Coolidge. Farwood is on the left, after Shaarie Zedek Synagogue. Contact Joyce at 614-4878 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

CEDAR BEND, MARCH 4-6, 2016 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 Schuss/Shanty Creek resort, and downhill skiing at Schuss/Shanty Creek, Boyne Mountain, 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 very fun and relaxing weekend and you don't even have to ski. Bring board games, music, books, or anything relaxing you can think of. The cost is \$65.00 for members and \$75.00 for non-members. But, once again, we are offering an **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!** Have your check in the chair's hands by February 1 and the price is \$60 and \$70 respectively!

The last possible date to sign up is at the February 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. If you have questions, contact Helen Ross at hall_family@hotmail.com or 203-997-2275.

DETROIT RED WINGS HOCKEY, MARCH 10 The Red Wings have won 11 Stanley Cup championships, the most of any National Hockey League franchise!! Here's your chance to see this winning team in action against the Winnipeg Jets at Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. Hockey fans will be transported by chartered bus that will leave from Dunham's parking lot, 3301 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, near Frandor. No worries about driving and parking; just enjoy the ride with your friends! The cost is \$69 a person and includes your game ticket, the bus ride, pizza (on the bus) and other goodies.

Reserve your spot today by contacting Keith Hines, 517-712-5624, keith5522@aol.com or Kurt Mertins, 517-886-4061, kmertins@hotmail.com.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY, MARCH 12

Mark your calendars for a Zodiac party at the home of Sharon Gaier, 5915 Patriots Way, East Lansing. We will once again celebrate all things Irish with our annual "Potato Party." There will be Irish music, cards, games, good food and friendship. More details will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

ALASKAN CRUISE, MAY 29-JUNE 5, 2016

There is still time to sign up for a seven night 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. We will have 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 Ocean-view stateroom, or \$1,680 for a Veranda

stateroom. Taxes, fees, and port expenses are included. Airline flights, gratuities and optional port excursions are extra. If you 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 is \$80 per person per night double occupancy, or \$40 a night four to a room. Contact Bilkly Joda-Miller at bilklyj@yahoo.com or 256-6596 or Joanne Creede at 285-4795 or kayjoe@comcast.net to sign up or with any questions.

Past Activities

66TH WARREN MILLER MOVIE, CHASING SHADOWS, DECEMBER 4

The 66th Warren Miller Movie, "Chasing Shadows" was held on **Friday, December 4, 2015**. The vendors were present to greet the show attendees in the lobby. Now into the movie with 180 ticket purchasers! It was another great Warren Miller film. The Okemos ski team made money, we made a few dollars and the 21 door prize winners were ecstatic. After the show, we went to Applebee's for more good times.

Rich Rybicki

CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 19

Our Christmas party at Timber Ridge had wonderful food, great music and trivia from our DJ, and prizes for many of the attendees. We danced the night away to many oldies as well as some newer music. You could tell by the smiles and hugs that people were thoroughly enjoying themselves. There were many pictures taken during the evening so please check out the Jug & Mug Facebook page.

Linda Lillie and Janice Pierce

CAROLING, DECEMBER 20 Over twenty people joined us (at one place or the other) for our joint Caroling at the Nursing Homes this year. We were delighted that so many joined us. At both places, some of the residents joined in on the singing, others just happily listened and told us how much they enjoyed the music. A couple people even thought we should be video-taping our singing to show on the news!

As usual, Santa and Rudolph were big hits—especially Santa. Another very big hit with the residents was the seven year old girl who joined us (along with her mother and grandmother)—they all wanted to meet her. We had lots of bells with us, too, for ringing during some of the songs, and fun hats to wear. It is such a heart-warming and rewarding experience when you see how much the residents appreciate our efforts.

After the caroling, nine people congregated at Coral Gables for a nice way to finish off the afternoon-and not have to cook!

Maddy Trimby and Diane West

NEW MEMBER

Carl Woodworth
6627 Otto Road
Charlotte MI 48813
517-543-3994 (home)
517-388-0160 (cell)
carlwoodworth65@att.net

Membership Contest

The Jug & Mug Ski Club is offering a voucher program to any club member who brings a guest to the general meeting. For every new guest the member brings, the member will receive a \$5 voucher. The vouchers are good for any event that is run through the club and in which money is paid to the club. Introduce your guest to the officers at the welcome desk. After verification that the guest is new, the club member will receive their voucher. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Orestes Mavromatis or any council member. Contact information is on page 2.

"My Account" Login

<http://jugandmug.org>

Logging Into "My Account" on the Club's Website

Last month the article described how members could create their "My Account" to login. This month is about where to locate members' only information.

You have registered for your "My Account" and now want to find the membership roster, the newsletters and photo gallery.

Home Page, at top, click on **"My Account."**

Log in with your e-mail address and password. If you do not remember your password word, reset it. (If you did not register for your account, you can do that here too. See article in December newsletter for more information on this topic.)

After you have successfully logged in, select **Membership** and on the drop down list select **Members Directory**.

Select a membership roster to open, print and/or save on your computer. The directory is for members only.

Select **News** to access newsletters.

Select **Gallery** and then click on **"click here to see full gallery."** Full gallery is not viewable by public.

(Regretfully, photos still need to be posted here.)

When done viewing membership only information, log off.

Contact Sharon Roberts at sharonann48@hotmail.com or 517-230-5357 with questions.

Ski List

Are you interested in being on a ski list to receive information relating to cross-country and/or downhill ski trips that the Club is sponsoring, promoting or participating in?

If so, contact Sharon Roberts via e-mail at sharonann48@hotmail.com. Let her know your interest as downhill only or cross-country or both.

Alaska Trip Fundraising Raffle

We still need two rooms to make our group and we'd like to make the numbers to get all the possible perks. But in case we don't, we are raising funds to cover a welcome party and help with other expenses.

To that end we are holding a raffle for a SPA PACKAGE from ALL BODY KNEADS:

A Full Body Massage & Infrared
Sauna Session, a \$130.00 value

Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each, and the winning ticket will be drawn at the General Meeting on January 19.

Contact Bilky Joda-Miller at 57.256.6596, or email bilkyj@yahoo.com or Joanne Creede 517.285.4795, or email kayjoe@comcast.net with any questions.

Jug & Mug January Birthdays

1/14	Alex McCrae
1/14	Jerry Schrader
1/14	Katherine Lincoln
1/14	Christine Wright
1/21	Matthew Pung
1/21	Tom Sarra
1/24	Janice Pierce
1/24	John Albright

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

January 2016 Singles Dance Events

Carolyn Tody 402-3224 or carley1t@sbcglobal.net

Ballroom, Swing & Nightclub

Tomlian Ballroom Dance ~ 2nd Saturday, January 9 ~
Lansing Christian Church, 6300 South Aurelius ~ 7 pm Lesson \$5, Dance 8-10:30 pm. \$12. Info: (517) 655-3611, tomliandance.com.

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

Great Lakes Swing Association ~ Wednesdays at Roll-haven of Flushing, east of Flint, 3464 Ann Drive off Pierson Road, west of I-75 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 P. (810) 691-2719.

Freestyle, Salsa, Country, Contra & Square

TGIF Party ~ Friday, January 8, 15 (Winter Festival) and most other Friday nights at Hawk Hollow Golf Club. 8 pm-midnight. \$13.

Greenville Casual Singles Dance ~ Saturday, January 2 & 16, 7 pm-12 at the Greenville American Legion: \$7.

Lincoln Country Club/Rivertown Singles ~ Sundays, 7-11 at 3485 Lake Michigan Drive NW Grand Rapids. Phone 616.453.6348.

Salsa Capital – 2nd & 4th Friday, January 8 & 22, AA Creative Corridor, 1133 South Washington Ave, Lansing, 8:15 intermediate Salsa, 8:45 Beginner Salsa, dance 9:15-12. \$5. Info: Bryan G. at 517-230-9018, www.facebook.com/groups/470309133043097

Whiskey Barrel Saloon - Wednesday nights 7:30-9:30 pm Beginner Line Dance Lessons. Info: (517) 351-5690 www.whiskeybarrelsaloos.net.

Looking Glass Music & Arts ~ Saturday, January 16. Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol. Info: <http://lgmaa.org/>.

Group Lessons (Private Lessons also 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

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

General info:

Lansing ~ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/140480982080/>
Ann Arbor ~ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/139176772753582/>

Howell ~ www.sharkclubhowell.com/entertainment

Flint ~ Info: <http://www.danceaway.com/>

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Upcoming Events

January 9	Dinner & a Movie
January 22-24	Introductional Weekend
February 18-29	UpNorth Weekend
February 27	Zodiac Party
March 4-6	Cedar Bend
March 10	Hockey Game
March 12	Zodiac Party
May 29-June 5	Alaskan Cruise
July 22-24	Mackinac Island

Join us for the General Meeting at
Trippers
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(WWW.MDSCSKI.ORG) LISTS CURRENT
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