

THE JOURNAL



Jug & Mug Ski Club

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Kayak & Float Trip

Sunday, August 20, 2017

The trip will begin at the Eaton Rapids Recreational Center, 114 Mill Street, Eaton Rapids. Plan to arrive between 1:30-1:45 at the Livery to fill out the waiver form and pay for your rental. The trip down the Grand River is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Shuttle service will do transport back to the Livery.



Single kayak is \$20 to Bunker Hill (1.5-2 hr. float) or \$30 to McNamara Landing (3 hr. float.) Single and double tubes are \$10

(3.5 hrs. to Bunker). If you wish not to kayak, cruiser bike rentals are \$5/hour.

Afterwards, we will meet on the patio at the Eaton Rapids Craft Company, 204 N Main Street, for beverages and food. It is a relatively new upscale restaurant located in the old Miller ice cream parlor. You will drive past the restaurant as you drive into the Recreational Center's parking lot. Join us even if you did not participate in the float.

Ten (10) kayaks have been reserved. To be sure you have a kayak or tube, sign up soon with trip chairs Bobbie Black, (517) 282-0111 or Chris Wright (517) 854-2222.

CALENDAR

Upcoming Activities

- July 28, Lugnuts Game
- August 10, Theatre "The Tropical Pickle" & Dinner
- August 19, Dinner and Movie
- August 20, Kayak Float
- August 23, Detroit Tigers Game
- August 28-31, Great Lakes Sail

Happy Hours, 5-7 p.m.

July 28

Nuthouse Sports Grill

420 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing

August 4 & 11

Mayfair Bar--Meet on rooftop

1585 Lake Lansing Rd., Haslett

Aug. 4 Concert--Irish Pipe Band

Aug. 11 Concert--Oldies But Goodies

August 18 & 25

Blue Gill Grill--Meet on rooftop

1591 Lake Lansing Rd., Haslett

Aug. 18 Concert--Don Middlebrook

Aug. 25 Concert--Jazz With Jeff Baldori

September 1, 8, 15

Tequilla Cowboy

5660 W Saginaw (Saginaw Mall)

Kathy Toman is the Happy Hour coordinator.
Contact her at 517-896-6278.

Festivals

August 11-13, Great Lakes Folks Festival

August 11-13, St. Johns Mint Festival

August 11- 17, Renegade Theatre Festival

Old Town

August 4-5, Jazz Fest

Sept 15-16, Michigan Blues Fest

Music in Parks/Concerts:

Ann Street Plaza, 7 p.m.:

July 28, Taylor Taylor

August 18, Kathleen and the Bridge Street Band

August 25, Heartland Klezmerim

Lake Lansing South Concerts, 7 p.m.:

July 28, Avon Bomb

August, Happy Hour Listings Above

Parties, Travels & More Events

Christmas Party

Saturday, December 16, 2017

The Christmas party will be held at Eagle Eye Golf Course, 15500 Chandler Road, East Lansing. Planning has just begun and details will be announced in a later newsletter.

If you are interested in being involved with planning this evening, contact Chris Wright at (978) 854-2222 or Sharon Roberts at (517) 230-5357.

Annual Fall Outing Weekend

October 13-15, 2017

YMCA Camp Pandalouan

1243 East Fruitvale Road

Montague, MI

Fall is approaching faster than most of us wish. To begin your fall fun, plan to attend this event on Blue Lake. There is much to do from hiking, biking, relaxing, card games, whether it's warm and sunny or raining. There is a large lodge where we eat, do activities, dance and socialize. There will be dancing both Friday and Saturday evenings with our DJ Tom Beckner.



The cost is \$85 for members and \$95 for guests and non-members. Signup deadline and cancellation date is October 7, 2017. Cancellation fee is \$10. Check-in, registration and lodging assignments/availability begins at 3 p.m. in the main lodge.



In addition to your cabin style lodging, the fee includes Friday night dinner; Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner; and Sunday breakfast. You're encouraged to bring snacks, desserts and beverages. There's a refrigerator that can be used for storage.

Kayaks and canoes are on site for use.

Signup and pay at the August or September General meetings. Payment and signup can also be sent to Jug & Mug Ski Club, P.O. Box 13153 before October 7. Make check payable to Jug and Mug Ski Club. Be sure to let Kathy know you paid via mail.

Contact trip chair Kathy Toman at (517) 896-6278, kathytoman51@gmail.com or co-chair Dave Panetta at (517) 230-0413 for additional information.

The Book Club Group

The Jug and Mug Book Club is a friendly group who get together every 6 weeks or so to discuss the book we chose at the previous meeting. We also eat assorted snacks and enjoy a beverage or two. The date of our next meeting has not been voted on yet, but will probably take place in the latter half of August.

Our current book is the 2017 "One Book, One Community" book, *A Long Way Home* by Saroo Brierly, and was recently made into the movie *Lion*.

At only five years old, Saroo got lost on a train in India. Unable to read or write or recall the name of his hometown or even his own last name, he survived alone for weeks on the rough streets of Calcutta before ultimately being transferred to an agency and adopted by a couple in Australia.

Despite his gratitude, Brierley always wondered about his origins. Eventually, with the advent of Google Earth, he had the opportunity to look for the needle in a haystack he once called home, and pore over satellite images for landmarks he might recognize or mathematical equations that might further narrow down the labyrinthine map of India. One day, after years of searching, he miraculously found what he was looking for and set off to find his family.

To join the book club and be on the book club email list, contact Helen Ross, 517-332-5595 or hall_family@hotmail.com

**Monday, August 28, One Book One Community,
Breslin Ctr, 1 Birch Road, E. Lansing
Website: onebookeastlansing.org.**

Where Would You Like To Travel?

Some members have mentioned they would like to go to New Orleans, Chicago, Nashville, USA National Parks or Italy. The only thing stopping us (The Club) is someone to step up and plan and organize. The Council is ready to assist you. Chat with Council members or other trip chairs to learn how events and trips are handled.

Theatre, Movies, Dining

Dinner and Movie Events

Meets Monthly

Meet up begins at 6:30 p.m. at the selected restaurant. During dinner, a vote will be taken to choose a movie. It's best to verify that the date or the location has not changed.

- August 19, Soup Spoon Café, 1419 Michigan Ave. Lansing.
- September 16, Red Lobster, 3130 E. Saginaw Street, Lansing, Frandor Mall Area
- October 21, Outback Steakhouse, 707 Brookside Drive, Lansing
- November 18, Sansu, 4750 S. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing
- December there will be no dinner and movie.

Let Bilky Joda-Miller know the Thursday before the event that you plan to attend at 517-256-6596. or bilkyj@yahoo.com.

Movie Matinee

Weekly: Thursday

If you enjoy the latest movie releases, join an informal group to watch movies at NCG Theatre, Eastwood Town Center. Contact Joanne Creede at kayjoe@comcast.net to get on the email list.

Joanne will send out an email on Friday (sometimes later) listing the movies and time, usually the last showing prior to 6 p.m. Vote for your choice via email and Joanne will send out an email on Wednesday with the movie choice and the time. The cost of the movie is \$5. After the movie, we often go out for a bite to eat, discuss the film and other subjects. If you do not have email, contact Joanne after 8 p.m. on Wednesday at 517-285-4795 to learn the selected movie.

The Sing Along

The Sing Along will continue September 26 at Don Johnson's home. Questions, contact Diane West at (810) 259-2513 or westdance@att.net.

Dinner & Theatre Evening

Thursday, August 10, 2017

At 6 p.m. meet for dinner at the Log Jam, 110 West Jefferson Street, Grand Ledge. Janice Pierce will be reserving seating; so, let her know if you plan to attend.

Following dinner, we will attend Jeff Daniel's comedy, *The Tropical Pickle*. The play is a comedy set in Macomb County, and centers on the peculiar Lee family. Bob Lee promises his wife that he will win them a free trip to Miami to represent his company.



The play begins at 8 p.m. at the Ledges Playhouse at Fitzgerald Park, Grand Ledge. Inform park service personnel you are attending the play and they will dismiss the entrance fee.

Janice has reserved a limited number of tickets under Jug & Mug to be purchased at the box office by those attending. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors.

Please let Janice know if you are planning to attend the dinner and/or the play so that she can reserve ample seating for dinner and the tickets for the play. Contact her at (517) 694-4428 or (517) 348-2338. Or contact Bobbie Black at (517) 282-0111.

Singing at Burcham Hills

Monthly Meet-up at 2700 Burcham Dr., East Lansing Sunday, August 20, 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join this group for an hour of uplifting music. Meet downstairs in the Whitehouse Room. Song sheets are provided and the Burcham residents love our participation. It is a great opportunity to feel good about helping others. For more information, contact Diane West, music coordinator, at westdance@att.net or (810) 259- this is Diane's new phone number.

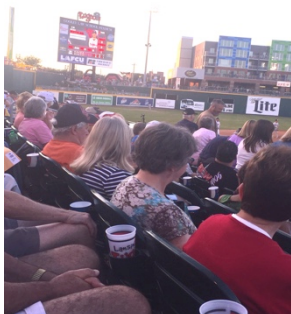
Sports, Activities & Events

Lugnuts vs Dayton Dragons Game

Friday, July 28, 2017

7:05 P.M. First Pitch

Here is your chance to watch a professional baseball game in person without having to leave the confines of Lansing, pay high prices for tickets, or at the concessions stands. If weather permits, there will be a fireworks show after the game.



The cost is only \$12 for a ticket. For ticket information and availability, contact Orestes

Mavromatis at 517-775-1867 or at omavroma@yahoo.com for information.

Walking The Lansing River Trail

Weekly: Monday and Wednesday, 6:15 p.m.

Meet at 410 South Cedar Street to begin the four-mile walk. This is a popular trail with numerous people walking, running and biking. Put on those walking shoes and join this group that enjoys the outdoors.

Contact Joanne Creede, 517-285-4795, or Bonnie Mernitz, 517-449-6368, to check if there has been any last minute changes or if you have questions.

Social Tennis

Weekly: Wednesday, 5 p.m.

Summer is the time to play tennis outdoors. Those wanting to play are to meet at the Letts Center tennis courts, 1220 West Kalamazoo, just west of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.



Join at no cost, just great fun and laughs. Afterwards, we usually go to Harry's Place, 404 N. Verlinden Avenue, Lansing, to eat and rehydrate. Join us even if you were not a tennis player! Contact Rich Rybicki at richrybick@yahoo.com to be on the email list for weekly updates.

Great Lakes Sail

August 28-31, 2017 (SOLD OUT)

Ten happy Jug & Muggers will live on a 77-foot sailing schooner, hoist the sails, take a turn at the wheel and learn about the great Lake Michigan. This trip is currently sold out but there is a cancellation list. To be on the list in case someone drops out or if you want more information, contact Joanne Creede at kayjoe@comcast.net or 517-285-4785.



Detroit Tigers VS New York Yankees Wednesday, August 23

Kurt Mertins is organizing a bus trip to Comerica Park. The cost is only \$65 per person and includes the game ticket, bus ride and snacks on the bus. Contact Kurt at kmertins@hotmail.com or 517-886-4061. Make payment to Jug & Mug Ski Club.

Meet the bus at 4:30 p.m. at the SW corner of Dunham's Parking Lot, 3301 East Michigan Avenue, East of Sears, Frandor Mall.

Dave Panetta is assisting Kurt and he can be contacted at 517-230-0413.

Upcoming Events

Halloween Party, Oct. 28.
Christmas Party, December 16.
Shanty Creek Resorts Instructional Ski weekend
January 19-21, 2018.

Club News

President Shares Current Happenings

By Rich Rybicki, President

I am writing this article the week after the President's picnic and the General Meeting.

There seemed to be an excitement in the air at both events. Members were still commenting Tuesday at the General Meeting about the great fun they had at the picnic. The meeting went well with two new events happening in August: The Ledges Playhouse and the Eaton Rapids kayak float. Even if you do not do theater or the water, there are plans for dining and drinking so join us! Check the jugandmug.org web site for all the details.

This enthusiasm is contagious. We have chairs for many of our annual events, the Fall Outing, Halloween party, the Christmas party and Cedar Bend. These Chairpersons need assistance. Get involved, contact a chair and tell them you want to help. Many hands make small work.

Once again if you have an idea for a day event, a weekend, or an even longer trip; contact any Council member. Do some preliminary phone calls, consider a date and a price: We can work together to make it happen. It's your Club, let's get active.

MEETING LOCATIONS

Beginning with the July meeting, the Jug and Mug Council meetings are being held at members' houses. The July meeting was held at Sharon Roberts home. The August meeting will be at Kathy Toman's home.

The General meeting is also in for a change. We will meet in August at Buddies in Holt. Starting in September, we will be meeting at Tony M's, 3420 S Creyts Rd at the corner of Mt Hope. It is a larger room and very close to I-496.

ARTICLE FIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTED

A committee has been formed to review Article Five of the Constitution of Jug & Mug Ski Club.

The article deals with the number of people on the Executive Council. Currently there are eleven Council members elected annually by the membership. It is no secret that it can be difficult to convince members to serve on council.

The committee is composed of two council members, two members from the general membership, the President and Club Advisor. Those who have volunteered are: Janice Pierce and Dale Trew, Council members; Teri Miller and Tom McCrae, general membership members; Rich Rybicki, President and Bilky Joda-Miller Past President / Advisor.

If you have an opinion on this article, contact a committee member and let your ideas be heard.

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Club News

New General Meeting Location in September

Tony M's, An Italian Restaurant
3420 S. Creyts Road
Website: tonyms.com

Beginning with the September 19, 2017, general meeting, the Club will meet in the conference room at Tony M's. It is larger than the current one we have at Buddies in Holt. There are various options to get there via the Interstate, Downtown 496 and/or Lansing Road. For those living in Holt it will be a longer drive but others will find it more centralized. The Club is always open to suggestions for where to have meetings.

Welcoming Guests and New Members

At our General Meetings, please consider stepping out of your comfort zone and greeting our new members and guests. Consider changing where you sit. Try to meet someone new. When we have guests and new members, greet them and introduce yourself. Make them feel welcome. It is part of being a member.

I learned at a recent meeting that I was the only one who talked with a guest. This person was very interested in joining our Club but we, newcomers as a group, were not welcoming. We all need to be aware of comers and make them feel included. -Sharon Roberts, VP Membership

Status of Amendment

Submitted by Helen Ross

Keep Marrieds Amendment: Final voting was completed on April 30. This amendment passed with 60 total votes, 43 yes, 17 no. Sixty votes (63% of 94 active members) were more than enough to constitute a quorum of members.

What does this mean for our Club?

Married people can only rejoin if they were former members of the Club and if their spouse joins at the same time. (Married people who were never members of the Club cannot join.) We do not anticipate that throngs of marrieds will rejoin because most of them have found other interests and friends. If you are disappointed about the results of this ballot, we suggest that you give it a year to see if your Club experience changes.

Volunteers Wanted

The new council is reaching out to membership as they are looking for assistance in the following areas. It's a great time to get involved. Check the list below and chat with Rich or Sharon, or any one council.

1. Newsletter Team
2. Membership Welcome Committee; see Sharon
3. Power Point Slide Show Assistant for agenda during the General Meeting
4. Photo slideshow for General Meetings
5. Photography of Activities
6. Theater Events
7. Summer Bike Outing Coordinator
8. Canoe/Kayak Trips
9. Cedar Bend Helpers
10. Travels and Events Chairs & Co-Chairs of Your Choice. Discuss with someone who has done trips before.

Welcome New Club Members!

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If you see them at an event or general meeting, introduce yourself!

What's Been Happening

Poland Trip

Six J&M members (and 3 of Tina's relatives) spent 9 days in Poland in late June. We saw castles, medieval cities, the home of Copernicus and a lot of beautiful scenery. We had great food, lots of history and met friends from other countries. -Tina Lonski



Summer Solstice Party June 24, 2017

This party was held at the home of Dale Trew with a large turnout. Because Dale ended up in the hospital several days before, Club members and his family hosted the party. Thanks to all those who helped and Dale for lending his house even though he was not there!

Dale is home and recuperating. We were delighted to see him at the President's Picnic. He can be reached at (517) 641-6341.

Mackinac Island Weekend July 21-23, 2017

Watch for photos and follow-up on this annual trip on our Facebook page.

The President's Picnic Sunday, July 16, 2017

It was a beautiful day for a picnic. Over 35 people attended and enjoyed a variety of food, playing cards, beanbag game, hiking, and socializing. Thank you Dave Panetta for chairing this fun picnic.





Membership Information

General Meeting

Held the third Tuesday of each month.
August 15 at Buddie's Grill, Holt Plaza,
2040 North Aurelius Road, Holt. Beginning
September 19 at Tony M's, 3420 Creyts
Rd, Delta Twp.

- 6:30 p.m. Social Hour
- 7:30 p.m. Meeting

Order food and beverages from the server.
Those interested in learning more about the
Club are welcome.

Council Meeting

Held the second Tuesday of each month at
6:00 p.m.

August 8, Kathy Toman's home, 324
Scarlett Oak Dr. Perry.

September 12, TBA

Contact Rich Rybicki, President, at least 3
days prior to the meeting if you have an
agenda item for the council.

Metropolitan Detroit Ski Council

The Jug & Mug Ski Club is a member.

Your Jug & Mug
membership entitles
you to the benefits of
30 other clubs. The
MDSC website
(www.mdscski.org)
lists affiliated clubs,
trips, etc.



Teri Miller, MDSC Representative
tmclocks@hotmail.com
Contact Teri regarding MDSC events or
what is happening in other Clubs as
their golf or ski trips.

Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council

The Jug & Mug Ski
Club is a member
of the CSMC.

The Chicago
Metropolitan Ski
Council's (CMSC)
primary goal is to
promote and support member clubs in
their effort to further the interest in
skiing, snowboarding and year-around
social activities.

A not-for-profit organization with 70
member clubs throughout the Chicago
metropolitan area and neighboring
states, the CMSC represents over
10,000 skiers and snowboarders.

Check their website: skicmsc.com



DID YOU KNOW: When Jug & Mug began as a singles social group in 1960, Dwight D. Eisenhower was in the White House, Elvis Presley's latest hit was "It's Now or Never," and Michigan's governor was G. Mennen "Soapy" Williams.

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