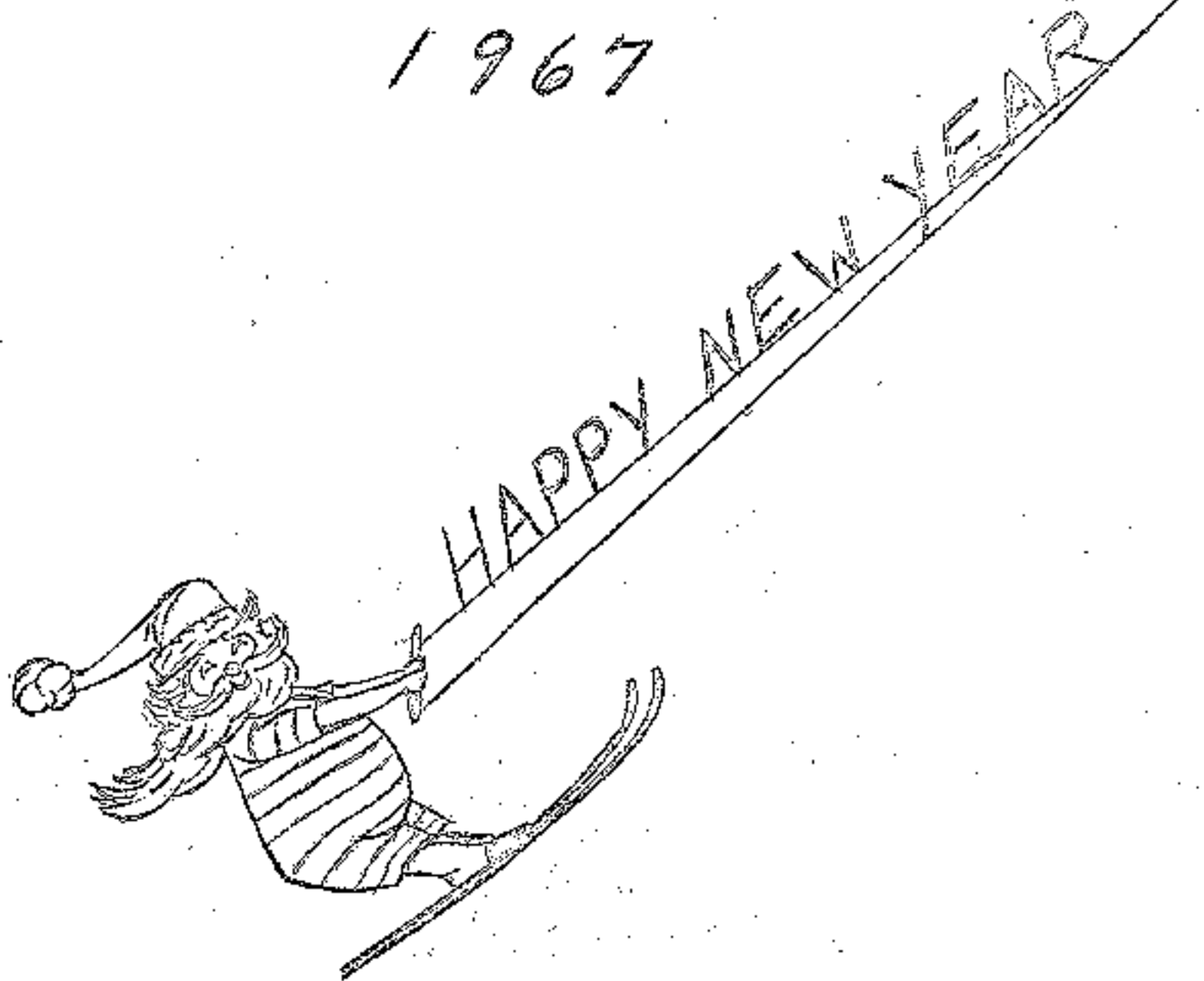


# THE FEDERATER

1967



WISCONSIN WATER SKI FEDERATION

....."PARDON ME BUD".....



HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN YOUR DOLLAR?

Annual membership in the Federation - Your voice in state water skiing activities - is just one dollar!

That dollar brings you the year's skiing news through the Federators and helps the Federation continue programs for furthering the sport of water skiing.

The Federation is only as strong as its members - WE NEED YOUR DOLLAR NOW!

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of American Water Ski Association \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of interest, committees on which you would like to serve:

Committees	Special interest areas
Membership _____	_____
Program _____	_____
Safety _____	_____
Publicity _____	_____
Tournament _____	_____
Other _____	_____

I hereby agree to abide by all the by-laws of this organization.

Mail to Lorraine Crothers, 2031 2nd Street N., Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

The Directors of the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation attending the last two Directors meeting have been working very hard on the schedule for the upcoming Convention. So Be Sure to Mark January 21st and 22nd on your calendar for one more fine winter get together of water skiers. The convention fee this year will not only include a fine convention schedule on all skiing aspects with prominent panel members, but will include a dinner, dance, a Sunday brunch complete with style show. It will be held at the Labor Temple in Wisconsin Rapids with the Aqua Skiers the host club.

Bids for the 1967 Wisconsin State Championships will be presented to the Board of Directors on Saturday. If your club intends to bid, be sure to have one of your representatives there.

Once again booth space will be available to all clubs who wish to display pictures, etc. We hope to make the panels on skiing even better with movies on both show skiing and tournament skiing and would welcome any movies any of you have or your club might have.

Every effort is being made to make this the best Water Ski Convention ever. Hope you can make it!

LEGISLATION is one of the big challenges the Federation faces. Probably not realized by many state skiers, but very true, nevertheless, Your Federation in the past has been very active and successful in defeating legislative bills which would have been unfavorable to our sport. However, as the number of boats and skiers increase, the problem of congestion increases and the fever to regulate hours of water skiing increases. According to an article in the Fall Badger Sportsman the 1967 Legislature may regulate hours for water skiing on Wisconsin Lakes in the interests of Fishermen. As a Conservation Warden from Michigan said, "The Water Skier can prevent unfavorable laws only if he is heard." The voices of the Federation Directors and the representatives of AWSA may very well not be enough this next time. It may take all of us. Legislation will be one of the topics at the Convention, with Jim Lauzon, AWSA Director, as the Panel Moderator. We hope to come up with a strong plan of resistance for any upcoming unfavorable water ski Bill.



A WORD FROM YOUR COUNCILMAN ---



Right away I want to thank all of you for honoring me with the unique distinction of being the first woman Councilman in the state as well as the Midwest Region. We in Wisconsin have always had exceptionally fine and dedicated people representing us to AWSA, Tom Dorwin, Allen Bubolz, Fred Samples, and Don Nevin--large shoes to fill!

Next I'd like to congratulate all of you for making this last year such a successful one for water skiing. Although weather hampered the Barefoot tournament, it was well attended, as was the Badger Open, and the annual State Tournament. The turn out at the State Tournament was overwhelming and great to see. As Chief Judge, I was really grateful for the tremendous cooperation from the sponsoring club, the Rock-Aqua-Jays. Everything was ready; the weather was good, the water smooth; the judges worked hard and well; the boat drivers were excellent; the skiing great; the concession stand fabulous! Next year's sponsor will have to go some to surpass the hospitality of the Rock-Aqua-Jays.

My first duty as your AWSA Councilman was to represent you at the Midwest Council meetings and the Annual Meeting of the Midwest skiers held during the Regionals in Ohio. Since then I have attended both meetings of the Board of Directors of the Federation.

In March I will attend the Midwinter meeting of the Midwest Regional Council in Chicago. The scheduling of the AWSA sanctioned tournaments is done at this meeting. If any of you intend to sponsor a sanctioned tournament, please let me know the dates and Class of tournament by March 1st. Many other items come up at the meeting; and if any of you have new ideas, complaints, etc. pertinent to AWSA and water skiing, send them on to me and I'll pass them on to the Council. The schedule of tournaments will be included in the Spring Federater.

The committees of AWSA have been sending their recommendations to the AWSA Board of Directors. To date very few have received a final approval by the Board. Under consideration were the possibilities of a new rope, a new, shorter slalom course, a change in the number of jump passes, and the elimination of ramp tricks and Mixed Doubles from the tournament. By the end of March the Board of Directors will have voted on many of the committee's recommendations and I will send out a Newsletter to all of you.

*Nancy Bubolz*



## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The PLUM-SKI-TERS started the season by a kite act to shows which started July 1st. This was clearly the club's best season yet. We purchased a new boat for our shows, a hydrodyne with twin Johnson 100's, which aided a great deal in our practice for tournaments.

This year in tournaments we captured the state championship crown besides doing very well in the Badger Open and the State Barefoot Tournament.

Our plans for next season are to retain our State Championship crown and possibly host the tournament ourselves, under the direction of our new officers who are President, Russ Davis; Vice-President, Larry Belkis; Secretary, Valerie Vodicka, and Treasurer, Cheryl Lake.

After "making the water fly" for another season the MANITOWISH WATERS SKIING SKEETERS reluctantly concluded their bustling activities, bid farewell to their friends and departed for their winter homes. Besides the twice weekly shows this summer the Skeeters also put on special out-of-town performances, sponsored a weekly dance, and hosted the Wisconsin State Barefoot Tournament again.

This year's tournament surely separated the "men from the boys" with enclimate weather bringing very low temperatures, brisk winds and periods of rain. It was only the well-seasoned skiers who were able to face the grueling conditions. The contestants, however, put on a most commendable performance despite the conditions with runs up to 7 minutes (about 4 miles) on rough water! Once again the Skeeters retained the title "Barefoot Capital of the Midwest" capturing 5 out of the 7 trophies.

The Skeeters are planning a Holiday get-together during which they will display some of their snow skiing talents (?) and see that the New Year is started out right. We will also be looking ahead to next summer and begin making some of our plans to get an early start on the season.. The other get-together the Skeeters are looking forward to is the Mid-winter Convention which we hope to attend in "mass" to participate in the activities and join in the fun.

Current officers are Jerry Rayala, President; Clark Wyngaard, Vice-President; Terry Beier, treasurer; Linda Johnson, secretary; John Patton and Barb Skrobot, show director; Mike Johnson, publicity director, and Martin Rayala, historian.

A new club to the Federation, the LAKE MONONA WATER SKI CLUB reports through an open letter by President Bob Badaau:

"I would like to take this opportunity to both introduce the club and tell of a problem we have run up against that might be of interest to other skiers.

Our club was formed a little more than a year ago and since then we have grown to over 30 members. We formed to promote tournament skiing in the area and provide better practicing conditions for our club members. Among our activities this past summer we built a ramp and constructed a slalom course, both of which we used in a highly successful August club tournament. Plans for next summer include finding a new skiing site and hosting an all city tournament.

Future plans include moving to a new site because we lost the site we were using. Last spring we obtained written permission from both the city and the State Public Service Commission to use a portion of a bay for our ramp and course. Unfortunately for us there were a number of people across the bay who unsympathetically considered us to be intruders into their portion of this public lake. In a petition against us they stated we were ruining a bed of lily pads in that area. Since harming these lily pads was a physical impossibility because they were in water too shallow to run a boat in, it is clear to us that this was used as an excuse to keep the public bay private. We did nothing to provoke this action as we had no personal contact with any of them and actually skied almost a half a mile from them on the opposite of the bay. We feel that we received a definite lack of consideration from these people. We gave up the site because it was far from ideal, but we will definitely fight for our next site and try to obtain a little more consideration for our skiers and in addition try to make our sport better understood in this city."

For the MIN-AQUA-BATS 1965 can be described as nothing less than the best year ever in the 17 year history of our water ski shows. New acts, huge crowds, improved equipment, and great enthusiasts all combined to bring this about. We always, except for poor weather, had large and enthusiastic spectators around 2,000 strong resulting in our putting forth better performances and receiving sounder financial returns.

The beginning of the year didn't look so rosy. We expected that we would really be "hurtin'" for skiers since a number of them were not expected back. However, some of the older skiers returned after all, and the Junior members turned out to be much better skiers than expected. By July 4th the show was running smoothly.

The biggest event of the year as to shows was our trip to Waukegan, Ill. where we presented two shows before combined audiences estimated at nearly 20,000. We were treated royally

by our co-hosts, the Wenkegan C of C and Johnson Motors. Our shows were almost perfect, a rarity, and everybody had a great time. Some of us may have overdone it a bit. Some of us may have overdone it a bit. But you will have to ask individuals about their specific adventures. Let's just say that we could have trained more vigorously for the State tournament which we attended the next day.

In July we held the 9th Annual Badger Open and aside from rough water on Sunday, it was a success. We had a large number of entries (thanks everybody) and spirited competition. One thing we feel was a definite improvement was the fact that it was a Class B tournament and competition was definitely at a higher level. We are planning to continue this again in '67. Apologies go out for the delay we had in getting trophies to some of you (especially to Cheryl Lake). Due to calls by Uncle Sam, the Board changed a little. Tom Krolczyk and Lynn Nowakowski stepped down. We now have Gil Keith, President; Randy Beech, Vice-President; Chris Coleman, Treasurer, Carla Zimmerman and Furi Stolen, Secretaries; Rob Bjork, Program Manager.

One last note: The club decided that all members would be members of WWSF and is footing the bill out of its budget.

Several ski shows and a very successful State Tournament were highlights of the ROCK-AQUA-JAYS 1966 season.

The shows, which began in June, took us all over this area. The acts included a ballet, clowning, three and five man pyramids, barefoot skiing, disc and chair maneuvering, tricks, and kite flying. The disc gives area fans a chance to watch Roy Lenta (Janesville's claim to state's oldest skier) in action. Bill Kuhlow did a fine job of directing these shows.

We completed the season with the State Tournament. Don Synder was the chairman of this tournament. We had many entries and we would like to thank everyone that helped to make this a most successful tournament.

Officers elected at our September meeting include Don Emerson, President; Bill Kuhlow, Vice-President; Elaine Harrison, secretary; Pam Pearsall, treasurer; John Kovland, corresponding secretary, and Bob Mussey, Club Director.

For the KWAHAMOT WATER SKI CLUB, this past year has been a most successful one. We once again put on three shows a week, beginning the season the end of June and finishing up the first part of September. Our crowds were better than ever, which enabled us to purchase new equipment earlier in the season than expected. We are very proud of our new, specially built 18' Correct Craft Ski Nautique, powered by a 352 cu. in., 250

h.p. Ford Interceptor engine.

The Kwahamot Water Ski Club presently has forty-five members. Our new officers for this coming term are Pete Trantow, President; Jim Orlowski, Vice-President; Jane Bloomquist, secretary, and Janice Jarvis, treasurer.

The Kwahamot Water Ski Club is anxiously awaiting for the "pond" to thaw and the "string" to become taut. Until then, we hope our girls stay single and guys stay away for the Paris of the Southeast. Best of luck to the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation and the rest of the ski clubs around the state.



HAVE YOU HEARD?.....

Some people at Winneconne in November thought they saw a water ski tow rig with twin Merc 95s. Well, they were fooled, it was only Allen Bubolz in his role as big "white" duck hunter. The ducks weren't fooled though...Uncle Sam called a number of Min-Aqua-Bats, Mike Le Baron this summer was assigned duty in Vietnam with the U.S. Marine Corps --our prayers our with him... Lynn Novakowski is with the Army,..

Tom Krolezyk is with the Army at Ft. Polk, La....Nan Bjork is with the Peace Corps in northern Brazil...Larry Joseph, with his wife in Trukey...Don Joseph spent the summer in Europe using his brother's residence as a base for his travels...Tom Beech, the byword to Min-Aqua-Bat married on June 12th...Chick Moss married in August...Rosanne and Buddy Krenal joined the club in August from their new home in Bern, Switzerland...Carla Zimmerman has slipped disc in her back and is due for surgery...Bob Bjork running and sure to win for student Senate at U. of Wis. ...Bob Badeau is engaged to Patty Olson...Bob Henderson, one of the Kwahamot Club founders will not be with us the summer, but completing his internship in medicine...Art Zshau, the excellent boat driver for the Kwahamots will be serving in the U.S.A.F....Kay Kongslien will be flying as a stewardess with American Airline... Dan Long, Rock-Aqua-Jays, says "Look Out". If you witnessed Dan's tournament jumping last year you will understand why. Dan promises to go as far right-side-up next year...Jerry Rayala is teaching school in New London...At this year's Aqua Foxes Novice tournament it was easier to win, than to wade through the "campers" bedded down in the Bubolz house... Lynn Mendenz almost lost her third place trophy at the State Championships--her first tourney she almost left before the end of the event. A tie and run off gave her third place in Women's slalom...Lori Byrne hosted the skiers at the Novice



Tournament with a great party. Lori is engaged to Dick Stoegbauer...Appleton teenagers packed the Country Aire to hear the Esquires recently. A real "In group of Four", David Buck plays the drums and Dana Buck sings and swings a guitar, fully amplified to create the "buff" sound. No longer teenagers, Nancy and Allen Bubbles can testify they did just that!...Phil Franke is thinking of hiring James Bond to find the Directors who have been missing from the last two Directors meetings...John Stepan should be nominated the Best Father of the Year for taking his two young ones by himself to the State Tournament and later to the Midwest Regionals...Many Midwest skiers have hunting for more Class B tournaments to go to because of the Super-Masters for the Nationals - how about your club sponsoring one?

LET'S BLAST OFF THIS NEW YEAR AS ONE OF OUR BEST FOR WATER SKIING!

As a start, be sure to send in your dollar, if you haven't already.

Next, come to the Convention! Jack Lukes, Chairman and his club skiers, the Aqua Skiers, have worked hard along with others to make this the best, and one worthwhile to all. If you haven't sent in your reservation, do it now, on the slip below.

Your Federation Editor,

Nancy Bubolz

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RESERVATION for the 1967 Wisconsin Water Ski Federation  
Mid-Winter Convention  
January 21, and 22, 1967

Convention fee: Adults - \$6.00 Children - \$3.35

These fees include all convention activities, including the Saturday evening banquet and dance, and the Sunday Brunch.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Convention Reservations for  
\_\_\_\_\_ Adults and \_\_\_\_\_ Children.

Send Reservations to Jack Lukes, 341-13th St. So., Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin 54494.

Make checks payable to the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation.

WISCONSIN WATER SKI FEDERATION

MID-WINTER CONVENTION

Schedule of events

Saturday January 21, 1967

- 11:30-12:30 Registration
- 12:30--1:00 General Assembly-Address by WWSF President, Phil Franke
- 1:00--2:15 Want to be a winner at a tournament? You'll find out the ins and outs from our panel of experts.
- 2:15--2:30 Break
- 2:30--4:00 Do you know how to put on a good show? Movies and demonstrations from some of our best show skiers will show you show skiing at its best.
- 4:00--5:00 Lets keep the present law----Jim Lauzon, Mid-West director of the American Water Ski Association-moderator.
- 5:00--7:00 Free time-Cocktail hour at the Labor Temple bar-Meeting of all Federation Directors and Bidders for the State Championships
- 7:00-10:30 Banquet at the Labor Temple-Guest Speaker-Awarding of the 1967 State Championships followed by dancing with the Red Raven "Collegiates"

Sunday January 22, 1967

- 11:00-12:30 Brunch-Garnished with the Junior Miss Teen-age Models showing off the coming seasons best swimwear and summerwear
- 12:30--1:15 Bruce Navin-Water skiing brings summer in Sweden
- 1:15--1:30 Break
- 1:30--3:00 Are you a real ski club? Are you successful? Movies, discussions--you name it. We'll have some answers to club problems and leave you with some valuable secrets to club SUCCESS. Bring along your home skiing movies for showing. We'll have both 8mm and 16mm projectors available.
- 3:00 Closing Assembly