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LINES FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Ski Enthusiasts:

Another skiing season is fast approaching us. Yes skiers, it is time to get those flabby bodies back in shape! As we look forward to another busy summer let's not forget a couple of important responsibilities we all have to the sport.

It is our job to promote safety in water sports. Safety orientated individuals and organizations look to us for recommendations concerning water skiing safety. Water skiing, at present, is the safest sport around. Let's keep it that way! It is up to each and every one of you to do your part in insuring safety precautions at tournaments as well as your everyday practice sessions.

You will all be afforded the opportunity to play an important part of our organization. I am speaking of the annual election of officers which will be held at the State 3 Event Championships in Menomonie, Wisconsin, on July 29, 1979. This is the time of the year that the executive board of directors is elected: president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, ANSA councilman, and two directors-at-large. This is your chance to support the people whom you feel will do the best job for your organization. I have appointed a nominating committee consisting of Miriam Westplate, Jerry Hansen, Jim Pharo, and Allen Bubolz. Please feel free to contact these people with ideas and suggestions to insure our Federation of the best possible candidates for the positions available. Our organization can only be as good as the people behind it. I hope that an impressive a-

mount of members will show up to take advantage of this important part of our organization.

I am very pleased to see such enthusiasm in the tournament world. Wisconsin should be proud to have so many fine tournaments scheduled for this summer. You will find a list of them, along with information about them, on pages 13 to 16 (the colored sheets) of this issue. Thank you to all clubs who are sponsoring tournaments this summer.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Board of Directors the Federation had this past year. You have done a fine job and I am very proud and honored to have had such fine working personnel during my year as president. It made my job much easier and more enjoyable to know I could always count on you to get the job done and done right. Thank you for your concern and dedication you showed to not only me, but your fellow skiers.

In closing, I would like to extend best wishes to all of you and your clubs. Good luck with your ski shows, tournament skiing, or whatever. See you at the tournaments!

Happy skiing!

Marge Klippel
Marge Klippel
WWSF President

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The best news the State Federation has received this year was a written bid for the State 3 Event Tournament which was accepted at the March 10 meeting. Congratulations to the Menomni Trolls, who will host the tourney on July 27, 28, and 29, at Menomonie, Wis. Co-chairmen of the event are Jerry Hansen, Bruce Nevin, Marty Karatz, and Jim Belden. Miriam Westplate, WWSF Director from the Min-Aqua Zata, will help with registration.

There was no state tournament last year. Wisconsin, which is known as a "water skiing state," can be proud of the Menomni Trolls. Let's all help them to make this the biggest and best State 3 Event ever!

Our state barefooters made news this past winter, when they placed 3 footers on the 2-member U. S. team that competed in the First World Barefooting Championships in Australia. Randy Filter, Jean Matthisen and Mike Seipel represented the United States; Jim Matthisen made the trip as an alternate. The WWSF, at their Feb. 17 meeting, passed a resolution commending the Wisconsin skiers, and awarded them a standing ovation during the "Think Tank" banquet on March 10.

Independent skiers should contact me with questions or problems at: Home Mutual Ins. Company, Box 819, Appleton, Wis., 54912. More news about, and of interest to, independent skiers would be welcomed. Please keep this in mind this summer and send all such news to me for the Fall Federator.

.....Allen Budolz, Director-at-Large



Aqua Skiers, Inc.

The Aqua Skiers Inc. Water Ski Club was formed in the winter of 1959-1960 by a group of skiers in what was then the Central Wisconsin Boaters Club. Since then our club has grown considerably larger and also younger over the years. The Aqua Skiers have also been a member of WWSF since 1962.

The club's ski site is a narrow strip of land along the Wisconsin River, which is leased from Consolidated Papers, Inc. We perform one, and sometimes two, shows there a year. The rest of our shows are all road shows.

This year we will be the proud owners of two Hydrodyne boats and a regulation jump, which is used for practice. An eight-foot-wide portable jump is used for all our road shows.

The Aqua Skiers will again host the Wisconsin State Show and the Heart of Wisconsin Open Tournament this summer. This is a road show for our club, also, since it will be held at South Wood County Park on Lake Kasecha. The tournament date is July 21 and 22; camping will again be available at the site.

We would like to thank all the clubs who have participated in the past years and we hope that you will return again this year. Last year we had 16 clubs participating, and this year we hope for TWO sunshiny days!

Any club wishing to participate in the state show tournament this year which wasn't contacted for last year's tournament, write to: Aqua Skiers, Inc., P.O. Box 412, Wis. Rapids, Wis., 54494. We will be happy to send you any information.

.....Sam Casey

CRANDON

Officers elected to head the Crandon Ski Club for the 1979 ski season are: President, Dennis Landgraf; Vice-President, Nan Pfister; Secretary, Patty Landgraf, and Treasurer, Lax Ann Carlson. Bob Landgraf is the new Show Director.

Our club will host the Fifth Annual Bare-foot Challenge Championships on Sunday, July 1. This tournament is a one-on-one tourney. Two skiers are behind the same boat, and must step off their ski by a certain point and continue skiing until the other skier falls. The course is a figure eight approximately 2/3 mile long by 1/3 mile wide. Boat speed is 42 m.p.h. This tournament is also double elimination. First through third places are awarded cash prizes along with trophies. The winner also receives a winner's jacket.

.....Dennis Landgraf, Director



Hodag Water Shows, Inc.

Hodag Water Shows was established in 1971 under the direction of Al Godman. Skiers used their own skis, ropes, and other equipment to put on their first show on July 4.

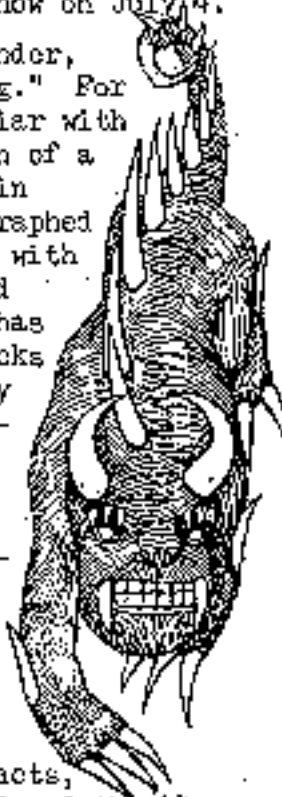
[The Hodags are from Rhineland, Wisconsin, "Home of the Hodag." For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Hodag, he is the creation of a great practical joker, who, in 1896, claimed to have photographed a 7-foot-long hairy creature with a horned backbone, tusks, and needle-sharp claws. Legend has it that a group of lumber jacks helped "capture" the Hodag by sealing it in a cave and putting it to sleep with a chloroform-soaked sponge on the end of a 30-foot pole. Though the hoax was eventually admitted, the town took the homely creature to its heart and it is a permanent part of the city today.]

The new club worked hard and mastered many difficult acts, including the 3-layer pyramid and the 14-man pyramid which became synonymous with the Hodags. They have also accomplished the barefoot jump, a canoe paddle pyramid, and are working hard on their trick jump.

The Hodags carry the title of 1973 Wisconsin State Show Champions. Active show competitors, the club placed third in the state in 1972 and 1974 and third in the nation in 1975 and 1976. They have competed in state show tournaments since 1972 and national show tournaments since their beginning in 1975.

Benefit shows have been a part of the Hodag schedule for the past two summers. They travel to Eagle River with seven other clubs to donate their time and talent for the Lions Club Benefit. The day's events start at 11 with each club putting on a one-hour show. The best acts from each of the clubs perform in an all-star show at 8:00 p.m.

Current president of the Hodags is Mark Steadman. Wally Pilbeam is 1st Vice President, and Bob Reeves is 2nd Vice President. Other officers are Tim Koenig, Treasurer, and Kay Lepak, secretary. Club membership consists of 35-60 members between the ages of 6 and 23.



The club hopes to be bigger and better this summer. They will be running a two-boat show with a new Hydrodyne and two new engines. Show site, dock, costumes and music will also be changed.

Hodag Water Ski Shows are presented on Boom Lake off Hodag Park at 8 p.m. Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from mid-June through mid-August.

....Karen Miller

MENOMIN TROLLS



WATER SKI CLUB

BBBBBBBB.....On New Year's Day, with the temperature below zero, Jim Balder, Bruce Nevio, Jim Brown, and Gene Cropp of the Trolls accepted an invitation from the Minnesota Bald Eagle Club to join them in some trick and barefoot skiing at Hidden Falls, Minnesota. Some dozen Troll members were on hand to give "warm" support. The Trolls were invited to return to Hidden Falls on Feb. 3 for more!

Fund raising efforts included a thrift sale in October. This is an annual event that was combined this year with a bake sale. The club also had a bake sale in December.

The annual banquet was held on November 25. The highlight of the evening was a slide presentation, set to music, of club members both on and off the water.

Judy Joyce is President of the Menomin Trolls; Mike Wheeler is Vice-President. Other officers are: Laura Wheeler, secretary, and Emy Van Osdale, treasurer. Correspondence for the club should be sent to the secretary at Route 6, Menomonie, Wis., 54751.

ROCK AQUA JAYS

The Janesville Rock Aqua Jays were originally founded in 1955 as the Janesville Boating Association. Two of the founders of the association, Roy Lentz and Don Cullen, are still very involved with the club. With the help of these men and the cooperation of many others, the Aqua Jays have become the fine show ski team that they are today.

John Wilson is President of the Aqua Jays for the 1979 season; Dick Stuka is Vice-President and Show Director. Other officers are:

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CHAIN



SKINNERS

The Chain Skimmers Water Ski Team would like to put out a special thanks to Randy Filter, Mike Seipel, and Jean & Jim Matthisen for their fine efforts at the World Barefoot Tournament this past year. We are proud to say that these people skied in the 1978 Midwest Regional and Wisconsin State Barefoot Tournament in Eagle River. Our club had the fortunate opportunity to host this tournament. With some of the best barefooters in the country participating, we were able to set a new record: 14 barefooters behind one boat! A big thanks to all who participated!

Officers for the 1979 season are: President--Kenny Baker; Co-Vice Presidents--John Strakoda and Julie Pfeiffer; Secretary--Debby Surpluss; and Treasurer--Jack Stoakopf.

At present, the Chain Skimmers are going through some minor site problems. Hopefully all other clubs can secure a site for the upcoming summer.

Some of our members attended the 1979 WWSF Think Tank in Maunau in March. We felt it was the best one yet and hope that it will be even bigger and better next year. If you have not been there in the past, make an effort next year. Experts on water skiing come from as far away as Cypress Gardens, Fla.

The Chain Skimmers would like to thank the WWSF for their fine work this past winter. You did a super job organizing things for the upcoming skiing season. Good luck to all!

.....Jack Stoakopf, Director

MIN-AQUA BATS

The Min-Aqua Bats Water Ski Club will once again host the annual Badger Open Water Ski Tournament on July 7 & 8, 1979. See tournament announcement on p.14. Even if the water isn't as smooth as glass we always have a great time and hope you will join us.

Last summer we hosted the 3rd Annual All-Star Benefit Water Ski Show. Members from four area clubs, Chain Skimmers, Hodags, Kwahmots, and Min-Aqua Bats gathered at the Aqua Bowl and performed a spectacular show. All donations received went to Multiple Sclerosis. We hope to sponsor the 4th Annual

All-Star Benefit Water Ski Show this summer, but as yet have not set a date nor decided where to donate the money.

The Min-Aqua Bats Water Ski Club is delighted that there will be a Wis. State 3-Event Tournament this summer. As everyone recalls there was not one last year due to the lack of bids. We have many 3-event skiers who not only look forward each year to compete in their respective divisions but for the Teen Trophy which we won the previous year. Thank you Menominee Trolls for bidding for this fine tournament.

This summer our shows will run from approximately June 13th through Labor Day weekend. We hold shows every Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday night 8:00 p.m.

Congratulations to the State of Minnesota on receiving the bid for the Regionals which will be held at Island Lake Park in Shoreview, Aug. 3, 4, 5. This is the site for the Greater Midwest Open and the Island Lake 2 Round Jump and Slalom Tournaments. This is a beautiful site, with great people to work with, so let's give them our total support.

.....Miriam Westplate, Director

Rock Aqua Jays, Cont.

Donna Colclasure, Corresponding Sec.; Jill Weitzel, Recording Sec., and Tom Cullen, Treas. Jerry Jensen is the WWSF Director.

The Aqua Jays have been very active with off-season fund raising this year. They already have had a car wash and a bake sale. They are in the middle of selling ads for a booklet to be distributed at each show, and they have plans for another car wash and much more!

Last year the club entered the Lamb's Farm and the Wis. State Tournaments as well as the Nationals, which they also hosted. The club will compete in these tournaments again this year.

Plans are under way to host a Class E Show Tournament in Janesville on June 24. However, the Rock River is not the most dependable and with the harsh winter and the wet spring, everyone will just have to wait and see if conditions will permit a tournament to be held. If hope can influence the conditions, the river will be o.k. because the Rock Aqua Jays are anxious and ready for a good season. The only goal for them is to take first place in all the tournaments this year! So look out!

.....Jerry Jensen, WWSF Director

COMMITTEE REPORTS



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11.0. Requirements TOURNAMENT RULES SKI SHOW ACTS OF AC

Major show tournament rules changes for the 1979 season include:

- (1) Club's 15 min. preparation time will begin at the end of the previous club's clean-up. (The previous club may not use all their allotted 15 min., and the tournament thus may be speeded up.)
- (2) Competition may be separated into divisions.
- (3) Competing clubs must furnish the sponsor with a complete roster of their regular active members, as of two weeks prior to the tournament.
- (4) It is now optional for the sponsor to furnish a jump and pick-up boat. If none is supplied, it must be so stated in the announcements.
- (5) Following are added to the list of items incurring an automatic 1% deduction for failure to exercise proper safety precautions:
 - || Failure of aerial acts to land in the water.
 - || Aerial acts with skis may not pass over land.
- (6) Boat washouts, high-speed turns, or similar stunts, must be started with an approach that is parallel to shore. (Banned entirely last year.)
- (7) Unsportsmanlike conduct during a tournament & violation of the rules of the tournament may result in a penalty up to and including removal by the judges.

.....Tom Ghiloni, Show Tournament
Rules Committee Chairman

NEW

SHOW TOURNAMENT DIVISIONS

The Wisconsin Water Ski Federation, at their Feb. 17 meeting, passed a resolution dividing the Wis. State Show Tournament into two classes: open and novice.

For the past 4 years, many clubs have become disinterested in show skiing competition. They felt they were not able to compete with the very top clubs, yet there was no alternative open to them. The intent of the

division will give each club a chance to compete at what they believe to be their level, while encouraging them to move upward when they feel they are ready to do so.

For the 1979 skiing season:

- (1) The Open Division will consist of the top 5 clubs (by total score) from the 1978 State Show Tournament, AND any and all other clubs desiring to compete in this division.
- (2) The Novice Division will be open to all clubs except those placing in the top 5 positions (by total score) in the 1978 State Show Tournament.
- (3) Clubs entering the competition, who did not compete in 1978, may enter either division.
- (4) Competition, for this year, will be limited to two days. Get your entries in early!

Questions should be directed to Tom Ghiloni, 120 Island Ave., Port Edwards, Wis., 54469.



MEMBERSHIP

Our membership file has taken on a new look these days. The old white one-year-only cards have been replaced by big blue cards which will last for 10 years each. On each card the coding covers individual clubs, independent members, VIPS, AWSA and non-AWSA members. By doing the coding this way, we are making the card file more versatile--we can take many different stick lists off it.

Prior to the Think Tank in March, we had about 30-35 renewed memberships; this included one 100% club, paid through 6-30-80. At the Think Tank we renewed and/or picked up 42 single and 5 family memberships. All the family members listed on family memberships have or will receive individual cards.

If you know somebody who is a member of WWSF and is not receiving a Federator or any of our mailings---please write and let me know. The membership file is as complete as the information sent to me for input. Many thanks to the individuals and all the clubs which submitted club n/a rosters to aid in this updating process--it sure helped!

Please LOOK at special request on renewal form on last page of this Federator!!!

.....Tino Pharo, Membership Chairman
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The third annual "Think Tank" was a great success according to skiers, judges, and ANSA representatives and guests who attended. Over 250 people registered for the two-day event held on March 10 and 11 at Waugau. They included skiers from Wisconsin, Illinois, Florida, and Tennessee.

Interest in the one and two-hour "think tanks" was "unbelievable!" according to Margo Klippel, WNSF president. "Attendance often exceeded the capacity of the rooms," she noted, "and we are looking for a larger place to hold the event next year." The subjects ran the gamut from a discussion of show rules, how to run a tournament, fund-raising, and grooming judges, to more specialized panels on clowning, driving, and announcing. Panel leaders included Lynn Novakofski, Cypress Gardens Show Director; Keith Abrams, Tony Bartlett Show Director; well-known skiers and ANSA representatives Nito Quitevis, Bob Hicks, Dick Nock, and Allen Bubolz, and judges and experts in their fields from the state.

Skiers and club representatives got a preview of some of the new boats and equipment on the market for the new season in an indoor display room decked out for the occasion. Mr. Ralph McLoon with the new Barefoot Nautique, Gary Mahler with a new Master Craft, Mike Fitzgerald with an American Skier, and other equipment dealers were kept busy answering questions and selling products right up until the convention closed late Sunday. Many movies also ran continuously, including some from Cypress Gardens, and a new film from Correct Craft, taken at very close range showing water skiing at its finest.

Those who may think the Think Tank is all education and business missed skiing's social event of the year Saturday night! After a delicious banquet, the hall was converted to a modern discotheque complete with lights, music, and two of the best disc jockeys in central Wisconsin. The Rock Aqua Jays, who donated their time and equipment, made it a great evening! Those who stayed until the last disco beat were also treated to a special "Steve Martin" show by Jerry Jensen and Dave Wiskie.

A new feature this year was a recreation program for young children which was provided so both parents could attend the many think tanks running simultaneously. Linda Bubolz did an outstanding job, and this service is

certain to be repeated in future years.

Co-chairmen of the planning committee were Margo Klippel, Jim Pharo, and Allen Bubolz. They were assisted by Tino Pharo, Miriam Westplate, Dor and Yvonne Kaelber. All agreed this was the best Think Tank yet. Planning has already begun for next year's event. A larger site, more convenient to more of our members, and with a larger indoor display area is the first priority, according to Jim Pharo. "Our aim this year," he added, "was to make it more truly a skier's convention, with dealers' displays and entertainment, as well as time for the many think tanks. The enthusiastic response indicates that this idea can succeed, and we hope to expand it next year."

Suggestions on locations, subjects for discussion, as well as on any part of the Think Tank are welcomed. Please send to: Margo Klippel, 7860 Klippel Rd., Minocqua, Wis., 54548.Yvonne Kaelber, Committee



Doubles demonstration photo by A. Bubolz
by Lynn & Vicki Novakofski
draws standing-room-only crowds

FOOTNOTES

Tournament barefooting became established in 1978. The first National Barefoot Championships were held in Waco, Tex. in September. The national competition also served as a "team trials" to select the U. S. Barefoot Team that competed in the First World Barefoot Water Ski Championships in Australia in November.

[Tournament barefooting is composed of four distinct events: start methods, wake crossings, tricks and jumping (over an 18" high, 4' wide, 12' long jump) for distance. Each of these must be mastered to become an overall winner.]

Wisconsin gained fame as the "barefooting state," landing 3 places, plus an alternate, on the traveling team of S. Raddy Filter, Mike Seigel, and Jean Matthisen were named to the main team; Jim Matthisen, the alternate.

Once the team had been selected and the reality of the situation became apparent to those involved, things began to rove. There was no money available to send the team. After such hard work and determination, each member was able to raise enough money for airfare as employers, parents, friends and townspeople helped out.

Fifty-four contestants representing ten nations participated in the two rounds of competition on Nov. 2 and 3. As expected, the Australians dominated the competition, while their close neighbors, the New Zealanders, placed second. The United States team surprised everyone by finishing a strong third ahead of 7 European countries. Final point totals of the top four teams were:
 *Australia....11,662 *U. S.....7,103
 *New Zealand... 7,961 *Grt. Britain...5,597

Some of the event highlights were a jump of 48 feet, and a trick run that included a wake front-to-back and a wake back-to-front, the first time that these tricks had been performed in competition. The event winner in start methods completed one-foot backward dock, backward tumbleturn and forward toe-hold dock starts. Men's wake slalom saw all 5 Australians slaloming backwards on one foot with the event winner scoring 8 backward one-foot crossings in a single 20-second pass.

The highest individual placement on the U.S. Team was Jean Matthisen's third place medal in women's wake slalom. That was the


only medal won by a non-Australian or New Zealander!

The U.S. Team had a great time on this trip and found that barefooting is a really big thing "down under." The Prime Minister came to the opening ceremonies. Results were carried daily on nation-wide TV, and the Australian government donated \$20,000 (that's right!) toward running the tournament. The Australian and New Zealand teams were selected a year ago, are well supported financially, and practice together regularly.

The U.S. Team was pleased to have finished third with so little previous experience in barefoot competition. With the knowledge and experience gained in Australia, team members are looking forward to the next world meet in two years.

.....Dick Matthisen



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 ?  UNANSWERED QUESTIONS ?
 ? FROM THINK TANK ?
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- *Did Jack Lukes ever find that "Roman party" he was looking for at 1:00 a.m. Sunday?
- *Why weren't more of you girls at Think Tank? Bob Colclasure & Brad Blair were forced to watch the dance!
- *What made the Munson Marine poster of Suzanne worth \$15.00, Bill McSorley?
- * Will the guys in the "pie line" do a can-can number next year???
- *What made those odd-shaped cakes worth so much at auction, Jon Weidner & Rock Aqua Jays? Was it the pink frosting or do you just like cherries?
- *Why did most of the Aquanuts disappear so early Sat. Night? Were the motel beds really that comfy?
- *What was it that John Zaske was called to take movies of at 4:00 a.m.?
- *Did Joey Lincoln and Jon Weidner ever find what they lost Sat. night? (Poor guys searched the floor on hands & knees from the dance floor all the way upstairs!)
- *What makes Nito's letters so valuable? Listen up, collectors! Save all your correspondence from Nito--it'll be worth \$\$.

1979 BOAT DRIVERS & JUDGES SCHOOL



DATES: June 2 & 3, 1979

LOCATION: Camp Nicolet for Girls, Eagle River, Wis. (13 Miles east of Eagle River on Hwy. 70)

FACILITIES: Lodging (Friday & Saturday nights) and meals (3 Saturday & 2 Sunday) will be available at the camp. All living, meal and meeting room facilities are set right on the lakefront. The camp has a slalom course, trick area, and jump. Tennis courts are available, bring your own equipment. If you do not wish to stay at the camp, contact Eagle River Chamber of Commerce (715-479-8575) at 128 S. Railroad, Eagle River, Wisconsin 54521 for lodging accommodations.

COST: A fee of \$30.00 per student will be charged to include meals, lodging, school instruction, and gas. This is a flat fee and will not be broken down. A \$5.00 non-refundable deposit will be required; make checks payable to Camp Nicolet. Send entry along with your deposit to Margo (below). Get your entry in early as only the first fifty (50) entries will be accepted.

PROGRAM: The following topics will be covered: Show Driving, Show Judging, Trick Driving, Trick Judging, Slalom Driving, Slalom Judging, Jump Driving, Jump Judging. You don't have to participate in all of them. Please check the ones you would like to attend on the entry form. A schedule will be worked out after all entries are in.

| <u>Saturday a.m.</u> | <u>Saturday p.m.</u> | <u>Sunday</u> |
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| 8:00 Registration | 1:00-4:00 Clinics | 8:00 Breakfast |
| 8:15 Breakfast | 4:00 Movies | 9:00-12:00 Clinics |
| 9:00-12:00 Clinics | 6:00 Dinner | 12:00 Lunch |
| 12:00 Lunch | | |

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING: Sleeping bag, linen, pillow, towels, skis, life jacket, ropes, swimming suit, wet suit. Clothing: very casual.

DEADLINE: Entries must be postmarked by May 21, 1979, to be accepted. No entries will be accepted after this date. Groceries and menus must be planned as well as the schedule. Allow for slow mail delivery.

INQUIRIES: Margo M. Klippel, 7860 Klippel Road, Minocqua, Wis, 54548. (715-356-3722)

1979 BOAT DRIVERS & JUDGES SCHOOL OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

Send entries to: Margo M. Klippel, 7860 Klippel Road, Minocqua, Wis. 54548.
Please accept my entry to the 1979 Boat Drivers and Judges School to be held at Camp Nicolet on June 2 & 3, 1979. Enclosed is my deposit for reservation of \$5.00. (Total fee \$30.00).
Make checks payable to Camp Nicolet.

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SIGNATURE _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

(Minors must have parent or guardians signature.)

I will be staying at Camp Nicolet and eating my meals there. Yes _____ No _____

I will be arriving: Friday _____ Saturday _____

I would like to participate in the clinics checked below.

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| Show Judging _____ | Trick Judging _____ | Slalom Judging _____ | Jump Judging _____ |

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**STATE SKIER WINS
 TOP AWARD!**

One of organized water skiing's most recent and already most coveted honors is to be selected for the Tommy Dorwin Memorial Award. The traveling award was founded in 1970 and is presented each year at the Midwest Regionals to a skier for sportsmanship and selfless contribution to the sport.

At the '78 Regionals, the Tommy Dorwin award was presented to Margo Klippel for her sportsmanship, dedication and contribution to the sport. These characteristics of Margo's were known to the selection committee, but some other background information was not so well known. She is a member of the Min-Aqua Bat Ski Club and was a junior member shortly before Dorwin died. She is also the current president of the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation. Among her other activities in organized water skiing, Margo Klippel is a show skier, a Regular Judge and an Assistant scorer. She has been honored by her hometown of Minocqua for being selected for the Dorwin Award.

Dorwin was one of the founders of the Min-Aqua Bats Ski Club of Minocqua, Wis. He also was the first Wisconsin Water Ski Federation president and was one who contributed all of his spare time to the progress of water skiing. Then Tommy died in his prime of a rare disease. How fitting that this award should come full circle and return to the starting point, awarded to a Min-Aqua Bat who is following in Dorwin's footsteps.

My personal congratulations to Margo, and I am sure I can speak for the rest of the Midwest Region!

Nita Outavis, ANSA Director

**SHOW
 tips**

As spring rolls by, now is the time to begin thinking about your show and making plans that could up your placing in the state and national show tournaments.

Theming and Costumes:

Don't try to theme every act. Even the major ski shows don't do this. Try to pick a major theme such as "Movies" or "Wild, Wild West," then build your show to accommodate this theme.

Remember that the vast majority of your audience will always be hundreds of feet from your skiers, so design your costumes accordingly. Busy swim suit patterns or small designs are often lost in the distance. Use bright show colors such as red, orange, and light blue. Browns, navy blue, and black are not show colors and do not show up well. Swimwear should be of a practical nature. Nylon-type tank suits are for swimming, but don't fit in a ski show because of their lack of support and the way they cling when wet. Also, solid color swim suits are best.

Props:

Always make sure your boats are clean and polished. This is a simple thing that is usually overlooked. Keep all props in excellent condition. At the first sign of wear, fix or replace. Don't wait until they break during a performance and ruin that.

Ropes:

Make your own! I'm surprised how many clubs use standard ANSA ropes made of polypropylene for their shows. Most acts don't want the stretch of a tournament rope for a show act. I don't know of any professional ski show which doesn't make its own ropes. Besides, you'll find it's cheaper. Show ropes should be made of polyethylene--3/8" is best.

Each act should have one spare rope. Have them ready at all times. If you get a knot, don't fight it during the show--use the spare rope. Lastly, check them before your act and if your rope doesn't look right, remember this motto: "When in doubt, re-roll."

Show Director's Role:

Unfortunately, only one person is in charge and all decisions must be final. Every professional ski show has one person in charge. He should listen to his club at pre-show discussions, but during the show, the show director must be completely in charge and his decisions final.

Practice:

You have heard the old saying "practice makes perfect." Nowhere is this more evident than in a ski show. The three-high pyramid in which the top girl is confident enough to project that big smile is accomplished through hours of practice. There is no short cut!!

Showmanship:

Here's one final thought! Remember who you are skiing for--the audience! Do your best and reward them with those big smiles and professional waves when you hit the beach.

Good luck to all of you and I'll see you at the state and nationals!

....Skip Gilkerson, Director,
 Tommy Bartlett Water Shows

GOLDEN SKI AWARDS



Recipients of the GOLDEN SKI Awards from the 1979 Think Tank are:

- # Lynn & Vicki Novakofski for coming all the way from Cypress Gardens!
- # Allen Bubolz for serving on the panel for SIX think tanks!
- # Gary Kahler who never stopped smiling! (And his room was opposite the hospitality room!)
- # Jeff Sayers for his outstanding disco dancing. (Tied for 2nd: Jim Lauzon & Allen Bubolz!)
- # Jack Lukes, Joe Ostrander, Jim Pharo, Nito Quitevis, Dick Neck, and Allen Bubolz, for serving in the "pie line!"
- # Bob Hicks for paying \$200. for the banana cream pie--and then relinquishing the pleasure!
- # Margo Klippel for her magnanimous gesture in sharing that pie so evenly!
- # Dave Wiskie & Jerry Jensen for the collection donated to the WWSF for their performance!
- # Erin Mahner for being the youngest "skier" in attendance.
- # Lynn Novakofski for donating his hat to the auction! Next item, Lynn?????
- # Don Kaelber for paying \$10.50 for that hat! (It'll be the first donation to the WWSF Hall of Fame!)
- # Brown's Lake, our newest state club, for being so well represented!
- # Joey Lincoln for paying a record \$13 for a kiss from our lovely prez! (Does that mean that the girls get to bid on a kiss from Joey next year?)
- # Ben Gallop for being the cutest swimmer! (Until we get some girls to watch!)
- # Brady Bosch and his golden tonsils for auctioning off the most items ever!
- # Jim Lauzon for the most successful new subject--'Show Acts Difficulty!' (It was held over until 9 a.m. Sunday. (9 a.m.???)

TOMMY BARTLETT WATER SHOWS

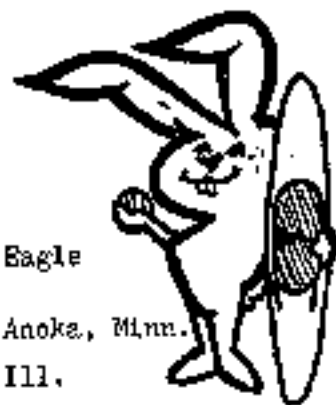


We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the show clubs and competitors good luck in the 1979 tournament season. May your long hours of practice and effort be rewarded by success.

TOMMY BARTLETT
TON DIEHL
SKIP GILKERSON
KEITH ABRAM

President
V.P. General Manager
Ski Show Director, Wisconsin Dells
Ski Show Director, Gatlinberg, Tenn.

Tournament Schedule



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| June 2 | Duhr's Bash (3 round slalom)..... | Lake Saucier, Anoka, Minn. |
| June 2 & 3 | Boat Drivers & Judges School..... | Camp Nicolet, Eagle River, Wis. |
| June 16 & 17 | Gopher Classic (2 round trick & jump)..... | Lake Saucier, Anoka, Minn. |
| June 17 | Lambe Show Tournament..... | Libertyville, Ill. |
| June 23 & 24 | 10,000 Lakes Open..... | Lake Saucier, Anoka, Minn. |
| June 24 | Blackhawk Show Tournament--B Division..... | Janesville, Wis. |
| June 30, July 1 | Six Lakes Open (2 round trick & jump)..... | Chetek, Wis. |
| July 1 | Barefoot Challenge Championship..... | Grandon, Wis. |
| July 7 & 8 | Badger Open..... | Minocqua, Wis. |
| July 14 & 15 | Wisconsin State Barefoot..... | No Bid |
| July 14 & 15 | Greater Midwest Open..... | Island Lake, Shoreview, Minn. |
| July 21 & 22 | Wis. State Show Tournament..... | Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. |
| July 21 & 22 | Minnesota State (closed)..... | Lake Saucier, Anoka, Minn. |
| July 27, 28 & 29 | Wisconsin State 3 Event..... | Menomonie, Wis. |
| Aug. 3, 4 & 5 | Midwest Regionals..... | Island Lake, Shoreview, Minn. |
| Aug. 11 & 12 | National Show Tournament..... | DuQuoin, Ill. |
| Aug. 11 & 12 | Saucier Cup (invitational)..... | Lake Saucier, Anoka, Minn. |
| Aug. 15 - 19 | National 3 Event Championships..... | DuQuoin, Ill. |
| Sept. 1 & 2 | Beloit Open..... | Beloit, Wis. |
| Sept. 8 & 9 | Island Lake (2 round slalom & jump)..... | Island Lake, Shoreview, Minn. |
| Sept. 16 - 23 | World Tournament..... | Toronto, Canada |



Information: Bill Simpson
R.R. 4 Lake Benton
Benton, Ill. 62812

Camping Information: Lyndal Graff
DuQuoin State Fairgrounds
P.O. Box 191
DuQuoin, Ill. 62832



July 27, 28, 29
Menomonie, Wis.

Information: Menonin Trails
Water Ski Club
R.R. # 6
Menomonie, Wis. 54751

1979 WISCONSIN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 27-28-29 1979

The Menomni Trolls are pleased to sponsor the '79 State Championships in Menomonie on Lake Menomni at Wakanda Park.

OFFICIALS: Chief Judge....Allen Bubolz
 Chief Scorer...Margo Klippel
 Registration...Miriam Westplate
 Tour. Chairperson...Mary Marotz
 Technical.....Dennis Close
 Computer Operator.....Bruce Nevin
 Chief Cook.....Jim Belden
 Bottle Washer.....Jerry Hansen

AWSA SANCTION: The Wisconsin State Championships are sanctioned by the American Water Ski Association. In accordance with that sanction you must be a member of AWSA to ski. You will be able to join at registration if you wish.

CLOSED: The Wisconsin State Championships shall be closed to all but: Wisconsin residents and summer residents (shall not have skied in any state tourney held outside of Wis. by another state water ski association during 1979.)

RATINGS ONLY: Skiers from out of state may ski for ratings only, but can not displace any Wisconsin skiers for placement.

REQUIREMENTS: Jr. Boys & Jr. Girls 2nd class all events
 Boys, Men I & Men II Expert Slalom & Jump; 1st class tricks
 All others 1st class

ENTRY FEE: \$12.00 one event, \$20.00 two or more events, \$40.00 family. A discount of \$3.00 for one event, \$3.00 two or more events, \$5.00 family for WWSF members.

WWSF MEMBERSHIP: Individual membership is \$3.00. Family membership is \$5.00. Family includes Mom, Dad and all family members under 18.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Postmarked no later than July 20, 1979. Late entries, if accepted, will incur a penalty of \$5.00. Make checks payable to Menomni Trolls, Inc. Mail with entry to: Miriam Westplate, 8531-32nd Ave., Kenosha, Wis., 53142.

AFTER JULY 20th: All late entry forms must be handed in at registration because Miriam will have to leave Kenosha to come to the tournament. She will not be picking up your late entry by mail in Menomonie.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Some camping in Wakanda park, but you must pre-register early!
 Contact: Menomonie area Chamber of Commerce, 335 Main St., P.O. Box 246
 Menomonie, Wis., 54751. (715) 235-9087

TEAM COMPETITION: Teams desiring to enter team competitions will pay a one dollar (\$1.00) entry fee to the WWSF. Late entry fee will be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00.) Late entry deadline to be all entered after July 20, 1979. Late entries will be accepted only until noon Friday July 27, 1979.

ALSO TEAM LISTS: Clubs desiring to compete for the team trophies must submit a list of active and/or voting members who have been members of said club for at least two (2) weeks prior to the State Tournament and must submit this list by the tournament entry deadline date to the host club. Individual and teams competing for team trophies are responsible for knowing and understanding the rules governing team trophies.

ANNUAL MEETING: Wisconsin Water Ski Federation annual meeting will be held Sunday afternoon.

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| SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: | Jr. Girls Jump | Boys Tricks | Sunday 7:00 a.m. |
| Friday 10:00 | Sr. Womens Jump | Men I Tricks | |
| Jr. Girls Slalom | Girls Tricks | Men II Tricks | Men I Slalom |
| Jr. Boys Slalom | Jr. Boys Tricks | Women Jump | Men II Slalom |
| Boys Slalom | Jr. Girls Tricks | Sr. Men Jump | Vet Men Slalom |
| Sr. Womens Slalom | B-Men Tricks | Vet Men Jump | Women Slalom |
| Girls Slalom | | Girls Jump | B-Men Jump |
| Sr. Men Tricks | Saturday 7:00 a.m. | Boys Jump | Men I Jump |
| Vet. Men Tricks | B-Men Slalom | Sr. Women Tricks | Men II Jump |
| Jr. Boys Jump | Sr. Men Slalom | Women Tricks | |

1979 WISCONSIN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Send entry form [postmarked before 12:00 midnight July 20, 1979] to:
 Miriam Westplate, 8531 - 32nd Ave., Kenosha, Wisconsin, 53142.

In consideration of your accepting my entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, release and forever discharge the sponsors, their agents, servants, and persons connected with these competitions of and from any and all rights, claims, demands, and actions whatsoever I may have for any and all loss, damage, or injury sustained by me or my equipment during said competition. I further understand that your acceptance of my entry is contingent upon my completion of all requirements as outlined in the tournament entry requirements.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

COMPETITOR'S SIGNATURE.....

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE.....

Minors must have parent or guardian's signature to enter the tournament. Family entry requires separate entry blanks signed by parent for each minor and adult entering. Extra blanks may be signed at the tournament.

Age on January 1, 1979..... AWSA Expiration Date.....

Rating in: Slalom..... Jump..... Tricks.....

+Check the appropriate spaces for class and events you wish to enter:

| | SLALOM | JUMP | TRICKS |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Junior Boys 12 and under | | | |
| Junior Girls 12 and under | | | |
| Boys 13 to 16 inclusive | | | |
| Girls 13 to 16 inclusive | | | |
| Women 17 to 29 inclusive | | | |
| Men I 17 to 24 inclusive | | | |
| Men II 25 to 34 inclusive | | | |
| Senior Men 35 to 44 inclusive | | | |
| Veteran Men 45 and up | | | |
| Senior Women 30 and over | | | |

Would you like to assist in judging: Yes _____ No _____

What judgeship do you now hold? _____ Drivers Rating _____

List any specific duties that you would like/need to do below:

20th ANNUAL BADGER OPEN WATER SKI TOURNAMENT -- July 7 & 8, 1979

Sponsored by the Min-Aqua Bats Water Ski Club of Minocqua, Wis. and sanctioned by the American Water Ski Association.

Location: Aqua Bowl, Minocqua, Wisconsin

Accommodations: Contact Greater Minocqua Chamber of Commerce
Box 187, Minocqua, Wis. 54948 (715-356-5266)

Entry Fee: \$12.00 one event, \$14.00 two or more, \$30.00 family
Family consists of at least one parent and two children.
Make checks payable to Min-Aqua Bats Water Ski Club.



MINOCQUA, WISCONSIN 54948

Entries to: Min-Aqua Bats Water Ski Club; Box 339; Minocqua, Wis. 54948

Deadline: FIRST 130 PAID ENTRANTS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Entries must be postmarked no later than June 29, 1979, or a late fee of \$5.00 will be charged if accepted.

Requirements: AWSA member in good standing. You must meet the rating requirements listed:
Jr. Boys & Jr. Girls 2nd class all events
Girls, Women, Sr. Women, 1st class all events
Sr. Men, Vet. Men expert jump, 1st class slalom & tricks
Boys, Men I, Men II no higher than 1st class jump, 2nd
B-Men class tricks & slalom or no rating

Trophies: 1st thru 3rd plus overall; special trophy in Men's Jump

Personnel: Chief Judge.....Margo Klippel Chief Boat Driver.....Joe Ostrander
Chief Scorer.....Steve Gallop Co-Chairmen...Guy Piasecki & Mark Stone
715-356-3563 715-356-6098

chetek

Hydro-Flites

SIX LAKES OPEN

2 Round Jump & Trick

June 30 July 1

Chetek, Wis.

Men I, Men II, Women

Sr. Men, Boys, Girls

Novice Men

Entry Deadline: June 25

Contact: Deanna Zeltner
Box 135 Rt. #2
Chetek, Wis. 54728

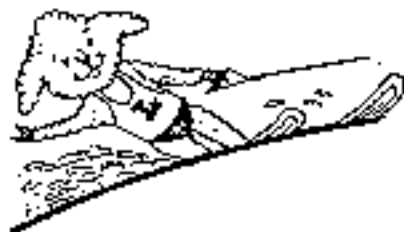
FIFTH ANNUAL BAREFOOT CHALLENGE
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, July 1

North Shore of
Lake Metonga

Grandon, Wis.

Contact: Dennis Landgraf
Rt. 1 Box 134
Grandon, Wis. 54521



THE LAMBS WATER SKI SHOW TOURNAMENT

SPONSORED BY CORRECT CRAFT BOAT CO. & ROGER KRING
AT LAMBS FARM LAKE, ROUTE 176 & I-94, LIBERTYVILLE, IL
FATHERS DAY, JUNE 17, 1979, AT 10 AM



INSURANCE



As a service to our members, the WWSZ is providing a list of insurance companies that are known to provide liability coverage for recreation activities and may be interested in providing insurance for your ski shows and other events. The list of companies is long enough so that the officers of a ski club, in areas where insurance has been difficult to obtain, can take the list to two or more insurance agents and ask them to get bids.

.....Allen Bubolz, Director-at-Large

- *Ambassador Insurance Co.
- *American Reserve Insurance Brokers, Inc.
- *American States Group
- *American Universal Group
- *America's Insurance Center
- *Bellefonte Group
- *Capitol Indemnity Corp.
- *John H. Crowther, Inc.
- *First Financial Insurance Co.
- *Great Southwest Fire Insurance Co.
- *Guaranty National Insurance Co.
- *Illinois R. B. Jones
- *Investors Insurance Co. of America
- *Jefferson Insurance Co. of N.Y. & Monticello Insurance Co.
- *Lexington Insurance Co.
- *Karkel Service Inc.
- *Market Finders Insurance Corp.
- *Montgomery & Collins, Inc.
- *National Indemnity Co.
- *National Savings Insurance Co.
- *North East Insurance Co.
- *Northfield Insurance Co.
- *Paxton National Insurance Co.
- *The Personal Service Insurance Co.
- *St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Co.
- *Victor O. Schinnerer & Co., Inc.
- *Southeastern Fidelity Insurance Co.
- *Specialty Underwriters Agency, Inc.
- *Stewart Smith Baldinger, Inc.
- *Tower Special Facilities
- *Transco Insurance Services
- *U.S. Liability/Mt. Vernon Fire Ins. Cos.
- *Wausau Surplus Lines Underwriters, Inc.
- *Western World Insurance Co.
- *Wahlreich & Anderson Group
- *Worldsure, Inc.
- *Yosemite/Great Falls Insurance Cos.
- *Zurich American Insurance Co. of Ill.
- *Underwriters at Lloyd's, London

At a recent Think Tank session, the subject of silent trick recording, i.e., trick symbols used by a judge in lieu of a secretary, was discussed. Following are the short-hand symbols that will be used in Group II officially, beginning in 1980, for all new judges. Received from I. Cantacuzène, Chairman Technical Committee, World Water Ski Union.

.....Allen Bubolz, Director-at-Large

| | | | |
|-----|----------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| ~ | Ski Slide | | |
| | 180 | | |
| 3 E | 360 | | |
| 5 | 540 | | |
| 7 | 720 | | |
| — | 180 F-B Step | | |
| — | 180 B-F Step | | |
| ~ | 360 F-F Step (wave) | | |
| ~ | 360 B-B Step (wave) | | |
| 5 | 540 B-F Step (wave) | | |
| 5 | 540 F-B Step (wave) | | |
| 5 | 540 F-B Double Step (wave) | | |
| 5 | 540 B-F Double Step (wave) | | |
| | <u>On the Wave</u> | | |
| V | 180 | | |
| 2V | 360 | | (Trick Symbols cont.) |
| 5V | 540 F-B | 5C | 540 F-B |
| 5V | 540 B-F | 5C | 540 B-F |
| 7V | 720 F-F | 7C | 720 F-F |
| 7V | 720 B-B | 5C | 180 F-B Step (wave) |
| 8V | 180 F-B Step | 5C | 180 B-F Step (wave) |
| 8V | 180 B-F Step | 5C | 360 F-F Step (wave) |
| | | | <u>On the Wave</u> |
| | <u>To Hold</u> | CV | 180 F-B |
| CO | 180 F-B | CV | 180 B-F |
| CO | 180 B-F | 3CV | 360 F-F |
| CV | Ski Slide | CO | 360 B-B |
| CV | Ski Slide reverse | 5CV | 540 F-B |
| 3C | 360 F-F | 5CV | 540 B-F |
| 6 | 360 B-B | 7CV | 720 F-F |

SAFE SKIING IS NO ACCIDENT!

This page is sponsored by the AQUANUT WATER SKI TEAM, of Twin Lakes, in appreciation to the WWSF for their efforts on behalf of all water skiers. It is not just coincidence that the top 3 or 4 clubs in show tournaments also have outstanding clown acts; a good clown act adds a big plus to any show. It is our sincere hope that these ideas may inspire greater interest in the art of water ski clowning, to the benefit of show skiing everywhere.

CLOWNS



If there's anything that separates the shows in this area from those in the rest of the country, other than finesse, it's the clowning! You people really have it together as far as clowns go," stated Lynn Novakofski, Cypress Gardens Show Director, at the recent WWSF Think Tank. What makes Wisconsin's clowns outstanding? Following are the highlights of an article containing think tank ideas and the results of personal interviews with: (1) Gregg Borowski, one of the Aquanut's clowns in their "conversation with God" which was the top scoring act in the 1977 state show tournament, (2) Joe Lincicum, Madison's clown and expert flivver driver, (3) Jeff Schram, Capitol City's well-known "Sparky," (4) Duane Snow, the Rock Aqua Jay's famous "Fred-dy," and (5) Kent Yunker, "Bo-Bo," the Aquanut's original clown.

"Clowning," fellow skiers often say, "is easy. All you have to do is act silly, and if something does go wrong, the audience just thinks it's part of the act." "Not so!" was the unanimous opinion of the young men interviewed. "Clowning is hard--the hardest thing in the show," said Joe, "and the most painful!"

We discussed the creating of characters as clowns, rather than a person, himself, just "acting funny." Once a character has been developed well, is it easier to be creative by changing lines or acts, rather than having to come up with a new set of characters, as well as a new act, for each show? "Most assuredly!" Duane replied. That adds another problem, though, says Gregg. "You have to be able to expand on this character and not repeat lines and acts too often."

Makeup determines the clown's character. "It is the vehicle by which you become your clown character," stated Kent. Once you have found the character you personally enjoy and feel comfortable with, you don't normally change it, he added. "The audience identifies with it and will be looking for the "other clown" if you change," commented Duane.

At a makeup demonstration, Lynn offered some suggestions. The first requirement is an old white sock--empty a can of baby powder into it and fasten securely. Next, apply white base. Pat with the powder sock. (This 'sets' the base so it doesn't smear or rub off easily.) Brush off excess powder with a shaving brush. If cracks appear, wipe with dry cloth, then reapply white. Facial features are applied last with a makeup brush, or a water color brush that has been snipped off. Apply red paint to the bottom lip only to get separation of the mouth from a distance. Powder-pat after each step; brush off excess.

A clown's costume is just as much a part of his character as his makeup is, emphasized Kent. "You can have a tremendous act, but it takes the 'actors' to make it work, and to not have a good wardrobe is to make the actors' job that much more difficult. People spend a lot of time thinking up acts and applying music and then use 'any old thing' they can find in the closet."

The next step is the clown act. Who does the planning in these clubs? All agreed that everyone in the clubs offers ideas. According to Scott Hermanson, Capitol City's president in 1978, the best ideas usually come from an informal get-together. All stated definitely that after a basic idea is decided on, everyone that is involved with the act should be in on the final planning--the announcer, sound technician, boat driver, rope handler, etc.

"The clown act," states Joe Lincicum, "is the only thing left in the show that you can experiment with--the only place you can still be creative!" He says this with great enthusiasm, and it is perhaps the reason a skier stays with it despite the hard punishment a clown receives. Although they are creative, clown acts are well-planned and the amount of spontaneity in any one show is dependent on many factors, from the type of crowd to the amount of sound effects used. Written scripts that serve as guidelines will be used more and more, predicted Gregg. "It's a production out there, thus a script seems very appropriate." Even if you get in trouble, he added, it comes out better if you have a script and have rehearsed before. You can always ad-lib according to crowd reaction, observed Duane, but it is definitely better to have a base to work from.

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Clowns, cont.

If your act is planned with 100% sound, asserts Joe, "you have less chance to mess up, but it also leaves you less chance to be spontaneous." It is necessary to recognize the risk a club takes when an act is totally dependent on sound. Synchronizing special effects with clown acts is very difficult, but not impossible, say the skiers. It requires a lot of practice.

Does a clown act have to go on the water? From a competition standpoint, two judges offered their opinions. Lynn stated "a qualified yes, because it is a water ski show." Tom Ghiloni agreed that water is still the best stage, but added, "it doesn't have to be a jump act."

A successful clown act is dependent, in varying degrees, on the announcer. "A good announcer," said Duane, "is half the clown act." Just as some people are just naturally better as clowns than others, so too, some announcers are just better at announcing for clowns than others, observed Jeff. Using a separate announcer for the clown act can be done, but it must be done carefully, stated the clowns. The announcer must keep in mind that he is part of the act, pointed out Gregg, and he must practice as often as possible with the clowns.

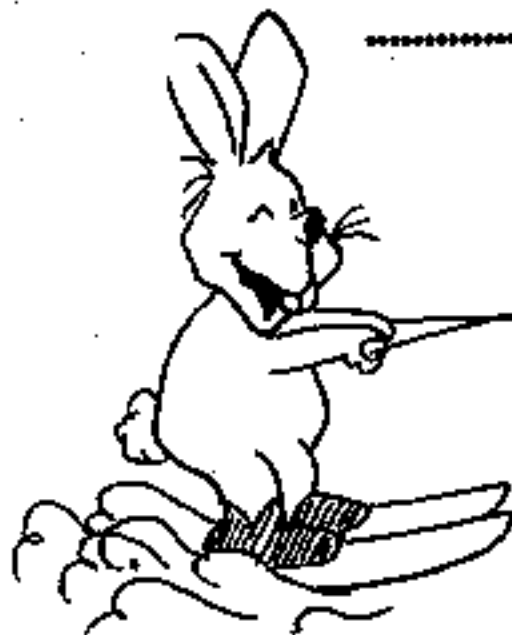
Boat driving is the other important part of the clown act. "The driver," said Jeff, "can make or break the clown act." It is easier if the clown act is kept simple and is well-rehearsed, but this is not usually the case with amateur shows, where competition dictates more change. Thus the chance of things going wrong is greater, and the driver's job more critical. "The clown's best friend is the pick-up boat driver," asserted Jeff emphatically. "If something goes wrong, I want to know he will be THERE." Practice is important. Establish a system of hand signs with the driver, suggests Duane. "For example, if I wave to the crowd with both hands, I'm o.k., but if I wave with one hand, he knows I need him--immediately!"

There are not yet many girls who do clown acts. Duane attributed this to the large amount of makeup required, as well as the physical punishment a clown incurs. In an answer only a true clown could give, Gregg thought there was a shortage of girl clowns because "their mothers always told them not to fool around!"

Are there any specific words of advice for skiers who want to be a clown? "Pick your make-up carefully, and always use bright costume colors," advised Duane. Kent suggested reading as much as possible on the subject, and associating with other clowns: "Then start working 'walk arounds' to build confidence. (The Aquanut clowns, incidentally, entertain the audience at intervals. They have found this an excellent way of keeping people there for collections, and the added entertainment actually encourages donations.) "Not every skier can be a clown," responded Gregg. "You have to have a natural clown inside yourself. The best way to find out is to suit up and test yourself before a crowd."

[Copies of the entire article on clowns are available to interested show directors and clowns. Send large, stamped (30¢) envelope to Yvonne at 4727-84th St., Kenosha, Wis., 53142. Questions on clowns will be gladly answered by Kent Yunker, 503 Sunset St., Twin Lakes, Wis., 53181.]

.....Yvonne Kaelber



STAY IN THE WAKE!

Attend your Wisconsin Water Ski Federation meetings!

The next meeting is May 12 at the Stevens Point
Holidays at 8:00 p.m. Meeting dates for next year have
been scheduled at the Stevens Point Holidays as follows:

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|--------------|------------|--------------|----------|
| September 29 | December 1 | February 16 | April 12 |
| October 20 | January 12 | March 8 & 9 | May 17 |
| | | (Think Tank) | |

[If you wish to confirm a date, or have any questions, call
Margo Klippel at 715-356-3722.]

RENEWAL NOTICE



Box 9021
Madison, WI 53715

| DUES | NEW EXPIRATION DATE |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| \$ 3 ⁰⁰ | July 1, 1980 |

WWSF Board resolution
Jan. 20, 1979 membership
\$3.00 per year.

NEW FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$5.00 per year.

You must list all names for family membership.

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Address: _____

_____ City STATE ZIP

Club Affiliated with: _____

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Jim & Tina*

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