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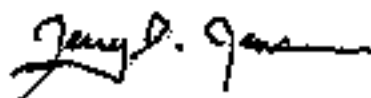
LINES FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is marvelous to be back in 'God's country' once again. Throughout my travels this summer I found that Wisconsin skiers truly are world-famous. You are well known in ALL areas of skiing - barefoot, 3-event, and show, and I am very proud to be the president of your state organization. Keep up the good work!

I would like to take this time to thank you all for keeping safety utmost in your minds and having a great season. Please keep up the high level of safety consciousness in the years to come so that we may all continue enjoying the sport that we all love so much.

I would also like to personally invite each of you to attend our Federation meetings and the annual Think Tank to be held in March. Please remember, anytime you have a question or comment feel free to write or call me.

Sincerely,



Jerry Jensen
President - W.W.S.F.

**ATTENTION:****Boat Drivers, Judges & Scorers**

- 1) Would you be interested in a clinic on 3 event driving, judging and scoring to be held at the Holiday Inn in Madison?
 - 2) Do you think we should hold a clinic at Eagle River as in the past?
 - 3) Would you be able to attend both or which would be easier for you to attend?
- Please submit answers to Margo Oppenheim at 921 Harlem #5, Glenview, Ill. 60025 as soon as possible. We would appreciate everyone's input so we can accommodate you to better our ability in judging, driving and scoring. Thanks for your concern!

**1982 WISCONSIN STATE
3 EVENT NEW RECORDS**

MENS I	Slalom	44	Steve Coon
	Old	40½	Joe Ostrander '72
MENS II	Jump	147'	Bruce Nevin
	Old	144'	Bruce Nevin '81
WOMENS II	Slalom	32	Cathy Reid
	Tied Old	32	Georgi Starz '81
	Tricks	1800	Roxie Close
	Old	720	Georgi Starz '81
JR. GIRLS	Tricks	6240	Britt Larson
	Old	3890	Tawn Larson '81
	Jumping	82'	Liza Fitzgerald
BOYS	Old	76'	Carrie Pawinski '72
	Slalom	22	Matt Gosline
	Tied Old	22	Tony Steadman '76

MEETING DATES

December 4	April 7
January 8	May 7
February 5	
March 5-6	THINK TANK

**WATER SKI
HALL OF FAME**

A milestone in the 60-year history of the sport of water skiing was recorded on the weekend of April 16, 17, 1982 with the inaugural Water Ski Hall of Fame inductions in Winter Haven, Florida.

Hall of Fame inductees present at the ceremonies were Charles Sligh, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Dick Pope, Sr. of Cypress Gardens, Fla., Willa Cook of Deland Fla., Chuck Stearns, of Bellflower, Cal.

The late Ralph W. Samuelson of Pine Island, Minn. the acknowledged "Father of water skiing", and the late Dan B. Hains of Bayville, N.Y., founder of the American Water Ski Association, were honored posthumously.

The weekend events included an exhibition water ski tournament, featuring recognized top water skiers, plus skiing appearances by pro-sixties who were active in competition. Cypress Gardens scheduled show skiing routines from the past including Willa Cook on the swivel and two families whose members represented three generations each of active water skiers.

More than 300 people from throughout the country attended the Saturday evening banquet and presentation ceremonies. Climaxing the weekend an open house dedication ceremonies for the newly completed Hall of Fame section of the WATER SKI MUSEUM/HALL OF FAME building located at 799 Overlook Drive, Winter Haven, Fla. took place.

Allen Bubolz presented the History of the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation (2 volumes) for the Museum Research Library. We take this opportunity to thank Jack Lukes, Jim Pharo, Margo Oppenheim, Allen and the many others that took their time to prepare this information.

Whenever you are in Florida be sure to stop by and visit the WATER SKI MUSEUM/HALL OF FAME.

Carole Lowe
AWSEP

PROFILES

'Profiles' is an on-going feature in the Federator designed to enable our readers to get a closer look at a few of our WWSF leaders, and to also feature some of our professional skiers. To start the year, we will take a look at a few of our new officers that you elected to the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation for the year 1983.

PRESIDENT

Jerry Jensen has been re-elected to the post of President. He is married to Susie, and they have 3 children, Emilie, Jeremy, and Alice. Jerry has been associated with the Rock Aqua Jays and last year worked professionally in the waterskiing field. His interests include stereos and music (of course) and painting. He has been skiing since the age of 12.

SECRETARY

Kent Yunker of Twin Lakes has been a member and co-founder of the Aquanuc Water Shows. He has a wife, Janet and 3 boys, Michael 4, Aaron 3 and a new arrival- Grant 1½mths. Kent has enjoyed waterskiing since he was a small child and most of you recognize him as BoBo the clown. Kent works at Yunker Industries, Lake Geneva as the head of the sales department. A few of Kent's interests are skiing (naturally) and flying a small one engine plane. He also enjoys all outdoor sports and during the winter plays racketball and works out with weights.

AWSA COUNCILPERSON

Margo Oppenheim is married to Alan and they have no children. She has been affiliated with skiing for the past 19 years. She was a member of the Min-Aqua Bats from 1964-1974. She has been a regular judge, regular scorer, scoring show judge, WWSF secretary for 2 years, WWSF president for 2 years, and AWSA councilman for 3 years.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Persons interested in writing comments to the editor, or sending in ads or articles of interest for the Federator, please send your information to:

Janet Yunker
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Twin Lakes, WI 53181

AWSA COUNCILMAN'S REPORT

First of all, let me introduce myself. My name is Margo Oppenheim, formerly Margo Klippel. I am currently living at 921 Harlem #5, Glenview, Illinois 60025 where you can contact me for any problems or suggestions you might have. My phone number is (312) 729-1885, please feel free to call me at any time. I was the Councilman for Wisconsin two previous years and enjoyed the contact with many different water skiers. I missed it so much after not running for office last year that I decided to try for the position again. Thank you for electing me and giving me the opportunity to serve you once again.

I guess many of you are wondering just what a councilman does. I am basically your liaison between the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation and Wisconsin Water Skiers to the American Water Ski Association. My job is to keep you informed of what AWSA is doing for you the skier and to keep AWSA informed of what is happening in Wisconsin. I am here to help you in any way I can. If you have a question about AWSA or something they are doing I am the person to contact. I can help you with sanction forms, judges ratings, Regional Guide fees and advertisements, skier dues for 3 event tournaments, rule changes and many other aspects of our sport. I will try to keep you updated every Federator and of course, will have a special report after our Regional Council meeting in February.

Since it is quite early in the year I don't have much to report to you at this time. The mid-winter meeting of the Regional Council will be held in Chicago on February 12 & 13, 1983. Time and place are yet to be determined. If you are interested in attending or want something brought up to the Council please let me know. This is the time to air your complaints as something can be done at this point instead of in the middle of the skiing season when everyone is concentrating on nothing but skiing.

The Mid-West Region will once again be publishing a Regional Guide to advertise tournament. If you are holding a tournament it is quite a money saver to publish your tournament announcement in the Guide instead of doing your own mailing. The fee for tournament announcements are \$60.00 for a full page and \$30.00 for a half page. These announcements have to be in January 1, 1983 at the latest. I'm sorry that I cannot give you a name and address to send

them to but that information has not been given to me yet. I will keep your club directors informed and you can also contact me for that information at a later date.

I want very much to keep on top of things this year but that means you will have to inform me of your plans also. If you are hosting a tournament please let me know immediately so I can pull together a tournament schedule for everyone. Remember, I am here to help you and won't know which one of you needs help unless you cry out. Again, use my address and phone number, they are there for your convenience. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Happy Holidays!
Margo Oppenheim
AWSA Councilman

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A VISIT WITH MIKE SEIPEL

(Taken from Spray June '81)

Around 1976, barefooting in the Midwest was buzzing with the news of "that little kid" from Wisconsin who could turn dazzling tricks behind a wide-wake boat. That little kid was Mike Seipel. Since then he has captured all the National and Regional Mens barefoot records.

Furthermore, Mike Seipel has been the Mens National Barefoot Champion since 1978. And at age 22, he's just begun to realize the recognition earned by his years of hard work. His rise parallels that of American barefooting in general: in 1980 the USA finally became a threat to the long-established powers of Australia and New Zealand.

Mike stands 5'5" tall and weighs 140 lbs.

In the following interview Mike tells of his barefooting education, shares technical insights, and proves to be a candid and cheerful Super Star.

"What part has the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources played in your life?"

That department of the State of Wisconsin rules the lakes with lots of regulations to keep the fishermen happy - and to keep the skiers happy, so they say. In Wisconsin you can't ski in any lake smaller than 55 acres; and barefooters like smaller lakes because of their calmer water. No jumps or slalom courses are allowed, either; that's the big reason I got into barefooting. At one time I did like to slalom and trick on skis, but the Department of Natural Resources ended that.

"When did you start barefooting?"

At the age of 10. But I learned to ski at the age of six.

"So you've spent the last 10 years barefooting. Right now there are four events in barefooting - start methods, tricks, wake slalom and jumping. Can you think of a fifth that would be worth including in tournaments?"

Maybe an event in which there are 20-second passes to do as many 180° turns as you can. I've done 24 of them in 20 seconds; that's really flying. Another possibility is the number of tumbleturns you could do in 20 seconds. These would have spectator appeal, I think.

"Are all the dimensions of an official barefoot course O.K. with you?"

No. I'd like to see some changes made for spectator appeal. Barefoot competitors in a tournament should be

closer to the shore, where the spectators are. Trick runs should be 10, not 20, seconds long. Right now, that 40 mph speed and long 20-second run starts out of the sight of the crowd and ends out of its sight, too. Wake slalom runs should also be 10 seconds long and closer to the spectators.

"The reason why barefooters are so far from the shore and the spectators is because most lakes are pretty shallow near the shoreline, right?"

Sometimes the shoreline will be curved; and you can't put a barefooter on an arc when he's doing a trick run, for example. But if we could find a place like Callaway Gardens [site of the Masters Water Ski Tournament], which is well designed, we could have more tournaments with spectator appeal.

CLUB NEWS

AQUA SKIERS INC.

Aqua Skiers are beginning their third decade of skiing. They have grown from a handful of boaters to a group of fun loving skiers. From private owned equipment to club ownership of all equipment needed to perform a fine show.

We ski from a small spot on the Wisconsin river just east of Birou until mid July when we relocate a few miles down the road at South Wood County Park on Lake Wazoccha to host the Wisconsin State Water Ski Tournament. This will be the 17th year we have hosted the tournament ever since the idea was developed by members. Join us July 16th and 17th for a fun filled weekend where you will see skill and grace, daring and beauty. If you're in our area visit us at our home site every Wednesday night or catch us at one of our many road shows.

Cheryl Marx
Secretary

AQUANUT WATER SHOWS INC.

Aquanut Water Shows of Twin Lakes has been busy preparing for the new 1983 season. Their new club officers are: Roy Rohde-President, Paul Duntzman Sr.-Vice-President, Tig Kerkman-Secretary and Gail Rohde-Treasurer.

The Club is working very diligently through the winter months on various fundraisers for operating expenses. A few of the projects in the works are a Silent Auction to be held the first

weekend in December, a Valentines Dance, a Fish Fry over the Winter Fest weekend in Twin Lakes and a Spaghetti Dinner in May. They also are planning a Pancake Breakfast. A few fundraisers already completed are a concessions booth at the Fallfest in September, a Roller Skating party in October, and the sale of Christmas Ornaments for the Christmas holiday.

The Aquanuts hold winter practices in the Lakewood Gym starting the latter part of January. These practices include dryland pyramids, ballet moves, and general limbering exercises. They also hold planning board meetings each month during the winter to generate new ideas for the 1983 shows.

In January the Aquanuts also hold a Think Tank for its own members, where each member is urged to contribute new ideas and discuss anything about the organization that could possibly use improvement.

Anyone interested in seeing an Aquanut Water Show in action is invited to see any of our shows, at Lance Park, Twin Lakes, Wisconsin. Memorial Day through Labor Day at 6:30 P.M. on Saturday evenings. We also have Thursday evening shows in the months of July and August.

Janet Yunker
Aquanut Water Shows Inc.

ADS

Remember ad space is \$1.00 for 8 lines or less, \$2.00 for 16 lines, etc. Commercial rates are also available upon request.

FOR SALE

Delta Wing kite - Moyes- 14' standard. Stainless steel A-frame. Vinyl bag- \$375.00

Delta Wing Kite Scott 16' Std. with harness and bag. \$475.00.

Contact Sam Casey, 431 8th Ave. N., Wis. Rapids, WI 54494 (715) 424-4832.

FOR SALE

1981 Johnson 175 H.P. Long shaft - power trim. 2 props. - \$2900.00 Negotiable. Contact Sam Casey Aqua Skiers Inc., P.O. Box 412, Wis. Rapids, WI 54494

FOR SALE

Used tow bars, in excellent condition. Contact Roy Rohde, Aquanuts, P.O. Box 118, Twin Lakes, WI 53181. Phone (414) 877-2036 or 877-2025.