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Events Within Wisconsin

DATE	NAME	TYPE	LOCATION
June 16-17, 1991	Lamb's Farm Show Tourney AWSA/NSSA Class A Sanctioned	SHOW	Libertyville, IL 312/724-5993
June 29-30, 1991 July 6, 1991	Badger Open Wausauque Invitational	3-EVENT SHOW	Minocqua Wausau, WI 715/359-8239
July 6-7, 1991 July 13-14, 1991	Menomun Trolls Open Wisconsin State Barefoot Tourney Sanctioned AWSA & WWSF	3-EVENT BAREFOOT	Waukasha Frame Pk.
July 19-21, 1991	Wisconsin State Show Tourney Divisions I, II, & III AWSA/NCCA Class A Sanctioned	SHOW	Wisconsin Rapids 715/825-5616
July 27-28, 1991 August 3, 1991	Wisconsin State 3 Event Tourney Boy Scout Show Tourney	3-EVENT SHOW	Wausau, WI 715/845-1417
August 10-11, 1991	National Show Tournament AWSA/NSSA Sanctioned	SHOW	Janesville, WI 608/752-1670
September 14-15, 1991	Lost Chance Slalom/Trick	2-EVENT	Lodi, WI

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WWSF Three Event News

1991 WI State Championships To Be Held In Wausau

The 1991 Wisconsin State Championships will be held in Wausau this summer. The site is the home of the Wausau Water Ski Shows ski team. It also has all the "permits" needed to have a three event tournament. This was done in 1987 by a person who was looking into the future. The problems of last year will not be repeated this year.

The site is situated within the city. Motels, camping, and restaurants are only minutes away. A map and listings of all are enclosed. We hope to

have a motel special for skiers by the first of June. Call or send a SASE for that info.

The site will have food and drink. We plan on having a breakfast and lunch special both days.

If you have a promo boat that you need to bring, or boat/equipment to sell, let us know ahead of time so room can be made to store the. We will not be responsible for those items to be sold, but will give you an area to sell them.

As you may know, three event tournaments are getting harder to hold in Wisconsin. We don't have a lot of good sites. With out a good turn out of skiers, this site may not be open to hosting three event tournaments in the future. We have to break even to make the time and money spent worth it.

Let's try to make three event tournaments grow again in Wisconsin.

**Wausau Area Tournament Skiers
Isthms Water Ski Club
Wausau Water Ski Shows.**

NSSA Director Elections

For 1991, the Midwest, Southern, and Wisconsin Regions will add an additional member to the Board of Directors for the National Show Ski Association. The procedures for these elections will be as follows:

Midwest Region

Nominations: Nominations can be sent to the Midwest Region Director until June 28.

Elections: Ballots will be mailed to all Show Teams in the Midwest Region in early July. All ballots must be returned to the Midwest Region Director by July 31st.

Southern Region

Nominations: Nominations can be sent to the Southern Region Director until June 1st. Nominations will also be taken at the Great American Ski Show Tournament at Cypress Gardens on June 1st & 2nd. Nominations will be closed for this position at this tournament.

Elections: The election will be in conjunction with the Southern Regional Show Tournament, to be held June 29th & 30th.

Wisconsin Region

Nominations: Nominations can be sent to the Wisconsin Region Director until June 29th. Nominations were also taken from the floor at the Wisconsin Think Tank March 3rd.

Elections: The election will be in conjunction with the Wisconsin State Show Tournament, to be held July 19, 20, & 21, at Wisconsin Rapids.

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June 1 & 2 Show Events

June 8 & 9 Traditional

June 15 & 16 Disabled

June 22 & 23 Kneeboard

June 29 & 30 Shows



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Club News

25 Years of Organized Competitive Show Skiing

Yes, 1991 will mark the Silver Anniversary of Competitive Show Skiing! On July 19th, 20th, and 21st, the Wisconsin Rapids Aqua Skiers will host the 25th Annual Wisconsin State Water Ski Show Tournament.

The event will again be held on Lake Wazooche which is just 4 miles east of Wisconsin Rapids. Lake Wazooche is fast becoming a Nationally renown ski site, famous for its fantastic view and ample spectator seating capacity.

Early indications are promising that 1991 will be bigger and better than ever. Since last summer the ski site has gone through an extensive

remodeling to include the expanding of the beach, additional bleachers, relocated judging facilities, and remodeled staging area.

We are again expecting (3) divisions of competing ski teams spread over the (3) day weekend. In 1990 twenty teams competed for state titles and we expect no less for 1991!

In addition to the team competition, there will also be an Individual Barefoot Endurance competition on Friday evening, starting after the last ski show. On Saturday evening, a first Clown Competition will be held.

Competitors will be given a chance to "Do Whatever It Takes" to make the audience laugh. The officials will be selected the previous night at the Tournament Banquet.

Plan now on attending the largest water ski tournament of the summer! You will not want to miss any of this event. For accommodations please call the Wisconsin Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce 715-423-1830.

For tournament information or entry forms please call Sam Casey (715) 925-8618 or write to:

Aqua Skiers Inc.
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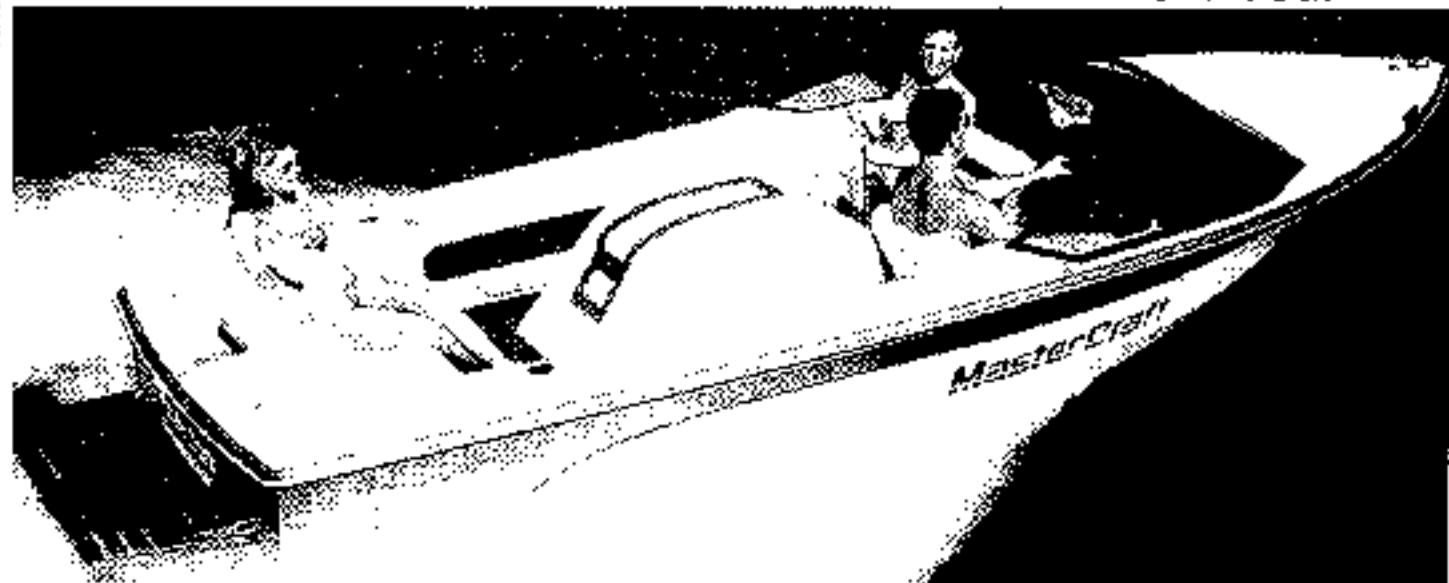
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Official Entry Form
25th Annual Wisconsin State Water Ski Tournament
& The Heart of Wisconsin Open Water Ski Show Tournament
July 19, 20, & 21, 1991 - Wisconsin Rapids

Club Name _____

Club Address _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Division of Competition _____ I, II, or III

Tournament (s) Entered In: Wisconsin State _____ Heart of WI Open _____ (Check one or both)

Please accept our entry in the 25th Annual Wisconsin State and/or Heart of Wisconsin Open Water Ski Show Tournament. The Tournament will again be held on Lake Waubesa.

Enclosed is a check for the \$200 entry fee. Of this amount, \$125 will be refunded, at the Tournament, upon completion of the entry requirements. A late fee of \$100 must be added to any entry received after June 1, 1991, if accepted.

The maximum number of teams allowed to ski on Saturday and Sunday will be 9 & 8, respectively. These slots will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Additional entries will be scheduled for Friday. Request for days only will be considered, no starting times. No request will be guaranteed. Requests for Friday may be considered, provided there are enough teams to fill the Saturday and Sunday time slots.

Please review the enclosed material with this packet. You will find a list of the Entry Requirements, a set of the Show Rules, and a Checklist to make sure you have not missed anything.

Please send check and entry form to:

Aqua Skiers Inc.
P.O. Box 412
Wis Rapids, WI 54485-0412

Attn: Sam Casey
715-325-5819 (F-F)
Best after 9:00 p.m.

Equipment Swap Booth
25th Annual Wisconsin State Show Tournament
July 20th & 21st, 1991

The 1991 Wisconsin State Show Tournament will feature an equipment swap booth. The swap will be in the stone shelter building, located at the main entrance to the facility. The swap will be on Saturday and Sunday, from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. A 5% commission will be charged, which will be donated to the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation.

Anyone wishing to donate items to the swap booth may also do so. 100% of the proceeds of these items will be donated to WWSF.

Swap Requirements:

All items must be associated with water skiing.

All items must be correctly labeled, to include:

Minimum price

Name and address of seller

Any other useful information

All items must be delivered prior to 9:30 a.m. each day.

All unsold items must be picked-up by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

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June 15-16, *Prime Time Rating Tournament*
2-Round, 3-Event

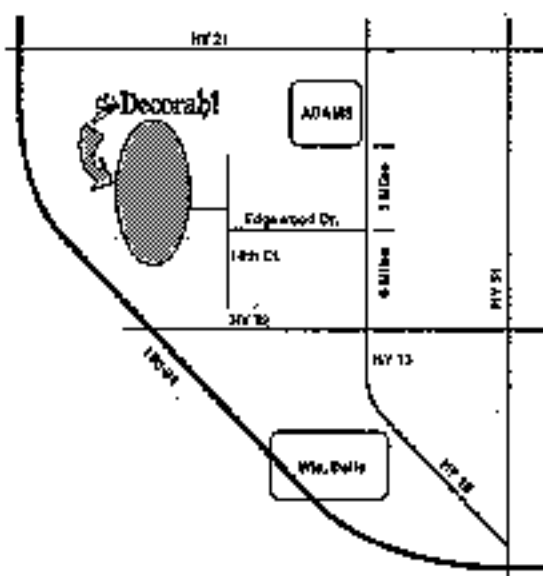
June 22-23, *1990 Wisconsin State (Second Try)*
2-Round, 3-Event

July 6-7, *Menomón Trolls Open*
2-Round, 3-Event

August 17-18, *Individual's Show Tournament*
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1991 Wisconsin State Clown Tournament

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Date: Saturday, July 20, 1991

Place: State Show Tournament - Lake Waubesa

Time: Saturday night, after the last ski show

Rules

The rules are simple, as there are only 3 rules:

- 1 The act must be 10 minutes or less.
- 2 The act must be in good taste, as in a family atmosphere.
- 3 All participants must be AWSA members.

Each Act will be responsible for all aspects of the act, including, but not limited to, preparation, equipment, and clean-up. A brief description of each act must also be submitted prior to the event. The sponsor will provide a sound system and microphones.

Judges

The judges will be volunteers selected from the crowd, people who are real experts on goofing off and don't know much about skiing.

(No matter how well qualified, the Show tournament Judges will Not be eligible for judging this event!)

Awards/Prizes

A minimum of \$500 will be guaranteed for distribution to the participants, based on placement and number of acts. The total may involve cash, prizes, or both cash and prizes.

Entry Information

An entry fee of \$20 will be charged to each act. All fees collected will be returned to the participants as prize money, based on placement and number of acts. Everyone will receive a prize or award. The event will be limited to a maximum of (12) acts.

Please return the entry form and fee before July 6th, 1991. Any further questions or information, contact Sam Casay at 715-325-5618 (H), best after 9:00 PM.

Wisconsin State Clown Tournament Saturday, July 20, 1991 - After last ski show

(Name)

(Contact Person)

(Phone)

(Contact Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Please enter us in the Wisconsin State Clown Tournament, to be held in conjunction with the Wisconsin State Show Tournament. We have read the enclosed rules and have enclosed a payment of \$20 to cover the entry fee. We will submit a description of the act prior to the start of the tournament on Saturday night.

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Hosted by: Cypress Gardens
Contact: Lynn Novakofski
813-324-2111

Lamb's Farm
June 16th
Libertyville, IL

Hosted by: Lamb's Farm
Contact: Robert Hicks
708-724-5993

Southern Regionals
June 29th & 30th
Cypress Gardens, FL

Hosted by: Cypress Gardens
Contact: Lynn Novakofski
813-324-2111

Wausseau Invitational
July 6th
Wausseau, WI

Hosted by: Wausseau Ski Team
Contact: Guy Fredel
715-359-8239

Illinois State/Midwest Regionals
July 13th & 14th
Rockford, IL

Hosted by: Ski Broncos
Contact: Bruce McCaigman
815-232-5215

Wisconsin State
July 19th, 20th, & 21st
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Hosted by: Aqua Skiers
Contact: Sam Casey
715-325-5618

Eastern Regionals
July 27th & 28th
Northampton, MA

Hosted by: Oxbow Ski Team
Contact: Cam McNeill
413-527-5808

NE Wisconsin (Explorer Post)
August 3rd
Green Bay, WI

Hosted by: Waterboard Warriors
Contact: Terry Pastorski
414-499-4943

Western Regionals
August 3rd & 4th
Portland, OR

Hosted by: Portland Water Spectacular
Contact: Theresa Wilkinson
503-882-5957

Nationals
August 10th & 11th
Janesville, WI

Hosted by: Rock Aqua Jays
Contact: Tom Cullen
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In 1991 there will be major state and/or regional tournaments in 5 of the 6 regions. Plans are also currently underway for a future show tournament in the South Central Region.

1991 will also mark the Silver Anniversary of organized ski show competition at the 25th Annual Wisconsin State Show Tournament. These are the sanctioned tournaments that were scheduled through the National Show Ski Association as of March 11, 1991.

Anyone having any additional information on show tournaments should please send it to:

Sam Casey - Publicity Chairman
c/o N.S.S.A.
6220 Timberline Way
Wis. Rapids, WI 54494

Sanction information can be obtained through AWSA. (Jim Graw)

Linda Leavengood-Giddens and George Blair Named to the Water Ski Hall of Fame

One of water skiing's premier women jumpers in the 1970's and a barefoot skiing veteran who has demonstrated his talent on all seven continents have been elected to the Water Ski Hall of Fame.

They are Linda Leavengood Giddens of Eastman Ga., who competed successfully at the national level for 23 years, and 76-year-old George A. Blair of Winter Haven, Fla., whose prowess as a barefooter has earned him a place in the Guinness Book of Records.

Their selection as the 24th and 25th entries in water skiing's Hall of Fame was announced by William P. Barlow Jr., chairman of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee of the American Water Ski Educational Foundation.

They will be inducted at ceremonies which will take place in Winter Haven April 25.

After learning to water ski at age five, Linda Giddens first appeared on the national scene in 1962 when she competed in the Junior Girls Division.

A member of the Greater Miami Water Ski Club, Linda won the division overall title two years later and was off on a career that would bring her international recognition, particularly as a jumper.

She earned a place on the U.S. Team and finished second overall in the 1967 World Championship. She won

the jumping event gold medal in the 1977 world tournament after setting a world jumping record of 129 feet the previous year.

In U.S. National competition, Linda won a total of 10 jumping titles, five in the Open Division, and added five Masters jumping victories prior to her retirement in 1985.

Linda's interest in organized water skiing has extended beyond her role as a competitor. She is a Senior-rated driver; she has coached U.S. Teams in world competition, has served on American Water Ski Association committees for the development of junior skiers, and has operated a ski school with her husband, Leonard Giddens, since 1980.

George Blair first learned to water ski when he was 40 years old, not long after undergoing major back surgery.

A successful New Jersey businessman, he was recuperating at a Florida resort in 1965 when he saw water skiers practicing at a nearby ski school. Despite his physical condition, he had to give the sport a try, along with his wife and four daughters.

They returned to New Jersey and immediately began teaching their friends to ski. Soon the Blairs opened the first of two ski schools which they operated in the Red Bank area for 20 years.

Their interest extended to three-event skiing and marathon ski racing, but

George's real romance with the sport began when he learned to ski on his bare feet at the age of 46.

His affinity for bananas and their yellow color soon became his trademark, and "Banana George" began an avocation—barefooting—that would make him famous among water ski observers throughout the world.

He demonstrated his skill in hundreds of shows at Florida's Cypress Gardens. He later joined in water skiing demonstrations in so many countries that by 1986, following a barefoot exhibition on Whaler's Bay in Antarctica, he would claim that he had skied on his bare feet on all seven continents.

Blair has competed successfully in the Veterans Division at national and world barefoot tournaments and has been named "Man of the Year" three times by the American Barefoot Club.

Almost from the start, Blair has been an enthusiastic supporter of organized water skiing and in later years he has been especially generous in his support of the programs of the American Water Ski Educational Foundation.

Giddens and Blair join 23 others who have been honored since the Water Ski Hall of Fame was opened in 1982. Nominees require eight affirmative votes from the 10-member Selection Committee for election.

**Always Remember to
Practice Good Water Skiing Safety**

Recipients of the AWSA Foundation Award of Distinction Announced

Winter Haven, Florida- William P. Barlow Jr. chairman of Hall of Fame Selection Committee, announced the following as the inaugural recipients of the American Water Ski Educational Foundation Award of Distinction.

Tom Hardman, Winter Haven, Fl., veteran boating and water ski writer and retired editor and publisher of "the Water Skier" who has been selected to succeed Barlow as chairman of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

Nancie Rideout Robertson, Kansas City, Mo., three-time world jump champion, who retired from skiing in 1960. Robertson has continued her involvement in the sport as AWSA Senior Judge and Senior Boat Driver and has been actively involved with AWSEF.

Al Ty3, Boynton Beach, Fl., who won four consecutive National Man Trick titles in the 1980s and also won several Trick titles at the prestigious Masters Tournament.

Tommy Bartlett, Wisconsin Dells, WI., who is credited with the development of water ski road shows which performed for millions of people. His efforts are credited with influencing the developing of the small, closed course "Aquadrome", which permits close-up viewing of the sport at his permanent show place in the Wisconsin Dells.

Glenn Kirkpatrick, Winter Haven, Fla., known as the "professor of Skiology" in the early 1950s when he started one of the first intercollegiate water ski

teams at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida. He was also active in the early establishment of ski schools.

The Award of Distinction is intended to recognize special individuals who have made significant contributions to our sport as competitors, innovators, industry leaders, officials, as well as other persons who deserve to have their accomplishments permanently recorded in the Water Ski Museum/Hall of Fame. Those so honored remain eligible for nomination to the Hall of Fame. The 1991 recipients will be formally recognized at the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies April 20 at Cypress Gardens, Florida.

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All-American Ski Month

June is All-American Water Ski Month at Cypress Gardens, hosted by the Polk County Water Ski Club and sponsored in part by the Polk County Tourist Development Council.

Following is the June weekends schedule:

June 1-2— All-American Show Events

The first tournament of the month features these show acts:

Ballet Lines: The ballet line team may include any number of water-skiers. In past years there have been double swans and ballet lines of up to 15 people. Ballet routines including the 360 degree swivel and 180 degree swivel are performed during the competition. Judging will be based on uniqueness, a variety of music and choreography. For instance, a ten-person ballet line could turn into a three-tier pyramid.

Pyramids: The competitive pyramid may be built with three water-skiers or be as daring as a double top four-tier pyramid. In the 1990 competition for example, three children built a pyramid on a disc, and there have been all female pyramids. Normally, 10 to 12 persons participate per team. **Team Jumping:** Again, the number of participants in this act may vary. Maneuvers can consist of gainers, flips, helicopters and long jumps, done as a team.

Freestyle: 'Freestyle' is an exciting individual jumping portion of the tournament. Maneuvers such as the mabius, one-ski flips and gainers will be performed.

Adagio/Doubles: The competing couples in this act theme routines to music. Performances begin on the dock, take to the water and end on the dock with a final lift presentation. There are three divisions: Open, any

skier can compete in this advanced division; ages 15 years and under division; and ages 15 and older division. Competing couples' ages are added and divided in half to determine their appropriate division. Any team may elect to compete in the Open division.

Comed/CLOWN: New in the 1991 competition, this event is open to teams of any number of water-skiers or a single performer. The objective is to produce good comedy and show an imagination to entertain the audience.

Swivel: The swivel acts include several divisions: 1) Open, the top skiers; 2) Expert 350, must do 360 maneuvers; 3) Intermediate 180, 4) Novice, first time beginners only; and 5) Juniors, 9 and under, 10-12 and 13-16.

Judging procedures vary according to the type of event, and first, second and third place awards will be presented for each.

June 8-9 — Three Event or Traditional Water-Ski Competition

This tournament consists of competition in tricks, slalom and jumping for men and women of all ages. The All-American three event tournament began in 1951 and has run 35 times since. Big winners in 1951 were Hall of Fame inductees Dick Pope, Jr. and Willa Cook. Pope's surprise 'trick' in the 1951 jumping event was to leap in the air from the jump ramp and pull himself forward on the rope in the air. Due to its high level of risk, the trick was outlawed shortly after the tournament but did enable him to win the First All-American by a large margin.

Not to be outdone that year, Willa Cook came through the competition course in the trick act on a special ski that allowed her to swivel on the blinder while the ski stayed forward. Cook won that year, but the rule changes prevented a return of the

swivel ski in competition the following years. However, the ski became the mainstay of show water-skiing and is used daily by the Cypress Gardens Aquamaids.

Other past winners include many members of the U.S. Water Ski Team such as Cypress Garden's Lynn Nowakofski who is the only competitor to win three consecutive jump titles, and Wayne Grinditch who went on to win ABC's SuperStars competition and become inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Originally the three events were all held in the Lake Eloise show course. Over the years, performances have become more difficult to execute and water conditions are a key issue. Therefore, three events are now held on Lake Sumner which is much smaller and offers optimum conditions for water-skiers.

Divisions include: 1) Junior I, ages 9 and under; 2) Junior II, ages 10-12; 3) Junior III, ages 13-16; Men and Women I, ages 17-25; Men and Women II, ages 26-35; and Men and Women III-IV Combined, ages over 35.

June 15-16 — Disabled Tournament

Jim Grew, American Water-Ski Association Competition Director, will be chief judge for the disabled tournament. Possible divisions for men and women are blind, partially sighted, arm amputees, leg amputees with prosthesis, leg amputees without prosthesis, multiple plegics and quadriplegics. Competition includes slalom, jumping and tricks. A sit-ski is used by plegics to allow ski slalom, jumping and tricks. Blind jumping is a unique event; a guide leads the blind skier to the jump. Blind skiers also use audible signals in their events.

This regional tournament qualifies disabled water-skiers for Nationals held in July.

At Cypress Gardens

June 22-23 —Kneeboard Tournament

This is the first All-American Kneeboard tournament. Events include tricks, slalom and the flip-out. Kneeboarding is perhaps the fastest growing segment of water-ski competition. In five years kneeboarding has formed an association with a National competition for competitors from all 48 states.

Unlike water-skiers, who stand on their skies, kneeboarders kneel on the "sk" or kneeboard. In the trick and flip-out events skiers use the boat wakes extensively to perform a multitude of inverted or flipping type tricks. Kneeboarders appear to

"bounce" along the water, due to a lower center of gravity.

The slalom event will be held on Lake Summit. Trick and flip-out events will be held on Lake Eloise show course.

June 29-30 — Southern Regional Show Tourney

This is the fourteenth year for the show tourney where amateur clubs perform their version of a ski show and are judged on flow, execution, difficulty and spectator appeal. Active southern competing clubs are: Sarasota Ski-A-Rees; Tampa's U.S. Water Ski Team; Galorland Ski Club, Gainesville; Lake Padgett Ski Club, Land-O-Lakes area; Goldcoast Ski Club, DeFray Beach area; and Lakeland Ski Club.

Each club consists of 50 to 100 water-skiers making show tourney competition the largest competition event in water-skiing. Shows last a maximum of one hour with 20-minute breaks between shows.

For more information on the month-long June water-ski competition, contact Annie Campbell or Mark Voisard, (813) 324-211.

Spectator viewing is included in the regular price of park admission.

Cypress Gardens, on the the Bush Entertainment parks, is open daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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