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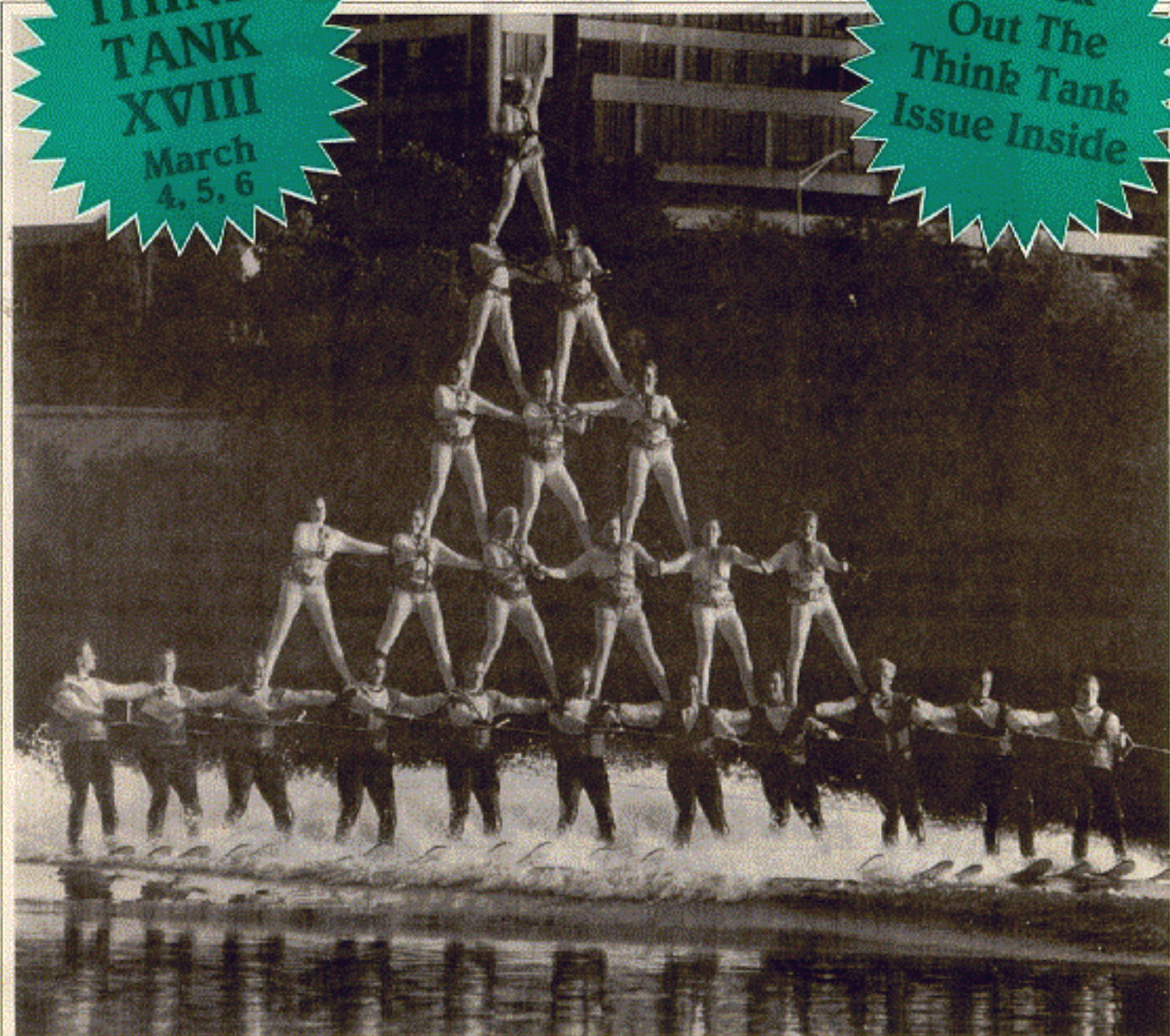
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

NEWS

At our November meeting of the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation, I had the sad duty of reading a letter from Paul Dross to me and the Board. For those of you who may not have heard, the letter gave the Board notice that Paul was stepping down as Executive Director as of November 1st. Paul gave a few reasons, the biggest being he could no longer give the time he felt the W.W.S.F. was paying for. His outside job was and is growing to the point that his love had to take a back seat.

Out of all of this we did get some good news. Paul will still be around to help the W.W.S.F. grow. The legislative committee will still be headed by Paul. And I have said in the past, this committee is the most important in our Federation.

The Executive Board had a meeting in November and will have another one in January. We'll be working on what we should do about the position of Executive Director. Don't expect any answers until Spring. We want to look at as many options as we can. The Board has come up with some changes that you should know about. First, the Federation phone and answering machine have been moved. The new number is (715) 845-WSKI. Second, our secretary has been given some more duties along with a small increase in her pay.

In winding this up I just want to say "Thank You Paul" for your work and your love of the sport and the Federation. THANK YOU - THANK YOU!

## EDITOR'S

DESK

### WORDS OF WISDOM

The Wisconsin Water Skier is moving into 1994 with a nice full edition. I would like to thank everyone who sent in articles. We really needed them, a full edition makes the whole Federation look good. THANK YOU --- THANK YOU!!!

The cover is of course the "HIGH FIVE" pyramid of the Janesville Rock Aqua Jays. What a sight, wouldn't you say? The picture is by Rick Phillips of the Janesville Gazette.

The logo for Think Tank is by Infinity Graphics & Imprint of Elkhorn, WI. Thanks Diehls for all the work, you did one heck of a job, even though number 2 didn't win.



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# NATIONAL FIGURE EIGHT BAREFOOT CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Top-Ranked Skiers Upset, Wisconsin Skier Rush Sawallish Claims National Endurance Barefoot Title

Crandon, Wisc. - Minocqua, Wisconsin native Russ Sawallish became the lowest seeded skier ever to win the National Figure Eight Endurance Barefoot Championship, held Sunday on Clear Lake, in Crandon.

Sawallish who was seeded 21st out of a record 128 Open Division competitors won a record \$3,000 purse and the national championship title in a wild finish, that saw three of the final four runs complete the treacherous 2-mile loop. A feat which had only been accomplished once in the past three years.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life," exclaimed a tired but extremely happy Sawallish. "It was a war out there. These guys were out for blood. If you couldn't complete the loop, you weren't going to win today. It was just fortunate to hang on long enough to take the championship."

Sawallish defeated last year's runner-up and 1991 National Figure Eight Champion Chris Barnhart of Green Bay, Wisconsin on the final run of the day. A run that took both skiers over two miles around the tight and choppy figure eight course.

## Florida Skiers Exit Early, Upsets Abound

The first two rounds saw some of the biggest upsets in tournament history, as four of the top five seeds were defeated, including defending National Champ Pete Fleck of Miami, Florida, World Endurance Barefoot Record Holder, Billy Nichols of Oklawaha, Florida and Men's II National Champ, David Slep of St. Augustine, Florida.

"I was looking ahead," explained Fleck, "it just shows that the caliber of competition has improved top to bottom. I tried to fight my way back, but I just couldn't catch any breaks in the end."

Despite pulling off the longest run in tournament history, a record three miles, Fleck, the number one seed, could do no better than eight place.

## Carper Upsets Remy To Take Women's Title

In the women's final, the battle for first was equally tough, as Jessica Carper of Minocqua, Wisconsin defeated defending National Champ Sharon Remy of Minneapolis Minnesota.

Saddled with one loss, Carper needed back to back victories over the rough figure eight course to claim the National Championship. Carper's championship run was also the longest women's run in tournament history.

## Aberle Takes Juniors, Nearly Wins Open Division

The story of the tournament however, was 16-year old Jim Aberle of Wonder Lake, Illinois. Aberle who took the National Figure Eight Junior Championship on Saturday with a photo

finish victory over Wisconsin skier Ryan Lamon, also placed a stunning third in the Open division, beating two-time Canadian National Champ, Norm Riest of Ontario, Canada, and the 6th seed, Matt Pfister of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Aberle was unstoppable en route to his National Junior Championship crown, having gone undefeated throughout all six rounds.

## Record Field

A record 161 skiers from Wisconsin, Florida, Oregon, Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Pennsylvania and Ontario, Canada competed in the 1993 National Championships, which according to Tournament Director Gary Mueller was the most exciting ever.

"There's no doubt, this was the most exciting championship ever. We broke the National records for prize money, over \$6700 awarded, and number of barefooters with 161 skiers. We had the longest run tournament history and a crowd of over 5,000 people. It was a wild tournament with a lot of spectacular runs and spine-tingling crashes. I just wish I'd been selling Advil during the tournament. I'd be a rich man now."

## National Sponsors Lend A Hand

One of the biggest reasons for the success of the 1993 Figure Eight Championships was the support of several major national sponsors. They included Boating Magazine, Mitercraft Boats, LaCroix, Budweiser, Polaris Watercraft, Valeo, Stengel Marine, Russ's Pro Shop, Johnsonville and PAL Labs.

## 1994 Date Set

According to Mueller, the date for the 1994 championships is set for August 19, 20 and 21. Anyone wishing entry information can call 715-478-5191.

## Open Division Results

- |                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| 1. Russ Sawallish   | Wisconsin |
| 2. Chris Barnhart   | Wisconsin |
| 3. Jim Aberle       | Illinois  |
| 4. Matt Pfister     | Wisconsin |
| 5. Rob Christiansen | Minnesota |
| 6. Caleb Felerelsen | Wisconsin |
| 7. Don Wojtusik     | Wisconsin |
| 8. Pete Fleck       | Florida   |
| 9. Jason Baldner    | Minnesota |
| 10. Matt Suminski   | Wisconsin |

## Women's Division

- |                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. Jessica Carper | Wisconsin |
| 2. Sharon Remy    | Minnesota |
| 3. Jannelle Plier | Wisconsin |

## Junior Division

- |                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 1. Jim Aberle   | Illinois  |
| 2. Ryan Lamon   | Wisconsin |
| 3. Joe Erickson | Wisconsin |

## N E W S TUNE-UP 94 NEWS

Tune-up 94 will be held in Wausau on June 25 and 26. It will feature two competitive show ski tournaments: one in Class A and one in Class B as well as individual competition in different skill levels in swivel, free style jump and strap doubles and a figure 8 barefoot tournament.

Tune-up 94 Director Guy Fredel stated that "The teams participating in Tune-up 93 let us know how much they enjoyed having an opportunity to win or place high. We have decided that we will have an A division and a B division in Tune-up 94. We have invited six teams in each division. Each of these teams have a chance to be very competitive at Tune-up 94."

Teams already entered in Tune-up 94 are Capital City (Madison), Madison Water Ski Show Team (Madison), Minneiska (Whitewater), Shawano Ski Sharks, Shermalot (Rome), Waterboard Warriors (Green Bay), Wausauqua (Wausau) and the Aqua Skiers (Wisconsin Rapids).

According to Assistant Tournament Director Gary Damp, "The Tune-up Tournament is a great way for the competing teams to get a reading on where their shows are at in a low pressure setting."

Tune-up 94 will be hosted by the Wausauqua Water Ski Show Team with assistance from the Browns Lake Aqua Ducks Show Team.

For more information on Tune-up 94 contact Guy Fredel (715-339-8239) or Gary Damp (715-673-4852).

## 28TH ANNUAL WISCONSIN STATE SKI SHOW TOURNAMENT

The Aqua Skiers of Wisconsin Rapids will host the annual Wisconsin State Show Tournament. The event will again be held at Lake Wazoocha, just east of Wisconsin Rapids. This year's tournament will again spread three divisions of competitors and the events competition over three days.

All information and entry forms will be made available at the Wisconsin Think Tank, March 5 and 6, at the Federation booth. Accepted entries to determine the order of competition will be based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Clubs not picking up their entry kits at Think Tank, will have them mailed to their Post Office boxes.

There will be an events competition again this year. The events will include freestyle jumping, swivel skiing, and double competition. The Wisconsin champions will have the opportunity to ski at the National Events Individual Competition in Loves Park, IL at the Show Nationals on August 5, 1994.

Further details on the State Show Tournament will be coming in the next issue of the Wisconsin Water Skier.

Bob Marx,  
Show Chairman  
Aqua Skiers, Inc.  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

## WISCONSIN STATE DIVISION I TOURNAMENT RESULTS

1. Rock Aqua Jays	2110
2. Badgerland	2089
3. Aquanuts	1786
4. Madison Water Ski	1698
5. Capital City	1681
6. WR. Aqua Skiers	1615
7. Shermalot	1614
8. Minneiska	1581
9. Ldrd. Aqua Skiers	1571

## WISCONSIN STATE DIVISION II TOURNAMENT RESULTS

1. Waterboard Warriors	1625
2. Ski Sprites	1493
3. Ski Cats	1378
4. Aqua Ducks	1368
5. Wausauqua	1361
6. Twin Bridge	1243
7. Chain Skimmers	1052
8. River City	1029

## WISCONSIN STATE DIVISION III TOURNAMENT RESULTS

1. Shawano Ski Sharks	1386
2. Waupaca Chain Skiers	1099

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# N REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

## E THE BUILDING OF THE 5-HI PYRAMID

The Rock Aqua Jays have a long history in pyramid construction. In 1974 we built the first amateur 3-Hi and in 1981 we built the first amateur 4-Hi. On August 1, 1993 (during a full moon), we finally built the first amateur 5-Hi pyramid in front of a standing room only crowd of 2800 screaming spectators. While the rush that went through our bodies and minds as we received a thundering standing ovation is forever indescribable, the path to get to that point was difficult, and often very frustrating.

We truly began the project of building the 5-Hi back in the summer 1985. We had obtained a twin rig and we had a good blend of talent and experience. After some land trials, we had developed two climbing sequences that we felt would work. We were fixing a couple of sequence problems, and then we lost the race against time when a key female skier was injured (in swivel of all things). The 1985 Nationals pyramid went on to score 482 points which is the all time high score for an act at Nationals, but it was not the 5-Hi. We then had a huge retirement and the project was put on the back burner.

The next few years we devoted our attention to upgrading our show format and developing the skiers skills. Then in the fall of 1987 I received an overnight mail delivery of a photo of the Cypress Gardens 5-Hi (Bummer). By 1990 we were back at it hard and we could consistently build it on land, but it still went up to slow to put up at our site. The competition was fierce at tournaments and we needed to work on the show move, so we stopped working on the project until after Show Nationals. After Nationals, we lost personnel to college and to minor injuries.

1991 started with a 62% turnover of the team, all effort was directed at training personnel for the show acts. With the help of the experienced skiers and alumni, the new skiers developed rather rapidly, and were able to construct the 34 person world record pyramid. It was very evident then that the 5-Hi in a show could be a reality if we worked at it hard! From that point we mapped out a strategy that basically required us to be able to build 3 4-Hi's. by the end of 1992 we could build 2 4-Hi's and were just short of doing a third. We also redesigned the climbing sequences.

The 1993 winter practices were filled with excitement and anticipation as many of the goals were being met and we were training alternates for many of the positions. Then summer came and with it came rain. Lots of rain (Like that is news). We found ourselves practicing at other sites, or more often than not, simply not practicing. Show land practice is only exciting for so long. We went onto the water and had a terrible time building 4-Hi's because of the severe current and standing waves. After Lamb's confidence levels increased and we finally could build the 3 different 4-Hi's. It was now time to blend the course and found the maximum time we could have to build it on the water. 72 seconds. We hated that number initially. And then, the skiers began to feel comfortable enough with each other that the climbing sequence became more of a dynamic process in which everyone had a part in developing. We finally made it - 70 seconds! We could do the double top 4-Hi very comfortably, it was now the time.

The Safety Boats slowly positioned themselves in strategic locations. Four towboats and two barges loaded with skiers glimmering in gold and spotters for counterbalance drifted to their destination down river. The radios were strangely silent. Ignoring inconsistent instructions from 23 skiers, the barge drivers parked perfectly end to end. The dock dudes connected the ropes, the skiers were moved in the familiar cadence, as the spotters psyched-up the skiers. Some nervously repeated rituals, and some calmly concentrated. The announcer started. The sound crew began the countdown. Twin rig time. The driver munched on his mustache. A strange hush happened as the clevis clamped closed. "Saddle-up," said the driver. The ladies locked on. the loops left and so did we.

First try, technical difficulties (nice way to say fall-nerves).  
 Second try, technical difficulties (ditto-rope problems). Third try, the charm!!!  
 Time to make new costumes? Of course!

- Several records were made with this 5-Hi.
1. Highest scoring act at 1993 US Show Nationals.
  2. First amateur 5-Hi pyramid.
  3. First 5-Hi pyramid ever in a show.
  4. First 5-Hi pyramid in a tournament.
  5. World's largest 5-Hi pyramid.

We hope you had as much fun watching it as we did building it.

## ROCK AQUA JAYS

The Rock Aqua Jays would like to introduce the 1994 Board of Directors. They are: Darrell Shelby, President; Rainy Knutson, Vice-President; Gerry Lutting, Show Director; Loyce Ihrig, Treasurer; Charlie Stanfley, Chief Maintenance Coordinator; Brenda Vermillion, Concessions Coordinator; Lynn Wilson, Recording Secretary; Kay Joranlien, Corresponding Secretary; Gidd Rinehart, WWSF Representative; Keith Rentzl and Dave Drum, Members at Large.

At the annual fall banquet, several skiers were honored with awards for their efforts during the 1993 season. Timmy Cullen and Cathy Geiger received the John Weitzel Memorial Outstanding Male and Female Performer awards respectively. Judy Slatter received the Roy Lentz Sportsmanship Award for her dedication and devotion well above and beyond expectations. Mike Baker and Haley Porter received the B-team Most Dedicated Skier awards, and Jason Sheridan and Jessica Hamilton received the B-team Most Improved Skier awards.

The club was fortunate to have had a successful season. We would like to thank all the clubs and organizations for helping us with equipment and use of their sites to practice. We are most thankful for all of the friendships that came from this; that is what makes show skiing truly special!

Ski-ya!!



## BAREFOOT B.S.

The snow's flying, sleds & skis (snow of course) are rolling, but our thoughts and dreams tends to be toward next years (1995) ski season.

Are you staying in shape? If so tell us about your methods at the Barefoot Tanks at Think Tank. We will be devoting sometime in each barefoot session to off-water training, stretching & even diet!! So your input will be appreciated to enhance and improve our Barefoot Sessions.

We would also like to touch on judging as it relates to the skier. "Tournament Footing" and "Barefoot'n for Beginner's", we would like to get into the specifics of how certain tricks and wake slalom may be judged. This can and should greatly affect your practice training methods.

We can anticipate only a small portion of the questions that are out there. So bring your ideas and questions to the Barefoot Tanks and interchange with your instructors!!

As usual we will be soliciting your help at the vari-

ous barefoot tournaments in our area.

Your help would be formal, as in becoming a certified Judge - Driver - or Scorer. Or your help could be informal, by helping with tournament set up, pick up/ Safety boot driving, or doing various other tasks required at tournaments. Please call or write me now or talk to me at any of the Think Tank sessions.

So please come to the Barefoot Tanks prepared to ask questions. You an only you will make the difference, and will make things happen during the sessions.

Ron Scarpa will once again be invited . . . everyone agrees he was just super . . . unfortunately we have not yet received his confirmation. Other notable tournament footing and show footers will be in attendance to enhance professionalism.

Let's make this kick-off to the 1994 Barefoot Season a Real "HOT" one!! See you in Stevens Point on March 4th-6th.

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## ★ SHOW ★

## PUTTING YOUR AUDIENCE FIRST

Let's face it, when we shell-out our hard-earned money to enjoy a movie, we expect a good film, fresh popcorn and the seats to be reasonably clean. But what about when we perform a ski show or host a three-event tournament? Do we provide the best facilities for our guests? If you're not thinking about your audience, you're missing the boat.

Providing good customer service is more important than ever, especially there's free admission at most ski shows or tournaments. That point hits home even more so when it's time to pass the hat for donations! If spectators have to sit on filthy bleachers or there's no place to park their cars, they just might take their time, enthusiasm and donations elsewhere.

According to Darryl Shelby, president of the Rock Aqua Jays water ski team, putting the audience first is priority number one.

"Our goal is to ensure the audience has a good time," says Shelby. "If they do, they'll come back again and again. That's very important in a community like ours where we don't have a major tourism industry."

Shelby adds that providing good customer service isn't expensive nor does it require a lot of strategic planning. "It's just good, common sense."

As your organization gets ready to plan for the upcoming season, consider the following tips from Shelby on putting your best customer service foot forward:

- **Think like a spectator - Ask yourself, "How would like to be treated?"** That could mean making sure spectators have a copy of the annual booklet presented as they make their way

to their seats to making sure the music isn't too loud.

- **Make the site user-friendly - Have pleasant music playing in the background as spectators arrive.** If your announcer is willing, have him or her talk to the audience as a primer to get them warmed-up. Give them little background about a skier or upcoming act. If possible, trying to make special seating available for elder or people confined to a wheel chair. If you have the luxury of having bleachers, make sure they are cleaned regularly.

- **Start on time - There's nothing worse than starting a show or three-event tournament late, unless bad weather is responsible.**

- **Thank your sponsors - Without them, it would be very difficult to even put on your show or run the tournament.** After all, they may be your most important customers!

- **If you ask for donations, give an incentive - The Rock Aqua Jays ask the audience for donations by offering a premium item (such as a bumper sticker, coupon for pizza or commemorative pen) according to the amount of money donated.** It can increase the amount significantly!

- **If you sell concessions, have ample support staff - There's nothing people hate more than waiting in a line to pay money for something.** A well-staffed concession crew is not only good customer service, but can also turn a healthy profit.

"The bottom line is that providing good customer service will pay for itself in the long run," says Shelby.

by Brian Cullen



## THE FUTURE IS NOW

### Building A Junior Program Pays Big Dividends

by Brian Cullen

One of the best ways to ensure that your ski show team continues to improve is to have an organized junior program.

Its importance cannot be under-estimated. The Rock Aqua Jays have had an organized junior, or B-Team, since the early 1980s. And during that time, the team has enjoyed tremendous success. Nearly every show team has had a similar program at one time or another.

That alone should be reason enough to start or continue one. More important is the fact that a junior program given novice show skiers an opportunity to break into competitive show skiing without the pressures of big-time tournaments.

"Our junior program gave me a chance to learn everything I could about show skiing," says David Drum, a 12-year Aqua Jay member and former junior skier. From 1982-83, Drum learned how to perform helicopters, barefoot, ski in doubles and pyramids. "Before the junior program most of practice time was limited to just A-Team or main show performers," he adds. "Having a program for newcomers was one of the smartest things our team did."

Here are six important steps to remember when putting together or managing a junior program:

- **The team commitment** - The entire club needs to help get the program going and keep it running.
- **Get parents involved** - Parents whose children are on a

junior program need to know what is expected of them (drive boats, sew costumes, etc.) and how children will benefit from the program. This is no place for stage parents.

- **Make the program an on-going effort** - A successful junior program for one year won't cut it. After all, today's novices are tomorrow's super-stars.
- **Have a show or enter that person in a tournament at least once each season** - Three-event skiers can take advantage of the junior boys or girls divisions. Show skiers can perform in special junior shows before a regular show or enter a tournament (Just be sure to know the rules ahead of time!).
- **Give junior skiers every opportunity to improve** - expose them to every facet of the show or event. Novice skiers are like sponges-they absorb a lot more knowledge and experiences than you'd think.
- **Hold skiers accountable** - Teach them that skiing requires safety and sportsmanship. Save the showmanship for the show, not the practice session.

By taking advantage of a well-run junior program, your team can continue to prosper and grow!

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Brian Cullen is a 15-year member of the Rock Aqua Jays Water Ski Show Team. Beginning as a dock starter, he worked his way up through the team's ranks. He was the Jays' show director in 1986 and 1987. He has been the club's announcer from 1986-1990 and 1993.

# NOTICE

*All WWSF Clubs who do not have a safety director who have taken an AWSA Safety Clinic, must send their safety director to the "Safety Tank" at Think Tank XVIII.*

## WWSF Recognized Safety Director REQUIREMENTS:

1. Member in good standing with AWSA.
2. Member in good standing with WWSF.
3. Member in good standing with your club.
4. Attend and AWSA Safety Clinic (good for 4 years with WWSF) or attend the WWSF Think Tank "Safety Tank" for that year (good for 1 year with WWSF).
5. Have attended an AWSA Safety Clinic (good for 4 year from date of Clinic with WWSF).
6. If a change of Safety Directors is made during the year, the new person must meet the same requirements.



# Think Tank 1994

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- Late Pool Hours
- Early Check-In/Late Check-Out Times
- Garden room open all night

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#### \* Friday Night Doubles Tournament

Last year there were more contestants than ever before. They performed with better costumes, props, and routines. We have already received calls from contestants this year. This will be an enjoyable beginning to the weekend.

#### \* Saturday Evening Dinner / Dance

Once again we will be treated to an outstanding performance by Atomic Fusion. During dinner we will be entertained by a slide show of last seasons memories. The banquet hall will be decorated by the Kwahamot Water Ski Team. Register early as it is on a first come basis. There is limited seating.

#### \* Clinics for 1994

We will once again have many of the top instructors in the nation. Be prepared with your questions and video cameras for clinics. Better yet, bring videos of yourself sking, and receive some real one-on-one instruction. Don't forget, due to the new addition, we will have more clinics to offer.

Plan ahead, make your reservations now for Think Tank XVIII. If you don't send your registration in now, we may not have any rooms or dinner tickets available.

### Holiday Inn Hotel Reservation Information

Room rate should be guaranteed at \$62.00 per night. You can reserve your room by phone with a credit card.

Please

## DO NOT USE THE HOLIDAY INN 800 NUMBER.

We have reserved the entire hotel, so the 800 number will say that the hotel is full.

## CALL THE STEVENS POINT HOLIDAY INN DIRECT!

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1. Call the Holiday Inn Stevens Point  
Phone # = (715) 341-1340  
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# Think Tank XVIII

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

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Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional names of all those registered on this form:

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**CHILDREN**

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**Motel:** You must make your reservation directly with the Holiday Inn, Stevens Point, WI (715) 341-1340. The room rates will be \$62.00 per night.

**Registration:** The late fee will be charged on forms that are **POSTMARKED** after 2/15/94. Forms without payment will not be processed. Make checks payable to WWSF. NSF checks will be charged a \$15.00 fee. You may pick up your convention tickets and programs Friday evening or Saturday in the WWSF Room. **No refunds after 2/15/94.**

Complete form and sent to: **WWSF / Think Tank**  
1006 S. 5th Ave.  
Wausau, WI 54401

If you have any problems,  
please call Kay Babcock.  
(715) 845-WSKI

# Think Tank 1994

## ATTENTION ALL WATER SKI CLUBS IN WISCONSIN!!!

We are asking for your help again for Think Tank Eighteen. We are asking for each club to provide us with at least two volunteers for each of the following times: Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Saturday evening, and Sunday morning. We are asking for help in the following areas:

**Door Monitors:** (Job description: stand at the door of the tank you are scheduled for and make sure everyone that enters has a Think Tank bracelet on. If not, ask them to go to the registration booth to pick one up.)

**Introducing Speakers:** (Job description: introduce the speaker of the tank you are scheduled for. A description of the tank, and a write up on the speaker will be provided for you.)

**Selling Raffle Tickets:** (Job description: sell raffle tickets on Saturday by the entrance to the expo center.)

**Door Ticket Takers for Banquet:** (Job description: take banquet tickets on Saturday evening at the entrance of the banquet hall.)

**Dance Money Takers:** (Job description: monitor door during the dance. Anyone who does not have hand stamped or a Think Tank bracelet on must pay.)

The following is a form for your club to use for sign up. Please include your club name, your name, address and phone number.

I thank you in advance, because if we all pitch in and do our share, the burden won't be so big for any one club or person.

Please bring this form to the next WWSF board meeting, or mail it to: Terry Pastorski, 216 S. Locust St., Green Bay, WI 54303, 414-499-4943.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR THINK TANK EIGHTEEN

Count on me to help with the following jobs at Think Tank:

Door Monitor:

Saturday Morning

Saturday Afternoon

Sunday Morning

Introducing Speakers:

Saturday Morning

Saturday Afternoon

Sunday Morning

Sell Raffle Tickets:

Saturday Morning

Saturday Afternoon

Door Ticket Takers for Banquet

Saturday Evening

Dance Money Takers

Saturday Evening

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Day Evening (Circle One)

Mail To: Terry Pastorski, 216 S. Locust St., Green Bay, WI 54303 or Phone 414-499-4943

# Think Tank 1994

## THINK TANK XVIII More Clinics Than Ever Before . . .

Following in a general title and brief description of each seminar and clinic planned. There will be more offered when instructors are confirmed.

This convention provides the best off-season opportunity to learn from the finest instructors in each sport division. It is designed to allow for free exchange of ideas and techniques covering all disciplines.

Take a moment to review some of the tanks offered.

### NEW CLINICS

**MY ACHING BACK!** Water skiers are notorious for their back problems. This is evident by the numbers of the Back Support Belts you see at tournaments. Skiers can not ski with support belts alone. We will have a staff of doctors available to talk preventative medicine, help your back before it hurts you.

**SHOE SKI - A 400 POINT ACT?** Learn how to do those tricks that will improve your teams shoe ski act.

**INSURANCE THROUGH AWSA** - Now's the time to get answers to all your coverage questions. Come prepared. Bring a list of your teams or individual concerns.

**PREPARING FOR A SHOW TOURNAMENT** - Your team spends the entire winter working and planning for summer. You write a show, sew costumes, buy equipment. Suddenly its tournament week and Murphy's Law takes over. Your equipment van breaks down, the bearing on your trailer seized and you've been up two nights straight, agonizing over judges forms. This clinic will teach you how to prepare for tournaments.

### **FAIRLY NEW CLINICS:**

**COACHING SKIERS** - Weather your a parent and your child skia the slalom course, or your a show director trying to encourage young skiers, this clinic will teach you how to motivate with out being pushy.

**MAKE UP & HAIR:** You know your suppose to tie your hair up and put on make up, but you feel like a clown! Learn how to do it right and flattering. Be prepared - bring show make up and hair pieces.

**SAFETY CLINIC** - The material is very new! The new safety manual is complete. This is the time to ask questions about what is included in the manual or maybe clarification. **THIS CLINIC IS MANDATORY FOR TEAMS IN THE WWSF!**

**HOW TO BE A SHOW SKI PARENT!** The Wisconsin Rapids Aqua Skiers portrayed very humorously, the "meddling parent." You will learn how to become involved in a positive way.

**ROPE MAKING** - We've extended the clinic! Learn how to make jump handles, toe holds, braids, etc. Bring lots of rope and you can learn hands-on.

### **BAREFOOT CLINICS:**

**TOURNAMENT BAREFOOTING** - prepare for each event, design your runs for optimal scores, practice schedule, etc.

**BAREFOOT FORUM** - How to get started in tournaments, how to promote the sport, making tournaments more appealing for spectators, changes in rules, ABC organization answers, tournays for '93, etc.

**BAREFOOT JUMPING** - learn the proper way to get started, the new technique, and more.

**BAREFOOT'N FOR BEGINNERS** - how to get your feet wet for the first time, basics for every new footer, how to take the falls, etc.

**BAREFOOT INSTRUCTION** - learn the specifics and mechanics of wake crosses, tricks, and start methods in one-on-one discussion sessions.

### **LEGISLATIVE CLINICS:**

**THE DNR AND YOU** - find out where to go and who to talk to in order to better your chances for success, give direct feedback to DNR officials, how to apply for permits, when permits are needed, solving access problems, user conflict resolution, etc.

**PROPOSED LAWS** - what could be, what might be, what will be, what already is, and what you can do about it.

**AWSA, NSSA, ABC, AKA, WWSF** - local, state, and national organization representatives in a question and answer session, what you ever wanted to say to them, now you can.

### **THREE EVENT CLINICS:**

**JUDGING FORUM** - how to get started, practice scoring runs, tournays to get involved with in '93, learn the basic mechanics of judging all three events, rule changes, and more.

**COMPETITION DRIVING** - how to drive for the skier, keeping the speed and times exact, steady through the course, feathering the throttle, etc.

**COMPETITION SLALOM** - prepare for the toumay, practice for the course, what to do without a course, choosing your new ski and equipment, reining your style, getting that extra buoy, running line off, plus personal pro tips.



# Think Tank 1994

## THINK TANK XVIII

### More Clinics Than Ever Before . . . (cont.)

#### **THREE EVENT CLINICS:** (cont.)

**TOURNAMENT TRICKS** - choose your skis, learn the mechanics of new moves, how to prepare for tournaments, design your runs for optimal scores, tips for fluid motion, practice schedules, and more.

**TOURNAMENT JUMPING** - using all the buoys for consistency, choosing equipment, refining style and technique, mechanics of extra distance, how to approach training, mind over matter, avoid the crash injury, etc.

#### **KNEEBOARD CLINICS:**

**TOURNAMENTS** - what they are, where they are, how to enter, design your practice schedule, start an area club, etc.

**KNEEBOARD INSTRUCTION** - learn the mechanics of basic tricks, wraps and flips, choosing your equipment, etc.

#### **SHOW SKI CLINICS:**

**BEGINNING DOUBLES** - instructors will cover the basics for practice schedules to working with partners. They will discuss the proper technique needed to advance.

**INTERMEDIATE DOUBLES** - Learn to take the basic lifts and turn them into a routine with proper presentation.

**ADVANCED DOUBLES** - Putting advanced lifts together into proper presentations.

**SHOW DRIVING** - Show Drivers will cover some of the very basic techniques to three and four boat patterns, they will discuss ideal boat patterns for pyramids, jump acts, chorus line, and many more unique acts.

**PICK-UP BOAT DRIVING** - What you should know to help fallen skiers. Special Education needed to respond properly to injured skiers. Where you should be, and when to be there.

**TRIOS ACT** - How to get the maximum score on a solid basic act.

**CONVENTIONAL DOUBLES** - Learn to incorporate a number of people and skill levels into a high scoring act.

**BEGINNING SWIVEL SKIING** - basic techniques, getting started on your ski, choosing your equipment, practice routines, the toe turn, the arm turn.

**INTERMEDIATE SWIVELING** - combining moves and transitions, learning to progress, new moves, practicing, designing your routines for shows, etc.

**ADVANCED SWIVELING** - the most difficult moves and transitions, new techniques, refining routines, and more.

**SOUND EQUIPMENT** - Learn the equipment you presently own. What's new in electronics and what's available at tournaments.

**SOUND CLINIC** - How to choose and use the best music for your show. Learn proper levels to record music and voice tapes at. How to use music and adjust sound levels to compliment for announcer.

**ANNOUNCING** - Instructors will cover techniques used in turning water skiing into a Water Ski Show. How to cover the act and fit it into the theme.

**COSTUMES** - Finding the ideal material for an act and your theme. New techniques for sewing and making costumes that can hold up to a demanding show. Find out what colors and styles work for other teams.

**SHOW PRODUCTION AND THEMING** - Start from the beginning, learn how to utilize your teams strengths in a list of acts. Create a theme your team will enjoy. Learn how to put on the finishing touches to make your dream a complete production.

**FREE STYLE JUMPING** - Learn the mechanics of helicopters, flips & gainers on both one ski and two.

**SHOW JUMPING** - Instructors will teach you how to utilize the talent on your team. They will give you creative ways to improve your jump act and score more points.

**SHOW BAREFOOTING** - Learn to design your barefoot acts for better flow. Combine your talent minimize your falls and score more points.

**SHOW JUDGES Q & A** - This is your time to find out just what the judges look for. See a tournament from their perspective, what's enjoyable, what's important. Even if your team does not compete, the judges are a vocal audience who can offer insightful suggestions to improve your show.

**SHOW PROMOTION & SPONSORSHIP** - Instructors will offer tips on how to promote your team inexpensively, how to attract sponsors and keep them happy.

Please come to these clinics prepared with questions. Don't be afraid to ask them. The instructors have put a lot of time into preparing these clinics for you. Remember you only get out of Think Tank what you put into it. Lets make this a great year!

# THINK TANK EIGHTEEN - SEVENTH ANNUAL INDOOR DOUBLES TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please designate one member of your team to be the contact person

Address of Contact \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Background information on team (be sure to include number of years skiing, club affiliation, hobbies, work and other interesting facts) \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose \$15.00 and send to:  
Kay Babcock, Double Tournament, 1006 S. 5th Ave. Wausau, WI 54401.  
**MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THINK TANK IN ORDER TO COMPETE.**

## *1994 Think Tank Indoor Doubles Tournament*

This tournament should be an enjoyable experience for the competitors. As competitors, you will need to be registered for Think Tank and this tournament. If you register before Feb. 15, 1994, you will receive a gift from the Federation just for competing. The following are the rules we will use for the tournament.

- 1) Each couple will provide their own costumes, props, music, and spotters. The WWSF will provide the sound equipment.
- 2) Each couple will have 5 minutes to set up before their routine and 2 minutes to tear down after.
- 3) Your routine will start with a simulated dock routine. You have 1 minute to perform this.
- 4) After your dock routine, you will have 15 seconds to rest before your first simulated water pass.
- 5) The first pass can not go over 45 seconds. The right shoulder of the base should be toward the judges.
- 6) You will have 15 seconds to rest after your first pass.
- 7) Your second pass will also be 45 seconds long. For this pass the left shoulder of the base will be toward the judges.
- 8) You then have another 15 seconds to rest before your third and final pass.
- 9) Your third and final pass is 45 seconds long, with

the right shoulder of the base toward the judges.

10) You then have 15 seconds to rest before your final bow.

11) Your final bow or pay-off can be no longer than 45 seconds.

Keep in mind that you are simulating a water routine, your rest periods represent corners in the boat pattern. It is strongly recommended that you use spotters, they will not reduce your score and may very easily enhance it. In the past many couples have included spotters in their routine. There is no specific point reduction for a drop (tumble). Judges will reflect it in the technical merit part of the score. (The Beauty of Land, its easy to continue after your "Fall"). Each couple will receive 2 scores. The first will be "Technical Merit." This score will be from 1 to 10 and will reflect how well you completed your routine. Example: were toes pointed, did the base have to move around alot? Was the couple straggling to complete things? The second set of scores will also be from 1 to 10. These will reflect Artistic Impression. Example: Was your routine creative? Did the costumes go with the music and theme of your routine? Were there unique ideas in your routine? We will supply at least seven judges. The high and low scores will be dropped. We will have an awards presentation immediately following the final competitors. Please stay in costume so we may get pictures of the presentation. If you have any questions concerning this competition call Cheryl Marx at 715-424-2034. Good Luck to all competitors.

Cathy Geiger,  
Think Tank Chair

# Think Tank 1994

## MANDATORY SAFETY THINK TANK CLINICS

Think Tank '94 is not far away and there are several Safety related tanks to attend! One of these tanks is **mandatory** for each team and the others are new and should be quite informative!

There will be a couple of tanks given by State Licensed Chiropractors concerning health and injury issues. Issues such as prevention, maintenance, and rehabilitation will be discussed.

A **mandatory** tank, requiring at least one member from each team will be given. Ideally, the Club Safety Coordinator for each team should attend this tank. The NSSA Official Water Ski Show Safety Manual will be available, with the current changes, for everyone and the Manual contents will be discussed. again, a representative from each team must attend this meeting to compete at the Wisconsin State Show Tournament, along with attending 5

(live) WWSF regular meetings.

Another tank will follow about Safety Boats. There is a special appendix in the Safety Manual specifically addressing Safety Boats. This tank will be given by some of top Safety Boats Crews.

Two other appendixes of the Safety Manual are about infection control and bloodborne pathogens. A two hour certification level, instructional tank will be presented on these topics. This material will be presented by Kent Shea whose background includes: former show skier, state licensed paramedic, EMS instructor, aquatic manager, safety technical representative, and small business owner (CPR First).

The WWSF has worked hard to bring you quality informative tanks, it's up to you to get the most out of them!

Gerry Luiting

## NOTICE

*All WWSF Clubs who do not have a safety director who have taken an AWSA Safety Clinic, must send their safety director to the "Safety Tank" at Think Tank XVIII.*

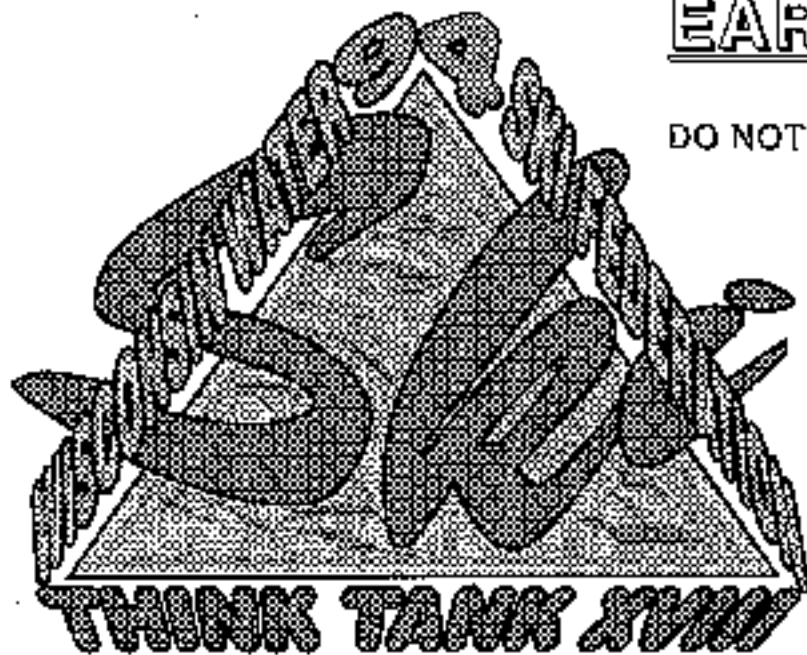
### WWSF Recognized Safety Director REQUIREMENTS:

1. Member in good standing with AWSA.
2. Member in good standing with WWSF.
3. Member in good standing with your club.
4. Attend and AWSA Safety Clinic (good for 4 years with WWSF) or attend the WWSF Think Tank "Safety Tank" for that year (good for 1 year with WWSF).
5. Have attended an AWSA Safety Clinic (good for 4 year from date of Clinic with WWSF).
6. If a change of Safety Directors is made during the year, the new person must meet the same requirements.



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# Think Tank 1994

## START YOUR PREPARATIONS NOW FOR THINK TANK XVIII

Before business people attend conventions, they map out a plan, a way to cover everything and get the most out of the experience. Why not plan your weekend now and make the most of it! Here are some things to consider:

- 1) Make sure you have someone in the "Safety Clinic" and the Pick-up Boat Clinic. Either video tape, audio record, or take very good notes. Be prepared to share this information with your entire team.
- 2) Find team members who know they will be attending specific clinics. Ask them to volunteer as door monitors, or be available to introduce the speakers at the clinic. (This is a great way to meet people, and get lots of extra information.)
- 3) Meet with other members of your team and find out who will be covering what clinics. Highlight the clinics that are covered in one color & mark the ones not yet covered. Find team members to cover the clinics not yet covered.
- 4) Make sure each team member understands the importance of taking good notes. Or getting a complete audio or video recording. Get a least 1 copy of any handouts.
- 5) Once the schedule is divided up, you need to start preparing questions you would like answers to. Example: Several members are going to attend the Driving Clinic. You will be elsewhere, but would like to know what the best pattern for a jump act is. Make sure the members attending that Driving Clinic come back with the answer to your questions. They may have to ask it, or it may be covered in the presentation. But, you must let your fellow members know that this answer is important to you.

6) Once you have all your teams questions covered, and all the clinics attended, its time to mingle. (just don't get carried away, you need to be ready for Saturday morning.) Don't loose sight of your reason for attending.

7) While you are in clinics, don't be shy, speak out if you have questions. The instructors are volunteering their time to be here, they welcome your questions.

8) Check in with your group at lunch time. Make sure all is going well with your fellow teams mates. Its very common to get sleepy when so much is going on. Don't give in and go to your room for a nap, after all, you didn't spend money to sleep the weekend away. Better ides, go for a brisk walk for several minutes. You will be pumped up to attend your next clinic.

9) Enjoy Saturday Evening but don't loose site of Sunday.

10)The week after Think Tank, plan on getting together with all your team mates to go over the information. Start viewing video tapes, etc. Organize all the collected information and have copies made. If you don't follow through with this last step, all the information gathered will not be channeled. If you still have questions, contact the instructors again. Remember, they volunteered their time so they probably are more than happy to help.

On behalf of the Think Tank Committee, we hope you have a wonderful weekend and find answers to all your teams questions.

Cathy Geiger  
Think Tank Chair



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## W.W.S.F. & SKI DECORAH PREPARE FOR NATIONAL & OLYMPIC TRAINING SITE

Olympic acceptance of competitive water skiing is very likely now due to recent technological developments for speed control. (See Nov. WATER SKIER). Preparing for the future, the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation and Ski Decorah have joined together to keep Wisconsin on the leading edge of competitive water skiing.

At the December meeting, the WWSF board members unanimously voted to form the Wisconsin Training & Site Development Committee to establish goals, guidelines, seek and administer funding, while creating an on-going plan to develop Ski Decorah as a national Tournament site and one of five official Olympic training centers. Wisconsin has produced more professional and top level competitive water skiers than any other state. If we are to maintain that competitive edge, we must be ready for the future.

The benefits of Olympic acceptance and growth potential to our sport and region are enormous. With international recognition, expanded media exposure, and increased funding water skiers will finally shed the "weekend wally" image and take their rightful place among other serious athletic endeavors. The political benefits of national and international recognition could become immeasurable particularly in light of ever increasing water use conflicts and rising usage legislation.

Ski Decorah has bid the host the '94 US Team Trails and Elite Junior Team Trails. This could bring the nations top skiers and AWSA officials to central Wisconsin from June 25th through July 3rd. Also proposed is a record capability tournament the week preceding. Ski Decorah will again host the '94 State 3 Event and Midwest Regionals.

Centrally located, Ski Decorah is already well known as the midwest's ultimate water ski site. Three perfect, always glass calm, free from boat traffic, private ski lakes are currently available. 120 acres of surface water on 300 acres of scenic shore woodland will be expanded to five ski lakes by 1995. Conveniently located 20 minutes from Wisconsin Dells and 5 minutes from nearby Adams, a wide range of hotel, motel, camping, dining, and fast food accommodations are easily accessed. On-site camping is currently available and future plans include expanded restroom, shower, and hook-up facilities. Additions to spectator seating, permanent officials facilities, and installations of record capability certified courses are also planned.

As Wisconsin's only professional ski school it offers expert training in every major discipline of water skiing: show, barefoot, and trace event. Ski Decorah owners, Kerry and Julie Tolzmann, are not only talented and gifted instructors but top level competitors as well. Wis. State champion in every division for every event, Kerry has competed on two National Championship show teams, skied with Tommy Bartlett Ski Shows, Great American Shows, and taught clinics at both Sea World and Cypress Gardens. Inventory of the long distance front flip, Kerry is also the '92 Midwest Regional overall champion. '92 & '93 state overall champion, Julie has skied with Great American Shows, and holds a degree in recreational education.

A permanent site for training, development, and competition has always been a long range goal of the WWSF. Ski Decorah's willingness to work with the Federation will certainly move that goal towards reality now, instead of somewhere in the future.

## WISCONSIN WATER SKI HALL OF FAME INAUGURAL CEREMONY

The Wisconsin Water Ski Federation had its first annual induction ceremony to the Wisconsin Water Ski Hall of Fame this past August. The Hall of Fame has a permanent home at Tommy Bartlett's Ski, Sky, and Stage Show in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

The purpose of the Wisconsin Water Ski Hall of Fame shall be to honor and perpetuate the names and accomplishments of skiers, pioneers, and officials, whose dedication and competitive achievements at Local, State and National levels have brought lasting fame to the sport of water skiing.

The list of charter member nominees to the Wisconsin Water Ski Hall of Fame for 1993 are:

### Pioneers

Tommy Bartlett  
Dorwin Family  
Skip Gilkerson  
Jack Lukes

Allen Bubolz  
Ole Evinrude  
E. Carl Kiekhaver  
Lynn Novakofski

### Officials

Dick Matthisen

Margo Klippel Oppenheim

Mark Roberts, master of ceremonies, presented each of the inductees with a plaque of honor. Skiing entertainment during the ceremony was provided by Kerry Tolzmann, Matt May, and Cathy Geiger with Gerry Luiting. They represented the three disciplines of the Federation including traditional, barefooting, and show skiing. After the induction ceremony, those in attendance were treated to some special words from Tommy Bartlett, followed by an invitation to stay for the Ski, Sky and State Show.

The Wisconsin Water Ski Federation invites all to view the Wisconsin Water Ski Hall of Fame! We have begun planning for the next ceremony.

Bob Marx, Hall of Fame Chairman

WATER SPORTS

## SHOW SAFETY NEWS

There have been some important changes with respect to safety which will directly affect show teams for the coming season. These changes were discussed and acted on at the November NSSA meeting. It is extremely important to read and understand these changes as the information becomes formally available in the NSSA Water Ski Show Safety Manual and the NSSA Water Ski Show Competition Rules. The highlights are as follows:

- 1) The final edition of the NSSA Water Ski Show Safety Manual was presented and approved. Regional NSSA representatives all have that copy (it has the 11/13/93 date at the page bottoms). However there were some changes made to this and the rules at the NSSA meeting. These changes should be available from AWSA headquarters or Tom Ghiloni around mid-January.
- 2) When clubs sent in their annual AWSA renewal forms and they identify themselves as a show team or NSSA affiliate, each club should receive, from AWSA Headquarters, a current copy of the NSSA Water Ski Show Safety Manual, NSSA Water Ski Show Competition Rules, the NSSA Individual Act Competition Rules, and the NSSA Bylaws.
- 3) The Safety Director position is a required Official at all NSSA sanctioned Class A & C Tournaments.
- 4) Each team which participates in an AWSA/NSSA sanc-

tioned tournament, is required to have a Club Safety Coordinator. This Coordinator shall have read and be familiarized with the NSSA Water Ski Show Safety Manual, and must sign a form attesting to that. The Club Safety Coordinator must also take and pass a written test based on the Safety Manual. Both the form and the test are currently being developed.

- 5) All AWSA/NSSA sanctioned tournaments must have on site, a minimum of a state certified basic level Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). The certification must be current.
- 6) All participants, no matter what their role in the show is, will be required to maintain absolute sobriety while competing. The intent of this rule will cover alcohol as well as other substances. The wording of this rule is forthcoming.
- 7) A NSSA Show Safety Director Program is currently being developed. This will parallel the AWSA Program but will be specific to Show Skiing. Anyone that has ideas or would like to have input on this, please contact:

Gerry Luiting  
 Chair-NSSA Safety Committee  
 1419 Linden Avenue  
 Janesville, WI 53545  
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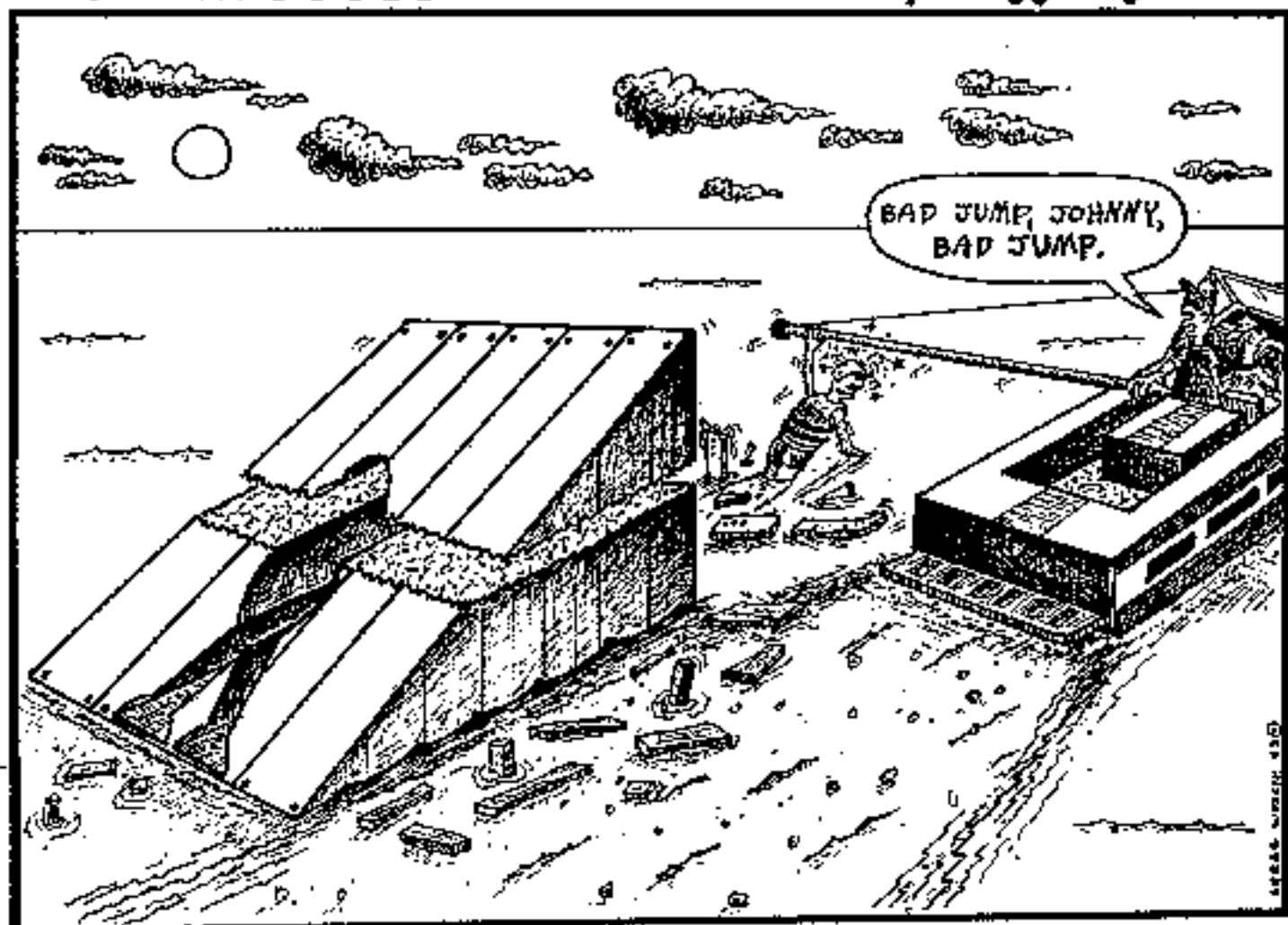
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REPORT ON THE

# WISCONSIN WATER SKI FEDERATION 1994 Season Tournament & Event Schedule

(EVENTS WITHIN WISCONSIN)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
6/ /94	Judges School	3 Event	?
6/04/94	Show Ski Camp	Show	Janesville
6/05/94	Show Ski Camp		
6/ /94	SD Summer Opener	3	?
6/ /94	SD Summer Opener	Event	?
6/ /94	Badger Open	3	?
6/ /94	Badger Open	Event	?
6/25/94	Wausau Invitational	Show	Wausau
6/26/94	Wausau Invitational		715-675-4851
7/ /94	SD Slalom Challenge	3	?
7/09/94	Wis. State Barefoot Tourney	Bare	?
7/10/94	Sanctioned AWSA & WWSF	Foot	?
7/15/94	Wisconsin State Show Act Toumey	Acts	
7/15/94	Wisconsin State Show Toumey	Show	Wis. Rapids
7/16/94	Divisions I, II, & III	Show	715-424-2034
7/17/94	AWSA/NSSA Class A Sanctioned	Show	
7/22/94	Wis. State Championship	3	Ski Decorah
7/23/94	Wis. State Championship	Event	608-339-9765
7/29/94	Midwest Regional Championship	3	Ski
7/30/94	Midwest Regional Championship	Event	Decorah
7/31/94	Midwest Regional Championship		608-339-9765
8/ /94	Menomin Trolls Open	3	Ski Decorah
8/ /94	Menomin Trolls Open	Event	608-339-9765
8/05/94	National Show Act Tourney	Acts	Loves Park, IL
8/06/94	National Show Tournament	Show	815-633-4798
8/07/94	AWSA/NSSA Sanctioned		
9/10/94	Isthmus Water Ski Club	3	Ski Decorah
9/11/94	Last Chance Tournament	Event	608-339-9765

To date, these are the only scheduled tournaments and events that the W.W.S.F. is aware of. If you have information on other events not listed, please contact the WWSF, c/o Cheryl Marx, Tournament Committee Chairman, or phone 715-424-2034.

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List additional family members (18 yrs. & under)

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Club Affiliation: (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete form and mail to:

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