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Think Tank XXI

Plans are already under way for the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation Think Tank XXI. Think Tank XXI will be held on Friday, February 28, through Sunday, March 2, 1997 at the Stevens Point Holiday in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. If you plan on attending, make your reservations now, room are filling up fast.

Our First committee meeting was held October 5th at the Best Western in Stevens Point. There is still plenty to do. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Cathy Luiting at (608) 755-0405. We need Help! If you have any suggestions or ideas please contact me. We are always trying to update and make positive changes.

If you have missed Think Tank in the past, make plans to attend this year. The Wisconsin

Water Ski Federation puts together many of the top instructors in the nation to offer the finest off water instruction available. This is a great place to prepare for the up coming ski season. Don't miss it!

More specific details will be made available at the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation meetings, and the next issue of the Wisconsin Water Skier.

Cathy Luiting
Think Tank Chair

From The Editor . . .

(Cover) The love for water skiing is not only evident on the water, but also on the roads! THANKS!

"because the show must go on . . ."

P.T. Barnum



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CALLING ALL 3-EVENT SKIERS

As the WWSF Promotions Chairperson, my responsibilities in a nutshell are to develop ways in which to promote the Federation and the sport of water skiing. That involves arranging for all forms of media publicity for a wide range of WWSF activities and *all the sport groups within the Federation*. Because of the individual competition nature, Traditional 3-Event promotion is always a special and unique challenge. We need your input and involvement at the Federation Meetings in order to know what is needed to promote 3-event and benefit the growth of the sport.

For way too many years now, 3-eventers point out that WWSF meetings hold little else but show ski discussions so why bother to come! The opposite is also true, unless 3-eventers give us some input how can we know what you need?

Reading this are you now saying to yourself, "3-eventers don't need any help promoting the growth of our sport"! Please, look back at this season before you move to the next article. The Pro Tour eliminated

women's slalom events for '96 and has no plans to bring it back in '97, wake board will replace Pro Tour Trick competition, and think about the average age of the competitors at tournaments this summer around our state and the rest of the Midwest Region! Were there young people or new families just starting out or many teenagers in attendance? Wasn't everyone in their late twenties and early thirties? How many new drivers began work on their ratings? Didn't it take all weekend to get through Men's III Slalom at regionals? Well at least 6 hours.

3-Event needs help . . . NOW. The WWSF wants to help but we need you to know where, what, and how to be effective! We can help with a wide range of projects including site development, clinics, instruction, tournaments, skier development, coach development, publicity . . . the list is endless. Please help us help you. Call Barbara Diehl with your ideas and suggestions at (fax) 414-742-3831, or e-mail bdiehl@townsquare.net or better yet attend the next WWSF meeting and tell us all first hand how we can promote the growth of 3-event skiing!



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THE BROWN'S LAKE AQUADUCK '95-'96 SEASON

At the beginning of our '95-'96 season the Brown's Lake Aquaducks consisted of a mere 29 members. Membership took a rapid downfall the previous season and the future didn't look to be encouraging. This caused, not only prominent financial concerns, but also the morale seemed to spiral downward as well.

The Board of Directors were in a quandary as to which route to take. While at a "special" meeting to discuss the situation at hand John Zoske and Bill Peters, two original founders of the Aquaduck Ski Club twenty years ago, made a presentation and revived the spirit on which our club was founded.

The Aquaducks were now on a mission. We were determined to rebuild our team by increasing its membership number and by fine-tuning the quality of our show. To do this there had to be tunnel vision, which meant no competition, no distractions.

To successfully execute these two main goals there first had to be a membership drive. We put our name repeatedly into the public eye and invited and solicited inquiries about joining our team. Our first

rebuilding season we also had to make it as attractive as possible to our new members. We decided to eliminate the membership dues and up the fund-raising efforts.

After weeks our efforts seemed to pay off. Our membership grew to 65 members, doubling in size. This was great news. Now the goal of fine-tuning the quality of our show had to be achieved. We had to educate our new members on skiing techniques and pique and nurture their interest in the sport. We're happy to report that we've been successful in both objectives.

We now have a club that radiates with excitement, energy and enthusiasm. We're eagerly preparing for our next season. We have an agenda outlined that says "we're going places" and enjoying the process.

We'd like to make special mention of our main sponsors who stuck with us during our uncertain time period. Jim's Marina in Waterford, Wisconsin and Yamaha have been behind us 100 percent. To you we are grateful and sincerely appreciate your support. We would also like to thank the WWSP and the other ski teams that sometimes reminded us of our progress and offered words of support.

Brown's Lake Aquaducks
Burlington, Wisconsin

ROCK AQUA JAYS ELECT NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Rock Aqua Jays Water Ski Club elected several new board members at its recent annual meeting.

Darrell Shelby, Janesville, will continue to serve as president for the second year of his two-year term. Joining Shelby are: Rainy Knutson, Janesville, vice president; Pete Bonert, Milwaukee, show director; Kay Jornalien, Janesville, treasurer; Kris Kaiser, Janesville, recording secretary; Ken Brock, Janesville, maintenance coordinator; J.R. Wilson, Janesville, Wisconsin Water Ski Federation representative; Kathy Baker, Janesville, concessions coordinator; Karla Olsen, Janesville, corresponding secretary; Tim Cullen, Madison, member-at-large and David Drum, Janesville, member-at-large.

The amateur water ski show team recently completed a successful tournament season winning the inaugural Jewel of June Show Tournament and the Wisconsin State Water Ski Show Tournament. The team also took second place at the National Water Ski

Show Tournament. Next up for the Aqua Jays is the annual Hippy Haunted Hay ride fund raiser held every weekend during the month of October. For more information, call Terri Shelby at 608-756-2433.



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Like most of the Southern Wisconsin clubs our ski season started late and slow due to the ceaseless spring rains! When it did finally stop raining long enough to ski we were then blessed with road-construction on the only access road to our show site from April 1st through September!

This wasn't your ordinary close a lane for resurfacing stuff... this was like traveling in a war zone. The road was literally gone for the seven mile stretch along Route 12/67! In fact many of us renamed it the "Beirut Bypass" and have considered stock purchases in Midas Mufflers. Audience attendance and donations were down a bit this year!

The season did however have its high points starting with WWSF Ski Camp hosted by the Janesville Rock Aqua Jays. Qualifying for Ski camp through our club's volunteer participation at Think Tank XX, we were privileged to attend 2 days of intense on the water ski instruction and training, along with Ski Sprites and the Water Bugs.

Thanks again to all the RA's, and especially Tom Ghiloni, Terry Pastorski, Duane Snow, JR, Joel, Pete & Cheryl Bonert, Cathy & Gerry Lutting

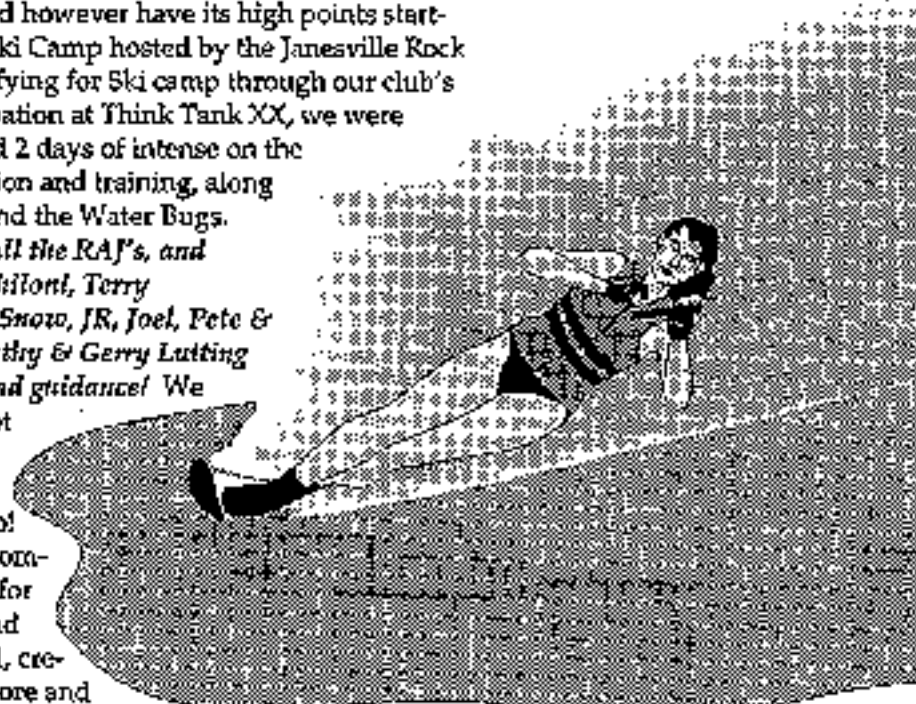
for all your help and guidance! We earned lots... not just about skiing and scoring but sportsmanship too! Most of all we accomplished our goals for this year; to expand our 4 tier pyramid, create and present more and varied transitional acts, improve our doubles acts, and most of all present a competitive and entertaining show at Nationals. Thank you to the Federation for providing this invaluable opportunity we learned lots and had way too much fun!

Also extremely successful this season was our new member development program. We determined that we needed a more formal program to coach, train, socialize and develop new members into competitive show skiers. All too often we would lose new members after just part or one season because there just isn't enough time during regular practices and show to coach them properly. After a lot of research, planning, time and effort our first "Future Team" Show Director, Amy Diehl and her dedicated staff of volunteers put together a wonderful season and now the "Future" hold 19 brand new show skiers!

An always fun and rewarding experience is our annual water fun day with the Lakeland Special Education School. Seventy physically and emotionally challenged students and teachers joined us for a range of activities including a show ski demonstration, pontoon and boat rides, tubing, and water skiing. Once again we all had loads of fun and sunshine!

Our annual team picnic, awards ceremony, and elections, held Labor Day weekend concluded activities for the '96 show season. Saddened by the loss of Mrs. Alice Hoch last April, longtime fan, supporter and grandmother of Alan & Marc Meike and the rest of the team as well, the Board of Directors agreed to create the Alice & Frank Hoch Memorial Awards to be presented annually to the male and female Lauderdale Aqua Skier who demonstrated the highest level of effort, team work, and sportsmanship.

Some of you may remember when Frank skied with Marc at Lamb's Farm and the Blackhawk Open in the late seventies in the "youngest and oldest skier act"! It was a wonderful and moving moment when Louise Meike, Alice and Frank's daughter and our former costume designer for... many years, presented the first annual awards to Julee Allen, (current costume designer, tow boat driver, ski mom, ski wife, and fundraising chairperson) and Alan Giacomelli, (safety boat pick-up, Mr. Fix-It, ski-dad, and equipment manager).



The President's Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Show Director, Anthony Cecola by President, Bill Diehl. Tony has been an active involved member of LAS for 27 years. The title of the award really says it all! Show Skier Of The Year Awards were presented to Jeff Asbach and Amy Diehl by Show Director Tony Cecola, Most Improved Skier recognition awards were earned by Lisa and Loren Allen and Jon Sorenson. Congratulations everyone on your efforts and achievements!

Officers for the 1997 season are Anthony Cecola, Show Director; Terry Allen, President; Ryan Ahern, Vice-President; Corresponding Secretary, Amy Diehl; Treasurer, Pam Cecola; Recording Secretary, Michelle DeVries; Equipment Manager, Al Giacomelli.

We look forward to the 1997 season to be as fun, safe and productive as this year!

BADGERLAND 1996 AN UNUSUAL YEAR!

Remember the year that, when things went well, they *really* went well, and when things flopped they *really* flopped. That was 1996 for Badgerland.

The first one third of the summer was spent financing the rest. June was the month we set aside to fill the checkbook.

First came Milwaukee's River Splash, and thanks to Skipper Buda, our very generous sponsor, we started building the funding process.

One week later it was off to Weston, West Virginia for the Stonewall Jackson Festival. It was only mid June, but it seemed to be mid-summer down there ... 85 degrees. Pretty hot by our standards. Friday was ski for fun day, with a great BBQ / picnic in our honor. Saturday and Sunday were show days. By the way, one hint to all of you audio people out there, be sure to **DOUBLE** check all your tapes before you load and fire (take our word for it!)

The rest of June and the first week of July were devoted to a bigger and better Summerfest celebration. Always cold and always crowded, we skied our tails off,

putting on 16 shows in twelve days. The down side was, lost quality practice time, the upside was, the bills get paid. Like most teams we spent the rest of our summer practicing for the state and national tournaments.

This is were the "unusual" part of 1996 started setting in. Acts that appeared to be liabilities at the start, really came around, such as the ballet line. One was all but scraped in early July. It turned out to score highest of all of our acts at Nationals. Go Figure!!! Way to to Trios/conventionals / doubles / swivel act.

Other acts, historically 400 pointers, had key injuries or got hit by inexperience.

It all resulted in a 5th place, gut check, finish for Badgerland at Nationals. We are still undergoing big changes that started a few years ago with the retirement of several of our veteran and charter members.

So, the new year starts now. We just elected our new show director, one of our charter members who is still very active, Jeff Henke accompanied by his lovely wife Jane. Best of Luck!!

Might we see some new wrinkles next year? Stop on out to Waukesha's Frame Park on any Wednesday evening next summer, and be sure to say Hi.

Mike Giasibl

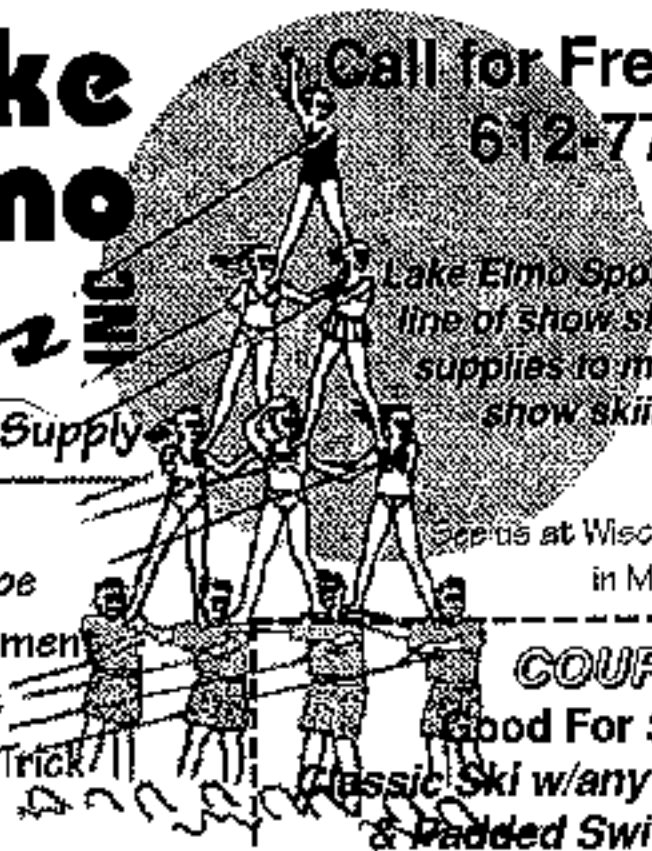


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**NSSA WISCONSIN
REGION DIRECTORS
REPORT**

The summer meeting of the NSSA board was held at Show Nationals in Loves Park, Illinois on August 9, 1996. Attending from the Wisconsin region were Bob Marx, Terry Pasterski, and J.R. Wilson.

The NSSA board for 1996-97 is:

Officers: Sherm Schraft, President & AWSA Rep; Tom Ghiloni, AWSA Board Rep; Bruce McCalmion, Vice President; Terry Pastereki, Secretary/Treasurer.

Board of Directors: Bob Marx, Terry Pasterski, J.R. Wilson, Wisconsin Region; Mark Poulos, Sherm Schraft, Dave Nemec, Midwest Region; Donna Jenkins, Eastern Region; Doug Schwenk, Vickie Wilmouth, Southern Region; Jake Yetterberg, South-Central Region.

Committee Chair: Tom Ghiloni, Rules; Jim Lauzon, Officials; Bob Marx, National Tournament; Terry Pasterski, ESPN; Gerry Luiting, Safety; Bruce Ginzl, Insurance; Cam McNeill, Grants; Bruce McCalmion, By-Laws; Tom Ghiloni, Budget.

The bids that were received for 1998 Nationals are from Janesville, WI; Hamilton, OH; and Lakeland, FL. The vote to see which place will be host will take place at the next meeting.

Chuck Thomas was approved for Sr. Judge.

The next NSSA meeting will be on November 8-9, 1996 in Winter Haven, FL.

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MECCA BOAT SHOW

Last year volunteers from WWSF teams manned the booth giving dry land ski demonstrations, answering questions, and passed out pamphlets describing water ski activities, tournaments shows, and services available throughout the State. The booth displayed equipment, posters, awards, and pictures provided by the clubs.

Wednesday, February 12 though the 16th the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation will once again be represented at the Mecca Boat Show. Volunteers will once again be needed to man the booth and will receive free admission to the Boat Show! WOW! This is a great opportunity to promote your club, our sport, the WWSF, and your volunteer participation also counts towards Ski Camp, a valuable training opportunity for any club! Last year both the Federation and the clubs benefitted by attracting new members, spectators, and one club even got a road show out of their participation.

We hope all the clubs will provide something we can display so all the clubs are represented. Pamphlets or anything you want to display that will promote your club can be distributed and utilized. For more information, to volunteer for a shift at the booth, or to make arrangements to provide promotional material or display items you may either send them to any Federation meeting or call Barbara Diehl

at 414-742-3831, FAX 414-742-3821, or e-mail bdiehl@townsquare.net. We'll take really good care of your photos, awards etc., display them at the Federation Booth at Think Tank and make sure they are returned in perfect condition as well. Please help us help you promote your team, the WWSF, and our sport!

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SKI CAMP 1996 OFFERS MORE THAN EVER BEFORE

The Wisconsin Water Ski Federation along with the help of the Rock Aqua Jays once again hosted Ski Camp. This year a new twist was added to the educational show skiing weekend. A judges clinic has held in conjunction with the show ski clinic.

Three Wisconsin show ski teams were selected to attend the camp which was held Saturday June 1st and Sunday June 2nd. The teams chosen were

the Ski Sprites from Eau Claire, the Water Bugs from Muskego, and the Lauderdale Lakes Aqua Skiers. All three teams showed a lot of patience and flexibility as the weather refused to cooperate with the schedule of events on Saturday. We finally gave in to the weather and ended up with an indoor practice at the Rock Aqua Jays' warehouse.

Sunday was an entirely different story. It was sunny and warm. Teams came back in full force for a day of hard work. In the morning all three teams worked hard practicing their acts on the water, in preparation for a full show that afternoon.

While teams were hard at work on the water, the judges clinic headed by Tom Ghiloni, began a day of hard work. Four judges attended this clinic which began with a review of the show rules, and an open discussion about the responsibilities of a show judge.

At noon, the judges and teams wrapped up their clinics. The teams then prepared to run through their shows. The judges sat together with judges forms and scored the three shows. While scoring the shows, Tom Ghiloni answered questions regarding the scoring of different acts, and the box scores at the end of each show. The teams gathered together after their show to listen to a critique and questions and answer session headed by Duane Snow. The weekend was wrapped up around 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The Wisconsin Water Ski Federation would like to continue to offer the judges clinic in conjunction with Ski Camp. Tom Ghiloni has already come up with ideas to improve the clinic for 1997. If you are interested in attending 1997 Ski Camp, please contact Cathy Luiting at (608) 755-0405.

Show teams who are interested in attending must be members of the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation, serve on a committee of the WWSF, and have a good percentage of attendance at Think Tank XXI.

Cathy Luiting
Show Rep.

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INTERNATIONAL NOVICE WATER SKI TOURNAMENT

The International Water Sports Organizations (IWSO), a non-profit corporation, created the "Little League" for waterskiing in 1993. This program is endorsed by the WSLA, the Water Sports Industry Association. According to WSLA, there are currently nine million recreational skiers with only 8,000 competing at the AWSA class C tournament level. Most of us grew up enjoying and/or participating in some type of "Little League" sport. This type of organized sport is growing and expanding every year. This work will stimulate interest in waterskiing and other water-related activities. In Washington they have been promoting novice waterski events for the past seven years. The activities became so popular that in 1994 they expanded to an eight stop tour concept and involved over 1,200 competitors of all ages and abilities.

Waterskiing can be more than a recreational activity ... MAKE IT A SPORT! The International Novice Water

Ski Tour "Little League" is being offered as an exciting challenge for all ages. The tour concept lends itself to an atmosphere of excitement and enthusiasm among children, teens, and the "young at heart." This creates an opportunity for new skiers to test their skills in a fun, non-intimidating environment by providing a setting in which to compete for those at the same skill level. This is unlike other waterski tournaments where age is the determining factor for the class of competition. Participants accumulate points in an effort to be crowned the State Novice Champion in each division. When we say "novice" we mean it ... most of the skiers are first time participants. Now they're hooked!

Events include slalom, kneeboard slalom, wakeboard slalom, and wakeboard expression. There will even be intermediate buoys set for those who have never attempted a full slalom course previously. If you've never run a course, we will teach you! You can join the fun and excitement in your community. If you wish to compete in these fun tournaments or would like additional information, you may contact Jerry or Jackie Hickman in Indians at (219) 749-0438 or call Int. Headquarters in Redmond, WA at (206) 836-0851, ask for Nanette Stocks or Larry Fisher.

WISCONSIN'S FIFTH ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL EVENTS COMPETITION

This summer, at the Wisconsin State Show Tournament in Wisconsin Rapids, the 5th Annual Wisconsin State Events Competition was held. The event consisted of three areas of individual competition:

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Freestyle Jumping
(7) individuals competed in the Freestyle Jumping event.

- 1st Place = Matt May, 1070
- 2nd Place = Eric Schultz, 533
- 3rd Place = Jason Gruszynski, 463

Other competitors were Scott Susek, Scott Branaszak, Pete Slater, and Troy Gruszynski.

Swivel Skiing

(14) individuals competed in the Swivel Skiing event.
1st Place = Kristen Heilman, 18.30

- 2nd Place = Ginny Rezin, 17.60
- 3rd Place = Lora Kaelber, 17.20

Other competitors were Nancy Lynd O'Hara, Jean Madsen, Laura Bernstein, Joy Kruschel, Nikki Noonan, Kathleen Krue, Sarah Manternach, Anna Findlay, Nicole Rertzel, Susan Jacobson, Sandra Sloan.

Doubles Competition

(8) couples competed in the Doubles Skiing event.
1st Place = Cathy Luiting / Gerry Luiting, 19.43
2nd Place = Sara Straub / Matt Heilman, 16.44
3rd Place = Ashley Giese / Todd Zurberier, 16.10

Other competitors were Sarah Parpart / Erich Parpart, Ashley Anderson / Mark Anderson, Stacey Carmody / Chad Calamari, Amanda Anderson / Jason Kreutzberg, Carrie Chapman / David Guif.

A special Thank You goes out to Jeff Thomson of Fort Fremont Marine and Ski Nautique for sponsoring this event.

Plans are already underway for the 1997 event, to again be held in conjunction with the Wisconsin State Show Tournament, July 18th, 19th and 20th.

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WISCONSIN STATE WATER SKI SHOW TOURNAMENT HISTORY

DATE & SITE INFORMATION

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OFFICIALS

Chief Judge: Sam Casey, Teams and Bob Southard, Events
 Chief Scorer: Barb Snow
 Scoring Judges: Larry Connor, Cam McNeill, Jack Lukes, Skip Gilkerson, Sherm Schraft, Nick Ghiloni, Cheryl Marx, Tom Ghiloni, Barb Taugner, Holly Lukes, Jan Thomas, Duane Snow, Terry Pastorski.
 Scorers: Stee Connor, Robin Richter, Nancy Lauzon, Jim Lauzon.
 Safety Director: Steve Hahner
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 Asst. Safety Director: Jim Babcock, Show
 Official Timer: Chuck Thomas
 Staging Marshal: Mike Stark
 Announcer: Mark Roberts

RESULTS / AWARDS

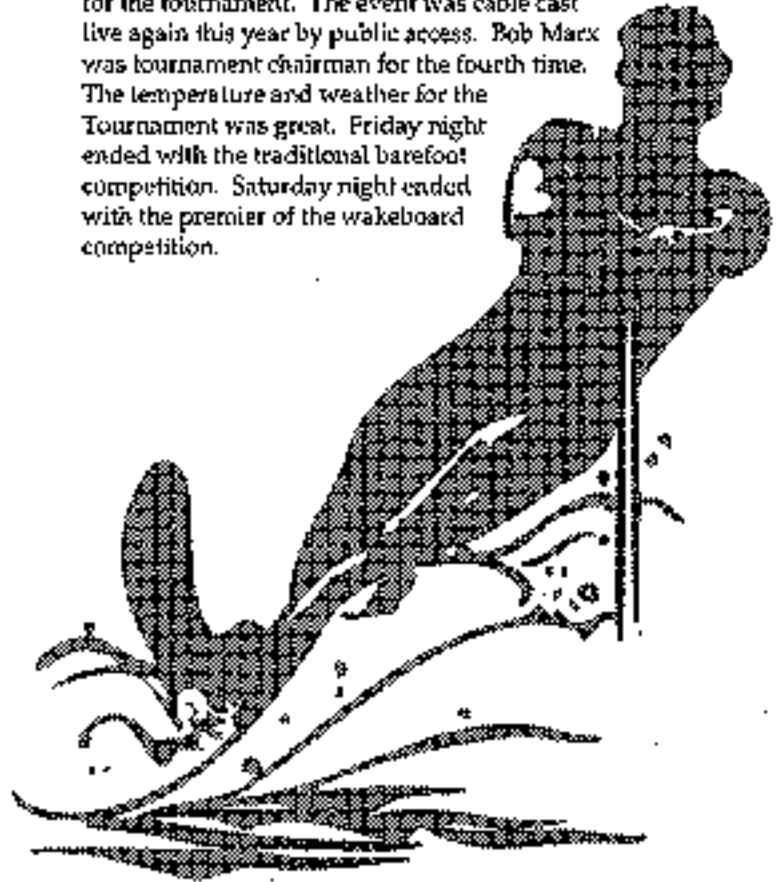
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1st	Rock Aqua Jays	2062
2nd	Badgerland	2009
3rd	Aquanuts	1709
4th	Mad City	1707
5th	Aqua Skiers	1687
6th	Shermalot	1648
7th	Waterboard Warriors	1630
8th	Ski Sprites	1606
9th	Minneiska	1553
10th	Lauderdale	1540
	Division II State	Points
1st	Crivitz Ski Cats	1809
2nd	Twin Bridge	1607
3rd	Webfooters	1469
4th	Wausauqua	1347
	Division III State	Points
1st	River City	1232
2nd	Chain Skiers	1215
3rd	Kwahamots	1112
4th	Waterbugs	967
	Heart of Wisconsin	Points
1st	Rock Aqua Jays	2062
2nd	Badgerland	2009
3rd	Wonder Lake	1977
4th	Aquanuts	1709
5th	Mad City	1707
6th	Aqua Skiers	1687
7th	Shermalot	1648

8th	Waterboard Warriors	1630
9th	Ski Sprites	1606
10th	Minneiska	1553
11th	Lauderdale	1540

Award	Team	Points
Best Dock & Equipment	I Rock Aqua Jays	419
	II Crivitz Ski Cats	371
	III River City	157
Best Pick-up / Safety Boat	I Badgerland	407
	II Crivitz Ski Cats	377
	III River City	149
Best Boat Driving	I Badgerland	855
	II Crivitz Ski Cats	766
	III Chain Skiers	316
Best Announcing	I Rock Aqua Jays	1070
	II Crivitz Ski Cats	925
	III Kwahamots	358
Best Ballet Line	Rock Aqua Jays	398
Highest Barefoot Act	Ski Sprites	392
Most Original Act	Shoe Ski Garner ShermaLot	
Humor Award	Senior Speed Walkers Wonder Lake	

NOTES

1996 had 19 teams in 3 divisions of seeded competition. Wonder Lake skied in the Heart of Wisconsin Tournament. An ambulance was on-site for the entire Tournament. A banquet was held at the Mead Inn, sponsored by Marcus Cable. Lake Wazeecha ski area for this year was the largest ever. The lake also had no weeds. The events competition on Friday had the most entrants to date. A unified sound system was used for the tournament. The event was cable cast live again this year by public access. Bob Marx was tournament chairman for the fourth time. The temperature and weather for the Tournament was great. Friday night ended with the traditional barefoot competition. Saturday night ended with the premier of the wakeboard competition.



NEWS

WISCONSIN STATE / ILLINOIS STATE BAREFOOT TOURNEY

While the Midwest was hosting (and celebrating) Barefoot Worlds and Barefoot Nationals, so too was Wisconsin celebrating by hosting the Wisconsin/Illinois State and the Midwest Regional Footing Tournaments.

The Illinois State was a true bonus with the Wisconsin State held on Saturday, June 29, followed by Illinois on Sunday. The skier numbers were dramatically increased by this format. (26 footers in 1995 to 45 skiers this year)

A few skiers had to leave after one day, but most of us skied both tournaments. It was win, win all around. Skiers got their two rounds while Judges, Drivers, Scorers, etc. got double credit for the two separate Tournaments. Double "Nice Going" Sportz Tyme Barefoot Club, especially Gary Schacht, family and friends!!!

Here are the results of the Wisconsin State:

Jr. Boys, *Hunter Hanson, State Champ Slalom
Men 3, Gary Schacht, Slalom (1) Tricks (2) Jump (1)

Overall Champ

Men 3, Glen Knight, Slalom (2) Tricks (1)
Men 3, Pat Seery, Slalom (3) Tricks (3)
Men 2, Mike Schoenke, Slalom (4) Tricks (1) Jump (1)

Overall Champ

Men 2, *Mike Arnstad, Slalom (1) Jump (2)
Men 2, *Paul Broder, Slalom (2) Tricks (2)
Men 2, Jeff Bocton, Slalom (3) Tricks (3)
Men 1, Jason Schacht, Slalom (2) Tricks (1) Jump (1)

Overall Champ

Men 1, *Gary Smith, Slalom (1) Jump (2)
Men 4, *Mike Gissibl, Slalom (1) Tricks (1) Jump (1)

Overall Champ

Men 5, Bob Mueller, Slalom (1) Jump (1)
Men 5, *Russ Boerner, Slalom (2) Tricks (1)
Open Men, Tom Rowley, Slalom (1) Tricks (1)
Entry Men, Mark Auguston, Slalom (1)

* Show Competitors

A very new wrinkle was added to the Wisconsin State Tourney. We started a State Show Team Competition. This year two teams entered; the Eau Claire Ski Sprites and Badgerland entered the competition. Badgerland edged out the Ski Sprites, thanks in part to the fact that Hunter Hanson, Mike Arnstad and Gary Smith all had to get back home for a Show in Eau Claire. So look out next year Badgerland. Your going ot have to improve next year to defend your crown! Both teams had alot of fun and we welcome any and all other Show Teams in Wisconsin to join the "fray" next year.

Once again thanks especially Gail & Gary Schacht, Wendy & Mike Schoenke, Tom Bolin and the rest of the Sportz Tyme Barefoot Club!!!

(Coming next Wisconsin Water Skier, Midwest Regional Barefoot Tourney Report)

THE YEAR THE MIDWEST SHINES

Now that the dust has settled, it looks as though it will be hard to beat 1996 as the Midwest's year to shine.

Right at the top was the highly organized, smooth running, fun to visit World Barefoot Tournament. Fergus Falls, MN was the host city but villages and towns in a 50 mile radius made this an effort. The sponsoring club got together a whopping 75 sponsors (show clubs, maybe you'll want to contact the Upper Midwest Barefoot Club for some ideas). Twenty five of these were "Major" players in the World's success.

The USA made a sweep of the 3 major trophies: USA first by 16 points out of a whopping 8444 points. (Australia once again, second).

Men - Ron Scarpa, First Overall

Women - Jennifer Calleri, First Overall

Ron added this to his incredible year of First Overall at Barefoot Nationals and First Overall at X-Games. This accomplishment may be duplicated in the future, but it will never be eclipsed. Wow, what a clutch footer!!!

And Jenny accomplished the female counterpart to the same end. She swept Nationals and Worlds. Rumor has it

that may be her last competition.

From Lazer Shows to Full Plate Banquets to the Reunion of the first USA World Team, everything was first class. In fact the "World's" already wants to come back to Minnesota. Nice going Doug Koch and all the members of the Upper Midwest Barefoot Club.

The week before World's was Barefoot Nationals Week. It was the second year in a row for DuQuoin, Illinois- the Little Egypt Ski Club made this year even nicer than 1995. No 103° heat plagued us, and all the events were smooth. Perfect water conditions and weather conditions prevailed.

How did Wisconsin Skiers do?

Men 2-Mike Schoenke, National Champ Jump
Men 3-Gary Schacht, 7th Jump, 21 Overall
Men 4-Mike Gissibl, 4th Jump, 6th Overall
Men 5-Bob Mueller, National Champ Jump, 2nd Overall
Open Men-Jeff Millbrath, 8th Slalom, 9th Tricks
Open Women-Jennifer Calleri, National Overall Champ
Women 4-Sharon Carlson, National Overall Champ

The Midwest treated Barefooting to it's very best. Thanks to the efforts of the Upper Midwest Club (World's), Little Egypt (Nationals, and Sportz Tyme (Regionals). From skiers to spectators, we salute you and thank you.

WISCONSIN WATER SKI HALL OF FAME

SUBMITTAL APPLICATION

Submittal: _____
Name Title

The above person is recommended for consideration to the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation Water Ski Hall of Fame.
Recommended by:

Name Address City State Zip

I believe the above person is qualified for the Hall of Fame for the following:

Major Accomplishments / Contributions: _____

Years of Service to the Sport of Water Skiing: _____

Recommended Category for Recognition: (circle one)

Competitor Official Pioneer

Minimum of (3) references for research purposes by the committee:

Name Address City State Zip

I would or would not be able to assist in the research process.

Signature Age Date

(Attach Additional Sheet If Necessary)

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INDIVIDUAL DUES : \$6.00

PLEASE PRINT

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CITY _____ STATE _____ 9 DIGIT ZIP REQUIRED _____

AWSA MEMBER _____ YES _____ NO IF YES AWSA MEMBERSHIP # _____ EXP. DATE _____

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FAMILY DUES : \$12.00

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