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# EDITOR'S NOTE



I know how hard it is at times for the younger generation to keep their parents under control. Sometimes these older kids just have to let loose. Please don't look at them and wonder when or if they're going to grow up. Just think, someday you will be them as they were once you.

**THANK YOU** Greg Rezin and Don Heilman for showing that "Youth is not always wasted on the young". You also put some of that young feeling back in me again. David, Ginny, Matt and Kristen, thank you for keeping your parents young. Young is such a nice feeling. It's made even better with your children around to share it with you and you with them.

Let's have a great and safe skiing season.

Put that little extra effort out in your shows, don't give up on that next ball or that extra foot or that one big point trick, say "YES" when you are hanging out there on that wakeboard and you can see the sky and your feet at the same time, or if you're just having fun - have a little more, it's on the house.

If you are doing something special this summer, take pictures, write about it and send it to me. The Fall Edition would love to have it.

EDITOR

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Ballots must be postmarked no later than July 27, 1997.

Please use the ballot below. Seal in an envelope and mail it along with your name (on a separate piece of paper), to verify membership.

Remember if you have a family membership, each family only gets two votes.

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## BOB MARX

*Water Ski Activities:* Current President Wisconsin Water Ski Federation, Wisconsin Director to NSSA, Wisconsin State Show Tournament Chairman, National Show Tournament Chairman, WWSF By-Laws Chairman. Member: Wisconsin Rapids Aqua Skiers, Wisconsin Water Ski Federation, National Show Ski Association, American Water Ski Association.

*Statement of Water Ski Concerns:* We must reach beyond ourselves and seize every opportunity to promote and enhance the public view of our sport. We must seek growth in all sport divisions of the WWSF and continue to strive to bring the wakeboarders of Wisconsin into the Federation as a sport division. As the AWSA reorganizes into USAWS, the Federation will likewise have the opportunity to identify areas that can be streamlined, restructured, or eliminated as we restructure to meet the water ski needs of the skiers of Wisconsin.

## TERRY PASTERSKI

*Background:* I have been a member of the Waterboard Warriors water ski show team since 1985, and have also served as the team's secretary. I have been a representative to the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation for the Waterboard Warriors since 1989, and have served as Secretary for the Federation since 1990. I am also currently on the Think Tank committee as volunteer chairperson, and a member of the By-Laws committee.

I have been one of the representatives of the Wisconsin region on the NSSA board since 1994. Since this is my second consecutive term, my term will be up in 1998. I am ESPN committee chairperson and serve on the By-Laws committee.

## CHERYL MARX - Candidate for NSSA Rep.

*Water Ski Activities:* Current positions held are: NSSA Alternate Representative, WWSF Tournament Chairman, MasterCraft Worlds Indoor Doubles Tournament Director, WWSF committee member of Think Tank, Hall of Fame, Long Range Planning, Regular Show Judge, Assistant Scorer. Past position held: WWSF By-Laws Chairman. Wisc. Rapids Aqua Skiers: Show Director, WWSF Director, Secretary, Sound Person and Costume.

*Statement of Water Ski Concerns:* Public Awareness: Water skiing is the sport activity participated in by more people than any other sport. These people have varying needs and abilities. It is my concern that all these skiers' needs are addressed, and that water skiing is promoted in a fair and safe way. While promoting water skiing, it is very important that we work to co-exist with all people using our waterways. NSSA Organization: As an NSSA board member I would strive to promote show skiing. I would promote educational and safety opportunities, and back the growth of show skiing as a team sport for people of all ages. I would listen to you the individual members, and the WWSF in it's entirety, relaying the ideas, concerns and issues to the national board.

**BALLOT**

### PRESIDENT: (vote for 1)

Robert (Bob) Marx

James (Jim) Babcock

### SECRETARY: (vote for 1)

Terry Pasterski

### A.W.S.A. COUNCIL PERSON: (vote for 1)

James (Jim) Babcock

Kerry Tolzmann

## ROCK AQUA JAYS START 1997 SEASON WITH NEW WEB SITE

JANESVILLE, Wis. - Although the current temperature in Wisconsin may be well below freezing, the Rock Aqua Jays Water Ski Club is heating up their 1997 season with a new presence on the Internet's World Wide Web.

The Rock Aqua Jays Online Web site ([HTTP://culcom.com/raj/](http://culcom.com/raj/)) features colorful photos, including the world record-breaking five-tier pyramids in 1993 and 1996, as well as profiles of club members, upcoming show schedule, honors, awards and links to the National Show Ski Association Web site. The site also will soon include e-mail addresses of current and former members and 1997 Show Nationals information as it becomes available.

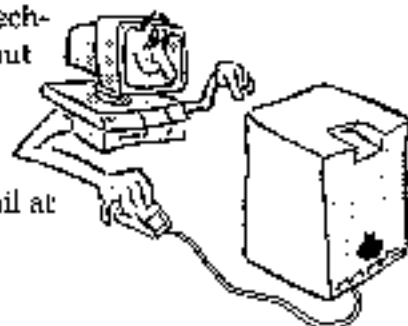
"Our Web site is an opportunity for us to provide detailed information about our club and show

skiing to the Internet community," says Darrell Shelby, president of the Rock Aqua Jays. "We also hope the site will serve as a springboard to contact former members who've moved out of the Janesville area but are still interested in our team."

There are more than 10 show clubs currently on the Internet. That number is expected to at least double by the end of the year, according to Shelby.

Developed by Cullen Communication Corp., the Rock Aqua Jays Web site will be an on-going project as more people become familiar with the Internet. It's estimated there are as many as 40 million Internet users in the United States.

To visit the Rock Aqua Jays Web site, Internet users should point their browsers to <http://culcom.com/raj/>. For technical information about the Web site, contact Cullen Communications Corporation via e-mail at [info@culcom.com](mailto:info@culcom.com).



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This headline could be from 1972 when Gary Borowski, Karl Schuberth and Kent Yunker, 3 local avid skiers, formed the Twin Lakes Aquanut Water Ski Team. Or it could be from 1997 when we find ourselves celebrating 25 years of show skiing in this small southeastern Wisconsin town with a population of 4500, some long-time residents and others, summer visitors. Some things never change!

The membership dues in our first year of show skiing in 1973 were \$5.00. Eight shows were presented that year, while plans were in the works for actually "buying" a boat, which we bought from the Min-aqua Bats for \$300.00. In 1975, we utilized background musical soundtracks, a new innovation for show skiing, which today is a staple in the show production.

After five years of entering tournaments, the Aquanuts placed 1st at state in 1977 and 2nd at nationals. With the ongoing help of Munson marine and Mercury Outboards, the Aquanuts grew and performed such amazing stunts as boats sailing over our jump ramp and guys actually dancing to "Greased Lightning". Clowns were always the favorite of judges and audiences alike. Our talented club founders were still at it in 1981 as Bud and Bobo, being awarded the #1 clowns at the National Show Tournament.

In '82, '83 and '84, the Aquanuts were fortunate and talented enough to bring home 8 First Place trophies in a row. Winning the TRIPLE CROWN OF SHOW SKIING two years in a row was an awesome ride and for those of us who were there, we will

never forget the happiness it brought to us, our families and those involved in the show production (not to mention the sponsors!!).

The Willa Cook Award was won by four of our ladies from '82 to '87, while our "gentlemen" jumpers and barefooters were dominating in several tournaments. Boat driving was a strength also during these years. Speaking of which, this year our Show Director is an original member of the Aquanuts (yes, he is old!!), Brian Schaufel. Brian started driving our boats in 1979 after spending some time perfecting the pyramid and barefoot acts and we thank Brian for sticking with us for all these 25 years.

Themes have centered around Hollywood and its' movies including Grease, Batman, Dick Tracy, Top Gun, RoboCop, and the perennial favorite, the 60's!! Rock Ridge and the Roaring 20's were the shows responsible for two champion years of the Triple Crown. We've remained the same over the years in some respects and have moved on in others. Some people have come and gone and some have stayed with us: Michelle Cook is beginning her 18th year of Aquanut membership and we thank her for her devotion too. This small nostalgic look back is fun for some of the "mature" members, but it's the future that we eagerly contemplate.

Our Junior Program is extremely active and healthy. The enthusiasm and excellence demonstrated by this group has been a boom to the entire club. Our Board is cohesive, organized and determined to provide an entertaining ski show for all to enjoy, and yet allow for the fun of competition to invigorate our skiing personnel. Membership and interest is increasing and new ideas are being welcome and tested. The Aquanuts look forward to having healthy, positive relationships with all the clubs with which we compete, so that we can learn from each other and enjoy these friendships as they are built.

We would like to take this opportunity to honor our lifetime members. These are individuals who have served and contributed over the years to the Aquanuts Water Shows beyond the call of anyone's duty. We salute you! Buster Amore, Gary Boroski, Ted Boroski, Ed Dicklin, Jane Dunteman, Tom Gaynor, Edward W. Kaelber, Sr., Don Kaelber, Yvonne Kaelber, Marilyn Randall, Richard Randall, Pete Renn, Sr., Karl Schuberth, Kent Yunker, and Warren Yunker. "Thanks for the memories." . . . and where are your children/grandchildren skiing this year?

Happy Anniversary Aquanuts!!!

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# 1997 WISCONSIN STATE WATER SKI SHOW TOURNAMENT

The Aqua Skiers Water Ski Team of Wisconsin Rapids will once again host the 31st annual Wisconsin Water Ski Show

Tournament at South Wood County Park's Red Sand Beach on Lake Wazeecha, July 18, 19 and 20. Twenty-three teams will compete making this the largest tournament to date. An estimated crowd of more than 25,000 people attended this event in 1996.

The show tournament, sanctioned by AWSA of Winter Haven, FL., is a competition between water ski teams to see who can put on the best water ski show in the state. A panel of seven judges score each show, covering every small detail, including execution, difficulty level, spectator appeal, showmanship, flow, music, costuming theme, boat driving, announcing and overall show. Safety is a major factor on the final score.

For three days, teams will take turns performing up to a 60 minute show. Many long hours are put into these productions with the performers only payment being spectator applause. Each show will consist of 14 or more separate acts. There will be ballet lines with up to 16 girls behind the same boat. You will see freestyle jumping that includes front and back flips, helicopter spins and twists, as well as up to 12 skiers at one time going over a 12 foot ski ramp.

There will be trick skiing, wakeboarding, shoe skiing, and human pyramids. The best barefoot skiers in the country will also be on hand, skiing forward and backward, tumbling and spinning around, and going over jumps. And there will be graceful doubles skiing, which is very similar to doubles figure skating, as well as the swivel skiing clowns.

The best water skiing equipment in the country also will be represented. You will see some high performance inboard and outboard boats driven by some of the best show boat drivers in the country. The major water ski shows in the country, such as Tommy Bartlett, Sea World,

Cypress Gardens and others will be searching for new talent to staff their professional ski shows.

The team competition starts Friday afternoon and continues Saturday and Sunday starting at 8 a.m. There will be individual swiveling, doubles and jumping competition Friday morning. On Sunday evening at the awards ceremony we will crown the new Wisconsin State Champion.

The Aqua Skiers are a non-profit water ski club, dedicated to promoting the sport of safe water skiing. There will be no admission charge for the event. There will be a parking fee, which goes to the Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School Cheerleaders for their help in traffic control. There are many costs, such as tents, portable rest rooms facilities, insurance, official's housing expenses, advertising and supplies involved in hosting a tournament.

The Aqua Skiers depend on the concessions to show a profit in these undertakings. The ski team will sell concessions at the ski site and have an enclosed beer garden for beer and wine coolers. No alcoholic carry-ins or coolers will be permitted on the site. Breakfast will be served each morning from 6:30 - 9 p.m., when the other concession stands open. They will be open until dark each day. Vendors will be selling water ski equipment, boats, motors, clothing, skis, and ski wear.

Rain or shine, you will see things you never dreamed imaginable, and that you will remember for a long time.

The Aqua Skiers have hosted this event for 30 years, and this year's event promises to be the best ever. The team has been working all through the off season on improving what is considered one of the best tournaments anywhere!

For more information write to: Aqua Skiers, Inc., P.O. Box 412, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-0412, Attn: Tournament Director.

Bob Marx, Tournament Director





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# FOCUS ON THE BASICS

Does learning more advanced barefoot tricks seem impossible, not to mention painful? Have you been "struck" at the same skill level for what seems like forever? If the answer to those questions is yes, chances are you need to focus on the basics, and refine or relearn the basic foundation building skills required in more advanced barefoot tricks.

Compare your barefoot career to the foundation of a house. When building a house, the foundation is the most important, and when you have a well built foundation there is no limit to how high you can build. The same is true in barefooting. To establish a firm foundation, you need to focus on form and technique, rather than experience and strength.

When the correct technique is used, tricks should be smooth and almost effortless. Although most barefooters have their unique style, when looking at, and comparing world class skiers they all have something in common. They all follow the basic principles of gliding with knees above their feet, arms are straight and relaxed, back is slightly arched with chest pushed out, and their ankles are relaxed.

Most barefooters tend to ski with their feet in front of them. By having your feet in front of you, you are plowing through the water on your heels, consequently, your feet get hot and your body gets tired easily. To combat this problem go out directly on the boom and just get comfortable. Next try to push your knees forward and let your feet come directly underneath your knees, so that your shins or the area between your feet and knees is perpendicular to the water. You will feel the water line change dramatically under your foot, and you will feel like you are sliding or gliding across the water surface rather than plowing through it. When you get comfortable and confident at this, take it to the shortline and later to the longline. By learning to glide, you will be able to ski longer, your feet won't get as hot, you'll have more control, and one-foots, toe-holds, and surface turns will

be much easier and cleaner to perform. Remember, your feet are your skis and the more foot you have in the water, the more control you have.

The last and equally as critical area we will discuss in mastering the basics is what to do with the rest of your body. Your arms should be relaxed and fairly straight, with straight grip on the handle. Do not use the cross grip method as this will cause you to drop a shoulder slightly, and keeping your shoulders square is very important. The only time the cross grip method should be used is when attempting the front flip. Next, push your chest out, this will cause a slight arc in your back and enable you to stand taller than normal; you will find that it will also be less tiresome on your lower back as well.

Once you've accomplished skiing with your knees above your feet, arms relaxed, and chest pushed out, you need to think about your feet and ankles. Are they relaxed? They need to be relaxed for a couple of reasons. One is that they should be able to move freely and independently across the wake. If you are tense or holding them in one specific position, you are restricting them from free movement. The other reason is because the only difference between backwards barefooting position and frontward barefooting position is the angle of your feet, which makes learning surface turns difficult if your ankles are not relaxed even if everything else is correct.

By mastering the basics of knees above feet, arms relaxed, chest out, and ankles relaxed, you will have a jump start on all other tricks. You will find things to be much easier, along with fewer falls. Remember to always ski smart, by having good water conditions, boat driving, equipment and using common sense. Also, always ski in a progressive manner by learning on the boom first, then the shortline and ultimately and the longline.

Most importantly have fun when you are out there and Good Luck.

by Jeffrey Boehm



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# FREE FOOT'N CLINIC

Have you read the article in this issue by Jeff Boehm? Great job Jeff. All of us need refreshment on fundamentals. And some of the techniques mentioned are new, but very necessary!! We invite you, if at all possible, to try to make it to Ski Decorah in Adams, WI on Friday, June 27. We will be holding our first ever **FREE BAREFOOT CLINIC** from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Beginners - learn to barefoot - others learn new tricks and proper technique and learn to jump too!!

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- Wis. State / Il. State - June 28 & 29  
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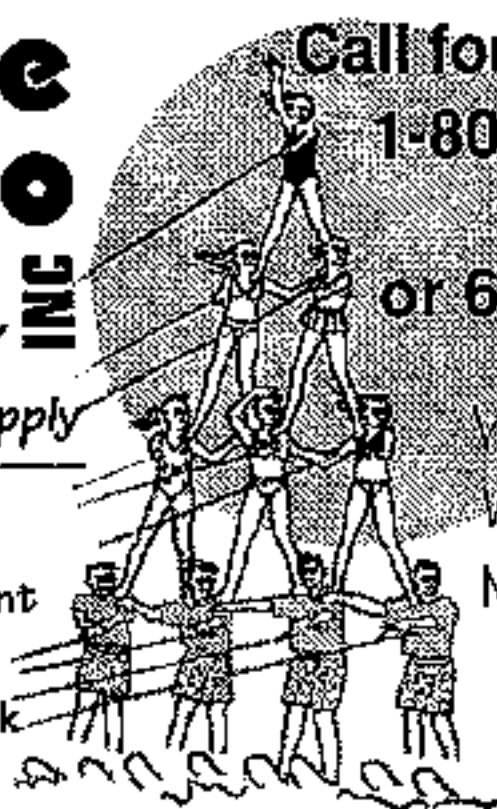
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# REVIEW MASTERCRAFT WORLDS INDOR DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 1997

The MasterCraft Worlds Indoor Doubles Championship was fantastic. Twelve couples from five states competed. States represented were Michigan, Iowa, South Dakota, Massachusetts and Wisconsin. 1st place in the tournament was won by Gary Geer & Lindsey Lloyd with 80.7 points. Peter Post & Hailey Cloutier took 2nd with 80.4. Right on their heels were Tim Lencki & Molly Metzger with 80.3 points. 4th place was held by Kelsey Anselmo & Eric Fauth with 79.7 points. Todd Zuberbier & Ashley Geiese with 79.4 points went home the 5th place. Congratulations are in the line for all the winners.

Couples competing also were: Adam Place & Taryn Menzer, Becca Gross & Shane Carter, Bill Pucci & Krystal Say, Cory Krivitz & Tiffany Schultz, Laura Orechwa & Allen Schneider, Mary &

Mark Bortz, and Michael Ball & Amanda Bott. Each of these couples did outstanding performances.

A special thanks goes to all the staff that volunteered their time. Announcers for the event were Mark Roberts and Skip Gilkerson, Judges were Barb Taugner, Sherm Schraft, Jan Thomas, Rusty Bliss, Cam McNeill, Duane Snow and Tom Ghiloni. Scorers were Sandy Schraft, Carole Haferman, Chuck Thomas, Nancy Lauzon and Ben Schneider. Pete Bonert was Staging Marshal. State Guards were Dan Boehm, Tom Haferman, Eric Christensen and Bob Marx. Practice Directors were Cheryl Bonert and Cheryl Marx. Gary Damp took still photographs, while Jim McPherson was the videographer.

## Dear Wisconsin Federation Water Skiers,

March 5, 1997

I just want to thank you again for my induction into the Wisconsin Water Ski Hall of Fame. This is such an honor and I am still trying to comprehend what it all means. To be a member of this group is quite a privilege and I am very honored.

The sport of water skiing, especially in Wisconsin, has so much opportunity. The Wisconsin Water Ski Federation is such a fine organization that it makes it possible for anyone to become involved, for anyone to make an impact. I am truly thankful for my years with the Aqua Skiers and the WWSF Board.

I would, especially like to thank the following people for their efforts:

Bob Marx - WWSF President

Jim Balcock - Past President

Cathy Lutting - Think Tank Chairperson

Gary Damp - Think Tank Co-Chairperson

Cheryl Bonert - Hall of Fame Com. Chairperson

Terry Pastorski - WWSF Secretary

All the Members of the Aqua Skiers of Wis. Rapids

Good luck in the upcoming ski season - ski smart and ski safe. We'll see you all at the Wisconsin State Show Tournament in July! Thank you again.

Sam Casey, Fort Meyers, Florida (Wisconsin)

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# THANK HEAVENS FOR VOLUNTEERS...

Thanks to those people that helped with Think Tank Registration...

- Phylis Biever
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# THINK TANK TWENTY-ONE VOLUNTEERS... *THANK YOU!!!!!!*

Thank you to all the volunteers for all your help introducing speakers, door monitoring, selling raffle tickets, and taking banquet tickets. We had over 100 people volunteer to help do all the jobs necessary to make Think Tank run smoothly. My appreciation to all of you. I would like to especially thank Ellen Sachs and Tom Haferman for going to get the rolls on Saturday morning. Thank you also to Jim and Kay Babcock for doing shopping before hand. A big thank you to Wisconsin Rapids Aqua Skiers for providing the coffee pots.

Thanks again,  
Terry Pastorski, Volunteer Chairperson

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- Amy Diehl
- Bob Hamilton
- David Hamilton
- John Hamilton
- Litzy Hamilton
- Monra Hamilton
- Nancy Huelskamp
- Steve Huelskamp
- Dennis Karbowski
- Cathy Lopardo
- Melissa Lopardo
- Rick Lopardo
- Valorie Mitchell
- Renee Seban
- Alex Stone
- Geoff Stone
- Lorna Stone

### MAD CITY SKI TEAM

- Lauren Balistrieri
- Jade Duckart
- Don Heilman
- Kim McKenna

- Crystal Redfield
- Jon Seymour
- Randy Straub
- Katie Wang

### ROCK AQUA JAYS

- Mike Baker
- Susie Jensen
- Nicki Noonan
- Paul Schneider
- Steve Schneider
- Joel Shapiro
- Brad Springbrum
- Rich Vermillion

### SHERMALOT

- Dan Stoil

### SKI CATS

- Jack Scheels

### SKI SPRITES

- Alistia Bjerke
- Kristoffer Bjerke
- Tom Bjerke
- Nate Flagstad
- Anita Halblieb
- Chuck Halbleib
- Emily Hanson
- Hunter Hanson
- Mike Hanson
- Nancy Kersten
- Ann Krautbauer
- Larry Krautbauer
- Aaron Larson
- Sarah Larson
- Keith Lee
- Cydney Peterson
- Lisa Staves
- Dennis Sullivan
- Eric Wait

### SPORTZ TIME

- Mike Gissibl

### WATER BUGS

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- Doug Aird
- Michelle Aird
- Rose Aird
- Rick Beaudry
- Jerry Biro
- Tim Biro
- Kristin Borton
- Pat Borton
- C.J. Callies
- Alan Czajka
- Ken Hart
- Jeff Kamke
- Dan McCabe
- Gret McCabe
- Tess Miljkovic
- Kevin Schiebenes
- Amy Sytsma
- Linda Sytsma
- Robbie Sytsma
- Robert Sytsma
- Crystal Voight
- Sharon Voight
- Tim Voight
- Kyle Wohler

### WATERBOARD WARRIORS

- Lisa Andresen
- Kristy Edinger
- Ashley Giese
- Julie Harris
- Bryan Keltner
- Lloyd Leuthner
- Adam Mushel
- Terry Pastorski
- Jeff Pouwels
- Todd Zuberbier

WISCONSIN WATER SKI FEDERATION

1997 SEASON TOURNAMENT & EVENT SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Location</u>
5/31/97	Show Ski Camp	Show	Janesville
6/1/97	Show Ski Camp		608-755-0405
6/21/97	Summer Solstice Slalom Showdown	Trad.	Reedsburg 608-764-1501
6/22/97	'97 Fun Slalom	Trad.	Hustisford 414-349-3421
6/28/97	Janesville Open	Show	Janesville
6/29/97	Janesville Open		608-756-2136
6/28/97	Wausau Tune-up '97	Show	Wausau
6/29/97	Wausau Tune-up '97		715-693-4747
6/27/97	Barefoot Clinic	Bare.	Ski Decorah
6/28/97	WI State Barefoot Tourney	Bare.	414-843-3867
7/2/97	AWSA Midwest Amateur Wakeboard	Wake	Twin Lakes 800-541-4720
7/18/97	Endurance Classic	Trad.	Reedsburg
7/19/97	Endurance Classic	Trad.	608-764-1501
7/18/97	WI State Show Act Tourney	Acts	
7/18/97	WI state Show Tourney	Show	Wisconsin Rapids
7/19/97	Divisions I, II & III	Show	715-424-2034
7/20/97	AWSA/NSSA Class A Sanctioned	Show	
7/25/97	WI State 3 Event Tourney	Trad.	Horicon
7/26/97	WI State 3 Event Tourney	Trad.	414-349-3421
7/27/97	WI State 3 Event Tourney	Trad.	
8/8/97	National Show Act Tourney	Acts	Janesville
8/9/97	National Show Tourney	Show	608-752-1670
8/10/97	AWSA/NSSA Class A Sanctioned	Show	
8/15/97	WakeFest	Wake	T.B.D.
8/16/97	WakeFest	Wake	608-837-7858
8/17/97	WakeFest	Wake	
9/6/97	Isthmus Last Chance 2 Round Slalom 1-2 Round Jump	Trad.	Ski Decorah 608-839-5858

# NATIONAL SHOW SKI ASSOCIATION - WISCONSIN REGION DIRECTORS REPORT

The spring meeting of the NSSA was held in Stevens Point, Wisconsin on February 28, 1997. Attending from the Wisconsin region were Bob Marx, Terry Pasterki, and J.R. Wilson. Committee chair Gerry Luiting and alternate, Cheryl Marx were also attending, along with many guests.

Highlights of the meeting are:

- The secretary's report was approved from November with 2 corrections: stipulations on Nationals site at Hamilton, Ohio: power lines must be moved to 50 feet above water, and show course must be moved 200 feet north.
- The balance in the treasury is \$1922.72.
- Tony Ciza and Sam Casey were both approved for Senior Judges.
- A list of officials who are willing to work out of state or their region was handed out.
- The following is the officials list for 1997 Nationals that was brought forward by the committee that 5 committee members and 10 of the 16 teams recommended. This was approved by the board.

- Chief Judge Barb Taugner
- Judges Sherri Schraft, Skip Bilkeson, Cam McNeil, Tom Chiloni, Jan Thomas, Garry Stout, Lynn Novakowski
- Chief Scorer Barb Snow
- Scorers Nancy Lauzon, Robin Richter, Ken Alexander
- Safety Dir. Steve Hattner
- Asst. Safe. Dir. Duane Snow
- Secretary Sandy Schraft, Cheryl Marx, Gail Chiloni, Marge Stout, Polly Nemes, Michael Bennett, Roger Bennett
- Timer Chuck Thomas
- State Marshall Jim Lauzon
- Announcer Mark Roberts
- Driver J.R. Wilson
- Alt. Driver Roger Bennett

- Entry procedures for Nationals will be published in the next issue of the Water Skier.
- Entry forms for clubs and individuals will be mailed to directors.
- National Show site Selection Minimum Criteria that the WWSP and Bruce McCalmon formulated was approved. This will be included in the 1999 bid process.
- Rule 6.02 was again brought up. It was defeated by a vote of 3 yes and 5 no to re-open discussion.
- Cheryl Orloff showed a swivel video that she is working on for judges. Howard Reiff said that Ski Safe will underwrite the \$750.00 grant for this. Thank you to Howard and Ski Safe for this contribution.
- Gerry Luiting handed out a summary sheet on tournament rides and injuries.
- The NSSA has been given \$3,000 for safety and \$5,000 for membership development for a total of \$8,000 in grant money

for 1997. The time frame for this year is April 1 applications are due, and May 1 applicants will be notified whether their grant has been approved or denied.

- Duke Waldrop will be meeting with ESPN again to finalize contracts for nationals. He is working on scheduling times. Hopefully it will be shown on Summer Sixte (white used to be Hot Summer Nights) which is at 3:30 p.m. Eastern time. Duke said he was granted 1 hour shows, not 30 minutes like ESPN wanted.

- Howard Reiff from Ski Safe is the new chairperson for the insurance committee.

- Duke stated that he looked into other insurance companies, one was a dead end and one was legitimate. He brought this information to the E & F committee and the decision was made to stay with Ski Safe. Premiums did not go up this year.

- Brian Cullen talked about the NSSA web site being a powerful line of communication. He has launched a full out display on show skiing, including a tournament calendar, photos, articles, etc.

- Duke talked about Infinity software program with AT&T. Duke has disks to try. If anyone used it, AWSA gets a rebate.

- It was reported that we must have a AWSA trained driver when \$5.00 guest memberships are offered, or for fun tournaments. We are working on drafting our own program for show drivers. It was reported that we can grandfather a few drivers in, so that they can teach the program. J.R. will work on a coordinator list.

- Two nominations were made for Vice-President: Tom Chiloni and Bruce McCalmon.

- Any clubs interested in performing in the opening and closing ceremonies for the 1998 Pan Am games in Winnipeg, must make a bid by July 15 deadline to Sherm.

- Alternates are required to attend all meetings. (This is for tax deduction purposes).

Thank you to the Wisconsin Rapids Aqua Skiers and Rock Aqua Jays for refreshments during the meeting.

The next NSSA board meeting will be Friday, August 8, 1997 at 8:00 a.m. in Janesville.

## THANK YOU CHERYL MARX, AQUA SKIERS, AND ROCK AQUA JAYS

Thank you Aqua Skiers and Rock Aqua Jays for providing the refreshments for the NSSA Board of Directors meeting February 28 in Stevens Point. A special thank you to Cheryl Marx for all the food she prepared for the reception on Thursday night.

Sincerely,  
Your Wisconsin Region NSSA reps



## Don't Forget Our Biggest Sponsors by Pat Pfankuch

It is that magic time of year again, we just came off of Think Tank 21 and we're all getting ready for the fast approaching show ski season. Clubs are busy making costumes, assembling program books, making ropes, writing a script, picking out music, preparing boats, completing outboard engine deals, and getting sponsorships. Amidst all this chaos it is easy to forget who really are our clubs biggest sponsors, the outboard engine manufacturers and our local dealers. Each year we expect them to give us engines to use for the summer. In exchange for their use we give them space in our books and a few plugs during the shows. But are we really doing all we can for them? If you sit down and do the math many of our clubs are getting \$100,000+ in motors to use. Think about it, 2 or 3 twin rigs, several pickup boats, and a pontoon boat or 2, adds up to 9 or 10 engines. Some clubs even have more. What would happen to our sport if we had to buy these engines each year? Figure that into your club's budget. If you think your dues are high now, try making payments on \$100+ grand worth of engines, not to mention the headaches of repairs and selling the engines each year. But this is what we are asking our local dealers to do.

For those of you who don't know how we get our promo engines, here is how it works. My only experience is with an OMC dealer, Mueller's Sales & Service in Random Lake, so they are my example. At the beginning of each season the manufacturers offer many show clubs promotional engines. The club then must find a local dealer to put the engines on their inventory for the year. The incentive for the dealer is a small price break on the now used engines. Gee, if I was a dealer I sure would look forward to getting back half a dozen large motors at the worst time of the year to sell them. I know of more than one dealer that is still sitting on a few large horsepower engines from the last two years. This is Wisconsin folks. Engines over 150 hp are not big movers for most of our local dealers, so it is up to us show club members to help sell them anyway we can. Hopefully you are now saying to yourself how am I supposed to help? If you own an outboard powered ski boat you are helping. If you own an inboard or stern drive ski boat, you are not.

Sorry to break the news to some of you, but your outboard manufacturer and local dealer are not doing your club's promo engine deal out of the goodness of their hearts, they want something. That something is to sell outboard engines. Our ski club's job is to do everything we can to help them sell, sell, sell outboard engines and this should include buying outboard engines for our own private use. Trust me, we need them a lot more than they need our clubs.

Our sport of show skiing revolves around the out-

board motor. Look what powers most of our club boats, Mercury, Evinrude, Mariner, Yamaha, Johnson. Don't give me that line, "there aren't any good outboard ski boats out there". Excuse me, but doesn't Malibu, Mastercraft, Stanger, Sea Ray, Brendella, and Dyoaski all build great outboard boats that will take our dealers' engines. Last time I checked these were all great outboard boats to ski behind. I don't see any other engine or boat manufacturers beating a path down to our show sights to offer us \$100 grand worth of promo equipment for the summer, do you?

I often here this statement when club engines are discussed, "club engines are beat". If your club is abusing your promo engines you have the power to stop the abuse and should. It is called speaking up. My own experience with club promo engines has been very good. My brother, Pete, has bought 2 since 1991. Both have performed well and only required routine maintenance. Mueller's who we brought our engines from wen through both of them with a fine tooth comb and replaced anything that was worn or might cause a problem at no extra cost to us. The last thing a dealer wants is for you to have problems. The OMC engines we bought received the same full warranty as if we had bought a new engine on the same date. I believe Mercury and Yamaha have something similar. Bottom line is that if you do have a problem it is covered with the same warranty as a new engine.

When it comes to buying a promo engine you have two things going for you. It is the end of the season plus it is a used engine. These should mean a substantial cost savings over a new one. Do you really think the dealer is going to hold out for top dollar when the next model year is only a couple of months away and snowflakes are in the air, not a chance. Monty, Monty, Monty, Let's Make A Deal.

If you are a serious 3 event skier or wakeboarder that needs special wake characteristics to be a competition skier, by all means buy a boat that meets those special needs. Of course this reasoning could also apply to show skiers. If your club uses outboard boats at Show Ski Tournaments, shouldn't you use an outboard boat anytime you ski to maximize your practice. If you take into consideration the amount of time and money our show clubs spend to try and win State and National Championship Title bragging rights this logic isn't that far out there.

The purpose of this article was to remind show ski club members to look at the bigger picture and remember who supports your club, your sport and you. Maybe the next time you go to purchase a new boat you will remember this article and who helps us, YOUR OUTBOARD MANUFACTURER AND LOCAL OUTBOARD DEALER! Please support them as much as they support us by buying their products. If we don't they may not be there for us next year.



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