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OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP

From the letters and inquiries received concerning water safety legislation it appears the members of the Legislative Study Committee will certainly be busy during 1959. With the recent passage of the Federal Boating Act of 1958, more commonly known as the Bonner Bill, it is apparent that the individual states will be adopting their own boating safety acts.

It is almost impossible for the committee members to be aware of all contemplated legislation affecting our sport throughout the 48 states, pardon me, 49 states (Texas has finally conceded defeat and will now recognize Alaska).

On behalf of the committee I would like to appeal to all AWSA members to follow water safety legislation in their respective states; and to contact their state legislators and offer their assistance individually, as a club, and AWSA member in formulating legislative acts that will affect boating and skiing.

I would also like to ask the members to keep one thing in mind when working on these measures. That is, **water safety is one of the primary objectives of the American Water Ski Association** and that we are in favor of any regulations that will increase the safety of boating and skiing. But all too often legislation of this type is used to restrict activity that does not necessarily concern safety. For instance, a section of a proposed bill for a certain state reads this way.

"No person shall be towed or shall operate a water craft towing a person on water skis, surf board, saucer or similar device on any waters of this state at any time from one hour before sunset to 10:00 a.m. of the next day." It is evident that this was inserted not as a safety measure but as a restrictive and discriminatory act favoring other interests.

This is an example of what could possibly confront us unless we, in the interest of safer and better boating and skiing, work together through AWSA and our local clubs to combat these measures.

The Legislative Study Committee will soon have suggested proposals that will be available to the membership. Anyone aware of proposed or pending water safety legislation please contact me.

The committee will in turn send you the proposed AWSA suggestions to implement state legislation and offer their assistance in working with you or your club on these matters.

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ATTENTION — Regional Correspondents and club secretaries. Deadline for Mar.-Apr. issue of the Water Skier is March 5.

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COVER

Nancy Rideout, 1958 Women's National Water Ski Champion of Cypress Gardens, Florida, POPS the slalom in a full wake jump at 35 mph. Beautiful to watch but not recommended for beginners.

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ONE FOR THE MONEY

By "STEW" McDONALD

We have had a couple of articles on slalom skiing lately ("Dropping A Ski," May-June 1958; and "Takes Two to Slalom," November-December 1958), but we have not done real justice to the technique and beauty of one-ski slalom. Larry Brown, our eminent friend from the Northland has extolled the virtues of the two-ski slalom. Now here are a few words on the other side of the coin — heads, that is!

Basically, from the first thrill of learning how to ride one ski (considered by most teachers to be the first big step in learning the fundamentals of skiing), thru the stages of moving in graceful, sweeping arcs across the wake and water, to the ultimate of making perfect 34 MPH runs in the slalom course, single skiing is one of the most beautiful, eye-catching, harmonious, and rhythmic facets of our entire sport. One need only to watch the rankest of amateurs — body perfectly poised in the singled symmetry of its position on a single ski, leaning out in a gravity-defying arc, cutting the colorful single swath of white water out of the green or blue—to begin to appreciate the real beauty of poetry in motion on water skis.

Now to set the record straight, I admire two-slalom and those few experts such as Jack Andresen, Glenn Kirkpatrick, Glenn Sperry, and Bill Clifford (in his day!) who have perfected it and made it a living thing. I am also well aware of the fact that it takes more skill and practice to

ride two thru a course at 30 MPH or more than it does on one. But it takes more skill to go over the jump on shoe skis or turn arounds, than it does on standard jumpers, and it's certainly more difficult to ride barefooted than on skis. But, by that token, should not we then select and use the equipment which will best do the job rather than that which is either superfluous or less adequate? Now I teach two-ski slalom myself and have in the past, especially to college teams where they do not have the time or experience to learn one-ski. It serves very well for amateur competition where time prohibits teaching the competitors to ski well on one. But, given the time, I contend that one can be taught higher speeds faster on one ski than he can on two.

But, let's trace the history of slalom, its techniques, and especially the equipment changes that we have seen in recent years. I can remember when Bud Leach of San Diego, a very burly and strong type, was the National Slalom Champion. He won this title in 1948 and earlier on the merits of his strength and the fact that he was among the first to move his binder farther forward. His ski was nearly seven feet long, seven inches wide (no taper), and had a fin over twice the depth and surface area of the modern one we now use. In those days, on exactly the same dimension course as we now have, the men's event was often settled at 30 MPH. It was not until 1950, in fact, that we



THIS PICTURE illustrates the progress of the single slalom ski in the last ten years. The ski on the far left is typical of the "seven-by-seven" used in the late forties. Next, one of the first American skis to be tapered slightly, followed by the modern counterpart of the old "flat-back." The next three show various popular production models of the European tapered ski, while the last two skis on the right are custom-made "monster" types, with a more radical taper and beveled edges.

had to resort to the shortened rope, and few times then. Rhythm was a great factor then as were the weight of the skier and his strength. While rhythm (and weight and strength) are still important, ski design has made them less so.

As we progressed thru the years, ski designs began to change radically (see picture). Red McGuire, Dick Pope, Jr., and Dave Craig began to experiment with tapered skis as early as 1953, and we have developed the ski to the advanced tapered designs that we have today. Much of the tapered ski influence, incidentally, we can attribute to the Europeans who introduced them at the 1950 World

Tournament.

There is little question in anyone's mind that the changes made in ski designs over the years have not only changed the technique use, but have certainly improved the ability of the skier. With considerably less training and practice, the average skier today can quickly build up his slalom speeds and skill, in many cases beyond the point where the tournaments used to be won. Just two months ago, the Junior Girls (old Optimists, less than 14 years) decided a tournament at 30 MPH, and the Junior Boys followed up with the winner making a perfect run at 32 MPH. Should this improved equipment and its facility then be-

speak itself, rather than being maligned as "erratic, stop-and-go zig-zags" and "stall-out-and-recovery." These terms, incidentally, do describe part of the technique, but fall short as adequate descriptions in their incompleteness.

And we haven't yet plumbed the depths of ski design. Just as Larry Brown and the two ski exponents are still looking for the right answers (Glenn Kirkpatrick finds it necessary to GLUE his feet in the binders with 3M cement!) so are we with the one ski. Ten years ago at a Dixie Tournament, I picked at random a dozen slalom skis on the beach, lined them up and took pictures of both the tops and bottoms of the skis. I did the same thing again this summer, and in both cases you would be amazed at the disparity of ideas and theories employed by the top notch skiers in the business as to "what is right" and what will work best on the course. Even the "monster" promulgated by Alan Bromberg and the Jacksonville skiers, has split all of its users into two schools: those who think the edges aft of the front foot should be beveled and those who think they should be straight and sharp. Joe Mueller's "toothpick", Warren Witherall's "sabre-tooth" fin, the "flat-back" users (there are still a few left) with their split and double fins, and Joe Cash and Willa McGuire, each with recent creations you wouldn't even believe if you saw them, all testify to the fact "that we haven't gone as far as we can go." Then there's always Howard Frost of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., who makes a perfect run **backward** (on one!) at 24 MPH.

As a final "thrust", a number of people have suggested recently, that we are going to have to change the slalom course dimensions, as there are

more and more competitors remaining in for sometimes as many as five and six perfect runs. "The course is too easy these days," they say. Has it not been the one ski slalom that has done this? And should we not continue to improve our equipment and techniques in our race against time and buoys, rather than joining the "spiders" and handicapping ourselves with one more ski than we need? You'll find me on "one for the money" myself!

AWSA Welcomes New Club Affiliates

Starting off with what promises to be a banner year for the sport, the following are the latest additions to the growing list of water ski clubs to affiliate or to renew their affiliation with the AWSA.

- Alabama Warrior Ski Club**
Birmingham, Ala.
- New Orleans Water Ski Club**
New Orleans, La.
- Maryland Water Ski Club**
Balitmore, Md.
- Charlotte Water Ski Club**
Charlotte, N. C.
- Western Hills Ski Club**
Cincinnati, Ohio
- Aqua Demons & Debs**
Orange, Texas
- Cobra Water Ski Club**
Cincinnati, Ohio
- Caloosa Water Ski Club**
Fort Myers, Fla.
- Sid Selhost Water Skiers**
Moline, Ill.
- Portland Water Ski Club**
Portland, Oregon
- Ba-Roc Ski Club**
Thomasville, N. C.

SO YOU WANT TO START A SKI SCHOOL?

(First of three articles)

By **WALT PRINCE**

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So you want to start a ski school? Congratulations! There aren't enough ski schools operating — not yet, anyway. Instructing water skiing is about the most fun-filled and self-satisfying job I know. The monetary rewards can be great, but they are small in comparison to the good feeling you get when a student emerges from the water, nervously balances himself as he water skis for the first time, and then comes back into shore skiing like a champion! He is skiing because you taught him! And that's a lot to be proud of!

We have all seen beginners attempt to ski without proper instruction. Sometimes they try to get up behind an underpowered boat. Neither skier nor driver realizes that the boat is at fault, and the novice will attempt a water start ten or twenty times before he is too exhausted to continue. Then, with a shrug of his shoulders, he says, "Well, I guess I just can't do it." The pity of it is that many times he is convinced that he is too awkward to ski, and he never tries again.

A ski school, properly run, will never encounter a situation such as this. A good boat, a good driver, and a good instructor — all working together — will never fail to ski a student the first time out. But the combination

WALTER PRINCE, author of **Water Skiing For All**, has had wide experience in Ski School operations. During his military service he was roving correspondent for the Pacific Stars & Stripes newspaper and has written numerous articles for various magazines. His literary skill, coupled with his vast knowledge of the sport makes for a thoroughly interesting article on Ski School operation.

must be perfect. In this and the following articles, I will explain the proper way to set up and run a water ski school. Certain basic policies should be followed, and although every operation differs slightly because of local rules or personal whims, these articles will serve as a sound guide for anyone who might desire to set up a water ski school.

THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU OPEN YOUR SCHOOL LOCATION

Decide on a location! The location you select for your ski school will depend on many things. Decide the type of clientele to which you will cater, (tourists, local residents, etc.), how much walk-in business is available, accessibility of the school from the road, whether your business is seasonal, and the possible potential business you will have.

You should, of course, attempt to locate on fairly smooth water, preferably on a lake or bay protected from the wind. The water you ski upon should be a minimum of six feet in depth at all times. Any hidden reefs, sand bars, or other underwater obstacles should be clearly marked with buoys or some other permanent device.

It is best to locate the school on a body of water easily seen from the road, and large enough to set up a jump and slalom course. If you attempt to operate your school on a small body of water that ordinarily is crowded with other boats and skiers, you will find it extremely difficult to teach a novice. The water will be choppy from other boats, and your student may panic if he falls and sees another boat on the water near him.

If your school is to be strictly a resort operation, and if the water is crowded on weekends, instruct novices only on weekdays. Tourists will ski any day of the week, while local residents usually limit their skiing to weekends. Thus, you will have an easier time with your instructions, and you can save the weekends for advanced skiers.

If you operate from a hotel or cater only to tourists, your business is probably seasonal. Be sure to locate a spot to ski during the "off-season."

For instance, my "seasonal" ski school was located at Mission Bay, in San Diego, California. This school was operated from a resort hotel, and the season lasted only four months of the year. (The water temperature in that particular area drops to the high 50s in October, and tourists usually cannot be persuaded to ski in water much below 65 degrees.)

I then traveled to the Salton Sea, in the desert area of southeast California. The Salton Sea is a huge body of water, and water temperature is moderate to warm all through the year, with the exception of January and February. These two months were spent in rebuilding the boat engine, repairing equipment, planning advertisements for the coming year, renewing licenses, etc.

CONCESSIONS

Obtain any additional concessions, if possible! If your ski school is located in a harbor, check with the harbor master or the owner of the docks and ask if you might operate the gasoline dock or boat launching ramp in conjunction with your school. The overhead on these concessions is practically nothing, and profits are great.

Other concessions that might be available, depending on your capital, are boat sales, sales and repair of skis and ski equipment such as bindings, lines, fins, and so on.

You will need additional business licenses for each concession, as well as additional insurance, etc. It is not wise to plunge too deeply into side business until you are well established in your location and can feel out the possibilities of these side businesses. They will all require much more capital and overhead than just the school, and are more or less permanent operations.

INSURANCE

Insurance is a definite MUST for any ski school! I do not advise anyone to even begin operations without adequate insurance coverage; one accident can bankrupt you for life. Your limits of liability can be anything you wish, but be certain that you are well protected.

Many potential ski school operators back out of the business when they discover that insurance rates for commercial water skiing are so high. The Ski School Committee of the AWSA is striving to work out a plan whereby insurance rates will be lowered; in the meantime you must pay the higher premiums.

Hull insurance for a \$3500 boat is roughly \$175 per year. My own ski schools have always been insured as follows: Public Liability — \$100,000

to \$300,000; Property Damage — \$25,000. I would suggest the same coverage for any ski school.

Lloyds of London, so far as I know, is the only insurance company or group that will cover a water ski school. Public Liability and Property Damage in the past cost me approximately \$250 per month. High, yes, but imperative. Lawsuits are not pleasant to think about, but in the event that an accident **should** occur at your school, it will be comforting to know that you are insured.

You should talk to your own insurance agent or broker for further breakdowns on ski school insurance.

LICENSES

It may be necessary to obtain a license for your school! Or, for that matter, it may be necessary to obtain **several** licenses before you take your first customer for a ski ride.

City and county licenses are almost always required for any business. Sometimes a flat fee is imposed on the businessman; sometimes the fee is waived in lieu of a percentage of the gross income from the business. If this is the case in your particular locale, be sure to keep an accurate set of books. The city or county probably will want to audit them from time to time.

If your school is located on navigable waters (waters directly connected to the ocean, such as bays, harbors, etc.), the Coast Guard considers your business as that of "carrying passengers for hire." **When you carry passengers for hire on navigable waters, you must have a Coast Guard license to operate your boat.** Do not attempt to operate without this license, if it is required. The Coast Guard has the authority to board your boat at any time, and, if you do not have a license to operate, you

may be fined heavily and possibly put out of business.

Your county may require that you publish a notice in a local newspaper, announcing your intention to operate a ski school, and describing the location. Such a notice is usually called an "Intent To Operate Under a Fictitious Name." Newspaper offices have these notices, and all that is necessary is to fill out a few blank spaces on the form. The cost for running this advertisement is usually between \$14 and \$17.

If you operate an Navigable Waters, be sure that you are familiar with the Coast Guard Rules of the Road. Your boat must be equipped with running lights if operated before sunrise or after sunset, and speed must be held to a minimum during these times.

If you operate on Inland Waters, check with local officials to determine what regulations, if any, apply to the area. Most bodies of water, whether Navigable or Inland, are under the jurisdiction of either the Coast Guard or the State Park and Recreation Department. As such, certain restrictions and common-sense rules apply to everyone operating a motorboat upon the waters. Memorize the regulations and adhere to them! They are for your safety!

RENT

Should you rent or buy? Depending on the type of operation you have in mind, it sometimes is advisable to buy the land you use for your school. If, for instance, your school is to be situated at an undeveloped resort area with a good potential, buying your property might well be an investment in itself. As property values increase, your investment also increases in value. If you decide to sell the property at a future date, you will realize a profit on it.

Most of the time, however, it is just as well to rent your location on a long-term lease. Either a flat rental price or a percentage of the profit or gross may be offered your landlord. A fair rental for a ski school is about 10% of your gross income. Depending on the potential business, a slightly higher or lower percentage may be required.

EMPLOYEES

Use a minimum of help! You will find that the ski school business is an unpredictable one. You may instruct 20 students a day for a week, then have no business at all for the next week. Train every employee in every job so you will always be prepared in the event of an emergency. And, of course, **all** your employees should be familiar with basic first-aid techniques.

If you operate at a hotel, reservations for ski lessons can be made at the front desk. You will need only a driver and an instructor for the actual operation, and these jobs can be performed by one employee and yourself.

But if you cater mostly to walk-in trade, you will need an additional employee to remain on the shore while you are out with a student.

If you are in an area containing a number of hotels, you may find it wise to hire salesmen to contact tourists at the hotels. Such salesmen should be paid on a commission basis, usually 10% to 15% of the gross business they bring in. Employees at the school should be salaried, and this salary should be not less than \$2 per hour.

EQUIPMENT

Use good equipment! It is unwise to use shoddy or poorly-made equipment in a ski school. Unless the equip-

ment is tops in quality and appearance, breakdowns will be common and students will complain. If you do not know the difference between good equipment and poor, I will be more than happy to supply a list or recommended skis, lines and boats.

I have contacted an inboard and an outboard manufacturer on the West Coast and am now able to obtain discounts on their boats for prospective ski school operators. For obvious reasons, I cannot name the manufacturers, lest they be swamped with orders from unscrupulous individuals. I am certain that regional AWSA Ski School Committee members will be able to obtain similar promotional discounts in their own areas. Write me in care of the WATER SKIER for information on any of the preceding.)

Aside from your own personal skis, you will need the following equipment for your school. This list is an ABSOLUTE MINIMUM of ESSENTIALS, and should not be considered as a complete list of the materials a fully-equipped school should have on hand:

BOAT — includes first-aid kit, Coast Guard-approved life jackets, fire extinguisher, extra propeller, oars, towing pylon, trailer, all boat and trailer taxes and license fees.

SKIS — two pairs of conventional skis (one for instructor; one for student), one slalom ski, one pair of turnaround (trick) skis.

LINES — one set of double handles, attached to 70-foot line; one 50-foot section of 3500-pound test braided polyethylene line, two 25-foot sections of lighter polyethylene line, to

be attached to 50-foot sections. (A single handle will be attached to each of these 25-foot sections.)

All lines include floats, snap rings, Brommel hooks, or any other types of connection the individual may desire, and handles. I personally recommend the Glad Handle, distributed by Superior Sport Specialties, 207 N. Glendale 6, California. (These handles are rubber-wrapped aluminum tubes. They are easy to grip and the soft rubber prevents blisters from forming on student's hands.)

Your boat may be either an inboard or an outboard. You may spend as little as \$2500 for a 16-foot outboard, powered by a 75-h.p. engine, or you may spend as much as \$6500 for a new 17-foot inboard, powered by a 300-h.p. marine engine. A good rule of thumb to follow when selecting your boat is to choose a craft powerful enough to pull 3 skiers out of the water and ski them at a minimum speed of 30 miles an hour.

Most ski school operators prefer inboards because they are heavier than outboards. This is an advantage in rough water — a heavy boat will smooth out the waves and give the novice skier an easier ride.

Obviously, your school should have extra skis, as well as repair equipment for the skis, boat, and lines. The skis mentioned earlier as being the minimum number essential should cost approximately \$80 wholesale.

Most schools keep a \$500 to \$1000

stock of skis, including shoe skis and a saucer, and repair equipment on hand at all times. If you are starting on a shoestring, however, the barest essentials are all you will require. You may add to your stock of equipment and parts as your school progresses.

You should keep extra lines on hand, to be used in the event of theft or loss. I have used every imaginable type of line, and have found braided or twisted polyethylene is the best. It does not rot, splices easily, dries quickly, and is light, strong, and durable.

Additional equipment includes a dock, jump, and a slalom course. Specifications for a jumping ramp and a slalom course may be obtained from the AWSA. The ski school owner may also wish to purchase stationery, diplomas, and a camera with which he may take pictures of students. These items may be added at any time, and are not always imperative when opening your school.

"Luxury items" for schools include rubber suits for instructors, and sweatshirts or windbreakers, embroidered with the school name. The rubber suits, which protect your instructor from wind and cold water, cost approximately \$40 each. Sweatshirts and windbreakers may be purchased from the AWSA for a nominal sum. (Incidentally, the AWSA shirts and jackets are considerably cheaper and last much longer than most "store-bought" articles of a similar nature.)

ADVERTISING

Advertise your school! Forms of advertising include circulars, highway signs, radio and TV commercials, sky writing, signs on your automobile and boat, and advertisements in the yellow pages of your telephone book.

You may also contact local hotels, swimming pools, sporting goods stores, harbors, and any other business firms that may cater to potential customers for your school.

OVERHEAD

Determine your expenses! They will include upkeep, salaries, rent, advertising, insurance, license fees, transportation, telephone, salesmen's commissions, initial operating expenses, and any other expenses which may occur. (This will include photographer's fees for pictures of students, office equipment, printing costs for diplomas, stationery, etc.)

PRICES

Set your prices! An average price for a ski lesson is \$5, but local conditions may create fluctuations from this price.

Offer ski courses to your students. For instance, a 3-lesson course including 3 lessons on the water with an instructor, plus a diploma upon completion of the course, may cost \$10. Or a \$15 course may include 4 water lessons, a diploma, and an 8 x 10 photograph of the student on skis. You can see how easy it is to set up special courses and offer inducements that will help persuade your customers to return.

COMPETITION

Do not fear your competition! Competition is not harmful. Rather, it will bring more prospective skiers to the area in which you are operating. Get together with your competition on prices, hours of operation, etc., and avoid throat cutting!

RATES

Give special rates to groups! Contact hotels, high schools, colleges, and local men's and women's clubs for

class or group instructions. Suggest that groups charter your boat for a certain length of time, depending on how many members of their particular group desire to ski.

Charter rates ordinarily are \$10 for 30 minutes; \$15 for an hour. The price includes a boat driver, instructor, life belts, skis, lines, and all other necessary equipment.

TRANSPORTATION

Offer free transportation! If your salesmen contact hotels for customers, free transportation to and from the school is a good selling point. You may also offer this service for class or group instructions.

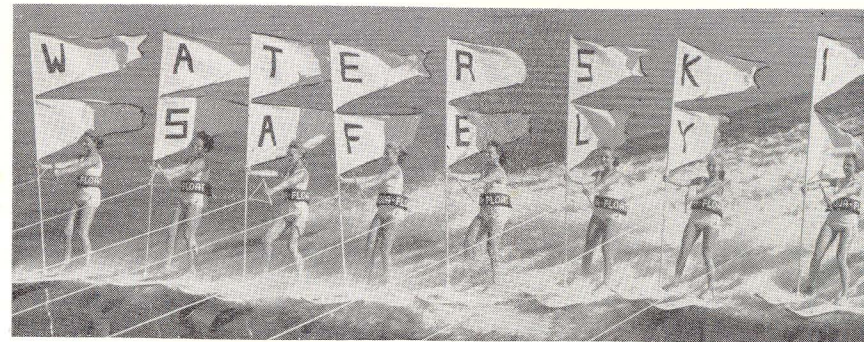
AFFILIATIONS

Affiliate your school with the AWSA! Join local business clubs and distribute advertising materials to the Chamber of Commerce and travel tourist bureaus. Offer your services as a speaker at local clubs. Contact your local newspaper and ask if they will write a story on your school. It should make an interesting feature article. Editors usually are quite cooperative with ski schools, because of the eye-catching appeal of a water skiing picture.

BOOKS

Set up your books! They should be accurate and simple. You are now ready to crank up the engine for your first customer!

(Editor's Note — In the March-April issue Walter Prince will cover Ski School Operation with emphasis on appearance, regulations, safety rules, customer relations, ground and water instructions and common sense.)



AWSA's slogan for 1959: "Water Ski Safely" . . . here presented by the beautiful Aqua Maids of Cypress Gardens.

RESULTS OF 1959 ALL-AMERICAN WATER SKI TOURNAMENT CYPRESS GARDENS, FLORIDA DECEMBER 20-21

MEN'S OVERALL		Slalom	Tricks	Jumping
1. Buster MacCalla	1	6	2	2
2. James Jackson	3	5	5	5
3. Roger Ray	12 T	2	1	1
4. "Red" Davies	6	1	19	6
5. Simon Khoury	9	3	6	12
6. Emilio Zamudio	7	4	4	4
7. Jerry Imber	4	9	9	9
8. Nathan Travassos	5	11	8	14
9. Geoffrey Wolfe	12 T	8	10	3
10. Mike Osbrne	16 T	10	12	16
11. George Jackson	14 T	12	15	15
— Sonny Kemp	21	—	7	—
— Larry Sheppard	2	14	—	18
— Jerry Williams	18 T	—	—	—
— Jon Broderick	22 T	—	—	—
— Robert Slade	24	—	—	—
— Hugh James	24 T	—	—	—
— Karl Fisher	8	—	—	11
— Edwin Mayhew	16 T	13	—	—
— Joe Edmunds	—	—	—	10
— Richard Tillman	10 T	—	—	—
— Guy Weese	10 T	—	—	7
— "Sandy" Reynolds	18 T	—	—	13
— Kirk Walker	—	—	—	20
— Bill Rich	—	—	—	8
— Charlie Atkins	18 T	—	—	—
— Jim Derheimer	22 T	—	—	17
WOMEN'S		Slalom	Tricks	Jumping
1. Nancie Rideout	1	1	1	1
2. Martha A. Williams	2	2	2	2
3. Rena Bennington	3	3	3	3
— Mildred Aston	4	—	—	—
— Bonnie Weese	5	—	—	—
VETERAN'S		Slalom	Tricks	Jumping
1. John De Miller	2	1	6	3
2. Harvey Holmes	1	2	3	2
3. Jim Middlebrook	3	5	1	4 T
4. John Perry	4 T	3	—	—
5. Floyd Furnell	5	4	—	—
— Rollie Williams	6	—	—	—
— Lou Cobb	4 T	—	—	—



ALL AMERICAN TOURNAMENT WINNERS — surrounding Nancy Rideout, Women's Overall Champion, are Veterans Johnny DeMiller, 1st Trick Riding; Henry Holmes, 1st Slalom; and John Perry, 1st Jumping.

Golden State Open Tournament Results

Capping the skiing season in the Western Region was the annual Golden State Open Championships held at Clear Lake Park, California, September 13-14, 1958. The highlight of this meet is always the awarding of the Dave Minor Perpetual Trophy. The method of determining the winner of the large cup was designed to give skiers in all classes a chance at the prize. This year, for the first time, the winner was a girl, Colleen Dodge, of Sacramento. In spite of very rough water Colleen was able to amass a sizeable trick run, not duplicated by skiers in any other class, which led to her capture of the trophy.

State of Maine Water Ski Championships

Approximately 3500 persons witnessed the first Maine championship water ski competition at Pepperrell Cove August 10, according to Police Chief Charles Cutten (Director and Honorary member). The all-day meet, encompassing seven classes, was judged by Larry Brown, William Trudgeon, and Richard Robison — all from Laconia, New Hampshire. The trio represented the American Water Ski Association. Greatest crowd-pleaser — and the largest class of entrants — was the men's slalom.

MEN'S SLALOM — Charles Rankin, first; Roy Armsden, second; Fred Perry, third, all three from the Pepperrell Cove Water Ski Club.

GIRL'S AND WOMEN'S SLALOM — won by Pepperrell Cove Water Ski Club; Ann Ordway, first; Nancy Knight, second; Linda Smith, third.

BOY'S SLALOM — Richard Merrill, first; Danny Brooks, second; Byron Brooks, third.

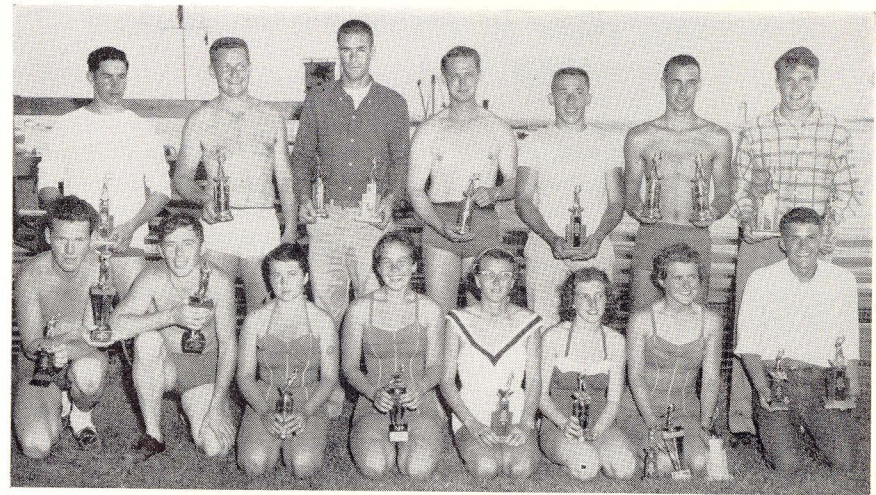
GIRL'S JUMPING — Linda Smith, first; Ann Ordway, second.

BOY'S JUMPING — Richard Merrill, first, 147 points; Byron Brooks, second, 112.5 points; Danny Brooks, third, 108 points.

MIXED DOUBLES — Frank Frisbee and Miss Gail Ferguson, first; Terry Philbrick and Richard Brown, second; Charles Rankin and Linda Smith, third.

MEN'S JUMPING — Gardner Tobey, 172.5 points, first; Richard Brown, 142.5 points, second; Harry Bullard, 106 points, third.

Although no club score was given, the host club was odds-on favorite for the meet, as the oldest club in the



FIRST STATE OF MAINE TOURNAMENT WINNERS — Rear, Left to Right: Harry Bullard, Roy Armsden, Richard Brown, Frank Frisbee, Fred Perry, Richard Merrill, and Danny Brooks. Front: Charles Rankin, Gardner Tobey, Nancy Knight, Ann Ordway, Terry Philbrick, Gail Ferguson, Linda Smith and Byron Brooks.

State. The tournament was co-sponsored by the Kittery Lions Club and the Pepperrell Cove Water Ski Club. Chairmen of the event were Frank Frisbee of the ski club and "Fussy" Wilson of the Lions. Trophies were awarded by Larry Brown of Laconia, N. H. Plans were already underway for another tournament this coming summer.

Additional AWSA Committees for 1959

Ski Club Study Committee

Col. Harry Robb — Chairman
William S. Nall
James L. Smith
Jack Killilea
Harry Sherwood

World Tournament Team Selection Committee

Will Crews Morris — Chairman
Bill Trudgeon

Hugo Biersach
Dick Pope, Sr.
Floyd Vance

Ski Racing Study Committee

Charles Johnson — Chairman
Hugo Biersach
H. Stewart McDonald
Paul Gutleben
Mickey McDonald
Archie Van Wyk

Insurance Study Committee

Howard H. Callaway — Chairman
Leland Sutherland
Matt Obinger
D. Gordon Rupe, III
Bill Williams

Ski School Study Committee

Stewart McDonald — Chairman
Thomas A. Gangewere
Johnny DeMiller
"Buzz" Mueller
Janie Dorwin

Laconia, New Hampshire Awarded 1959 Nationals

BOSTON — The 1959 American Water Ski Championships, to be held August 21-23 on Lake Opechee, N. H., will be sponsored by The Boston Herald-Traveler in co-operation with the Weirs Ski Club of Laconia, N. H.

Announcement of the site award was contained in a letter from Charles R. Sligh, Jr., chairman of the board of directors of the American Water Ski Association, and sent to Frank J. Farrell, director of both The Herald-Traveler's annual New England Boat Show and on-the-water Boat-O-Rama. Farrell will also assume responsibility for promotion of the championships.

According to Sligh, selection of Lake Opechee received a unanimous vote from the association's tournament site committee.

This marks the second time that Lake Opechee has been chosen as the site for the American Water Ski Championships, for the 1954 event was held there and proved a marked success.

Lake Opechee, which actually is situated between Laconia and Lakeport, N. H., is about two miles long and one mile wide. Its facilities are more than adequate to meet the stiff requirements of the site committee's regulations for the staging of these important events.

The length of the lake provides space for the proper runway in water deep enough for boat travel, and the area is free of underwater obstructions. The shoreline is straight for efficient operation, and the lake is sufficiently protected to offer shelter from high winds.

The championships were welcomed to the area by Mayor Bernard Broutin of Laconia, who said that there are stands for spectators and plans underway to enlarge parking spaces to take care of the expected crowds.

A sizeable entry list is expected from all sections of the country, with the Weirs Club entering several fine water skiers. The club, consisting of 60 members and the oldest water skiing club in the East, won the team prize last summer for the most members competing in The Herald-Traveler's Boat-O-Rama on Lake Winnepesaukee.

Besides the championship events, other highlights of the three-day stand in New Hampshire will include a Victory Banquet, buffet dance, and membership and Board of Directors meetings.

1959 Dixie Tourney

On April 11 and 12, all eyes in the water skiing world will be turned to Cypress Gardens when the 12th Annual Dixie Tournament gets underway. The Tournament Committee at Cypress Gardens has released the particulars of this meet as follows: Participation is either by invitation or a 1958 Expert Rating for Men and a 1958 First Class Rating for Women and Veterans.

There will be no Junior Division at this time and plans for the Junior Dixie will be announced at a later date.

Entry blanks may be obtained by writing to the Dixie Tournament Committee, Cypress Gardens, Florida. To be valid, entry blanks must be

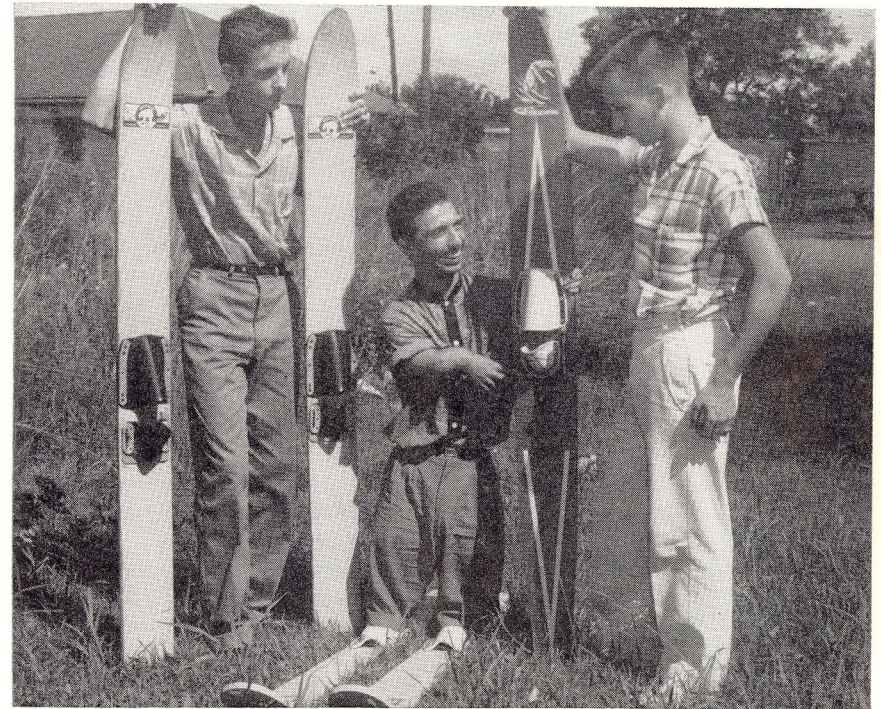
postmarked no later than Sunday, April 5, 1959, and be accompanied by the \$3.00 entry fee.

The 1959 rules will apply, provided they are available by March 1. In such case that new rules are not available by this date, 1958 rules will be used. Inboards and outboards will be utilized to tow contestants.

Competition will be stiff with last year's winners expected to return to defend their championships. Joe Cash of Sarasota will be fighting to keep his Men's Overall Title, with Simon Khoury of Cypress Gardens, last

year's Slalom Champion, bidding to capture the crown. Roger Ray of Winter Haven, Overall Winner in the Boys Division of the Junior Dixie in 1958, will be in there pulling for a new title in the men's division.

Nancie Rideout of Cypress Gardens, who made a clean sweep last year, will be back to defend those titles and trying to better her U. S. Nationals Jumping distance record of 89'. Johnny DeMiller of West Palm Beach, the 1958 Veterans Champ will undoubtedly still be rough competition in his division.



CHAMPION SKIERS IN MISSISSIPPI—Following Mississippi's initial water ski endurance tests, these three Pascagoula aqua sportsmen emerged as winners. They are, from left to right, Eddie Edmonson, winning third-place on regulation skis; Wally Sherwood, first on regulations; and Bill Benoist, second on slalom. By virtue of their victories, they reign as the unofficial state champions following the intraclub ski-a-thon sponsored by the Singing River Ski Club of Pascagoula-Moss Point, Miss.

THE AWSA JUDGE'S PROGRAM

By HERMAN ASTON

In response to many inquiries, here is the latest story on the new Judges' Program for the AWSA. As we all know, there is a drastic need for judges in many areas in the United States. But further, in considering this problem, quality of judges becomes paramount even over the need for them. Over a year ago, Bill Clifford, then our President, put into motion a committee, headed by Warren Withere'll, to study this problem. Their main task, and now that of this year's committee, was to devise a system for approving well-qualified judges based solely upon their experience and ability. Here are some of the things this committee has established thus far:

That we should have three classes of judges: Assistant, Regular and Senior. The lowest level, Assistant, would be empowered to award ratings, judge local tournaments, and assist and train in major tournaments. The Regular Judge would chief judge smaller or local tourneys, judge at major ones, in addition to those duties or privileges ascribed to the Assistant Judge. The Senior Judge would then do all of these things and would also be qualified to be Chief Judge of a major tournament; and only Senior Judges would be qualified to judge or be Chief Judge of the Nationals each year.

This committee has also suggested that judges be required to keep their status current by judging so many events over a period of time.

Recently a majority of the Judges' Committee met and are submitting a number of recommended changes both major and minor to the tentative plan

and the forms which have already been issued. These changes must, of course, be voted upon by the AWSA Board of Directors. Recommendations include:

1. That each application (Assistant, Regular and Senior) be accompanied by a filing fee of \$1.00.
2. That each applicant, no matter how well-qualified, should file applications for the judgeships below that for which he considers himself qualified, in addition to the level that he desires. This will not only provide the committee with more information, but will permit them to award a lower judgeship in the case where a higher one might be denied at the time.
3. That the Committee be empowered to screen each of the applications, and then submit to the Board for final approval, lists of those who applied for each class and were either approved or disapproved by the committee.
4. That tournaments be divided into three categories for purposes of rating judges now and in the future: A — World, International, National, and Regional Tournaments; B — Three-day tournaments that include all present divisions and all three major events (tricks, slalom, jumping); C — All others, such as one-day events, local club meets, etc.
5. That an emblem or emblems be designed and manufactured for Judges which would also indicate the level of judgeship held. These emblems would be purchased nominally by the individual from the national office.
6. That tests for prospective judges be devised eventually, incorporating, perhaps, open-book written exams, a theme on some facet of the sport,

The *Water Skier* Salutes . . .



. . . Herman and Mildred Aston of Fort Worth, Texas, whose unbounded enthusiasm for skiing and skiers has led them across ten thousand miles per year in tournament judging and participation alone. In ten years they have given unstintingly of their time, money, even health, in teaching hundreds to ski, training champions, forming and maintaining a ski club and equipment and devoting most of their waking hours to the sport of water skiing. Their history of judging and officiating (thirty-seven tournaments for Herman, thirty-one for Mildred) eminently qualifies Herman as Chairman of the Judges' Rating and Classification Committee and Mildred as his steadfast aide. With devoted and hard-working people like the Astons, our sport cannot but help grow to an even greater and higher status than that which it has reached already.

movies of trick runs and jumping, etc.

7. That the requirements listed on the Regular and Senior forms are not only somewhat ambiguous, but too lenient in places, as well. We feel that with plenty of Assistant Judges, and we'd like to have at least one in every town and every club, that we should make the requirements very stringent for Regular and Senior Judges (15 tournaments minimum for Senior Judge, for example). Numberwise, if we have five or six Senior Judges in each Region, that would be plenty, in order to maintain the

quality that is so vital and necessary in our major tournaments).

8. That judges' performance sheets be devised showing events worked and the quality of the work. These would be filled out and signed by the Chief Judge at each tournament, and mailed into the headquarters with the official result. A separate personal file would then be kept of each judge and his record.

9. That all judge applications would be approved by a Director in the Region of the applicant and his Regional Vice President, BEFORE being submitted to the National office for fur-



Proving that age is no barrier in the world's fastest growing competitive sport, The Skiing Grandmothers, Rena Bennington, 5 grandchildren, Miami, Florida and Midge Aston, 4 grandchildren, Ft. Worth, Texas flank World Champ Nancie Rideout at the All-American Tournament.

Mississippi to Form Water Ski Federation

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — Five Mississippi centers of organized water skiing activity are now taking part in what may be the most significant advancement in the state's skiing history. The Singing River Ski Club of Pascagoula-Moss Point is sponsoring the formation of a state-wide organization as a winter project. It is temporarily known as the Mississippi Water Ski Federation.

Heading the special steering committee for the Jackson County, Miss., club is Wally Sherwood of Pascagoula. He is being assisted by Bill Benoist and Eddie Edmonson, both of Pascagoula, and Tommy Anker-son of Gautier. Although no clear-cut plans have been made, an annual state ski tournament would no doubt be held. If feasible, organization of the federation will be completed by spring.

A questionnaire regarding the organization was sent to each of the following ski centers in October: Gulf Hills Dude Ranch at Ocean Springs, the Greenville Ski Club of Greenville, the Bayou Ski Club of Gulfport, and the Grenada Ski Club, Inc., of Grenada. Each is being asked to make suggestions and to name a federation committee within its own ranks.

All reports are due in late December for additional action. If North Mississippi clubs consider a state-wide group impractical, then efforts will be forwarded to form a Mississippi Gulf Coast Federation. The Singing River Ski Club is enlisting the aid of the regional office of the American Water Ski Association in the important project.

ther consideration by the Judges' Committee and finally the Board of Directors.

That's most of the story, to date. Applications for these judgeships can be obtained upon request to the National Office or your Regional Vice President. The original Assistant Judge's application should be accompanied by a letter from you stating your general qualifications and reasons for wanting to become a judge.

As we said, there will probably be some changes made to the Regular and Senior judge forms, before any of them are processed. Be sure, PLEASE, that all forms are filled out correctly and completely, and that each is accompanied by \$1.00 fee.

WHY A WATER SKI CLUB?

By JACK ANDRESEN

Since water skiing is primarily an individual sport, the question of the advantage of forming a club is often raised. The first advantage which comes to mind is the possibility of a club boat by which expenses of one boat could be shared to provide skiing for many. Actually, this rarely works out very well and should not be considered a primary reason for starting a club.

Some things that ski clubs can do successfully are as follows:

1. A club can own and maintain a jumping ramp and slalom course. With the work shared by club members on Jump and Slalom Course Committees, regulation equipment can be enjoyed by the club members which would be almost impossible to obtain individually.
2. A club can sponsor tournaments. Competitions are probably the greatest means of increasing the level of skiing ability and hence enjoyment of the sport.
3. A club can present a united front and give active support to local legislation and zoning of water areas to benefit water skiing.
4. A club can actively promote safety in skiing and assist novices in learning to ski better.
5. Affiliation of a club with the AWSA gives it a measure of prestige and stability. Identification with the National Organization increases its effectiveness in items 2, 3 and 4.
6. Most important, a Water Ski Club, like any other club, encourages social contact resulting in friendships between persons of like interests.

Partial Directory of Ski Clubs

* AWSA Affiliated

ALABAMA

*Alabama Warrior Ski Club, Birmingham

ALASKA

*Harding Lake Water Ski Club, Fairbanks

ARIZONA

Desert Ski Club, Phoenix
Parker Boat & Ski Club, Parker

ARKANSAS

*Hot Springs Ski & Boat Club, Hot Springs

CALIFORNIA

*Carlsbad Boat & Ski Club, Carlsbad
*Clear Lake Water Ski Club,
Clear Lake Park
*Diablo Water Ski Club, Concord
*Golden Gate Water Ski Club
San Leandro
*Lakeside Ski Club, Fresno
*Long Beach Boat & Ski Club
Long Beach 6
*Monterey Peninsula Water Ski Club
Monterey
*Sacramento Water Ski Club, Sacramento
*Ski-Horse Assn., San Mateo
*Stockton Water Ski Club, Stockton
*Sharp'n Water Ski Club, San Francisco
The Stanislaus Cty. Water Ski Club
Modesto
So. Calif. Water Ski Club, Inc.
Sun Valley
San Gabriel Valley Boat & Ski Club
West Covina

Colusa County Boat Club, Colusa
Aquadats, San Mateo
Healdsburg Boat Club, Healdsburg
Aqualock Ski Club, Inc.
Camp Richardson, Lake Tahoe
San Diego Speedboat & Water Ski Club
San Diego
Contra Costa Water Ski Club
El Sobrante
Richmond Water Ski Club, Richmond
Little Red Hen Ski Club, Arcata
Ole Ski Club, Sacramento
Antioch Water Sports Club, Antioch
Convain Water Ski Club, San Diego
Benicia Boat & Ski Club, Benicia
Blue Water Ski Club, Bijou, Lake Tahoe
Burbank Water Ski Club, Burbank
Cabrillo Beach Water Ski Club, Gardena
Calif. Speedboat Club, Oakland
Chico Water Ski Club, Chico
Concord Boating Club, Concord
Kern Co. Boat & Ski Club, Bakersfield
Lake Arrowhead Water Ski Club
Lake Arrowhead
Los Angeles Boat & Ski Club, Glendale
Mission Bay Water Ski Club, San Diego
Pasadena Speedboat & Water Ski Club
La-Canada
Peninsula Boating Assn., Redwood
Pacific Coast Speedboat & Water Ski
Assn., Burbank
Rio Vista Boat & Ski Club, Rio Vista
Shasta Lake Water Ski Club, Inc.
Redding

COLORADO

*Denver Water Ski Club, Denver
 Seigga Ski Club, Fort Collins

CONNECTICUT

*Ascension Beach Water Ski Club, Inc.
 Norwalk
 Aqua Belle Ski Club, East Hampton

FLORIDA

*Aquamaniacs, Gulfport
 *Breeze Way Ski Club, Pensacola
 *Caloosa Water Ski Club, Fort Myers
 *Cypress Gardens Ski Club
 Cypress Gardens
 Port Orange Water Ski Club, Inc.
 Port Orange
 Haines City Ski Club, Haines City
 Lake Magorrie Ski Club, St. Petersburg
 St. Petersburg Jr., College Ski Club
 St. Petersburg
 *The Gateway Skiers, Jacksonville
 *Greater Miami Water Ski Club, Miami
 *Jacksonville Water Ski Club, Jacksonville
 *Lakeland Water Ski Club, Lakeland
 *Ski Club of the Palm Beaches
 West Palm Beach
 *Miracle Strip Water Ski Club, Shalimar
 *Tampa Ski Bees, Tampa
 *Trout River Aquabats of Jacksonville
 Jacksonville
 Lake Worth Boating & Fishing Club, Inc.
 Lake Worth
 Lake Worth Ski Team
 West Palm Beach
 Key West Ski Club, Key West
 Fla., Water Ski Federation
 Winter Haven
 Stetson Water Ski Club, Deland
 St. Augustine Ski Club, St. Augustine
 Water Sports Outboard Club, Key West
 Marion Ski-A-Teers, Ocala
 Clearwater Ski Club, Clearwater
 Seacrest Ski Club, Delray Beach
 Tampa Hydra-Goofs, Tampa
 Univ., of Miami Ski Club, Miami
 Sarasota Ski Club, Sarasota
 North Dade Boat Club, North Miami
 Panama City Beach Water Ski Club
 Panama City
 Bay Rat Ski Club, Miami
 The Ft. Pierce Ski Club, Ft. Pierce
 Port Orange Water Ski Club, Inc.
 Pt. Orange
 New Berlin Ski Club, Jacksonville
 Miami Beach Ski Club, Miami
 St. Leo Ski Club, Clearwater Beach
 Ski-G Club, Dade City
 Univ. of Miami Ski Club, Miami
 Tampa Ski Club, Tampa
 Bradenton Water Ski Club, Bradenton

GEORGIA

Atlanta Ski Club, Atlanta
 Waycross Boat & Ski Club, Waycross
 The Fishing Village Skiers, N. Augusta

ILLINOIS

*Mississippi Valley Ski Bees, Moline
 *Ill. Water Ski Association, Chicago
 *Rockford Water Ski Assn., Inc., Rockford
 *Sid Selhost Water Skiers, Moline
 Snug Harbor Ski Team, St. Charles
 Alton Water Ski Club, Alton
 Poor Richard Ski Club of Fox Lake
 Chicago
 A. A. Aqua Ski Club, Inc., Brookfield
 The Peoria Area Water Skiers' Assn.
 Tremont
 Oppo Boat & Ski Club, South Holland
 Long Lake Ski Club, Chicago 47

Troop 22 Water Ski Club, East St. Louis
 Ottawa Water Ski Club, Ottawa
 So. Ill. Water Skiers, Inc., Harrisburg
 St. Charles Marine Club, St. Charles
 Sporting Show Ski Club, Chicago
 Shoreline Boat & Ski Club, Ottawa
 Long Lake Ski Club, Chicago 47
 Oak Park Ski Club, Oak Park

INDIANA

Allison Yacht & Ski Club, Indianapolis
 The Hoosier Ski Club, Indianapolis
 LaPorte Water Ski Club, Inc.
 Rolling Prairie
 Indiana State Ski Club, Indianapolis
 Madison Water Ski Club, Madison
 Enterprise Water Sports Club
 Greencastle
 Evansville Water Ski Club, Evansville 11
 Wawa-skiers, South Bend
 Crooked Lake Ski Club, Angola
 Hamilton Lake Ski Club, Churbusco
 Jumping Joes, Elkhart

IOWA

Manawa Ski Club, Council Bluffs

KANSAS

Olathe Marine Club, Olathe
 Shawnee Water Ski Club, Topeka

KENTUCKY

The So. Water Ski Club, Henderson
 Kentucky River Ski Club, Inc.
 Lexington
 Cobra Ski Club, Highland Heights

LOUISIANA

*New Orleans Water Ski Club
 New Orleans
 *Sowela Ski Club of Lake Charles
 Lake Charles
 Pelican Ski Club, New Iberia
 Crescent City Water Ski Club
 New Orleans

MAINE

*Pepperrell Cove, Kittery Point
 East Grand Water Ski Club, Danforth
 Androssoggin Lake Water Ski Club
 Wayne

MARYLAND

*St. Mary's Water Ski Club
 Lexington Park
 *Maryland Water Ski Club
 Baltimore 13
 Beverly Ski Club, Chevy Chase

MASSACHUSETTS

*Ft. Meadow Ski Club, Marlboro
 *Great Indian Ski Club, Kingston
 *Lashaway Ski Club, East Brookfield
 *Nipmuc Ski Club, Webster
 *Lake Wickaboag Water Ski Club
 West Brookfield
 The Angels Water Ski Assn.
 Framingham
 Orleans Water Ski Club, Orleans
 Aqua Ski Follies, Millbury
 Congamond Ski Club, Feeding Hills

MICHIGAN

*Cass Lake Water Ski Club, Detroit
 *Marysville Aqua Skiers, Marysville
 *Lake Sherwood Ski Club, Milford
 *Wolf Lake Water Ski Club, Jackson
 Walled Lake Water Ski Club, Detroit
 Gull Lake Ski Club, Richland
 Kitch-iti-ki-pi Aqua Club, Manistique
 The Gladwin Water Splashers, Saginaw
 Perch Point Ski Club, Harper Woods
 Water Wonderland Ski Club, Lansing

MINNESOTA

*Bald Eagle Water Club, White Bear Lake
 *Gull Lake Water Ski Club, St. Paul
 Wapogasset Ski & Outing Club
 St. Paul 13
 Austin Ski-Duks, Austin
 Minnetonka Water Ski Club, Minneapolis

MISSISSIPPI

Singing River Ski Club, Moss Point
 Bayou Ski Club, Gulfport

MISSOURI

Mozark Water Skiing & Btg. Club, Potosi

NEBRASKA

Panhandle Boat Club, Crawford
 Carter Lake Ski Club, Omaha
 Maloney Water Ski Club, North Platt

NEW HAMPSHIRE

*Weirs Ski Club, Laconia
 Silver Lake Assn. of Cheshire County
 Keene
 Hampton Beach Water Ski Club
 Hampton
 Prospect Slope Skimmers, Melvin Village
 Alton Bay Water Ski Club, Alton Bay
 Meredith Water Ski Club, Meredith

NEW JERSEY

*Long Branch Water Ski Club, Inc.
 Red Bank
 Titusville Boat & Ski Club, Titusville
 Mullica River Ski Club, Collingswood
 Navesink Ski Club, Rumson
 Water Skiing & Boating Club of Trenton
 Jr., College, Pennington

NEW MEXICO

Pecos River Boat & Ski Club, Carlsbad

NEW YORK

*Chatauqua Lake Water Ski Club
 Bemus Point
 *Greenwood Lake Water Ski Club
 Greenwood Lake
 *Lake Keuka Water Planers Club
 Penn Yan
 *Southern-Tier Water Ski Club, Endicott
 The Androssoggin Lake Water Ski Club
 Babylon
 Darts Lake Ski Club, Darts Lake
 Nor-Aqua Ski Club, Rouses Point
 Conesus Lake Water Ski Club, Geneseo
 Skaneateles Water Ski Club, Skaneateles
 Lake George Water Ski Club, Sand Lake
 Sacandoga Boating Club, Inc., Johnstown
 Dull-Fins Bo Downs, Union Dale, L. I.
 Thousand Islands Ski Club, Alexandria
 Niagara County Boat Club, Inc.
 Niagara Falls
 Cazenovia Lake Ski Club, Syracuse
 Clay Island Water Ski Club
 Clay Island, Bolton Landing
 Seneca River Water Ski Club, Liverpool
 Oouaga Lake Water Ski Club
 Binghamton
 Lake Shore Water Ski Club, Inc., Clay
 Youngstown Water Ski Club, Youngstown

NORTH CAROLINA

*Charlotte Water Ski Club, Charlotte
 Cape Fear Ski Club, Wilmington
 Western Electric Employees Club
 Charlotte
 Ba-Roc Ski Club, Thomasville

OHIO

*Cobra Ski Club, Cincinnati
 *Pentwater Wake Riders, Cincinnati
 *Western Hills Ski Club, Cincinnati

Devil's Lake Water Ski Club, Toledo
 Mohawk Ski Club, Hamilton
 Summit City Water Ski Club, Akron
 Weidemanns Ski Ballers, Hamilton
 Dayton Water Ski Club, Dayton 7
 Columbus Aqua Ski Club, Columbus
 Water Ski Ballers, Inc., Hamilton
 Chagrin Marine Ski Club, East Lake
 Akron Water Ski Assn., Akron

OKLAHOMA

*Salt Plains Ski Club, Alva
 The Bartlesville Ski-Poppers, Bartlesville
 Oklahoma City, Ski Club
 Oklahoma City
 Stillwater Ski Splashers, Stillwater
 *Gardener Lake Water Ski Club
 Eagle Point
 *Lake Osweko Water Ski Club
 Lake Grove
 *Portland Water Ski Club, Portland

PENNSYLVANIA

*Conneaut Lake Water Ski Club, Sharon
 *Jenner town Water Ski Club of
 Stoughton Lake, Johnstown
 *Port Indian Ski Club, Norristown
 Sandy Lake Water Ski Club, New Castle
 Crystal Lake Water Skiing Club
 Carbondale
 Skikats, Philadelphia

RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island Water Ski Club, Briston

SOUTH CAROLINA

*Fishing Village Ski Club, Plum Branch
 Beaufort Ski Club, Beaufort
 West Ashley Outboard Motor Club
 Charleston
 Anderson Boating & Skiing Club
 Anderson

TENNESSEE

Chattanooga Water Ski Club
 Chattanooga
 Volunteer Water Ski Club, Donelson
 Pelican Kids Water Ski Troupe
 Oak Ridge
 Memphis Ski Club, Memphis
 The Flying Boatmen, Oliver Springs
 Concord-Farragut Optimist Club
 Lenoir City

TEXAS

*Aston Ski Club, Fort Worth
 *Aqua Demons & Debs, Orange
 *Dallas Water Ski Club, Dallas
 *Etex Water Ski Club, Tyler
 *McQueeney Ski-Bees, Seguin
 *Mid-Plains Boat & Ski Club, Tulia
 Panhandle Boat & Ski Club, Amarillo
 *Ski-Bees, McQueeney
 *Ski-Pirates of Corpus Christi
 Corpus Christi
 Texoma Boat & Ski Club, Serman
 *First Neches Ski Club, Beaumont
 Austin Ski Club, Austin
 Dallas Water Ski Club, Dallas
 Eagle Mt. Ski Club, Ft. Worth
 Houston Water Ski Assn., Channelview
 Wichita Water Ski Club, Wichita Falls
 Bayou Ski Club, Galveston
 Lubbock Water Ski Club, Lubbock
 Navosta Boat & Ski Club, Navosta

UTAH

Pineview Water Ski Club, Roy
 El-Nautica Boat Harbor, Lehi

VIRGINIA

*Hampton Roads Water Ski Club
Newport News
*Richmond Water Ski Club, Richmond
Colonial Ski Club, Peaks
Belle Haven Ski Club, Alexandria
Chesapeake Ski & Beach, Club, Bayside
Ocoquan Water Ski Club, Falls Church
Catharpin Water Ski Club, Catharpin

WASHINGTON

*Aqua Jesters of the Moses Lake Boat Club, Moses Lake

*Caddigna's Ski Sch. Assn., Tacoma
*Seattle Water Ski Assoc., Seattle

WISCONSIN

*Enterprise Water Sports Club, Appleton
Trout Lake Water Ski Club, Woodruff
Min-Aqua-Bats Water Ski Club
Minocqua
Aqua-Rays, LaCrosse
Wapogasset Ski & Outing Club, Amery
Fond du Lac Aqua-Fyers, Fond du Lac

WYOMING

*Casper Water Ski Club, Casper

That's the list of America's clubs as we know them. There are, as you can see, quite a few, but not half as many as there should be. Our aim this year, is not only to make this list of clubs grow and grow, but to sign every one of them up as an affiliate of the AWSA. A very attractive club kit has been prepared free of charge by your national office, and it contains a wealth of material for organizing and operating your local ski club. This kit also contains a number of safety tips, and ideas for making your club bigger and better than it is already.

In addition, we are right now preparing an expanded ski club program of various material benefits to offer affiliated clubs. Letters will be sent all clubs shortly describing new pamphlets on shows, making money for your club, and other activities, discounted equipment and clothing items, and many other benefits, all of which will mean that any up and coming club could NOT AFFORD not to affiliate. (Affiliation costs but ten dollars per year, and 25% of the active membership must be currently on the AWSA rolls.) WRITE NOW FOR YOUR FREE CLUB KIT, AND WHY NOT AFFILIATE TODAY? WE REGRET, ALSO, that due to space limitations and in all fairness to those clubs already affiliated, that this issue of THE WATER SKIER will be the last in which we can print news of NON-AFFILIATED CLUBS. (NOTE: If your ski club is not listed in the above directory or if you know of a club that is not listed, please send complete information to the AWSA Headquarters. —Ed.)

Regional Correspondents Named for 1959

The following people have been appointed as Regional Correspondents for the **Water Skier**. Work with your Regional Correspondent for coverage of water skiing activities in your area.

WESTERN REGION — William P. Barlow, Jr., 105 Nova Drive, Piedmont 10, Calif.

SOUTH-CENTRAL REGION —

Thomas H. Perkins, P. O. Box 998, Austin 66, Texas.

MIDWEST REGION — Mrs. William Hart, 10023 Cedar Shores Dr., Cedar Island Lake, Rt. 5, Milford, Mich.

SOUTHERN REGION — Stewart McDonald (Temporary), 6314-1/2 S. Harold Ave., Tampa, Fla.

EASTERN REGION — Charles Stout, 359 Bath Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey.

Southern Region NEWSLETTER

By STEW McDONALD

Our region has progressed over this past year, as most of you have noted in our newsletters sent out twice last year. We plan to send out another such letter later in the Spring of this year.

The Regional Tournament at Lakeland was the best ever under the capable leadership of Edith Teachout and the Lakeland Club. The Annual meeting, too, was successful, and much business was discussed, most of which were recommendations which were then submitted to the national meeting at Pine Mountain, Georgia. Your officers for the coming year include myself as the Vice President again, Edith Teachout of Lakeland as Secretary, and Leona Kirtley of Birmingham as the Regional Treasurer. The Council remains the same with Leah Atkins, Bo Callaway, Dr. Edgar Stephens, and Bill Stevenson, with Fred Wiley added as a "member-at-large." The Advisory Council as appointed last year, with two representatives from each state, remains in office for another year, as well.

Bids for the 1959 Regionals have been submitted by Delray Beach, Florida; Jacksonville, Florida; Birmingham, Alabama; and Lakeland, Florida. Bids have been closed at this writing, and those bids and accompanying letters are being circulated among the Council members for their vote. The winning bid will be announced before you receive this WATER SKIER.

A number of activities and tournaments are planned thru the winter months, most of them taking place in sunny Florida. The Florida Water Ski

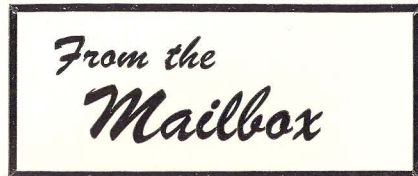
Federation held their annual Slalom Championships and Meeting at Cypress Gardens in December. Larry Sheppard of Sarasota won top honors while Charlie Atkins, now of Orlando, was elected the new President. Evelyn Cooper is now the Vice President, and Mary Lou Rhodes the Secretary-Treasurer. The All-American tournament was held the weekend before Christmas at Cypress Gardens with Buster McCalla winning top honors in it. The fourteenth Annual Dixie Tournament is scheduled for April 11-12 at Cypress Gardens and already promises to be the fine event it always has been. Callaway Gardens and Bo Callaway and Columbia, S. C., and Don Crowson both plan big tournaments for later in the early summer. Most of the clubs and schools in Florida operate all thru the winter, so you should drop in on them if you're down this way.

The Jacksonville Club, all re-organized and running well, held their Annual Gator Bowl classic there over the holidays, while the Tampa Ski Bees and the Lake Maggiore Ski Club (St. Pete) combined efforts to produce the half time color show on CBS television during the playing of the Holiday Bowl game. The Greater Miami Club followed a week later with an hour-and-a-half of skiing on CBS TV during the running of the Orange Bowl regatta.

We need lots of news and information from all of you. If you have a meeting or a social activity, an idea about rules or Safety, or pending boating legislation in your state, write us and let us know. We need lots of suggestions from our twenty members of the Advisory Council, too. We also need a Regional News Editor to accumulate this information and write this column in the future for each is-

sue of the WATER SKIER. ANY VOLUNTEERS?

If you haven't sent in your Regional dues (\$1.00 for seniors, 50¢ for juniors) please do so to Mrs. Leona Kirtley, 8817 4th Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama.



Dear Bill:

The more skiers who ride one ski in slalom competition the better my chances. Based on 12 years of competing, I'll stay with two ski slalom, assured of the fact that in spite of poor water conditions and lack of daily practice, I'll be ahead.

Glenn Kirkpatrick
Winter Haven, Fla.

Dear Bill:

Most certainly do not agree with Larry Brown. The record of past tournaments proves the superiority of one ski slalom. I'm sticking with one.

Nancy Rideout
1958 National Women's
Overall Champion
Cypress Gardens, Florida

Dear Cliff:

Regarding Larry Brown's article "Takes Two To Slalom." As a long time two ski slalom man, I couldn't disagree with Larry Brown more. The sentimental appreciation for two ski slalom will never replace the cold hard facts that in present day top flight competition it takes one ski to really "cut the mustard."

Earl "Pappy" Hollowell
Panama City, Fla.

Dear Bill:

Glad to see someone recognizing the value and skill of two ski slalom — requires greater skill and effort at high speeds making for more interesting competition.

Matt Obinger
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Bill:

Two ski slalom degrades the sport — cannot possibly achieve the perfection and rhythm on two skis that is possible on one!

Mrs. Aline Williams
California

Dear Mr. Clifford:

My hats off to Larry Brown for his excellent article "Takes 2 to Slalom." Let's face facts — the greatest percentage of competitive skiers are (week-end skiers) who have a very limited time for practice, but they enjoy the chance to compete (through the moderate speeds) on two ski slalom. The best thing that ever happened to the sport was the acceptance and recognition of two ski slalom in competition.

Week-end Snow &
Water Skier

Sir:

Well, Simon Khoury, in winning the 1958 National Slalom Championships is the greatest stuntman I ever saw.

Tom Jenkins
Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear Bill:

Congratulations on first issue of Water Ski from new headquarters. Mike Osborne's "Impossible Jump" is the greatest action coverage I've ever seen — lets have more of the same.

Howard H. "Bo" Callaway
Ida Cason
Callaway Gardens

Dear Mr. Clifford:

I have been a member of the AWSA for some time and I look forward to receiving "the Water Skier." I enjoy it completely and it is not often I find any comment by your staff or feature writers to take issue with. However, the November-December issue is an exception.

In an un-by-lined column called the "Starting Dock" it is suggested we write to the Chairman of the Austin, Texas Chamber of Commerce if restrictions are to be imposed on water skiing as a result of the Bonner Bill. I assume this gentleman has something to do with prevention of such legislation.

I have been a water skiing enthusiast for many years and have promoted the sport considerably via radio broadcasts. In addition I am very fond of other water sports like sailing, swimming, fishing and skin diving. My aquatic activities are, for the most part, on Long Island's Great South Bay where traffic on most weekends is like Times Square on New Year's Eve. There is a remarkable lack of courtesy, especially in water skiing circles. It is not uncommon to find a boat with skier in tow cut across the bow of a sail boat running close hauled and trying to stay within the markers. Some will even enter the bouyed racing triangle during a regatta. No notice is ever given to a vessel displaying a "scuba pennant." Invariably a skier will lay hard on the line and pass right over a skin diver. Fishing is virtually impossible. Many skiers think it fashionable to give you a close-up of their best slalom cut. I need not elaborate the plight of the poor swimmer. If he doesn't keep his eyes open he's likely to find himself with one less

appendage. Even the water skier, that is the person who has taken the time to learn a little seamanship and is endowed with a bit of horse-sense and courtesy is plagued by this cult.

I could continue for several more paragraphs illustrating results of foolishness — perhaps ignorance is the better word on the part of "our society of sportsmen."

Suffice it to say I am in favor of many more restrictions and regulations. I dislike seeing this one activity harnessed where freedom and the feeling of unlimited space to play is so important, but unfortunately it is a necessity.

Perhaps if more people spent more time with Mr. Chapman's book and a little less complaining about the law or the possibility of governing regulations, we all would have a much more pleasant and safe time on the water.

Stan LoPresto
Long Island, N. Y.

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(Come up for air, Stan, your face plate is fogged. AWSA's stand concerning legislation affecting the sport of water skiing is clearly stated in our last issue and again in this issue (see page 2). Water safety is one of the primary objectives of the AWSA, and we are in favor of any regulations that will increase the safety of boating and skiing. We are opposed to legislation that is unfairly restrictive and discriminatory to the sport and the AWSA's Legislative Study Committee was organized to combat such legislation. What does a scuba pennant look like and why not an article tying in both sports. We abhor the clowns and cowboys too. — Ed.)

Western Region NEWSLETTER

By WM. P. BARLOW, JR.

Two annual New Year's Day skiing events opened the 1959 season for a record number of California skiers. The Polar Bear Club, sponsored at Long Beach Marine Stadium by the Los Angeles Boat & Ski Club, attracted over 1000 skiers, while the Eskimo Club, held this year in the Alameda Estuary under the auspices of the Golden Gate Ski Club, towed nearly 100 skiers. Rules of the two "clubs" are essentially the same: the skier must complete a short ride on skis, without benefit of varieties of cold weather suits, and those performing this pleasant, if chilly task were presented with emblems of the clubs.

In Long Beach the weather was a comparatively warm 70 degrees with the water temperature about 60 degrees. Skiing started at 8:30 in the morning and continued till sundown. Spectators were greeted on the beach by human impersonators of a polar bear and a chicken. The former presented emblems to the braver souls, and the latter pinned little paper replicas of himself on known skiers who refused to face the elements.

In the San Francisco area the weather and water were both slightly cooler, but the skiers were equally enthusiastic and anxious to obtain their Eskimo patch. The skiers were pulled from the dock of a local restaurant, The Ark, starting at about noon.

The third annual meeting of the Western Region will be held on Saturday, February 21, 1959, at the Hacienda Motel in Fresno, California. The purpose of this annual meeting as in the past, will be to plan for the coming ski season and discuss items

of interest to skiers.

Wm. P. Barlow, Regional Vice-president, hopes that all meets for 1959 can be scheduled at this time. The 1959 Western Regionals were scheduled for Denver, Colorado, although the date has not yet been determined. The Regional championships will take an important part in Colorado's Centennial celebration, and considerable enthusiasm for the meet has already been generated by the Denver Water Ski Club, which will sponsor the event.

South Central Region NEWSLETTER

By TOM PERKINS

The South Central Region is anticipating another active competitive year in 1959. The following cities had tournaments in 1958 and we are expecting repeat performances in 1959: New Orleans, Louisiana, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Dallas, Fort Worth, Amarillo, Austin, Houston, and Denison, Texas. We are also expecting a new tournament in East Texas to be held in either Tyler or Jacksonville and with Mississippi now in our Region there should be some activity in that area.

We had a new tournament inaugurated last year. It was the Lone Star Championships sponsored by the Aston Ski Club of Fort Worth. Beautiful trophies were awarded to first, second and third place winners in each event as well as Overall trophies in each division. The first place winner in each event also received a colorful 5" x 5" emblem resembling the Texas Flag. Each emblem designated the winner as being the 1958 Lone Star Champion in their respective events.

The tournament was quite successful and with Midge and Herman

Aston and their crew running the show it should prove to be one of the top tournaments in the country in coming years. Incidentally, it is an open tournament scheduled July 25 and 26, 1959, and the Texas skiers are challenging one and all to come down and try to take home some of our Texas Flags.

Our area has a number of promising skiers this year and we plan to take our share of the first place trophies come National Tournament time.

Regional Vice President Buddy Rupe is organizing an AWSA membership drive for the South Central Region and we anticipate increasing our membership by 50% or more.



Ft. Meadow Ski Club, Inc. (Marlboro, Mass.)

It may seem early to start plans for the coming water skiing year but considering all the work and planning that needs to be done there isn't ample time. The summer seems to fly by so fast that plans have to be made in the winter to provide time to enjoy the summer months of water skiing.

Our club, with a membership of 80, has raised dues this year to \$2.00 a month, in order to provide enough funds to buy our own boat and rent a piece of land. At our last meeting in November a boat was discussed thoroughly and it was not decided whether an inboard or an outboard with two Mercury 75's would be bought. We are in search of either one of these or the other, so if any of you readers know of any good boats for a good price I would very much appreciate your contacting me. We have another meeting in January and March, then we start our regular plans in April for our weekly meetings.

We are in the process of setting out our Slalom courses now, through the ice. We will drop anchors now with floats on them so when the ice melts we will attach the balloons and have an accurate Slalom course for our Exhibitions and Club Tournament.

In the very near future we will start work on the Jump, Club Pier, and Skis. Each year there is something to be done to keep them all in good shape for there is a lot of money tied up in our club equipment and a lot of enjoyment expected from them.

Our waiting list has climbed up to 35 again in a very short time. We expect more on it by the time spring comes around. We wish we could accept all those who wish to belong for we know water skiing is growing rapidly and so many are finding out the fun and excitement it brings.

Well in hopes of a fine and long summer ahead I will bid you farewell. There will be more news after our spring meeting.

Gloria Ballard
Secretary

Manaway Water Ski Club (Council Bluffs, Iowa)

While water skiing at Lake Manawa in Council Bluffs, Iowa, I noticed several couples doing some plain skiing by themselves. Thinking we might help each other and also enjoy one another's company, I invited them to join our group. They did!

But that was in 1952.

The enthusiasm touched off resulted in the organization of the Manawa Water Ski Club with sixteen original members. Since then our club has grown to over 100 present active members. While growing the club has built docks, regulation jumping ramp and has staged numerous water ski shows in Iowa, Nebraska, and Minnesota.

Our most recent local show (presented free to the public) was August 31, 1958. It was highly successful from the standpoint of publicity, attendance, and smooth appearance of each of 18 acts. Clowns kept up the tempo of the show which was concluded with a bat-like man-carrying kite. Guest skiers from North Platte, Nebraska were invited to participate and added greatly to the water spectacle.

Numerous pictures about our show appeared in the local newspapers including a full page in color in the Omaha World Herald. Radio and Television stations were generous in their publicity and boosted our show tremendously.

In addition to our water ski show activity we have introduced many hundreds of people of all ages to water skiing. We promote water safety and have made many wonderful friends skiing with members from other water ski clubs.

Possible enforcement of discriminatory laws relative to water skiing

prompted a meeting of four of our group with the Conservation Commission in Des Moines, Iowa in Dec. 1958. Purpose of our visit there and our constant aim is to keep water skiing safe and yet make it available to the thousands that visit our lake each summer day.

Dick Phillips

Tampa (Florida) Ski Bees

The Tampa Ski Bees have had an active fall, and are still going strong into the New Year. Our Second Annual Ski-a-Thon Grand Prix on Labor Day, was a huge success, and blended all the different forms of ski racing, now grown so popular in Florida, with short "heat" races all morning, and a fifty-mile all out race for all classes in the afternoon. We even had some backwards races that were a real riot.

With a ski show every Sunday at our headquarters at Ralston Beach, the club not only stays in trim but stays together. Small club tournaments most Sundays after the show have improved our skiers, too.

November saw more activity, as The Ski Bees hosted first a West Coast Invitational Slalom contest, followed by the third Annual Sixth District Florida Federation tourney the next week. The third week the entire club went to Cypress Gardens for the Annual statewide Florida Federation tourney, where young Jeanette Brown again won Junior Girls' honors.

The city-wide club has been expanding the last six months, as well, forming individual divisions on some of the other bodies of water in the area, not the least of which is the Riverview Division, where Chris

Moody, their President, has brought in forty more Ski Bees members. Elections of the city-wide group this month saw Jerry Williams elected as President; Chris Moody, Vice President; Sylvia Bennett, Recording Secy; Mary Lane, Corr. Secy.; Virginia Brown, Treasurer; Barbara Charland as Beach Boss; and Stew McDonald as Show Director.

Highlight of the club's activities was the combined effort of the Ski Bees and their "sister club", The Lake Maggiore skiers of St. Petersburg, who joined to produce the skiing and half-time show for back ground color during the CBS nationwide televising of the Holiday Bowl game. Wrestling over twenty-one minutes of TV time from the football game, the skiers outdid themselves. Using Mercury Outboard boats and equipment they established three new show "firsts" with six men simultaneously using two opposing jumps and crossing in mid-air, the jump boats later doing the same thing, and the finale of three kites flying simultaneously and abreast, with Santa Claus (Don Bright) hanging from the center one.

Our Gasparilla show, also to be televised on February 9th will occupy most of the club's spare moments in January. Skiin' is fun in the Florida sun, and we're all enjoying it.

Stew McDonald

Charlotte (N.C.) Water Ski Club

On Friday, January 2, the Charlotte Water Ski Club had its first meeting of the year. Twenty-three of the twenty-nine members were present, which is a very good showing since several are in school at this time. The following officers were elected: Presi-

dent, Jerry Hellrung; Vice-President, Nelson Greene; Secretary, Norma Curlee; Treasurer, Clyde Curlee.

The past summer was a very rewarding one with us. Four shows were performed in different areas around Charlotte. WSOC-TV filmed several hundred feet of film, featuring star performers in action. Through their cooperation in advertising, the shows were a big success. We have already one show for next summer, with the Albemarle Chamber of Commerce, and have other prospects. The Club was donated a Yellow Jacket Boat and a Mark 78 Mercury motor for summer use and this proved very profitable for all concerned.

The members have been active this fall and winter even with our frigid weather. Most of them are using the Scooba "Totes" for pleasant skiing in as low as 40 degree weather.

We especially want to thank you for your cooperation during the past year. We will strive, in 1959, to encourage and promote skiing: a **most wonderful sport.**

Mrs. Norma Curlee

Greenwood Lake (N.Y.) Water Ski Club

Before the hauling up of boats and the packing away of skis got under way this fall the Greenwood Lake Water Ski Club elected new officers for the coming year.

At the start of the club's election meeting, Lou Abel, retiring president who declined from running a second term, was given a standing ovation by the members of the club in appreciation of all the work he has done for the club and the sport of water skiing on the lake. Lou, who was the club's first president, organized the club

and has been responsible for all the tournaments held at the lake before and after the formation of the club. Lou is an AWSA judge and was recently appointed to the Rules Committee of AWSA.

The outgoing officers that served with Lou the past year were Ed Jephson as Vice President; Edna Salvidge, Treasurer; Beverly Ehrhardt, Corresponding Secretary, and Howard Zetka, Recording Secretary. They were all credited with doing a fine job.

The officers elected for the coming year are headed by Ed Jephson as President and Jack Ehrhardt as Vice President. Reelected to their offices of Treasurer and Secretary are Edna Salvidge and Beverly Ehrhardt, respectively. (The offices of Corresponding and Recording Secretary were combined into one office).

Committee Chairmen who serve until successors are appointed are John Abel, Chairman of the Slalom Course; Gee Spivak, Chairman of the Jump; and yours truly,

Mimi Cozzens
Publicity Director

Pentwater (Mich.) Wake Riders Ski Club

The Pentwater Wake Riders Ski Club of Pentwater, Mich. has just recently become affiliated with the AWSA. Our Club was officially formed this past summer under the auspices of the Pentwater Yacht Club. At the first meeting in August the election of officers took place. The following members have been elected to the respective offices:

President, Harry Wilkinson; Vice President, Warren Mullen; Secretary,

Holly Olwin; Treasurer, Michael Todd. Melinda Bates was elected chairman of the membership committee. William Hewett was elected chairman of the publicity committee. Chairman of the safety committee is George Tubich with Connie Taylor taking the chairmanship of the regatta committee.

Plans are presently under way for the Club's summer activities. Some of the events being scheduled for this summer include local ski shows, a local ski tournament, and several informal gatherings to discuss local skiing customs and safety. The Club also plans to sponsor a dance held at the yacht club for both junior and senior members of the club.

It is hoped that inter-club tournaments will be possible in our region in the near future.

William W. Hewett
Publicity Chairman

Stockton (Calif.) Water Ski Club

Elected to serve as President of the Stockton (California) Water Ski Club in recent voting was Bob Neeley, who succeeds Chet Eccles in the job. Serving as officers are Bob Knoles, 1st vice-president; Norman Cudney, second vice-president; Don Troglia, treasurer; Ann Knoles, secretary; Tony Tonegato, patrol officer; and Al Bonfield and Ni Orsi, Sr., assistant patrol officers. Other board members are Chet Eccles, Celia Williamson, John Allman, Lawrence De Mattei, and Bill Barlow, Jr.

A dinner-dance installation will be held on the night of February 28, 1959.

A Challenge to Each Member of the AWSA

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Your Membership Committee is trying to get an early start towards reaching a goal of 50,000 members in our association. We need your help to attain this goal. It is easy to gloss this over and do nothing, but we appeal to each one of you to do something about getting **one new member** which would be good, two even better and, five would be excellent and perfect. Let's do it.

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It might be appropriate at this time to review some of the services provided AWSA members.

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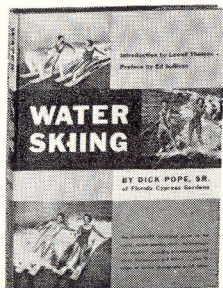
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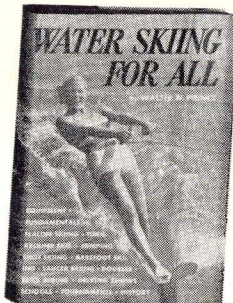
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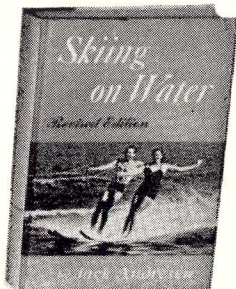


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STARTING DOCK — *Now Hear This!*

Your headquarters office "goofed" in omitting the names of two Century Club members in the Nov.-Dec. issue of the **Water Skier**. Mike Amsbry of Orange, California jumped 113 ft. in the "58" Nationals and Donnie Hill jumped 101 ft. at the Southern Regionals July 1958. Sorry fellows.

A copy of the official Tournament Rule Book will be mailed to all AWSA members during the first week of March. This first copy is free, but additional copies will be **50 cents**. In other words, hold on to your Rule Book — it's the skier's bible and a must for tournaments.

Chairman Charlie Tilgner of the Rules Committee wishes to thank the many people who wrote in their suggestions and ideas for the "59" Rules. He and his committee have done a fine job in having the "59" Rules ready for March distribution.

The new 1959 Rating Cards will also be sent out to all AWSA members with the Rule Book. Additional Rating Cards will be available at the headquarters office.

The 1959 World Water Ski Championships will be held at Milan, Italy on Sept. 11, 12, 13. Representing the U. S. will be a team selected from the top performers at the 1959 Nationals at Laconia, N. H. The system for selecting the team members will be handled by the World Team Selection Committee, Will Crews Morris, Chairman. Complete details on the selection will be covered in a future issue of the **Water Skier**.

Your association plans to distribute over 500,000 AWSA membership application forms during the next six

months. The new application forms contain complete information on the services offered by AWSA. They will be distributed by water ski, rope and marine equipment manufacturers. If there is a local marine dealer or ski club in your area who has need of such material, simply drop a card to your headquarters requesting a supply of material — Help build your Association.

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