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# From the Mailbox

Dear Hugo:

The Seattle Water Ski Association had its final program in a 16-week television series on water skiing last evening and Rod Preston and John Peterson of Seattle, and the crew of KTVW, deserve credit for carrying on an interesting and informative series with plenty of action movies and news about local skiing. I was a guest on the windup show and had a great time.

Chuck Tee, of Everett, has a weekly show in the midafternoon on Channel 4, KOMO, and he is doing an excellent job of promoting safety in swimming and water skiing. Chuck is Hank Fetcher's son-in-law and is a member of the Lake Stevens Water Ski Club.

The University of Washington and this writer have been cooperating on a ½-hour weekly show, 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, in which we are trying to put over the basic fundamentals of water skiing. We have had excellent response. We use movies (all slow motion) and a lecture discussion type of instruction that seems to get the points across. We stress safety and stick closely to the AWSA and OBC rules of skiing and boat safety. I think this is the first television course given by an accredited college concerned with water skiing.

We have two slalom courses set up in the Northwest, one at Lake Stevens and another on Lake Sammamish, 10 miles east of Seattle. We plan several non-sanctioned slalom meets this Summer.

Canada will have two meets nearby open to U.S. citizens: The Western Canadian Open, Victoria, B.C., July 25-27; and the National Canadian Open, August 11-13, at Kelowna, B.C. We should have good turnouts at both meets from U.S. residents.

Our meet is shaping up, with final approval for the use of Green Lake given this week. We will run a two-day meet and will

run novices with regular sanctioned skiers, scoring separately. The Seattle Yacht Club, where the famous Gold Cup resides, will be the location of the banquet. Rod Sampson and Frank Countner, the co-chairman, have had a little bad luck with their boat. It blew up and burned to the water line just as they launched it so they are boatless, but will still run the meet.

Sincerely,  
Lew West

Sirs:

During the past three years, THE WATER SKIER has come out with several excellent articles concerning various methods of calculating jumps, getting more spring into a jump, etc., all of which have been designed to help skiers come a bit closer to the "perfect jump."

Thus far, however, I believe I am the only person foolhardy enough to venture a guess on the exact distance the "perfect jump" would cover. This I did in 1956 in my book, "Water Skiing For All." My estimate, considering the jump was made under AWSA regulations, was 150 feet.

Now it seems the prediction was, to put it mildly, not quite accurate. I have read the articles and formulas for calculating jumps in back issues of THE WATER SKIER, boned up on my mathematics, worn three pencils down to their erasers and found that the "perfect jump" will cover a distance of 187 feet.

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Gentlemen:

Our water ski club, which was formed last year and showing much progress, has

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## THE COVER

Picture on the cover this month is Floyd McCreight of the Aston Ski Club, Fort Worth, Texas, in the midst of a dramatic jump. The picture was taken by Frank R. Zagarino, past president of the University of Miami Ski Club, who is now a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Carswell Air Force Base.

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# Georgia Plays Host To 1958 National Tourney

An unprecedented shattering of world and tournament water ski records is predicted as the nation's top water skiers converge on Pine Mountain, Ga., for the 1958 National Water Ski Tournament, to be held August 22 through 24. Staged on beautiful Robin Lake, at the world famous Ida Cason Callaway Gardens, this 16th annual renewal of America's top water sports competition will determine the national champion skiers in five divisions and four events.

Hot competition is expected in all events—jumping, slalom, tricks and overall—because the recent phenomenal growth of water skiing as a sport has produced a brilliant crop of eager young skiers. Youngsters who have come up through local competition and the regional tournaments are rarin' for shots at the national crowns.

At the same time, national champions

of last year, all record-setters in their own rights, will be back to defend their titles against the onslaughts of the newcomers.

## The Site

The setting for the 1958 Nationals is just as outstanding as the event itself. Located 30 miles north of Columbus, Ga., the 2,500-acre Ida Cason Callaway Gardens is among the top tourist recreational and horticultural attractions in the country. Robin Lake, at the Gardens, is the world's largest manmade lake skirted by a sand beach. As many as 15,000 persons will have a clear view of each event staged on the lake from the beach.

It should be noted that the address of the Gardens is Pine Mountain, Ga. Last Winter the town of Chipley changed its name to Pine Mountain, and hence, the change in the address of the Gardens.

**Beautiful Robin Lake, the site of the 1958 National Water Ski Championships, has been called the world's largest manmade lake. The beach will accommodate 15,000 persons.**



## How to Qualify

To enter an event in the 1958 Nationals, a skier must be a member of the American Water Ski Association and must have in his possession an official tournament qualification card properly filled out. Skiers must also be residents of the United States for the six months immediately preceding Regional Tournaments in which they qualified.

Entrants will be selected according to corresponding events in prior National and Regional Tournaments. A skier may also qualify by virtue of "exceptional performance" in sanctioned tournaments during the same year.

In order to enter an event in the National meet, the skier must have placed among the first five in that event in last year's national, among the first four two years ago, or among the first three finishers three years ago. Or he can have placed among the first five in a regional tournament this year, among the first three last year, or among the first two, two years ago.

## The Governor's Trophy

This year there has been a major change in the awarding of the Governor's Trophy,

a handsome silver trophy which in the past was presented to the team scoring the greatest number of points. The AWSA Tournament Committee voted to award the cup at the 1958 Nationals to the region compiling the most points on a basis of 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, etc., points being awarded the first 10 places in each event.

Thus the Governor's Trophy will in the future signify the region whose skiers compile the highest number of points in the tourney.

## Trophies

Bo Callaway, Executive Director of the Ida Cason Callaway Gardens, has announced that trophies awarded at the 1958 Nationals will be Silver. The decision to award Silver in place of the customary trophies was based on a survey of the winners of trophies at last year's nationals, who were overwhelmingly in favor of Silver.

## Entry Blanks

Entry blanks for the 1958 Nationals will be available at all regional tournaments. In addition, elsewhere in this edition of THE WATER SKIER, an official entry blank is printed on a page that may be clipped and mailed.

**Water skiing has always been a top sport at the Ida Cason Callaway Gardens, which has served as host to a number of local and regional tournaments in the past.**



## Champs To Defend Crowns

A capsule glance at the 1957 National Tournament gives some indication of the battles and skirmishes that may be expected to occur at the 1958 tourney's battleground.

If this year's tournament follows the pattern set at the nationals over the last couple of years, the waters of Robin Lake should be littered with crushed and broken records and tarnished championship crowns.

Last year, for an example, 14 out of 20 possible championship defenses were made. Only five were successful. And as an indication of the competition that's found at the national, for the first time in 16 years, there was only one double winner.

The double-crowned champ was Mrs. Leah Marie Atkins, who won both tricks and slalom. Her victory in the overall was her second and although she also won both events in '56, she did not jump and thus passed up overall consideration.

Her performance also accounted for two of the five successful title defenses. The others were Roger Ray of Kokomo, Ind., in boys' jumping, Mike Amsbry of Orange, Calif., in boys' tricks, and Janelle Kirtley of Birmingham, Ala., in girls' slalom. (However, Amsbry and Miss Kirtley were both dethroned as 1956 overall champions.)

Last year, Chuck Stearns, winner of the boys' overall title in '55, captured the men's overall.

He also renewed his slalom duel with Charles Emry of Cypress Gardens, Fla., and emerged with the title. Emry won the '54 boys' slalom; Stearns won it in '55. Then advancing to the men's division, Emry took the '56 men's slalom only to lose it again to Stearns last year.

Last year's tourney also saw newcomer Nancy Rideout of Cypress Gardens, Fla.,

sail over the former title holder, Mrs. Sandra (Sandy) Lecklider of Grosse Point, Mich., to a new championship and the setting of a new world record.

Nancy's teammate, Joe Cash, also from Cypress Gardens, Fla., and also making his debut in the nationals, followed her ramp-rocketing record-making performance by setting a new meet record and tying the world record jump mark of 126 feet.

Another upset last year, came when Henry Holmes of West Palm Beach, Fla., splashed cold water on Jack Andresen's veteran's overall title by slipping off with the slalom title after Andresen had held it for three straight years. And Andresen's twice-won tricks title crown toppled to unheralded Bill Morris of Lomita, Calif.

Roger Ray came out to San Diego from Kokomo, Ind., and dethroned Mickey Amsbry of Orange, Calif., in his own neighborhood by knocking off the boys' overall championship crown and then Glenn Sperry of Fort Worth, Texas, bumped the exchamp another notch off the top by sailing into second place.

Amsbry may have been staggered by this treatment but he wasn't out. He came through with the tricks championship by displaying a matchless performance and winning a record high total of 1,648 points.

Several straight years of competition for the girls' overall championship hasn't cooled the duel between blonde Vicki Van Hook, defending champ, and red-haired Janelle Kirtley, 1956 winner. With still two more years to go before moving up to the women's class, these two young ladies perform like the champions they are whenever they meet in competition.

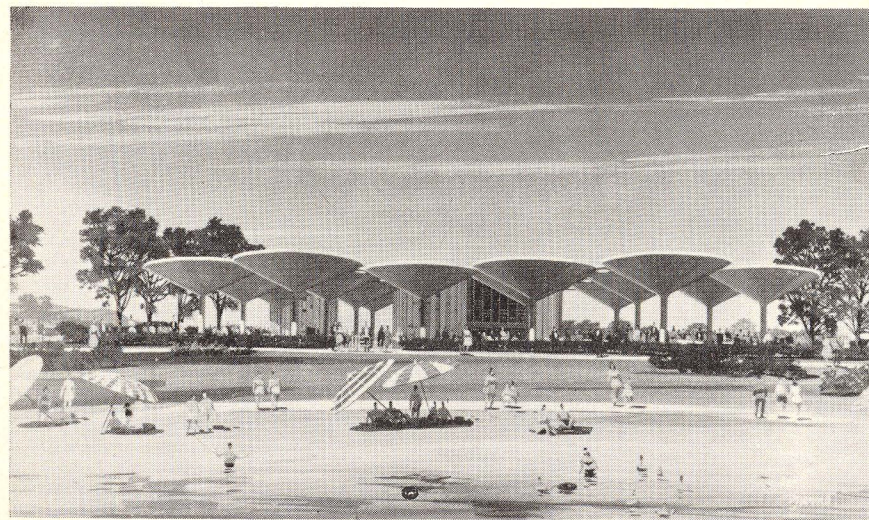
Janelle launched the battle in '56 by grabbing the tricks and slalom events, capturing the overall crown. The following

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Above, one of the many scenic spots at the Ida Cason Callaway Gardens is 175-acre Mountain Creek Lake, with a golfer's bridge and a 17th Century clubhouse in the background.

Below is an architect's conception of the new dining pavilion now under construction at Robin Lake Beach. It will be ready in time to serve contestants and spectators at 1958 Nationals.



# Schedule for 1958 National Tournament

## FRIDAY:

- 9:00 a.m. Women's Slalom
- 10:30 a.m. Veterans' Tricks
- 12:00 p.m. Girls' Jumping
- 1:30 p.m. Boys' Slalom
- 3:00 p.m. Girls' Tricks
- 4:00 p.m. Veterans' Slalom

## SATURDAY:

- 9:00 a.m. Girls' Slalom
- 10:30 a.m. Veterans' Jumping
- 12:00 p.m. Men's Tricks
- 2:00 p.m. Ski Show and Intermission
- 3:00 p.m. Boys' Jumping
- 4:30 p.m. Women's Tricks

## SUNDAY:

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Slalom
- 11:30 a.m. Women's Jumping
- 1:00 p.m. Boys' Tricks
- 2:30 p.m. Ski Show
- 3:00 p.m. Men's Jumping
- 5:00 p.m. Mixed Doubles

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## Practice at Tournament

Practice regulations at the 1958 Nationals will be those approved by the American Water Ski Association under the "ticket system." This system will apply to Wednesday and Thursday, August 20 and 21, preceding the tournament. Each contestant in the jumping events shall receive a ticket entitling him to five practice jumps over the official jump. This ticket will have the competitor's name on it and must be surrendered to the practice boat driver at the time when the five jumps are made.

Similarly, each competitor in the trick events will be given a ticket entitling him to two passes over the official jump on

trick skis. The practice boat driver will collect this ticket and will limit the use of it to jump practice only.

All these regulations apply to the two days immediately preceding the tournament and *only* such official practice will be permitted on those days. On any days *before this time*, the Ida Cason Callaway Gardens will permit ski practicing on the same basis as it provides for public water skiing in its regular program—boats may be rented and arrangements made with the drivers for particular types of practice. At no time will other than Gardens' or official tournament boats be permitted on the lake.

## Tourney Social Schedule

A full schedule of social and meeting activities will accompany the actual skiing events at this year's Nationals. Highlight of the social calendar will be Saturday night's banquet (August 23), which will be held at the magnificent new dining and dancing pavilion at the Ida Cason Callaway Gardens' Robin Lake Beach at Pine Mountain, Ga.

The huge, breeze-swept pavilion consists of 21 giant shells which tower like enormous wineglasses from slim bases to interlock above an area half the size of a football field. Beneath this massive canopy are unequalled facilities for dining and recreation, shaded and protected from sun and rain. This cool and colorful beachside location, overlooking the entire tournament course, will provide a festive atmosphere for Saturday night's festivities.

Other activities connected with the Championships will be a meeting of the judges on Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m., a membership meeting of the AWSA on Thursday evening, an AWSA board meeting, plus a number of special club activities on Friday night, and the presentation of trophies on Sunday evening at the conclusion of the Tournament.

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## Dick Pope Offers Book

Dick Pope, Sr., often called the father of American water skiing, has written the full story of the sport with detailed instructions for beginners plus helpful suggestions for experienced skiers in "WATER SKIING," published by Prentice-Hall, Inc.

Containing hundreds of illustrations, the book tells of the history of boating, plus the story of Cypress Gardens, location of the 1957 World Tournament.

Dick Pope, Sr., is offering his book to readers of THE WATER SKIER and all members of the AWSA at the special price of \$3. The book sells for \$4.95 in the book-

stores. Orders can be sent to: Dick Pope, Sr., Florida Cypress Gardens, Cypress Gardens, Fla.

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## Robin Lake is Manmade

Robin Lake, the site of the 1958 National Water Ski Tournament, is the world's largest manmade lake which is ringed by a sandy beach. Sixty-five acres in area, the lake is fed primarily by mountain springs. The beach is a strip of dazzling white sand, extending more than half a mile around the shoreline of the lake.

The sand extends 50 feet above the shoreline and 120 feet out beneath the surface of the water. Up to the present, 416 railroad cars of sand have been used on the beach, which is scraped and smoothed daily and augmented from season to season.

Three bathhouses at the beach can accommodate 1,000 bathers at a time. A shaded picnic area adjacent to the beach can serve 2,500 persons at a time and a permanent parking area will accommodate 2,100 cars. Nearby overflow parking areas will take care of another 2,000 cars.

The beach-area facilities have been designed to accommodate as many as 15,000 persons.

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## Airport At Callaway Gardens

Skiers who wish to fly their own planes to Ida Cason Callaway Gardens to attend the 1958 National Water Ski Tournament can do so because there is a private airport on the Gardens' property. The Callaway airport, just west of the Robin Lake Beach area, has a 3,000-foot turf airstrip and maintains limited hangar space plus complete tie-down and refueling services. Transportation is available by arrangement at the airport for pilots and their families to any of the Gardens' facilities without charge.

# To Each Member of AWSA

Do you enjoy your membership in the AWSA? We are sure you do—let's share this enjoyment with the many water skiers you know who are not members of the AWSA.

No doubt, there are many of your water skiing friends and acquaintances who are not aware of the joys one can experience as a member of the Association.

We are on a national membership drive and are attempting to increase the membership far beyond what it is today and attain a position in the water skiing fraternity where our influence and power can be of assistance to each skier in every way necessary.

We NEED the help of every member of the AWSA to obtain additional members. Contact all of your water skiing friends and relatives and have them send in their applications.

The following will give you ideas of what AWSA is and does:

AWSA is the national association of the sport of water skiing in America. As such it:

Publishes THE WATER SKIER magazine. Six issues per year are supplied to all members.

Determines and distributes the rules and regulations for competitive tournament water skiing.

Issues a comprehensive "Tournament Manual" which is free to those interested in sponsoring competitive events.

Maintains the system for skiers' ratings and qualifications.

Distributes and publicizes the manual of rules of safety for water skiing.

Sanctions tournaments, including the five Regional and annual National tournaments.

Supplies qualified judges for these competitive events.

Cooperates with other national associations such as the Outboard Boating Club of America and the National Association of Engine and Boat Manufacturers in the advancement of water skiing and pleasure boating and the expansion of facilities for these closely related sports.

Let's get going and share your enjoyment with the others.

Tell everyone and lose no time! DO IT NOW! Let's hear from you quickly. Send your applications and money to headquarters in Chicago, or to me, at:

A. H. Goode, Chairman  
Membership Committee  
Room 2531, 420 Lexington Avenue  
New York 17, N. Y.

## New AWSA Judges Named

The following new judges have been appointed official AWSA judges:

Deane Abben, 5861-23rd St., Sacramento, Calif.

Parker Williams, 306 First National Bank Building, Everett, Wash.

Lt. Col. Harry W. Robb, 1007 West Drive, Warrensburg, Mo.

Clayton P. Gatterdam, Box 10122 Oaks Dr., Forth Worth, Texas

Bonnie Barnes Perkins, 1808 Niles Rd., Austin, Texas

Bobby Fletcher, 7733 Adrian, Houston, Texas

W. W. Allen, Route 4, Box 163, Lubbock, Texas

John Barnettson, 2809 Green Acres Rd., Metairie, La.

M. Charles Stout, 350 Bath Ave., Long Branch, N. J.

Richard Riccio, 19 Woodward Ave., S. Norwalk, Conn.

# Previous National Winners

Records of National Water Ski Tournaments for the last five years indicate the following winners in each division and event:

### Men's Jumping

- 1957—Joe Cash 126 ft.\*
- 1956—Alfredo Mendoza 117 ft.
- 1955—Butch Rosenberg
- 1954—Butch Rosenberg
- 1953—Alfredo Mendoza

\* Ties world record.

### Men's Slalom

- 1957—Chuck Stearns
- 1956—Chuck Emry
- 1955—Warren Witherell
- 1954—Warren Witherell
- 1953—Warren Witherell

### Men's Tricks

- 1957—Wally Albright
- 1956—Warren Witherell
- 1955—Warren Witherell
- 1954—Alfredo Mendoza
- 1953—Warren Witherell

### Men's Overall

- 1957—Chuck Stearns
- 1956—Alfredo Mendoza
- 1955—Butch Rosenberg
- 1954—Butch Rosenberg
- 1953—Warren Witherell

### Women's Jumping

- 1957—Nancie Lee Rideout 76 ft.\*
- 1956—Sandra Lecklider 67 ft.
- 1955—Connie Der
- 1954—Joan Turbett
- 1953—Willa McGuire

\* Meet and world record.

### Women's Slalom

- 1957—Leah Marie Atkins
- 1956—Leah Marie Atkins
- 1955—Willa McGuire
- 1954—Willa McGuire
- 1953—Leah Marie Rowles (Atkins)

### Women's Tricks

- 1957—Leah Marie Atkins
- 1956—Leah Marie Atkin
- 1955—Willa McGuire
- 1954—Willa McGuire
- 1953—Willa McGuire

### Women's Overall

- 1957—Leah Marie Atkins
- 1956—Elayne Roper
- 1955—Willa McGuire
- 1954—Willa McGuire
- 1953—Willa McGuire

### Boys' Jumping

- 1957—Roger Ray 87 ft.
- 1956—Roger Ray 92 ft.
- 1955—Bobby Marotti
- 1954—Chuck Emry
- 1953—Chuck Emry

### Boys' Slalom

- 1957—Glenn Sperry
- 1956—Mike Amsbry
- 1955—Chuck Stearns
- 1954—Chuck Emry
- 1953—Buster McCalla

### Boys' Tricks

- 1957—Mike Amsbry
- 1956—Mike Amsbry
- 1955—Chuck Stearns
- 1954—Gene Marotti
- 1953—Gene Marotti

### Boys' Overall

- 1957—Roger Ray
- 1956—Mike Amsbry
- 1955—Chuck Stearns
- 1954—Chuck Emry
- 1953—Buster McCalla

### Girls' Jumping

- 1957—Sally Morris 67 ft.\*
- 1956—Mary Ann Grass 61 ft.
- 1955—Anne Parks
- 1954—Connie Der
- 1953—Tweedles Becker

\* New meet record.

### Girls' Slalom

- 1957—Janelle Kirtley
- 1956—Janelle Kirtley
- 1955—Mary Ann Moenert
- 1954—Connie Der
- 1953—Sharon Crosby

### Girls' Tricks

- 1957—Vicki Van Hook
- 1956—Janelle Kirtley
- 1955—Vicki Van Hook
- 1954—Sally Morris
- 1953—Sharon Crosby

### Girls' Overall

- 1957—Vicki Van Hook
- 1956—Janelle Kirtley
- 1955—Mary Ann Moenert
- 1954—Connie Der
- 1953—Sharon Crosby

### Veterans' Jumping

- 1957—Hal Roberts 78 ft.\*
- 1956—Bill Goodhue 77 ft.
- 1955—Earl Hollowell
- 1954—Bill Goodhue
- 1953—Bill Martin

\* Meet record. Ties world record.

### Veterans' Slalom

- 1957—Henry Holmes
- 1956—Jack Andresen
- 1955—Jack Andresen
- 1954—Jack Andresen
- 1953—Al Eames

### Veterans' Tricks

- 1957—Bill Morris
- 1956—Jack Andresen
- 1955—Walter Pallack
- 1954—Jack Andresen
- 1953—Sam Zamudio

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## New Orleans Open Tournament

Two AWSA National jumping records were broken and one tied at the New Orleans Open Water Ski Tournament, held in New Orleans, June 7 and 8. Five men—Nathan Travassas, James Jackson, Sandy Reynolds, Henry Nichols and Mack Parks—jumped over 100 feet and one junior boy, Roger Ray, using a 5-foot ramp at 28 m.p.h., jumped 107 feet. Ray thus becomes the first junior boy applicant for the Century Club.

Nancie Rideout, using the same ramp and speed, jumped 79 feet for a new record. The results:

**Men's Division: Jumping**—James Jackson, first; Nathan Travassas, second; Mack Parks, third. **Slalom**—Red Davies, first; Mack Parks, second; James Jackson, third. **Tricks**—Glenn Sperry, first; Red Davies, second; Dick Waters, Jr., third. **Overall**—Red Davies, first; Glenn Sperry, second; Dick

Waters, Jr., third.

**Women's Division: Jumping**—Nancie Rideout, first; Lou Blackwell, second; Joyce King, third. **Slalom**—Nancie Rideout, first; Joan Smith, second; Joyce King, third. **Tricks**—Nancie Rideout, first; Joan Smith, second; Geri Killilea, third. **Overall**—Nancie Rideout, first; Joyce King, second; Midge Aston, third.

**Boys' Division: Jumping**—Roger Ray, first; Art Fox, second; Penny Baker, third. **Slalom**—Tom Walker, first; Hardy Vick, second; Howard Ennis, third. **Tricks**—Roger Ray, first; Art Fox, second; Penny Baker, third. **Overall**—Roger Ray, first; Art Fox, second; Tom Walker, third.

**Girls' Division: Jumping**—Gwen Huston, first; Norine Bardill, second; Jean Barnetson, third. **Slalom**—Janelle Kirtley, first; Norine Bardill, second; Kathy Rayside, third. **Tricks**—Janelle Kirtley, first; Norine Bardill, second; Kathy Rayside, third. **Overall**—Janelle Kirtley, first; Norine Bardill, second; Gwen Huston, third.

**Veterans' Division: Jumping**—Jack Killilea, first; Johnny DeMiller, second; Monroe Scurlock, third. **Slalom**—Dr. Hugh Dortch, Jr., first; Johnny DeMiller, second; Jack Killilea, third. **Tricks**—Johnny DeMiller, first; Jesse Rambo, second; Jack Killilea, third. **Overall**—Johnny DeMiller, first; Jack Killilea, second; Jesse Rambo, third.

Fred Pendlebury, third.

**Women's Division: Slalom**—Charlene Penacho, first; Elva Swoffer, second; Patsy Turner, third. **Tricks**—Elva Swoffer, first; Gloria Abben, second; Babs Pendleton, third. **Jumping**—Gloria Abben, first; Elva Swoffer, second; Jane Aull, third. **Overall**—Gloria Abben, first; Elva Swoffer, second.

**Men's Division: Slalom**—Chuck Stearns, first; Bob Collins, second; Gary Chamberlain, third. **Tricks**—Chuck Stearns, first; Ray Gallagher, second; Bill Barlow, Jr., third. **Jumping**—Chuck Stearns, first; Ray Gallagher, second; Bob Collins, third. **Overall**—Chuck Stearns, first; Ray Gallagher, second.

**Veteran's Division: Slalom**—Wally Pallack, first; Floyd Vance, second; Bill Morris, third. **Tricks**—Wally Pallack, first; Billy Dickson, second; Bill Morris, third. **Jumping**—Floyd Vance, first; Hal Roberts, second; Bill Morris, third. **Overall**—Wally Pallack, first; Bill Morris, second; Floyd Vance, third.

## Western Open Championships

The Western Open Championships were held June 21 and 22 at San Diego, Calif., under the sponsorship of the San Diego Speedboat and Water Ski Club. The results:

**Girls' Division: Slalom**—Vicki Van Hook, first; Colleen Dodge, second; Vicky Vance, third. **Tricks**—Vicki Van Hook, first; Colleen Dodge, second; Vicky Vance, third. **Jumping**—Vicki Van Hook, first; Colleen Dodge, second; Vicky Vance, third. **Overall**—Vicki Van Hook, first; Colleen Dodge, second; Vicky Vance, third.

**Boys' Division: Slalom**—Fred Pendlebury, first; Larry Penacho, second; Ronnie Danliker, third. **Tricks**—Ni Orsi, Jr., first; Larry Penacho, second; Fred Pendlebury, third. **Jumping**—Larry Penacho, first; Ni Orsi, Jr., second; Fred Pendlebury, third. **Overall**—Larry Penacho, first; Ni Orsi, Jr., second;

## From The Mailbox (Cont'd)

great plans for the coming season. We also hope some day to become affiliated with American Water Ski Association.

This summer we hope to have slalom races, jumps, etc., however, we do not have the proper rule books and would appreciate any information as to where we could send for these necessary rules. We are also interested in trophies for water skiing and

boating events. Also, do you know where to obtain club emblem decals for boats.

If you have this information, or could advise us where to write, it would certainly be appreciated.

Arctic Aqua Club  
Jean Kaufman  
Secretary-Treasurer

## Soda Bay Water Ski Meet

Although marred somewhat by rough water and intermittent showers, the fourth annual Soda Bay Water Ski Tournament, held on California's Clear Lake, June 7-8, successfully opened the skiing season for the 42 competitors from Northern California and Oregon. The Golden Gate Water Ski Club sponsored the meet.

Winning first overall in the Men's division, Lon Skinner, AWSA director and chairman of the 1958 Western Regional Championships, gathered a near perfect 2996 points by taking first places in the slalom and jumping events and losing out to Ray Gallagher in the tricks by only three points. Lon has won the slalom event in this meet for the past three years.

The small entry, a result of the threatening weather, forced the combination of the Junior Girls' and Women's jumping. The combined event was won by Colleen Dodge, who went on to win the Junior Girls' overall with firsts in slalom and tricks.

Although each made the same number of consecutive buoys at 30 m.p.h. in the rough bay, Wally Pallack was beaten in the Veterans' slalom when Al Eames picked up additional points after the first miss. Wally gained 1000 overall points in

the event, however, and went on to win in the overall scoring.

Three competitive members of the Abben family of Sacramento lugged home a total of eight trophies as Gloria won the Women's overall and son, Phillip, took the Junior Boys' division.

Bill Barlow, Jr.

**Men's Division: Jumping**—Lon Skinner, first; Gary Chamberlain, second; Ray Gallagher, third. **Slalom**—Lon Skinner, first; Bob Rose, second; Ralph Corwell, third. **Tricks**—Ray Gallagher, first; Lon Skinner, second; Kenneth Fox, third. **Overall**—Lon Skinner, first; Ray Gallagher, second; Bob Rose, third.

**Women's Division: Jumping**—Gloria Abben. **Slalom**—Beverly Minor, first; Gloria Abben, second; Colleen McQuire, third. **Tricks**—Gloria Abben, first; Georgia Fox, second; Dee Dutra, third. **Overall**—Gloria Abben.

**Boys' Division: Jumping**—Paul Caulilk, first; Phillip Abben, second; Gary Eames, third. **Slalom**—Donald Gutleben, first; Gary Eames, second; Phillip Abben, third. **Tricks**—George Winters, first; Phillip Abben, second; Gary Abben, third. **Overall**—Phillip Abben, first; Gary Eames, second; George Winters, third.

**Girls' Division: Jumping**—Colleen Dodge, first; Vickie Vance, second. **Slalom**—Colleen Dodge, first; Carol Eames, second; Vickie Vance, third. **Tricks**—Colleen Dodge, first; Vickie Vance, second; Carol Eames, third. **Overall**—Colleen Dodge, first; Vickie Vance, second.

**Veterans' Division: Jumping**—Floyd Vance, first; Nick Nickolson, second; Wally Pallack, third. **Slalom**—Al Eames, first; Wally Pallack, second; Earl Holland, third. **Tricks**—Wally Pallack, first; Eino Nasse, second; Floyd Vance, third. **Overall**—Wally Pallack, first; Floyd Vance, second; Bill Rook, third.

## Dallas Water Ski Tournament

The Dallas Water Ski Club held its annual open tournament at Grapevine Lake, June 21-22. There was an entry of 62 skiers. Sixty trophies were awarded to the winners.

The outstanding events of the tourney were the jumps made by Jerry Vincent of Orange, Texas. His three jumps distanced 100 feet, 108 feet and 102 feet, entitling him to membership in the Century Club. All particulars of this event were checked by the head judge, Buddy Rupe, and other judges of the tournament.

**Girls' Division: Slalom**—Gwen Huston, first; Margaret Rodgers, second; Linda Barnett, third. **Tricks**—Gwen Huston, first; Sarah Parkey, second; Margaret Rodgers, third. **Jumping**—Gwen Huston, first; Margaret Rodgers, second; Sarah Parkey, third.

**Boys' Division: Slalom**—Tom Walker, first; Art Fox, second; Randy Vance, third. **Tricks**—Art Fox, first; Randy Vance, second; Tom Walker, third. **Jumping**—Art Fox, first; Speedy Hart, second; Randy Vance, third. **Overall**—Art Fox, first; Randy Vance, second; Tom Walker, third.

**Men's Division: Slalom**—Glenn Sperry, first; Dick Waters, Jr., second; Mack Parks, third. **Tricks**—Glenn Sperry, first; Buddy Rupe, second. Jerry Vincent, third. **Jumping**—Jerry Vincent, first; Jimmie Brown, second; Toby Vincent, third. **Overall**—Glenn Sperry, first; Jerry Vincent, second; Dick Waters, Jr., third.

## Dedicate Texas Lake With Ski Tourney

Dedication of Eisenhower State Park on Lake Texoma, Texas, was held on May 25, climaxing a week-long series of events which included the first water ski tournament ever held on the huge lake.

The finale of the Eisenhower State Park dedication featured some 60 skiers participating in the tournament sponsored by the Texoma Boat and Ski Club. The tourney was run under AWSA regulations, although it wasn't sanctioned because the Texoma Boat and Ski Club's affiliation with the association had not yet been approved. Herman J. Aston, a national director of the American Water Ski Association, directed the tourney. Aston heads the Aston Ski Club of Forth Worth, which numbers among its members Elayne Roper Baker, women's overall skier champion, a title won at LaPorte, Ind., in 1956, and Glenn Sperry, winner of the national junior boys' championship at San Diego, Calif., in 1957.

The contest site was Butterfly Cove, where ample space was provided for spectators on each side of the area. The tourney opened Friday, May 23, with contestants limited that day to local skiers, vying for a special local skier trophy. On Saturday and Sunday, all skiers participated, competing for a total of 45 trophies, with five divisions and three classes of competition. Special exhibitions at noon and 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday featured a flying saucer exhibition, barefoot skiing, pyramids and the spectacular kite trick.

Winners were:

Girls' Division: Slalom—Sara Parkey, first; Punky Fox, second; Brenda Dyer, third. Tricks—Sara Parkey, first; Punky Fox, second. Jumping—Punky Fox, first; Sara Parkey, second.

Boys' Division: Slalom—Art Fox, Jr., first; Tom Walker, second; Mike McGinty, third. Tricks—Skip Fox, first; Penny Baker, second; Tom Walker, third.

Jumping—Skip Fox, first; Tom Walker, second; Jeren Hooten, third.

Veterans' Division: Slalom—Gordon Bourland, first; Otto Vehle, second; Art Fox, Sr., third. Tricks—Gordon Bourland, first; Otto Vehle, second; Art Fox, Sr., third. Jumping—Gordon Bourland and Art Fox, Sr.

Women's Division: Slalom—Bonnie Perkins, first; Joy Blake, second; Midge Aston, third. Tricks—Bonnie Perkins, first; Midge Aston, second; Joy Blake, third. Jumping—Bonnie Perkins, first; Midge Aston, second; Joy Blake, third.

Men's Division: Slalom—Johnny Joseph, first; Glenn Sperry, second; Frank Zagarino, third. Tricks—Floyd McCreight, first; Glenn Sperry, second; Johnny Joseph, third. Jumping—Glenn Sperry, first; Buddy Rupe, second; Floyd McCreight, third.

Russell Haworth of Denison, Texas, won the top points for local skier.

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## Eastern Region Newsletter

By Bob Triplett

I never thought that I'd wake up this morning in the mood for quips but I can't resist telling you that I'm ready for Red Bank—and that's something you can bank on. For I'm sure that Charley Stout and his crew of salt water ski fanatics are ready to give us another fine tournament and good time. So we'll be rendezvousing with you in New Jersey on the July 4 weekend.

Ruth Wasli, our last year's practice judge, and some of our other St. Mary's Water Ski Club members hope to make the trip. Ruth just learned to ski this month, but hopes to enter slalom. As for running the course, she says she has the darndest time with those six intermediate balloons, but can really clobber those entrance gates.

Some of our other good skiers who may possibly make the trip are Hal and Jerri Joines, Ed Stickney, Wendell and Birdie Walker, Charley Archer, Bill and Barbara Simmons, Dorres Hughes, Lee and Pat Wilson, Joe Dauphin, Pat Kapp, Barbara and Jean Cook, Sue Ferber, Carle Newberry, Mary Lou Vernstein, Dean Allen, Dolly Priest, Mel Moore, Al and Lee Breault, Aaron Sugar, Mac Harlow, Bob Strain, Kinky Rawls, Joel McQuade, Duck Incerto, Earl Reed, Dave Caulke, Tom and Rosemary Puglia, Vernon and Peggy Miles and George Quade.

Did you nice people notice anything missing from the last two issues of THE WATER SKIER? Well I did and it was news of people and happenings in our Eastern Region. Your club correspondents aren't getting the news items to headquarters. Of course, I know that many of you in the North have until recent weeks been more interested in snow skiing and ice skating than water skiing. But even in cold weather, the water skiers around the U.S. are still curious about what you and your club members are doing. And the

ideal means of answering the questions in many people's minds is THE WATER SKIER.

For instance, I'm crawling with questions. Like: Is Warren Witherell still teaching at Holderness School? Is Skip Field about to get his trick run up to 1,000 points? Are Bob Lilly and his mother competing at Red Bank? When is the Maryland Water Ski Club in Baltimore going to sponsor a tournament? Are Mike Leahy and Dick Smith competing this Summer? Did Lee Sutherland go to work on snow shoes this past year? And where did Bruce the Moose winter?

Please let me know who your club correspondents are. Also will you please return the Olympic petition I sent to you with the last newsletter. Bill Clifford has recently appointed me to investigate the Olympic question and will expect a report from me at the Nationals this Summer. If you have lost the form I sent you, one is attached for your convenience. I have only received the signed petitions from two clubs so far so would appreciate it if you will return yours as soon as possible.

### Official AWSA Meter

**The Johnson meter has been selected as the only official AWSA meter to be used in all sanctioned tournaments.**

**In all other tournaments the use of the Johnson meter is optional. However, no records will be recognized as official world's records unless they are established in a sanctioned tournament where the jumps are measured by the use of the Johnson meter.**

**Records now in existence will not be affected by this ruling.**



# Coming Water Ski Tournaments

## **AWSA 1958 Eastern Regional Tournament**

Lake Opechee, Laconia, N. H.  
August 1-3, 1958  
Sponsor: Wiers Ski Club

## **Michigan State Championship Tournament**

Lake Sherwood, Milford, Mich.  
August 1-3, 1958  
Sponsor: Lake Sherwood Ski Club & Milford Junior Chamber of Commerce  
Contact: Dwight Holton, 4045 E. Commerce Rd., Milford, Mich.

## **1958 Illinois State Water Ski Championships (Closed)**

Wigwam Hotel, Paw Paw Lake, Water-vliet, Mich.  
August 2-3, 1958  
Sponsor: Illinois Water Ski Association  
Contact: James Lauzon, Chrmn, Tournament Committee, 6500 S. Marshfield Ave., Chicago 36, Ill.

## **Northwest Seafair Water Ski Championships**

Greenlake, Seattle, Wash.  
August 2-3, 1958  
Sponsor: Olympic Water Ski Club & Greater Seattle, Inc.  
Contact: Frank H. Countner or Rod Sampson, 4502-54th, N. E., Seattle, Wash.

## **South Central 1958 AWSA Regional Tournament**

Lake Austin, Texas  
August 2-3, 1958  
Contact: Thomas H. Perkins, c/o Austin Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 998, Austin 66, Texas

## **Mid-West Regional Championships**

Lake Sherwood, Milford, Mich.  
August 8-10, 1958

Sponsor: Milford Junior Chamber of Commerce & Lake Sherwood Ski Club  
Contact: Dwight Holton, 4045 E. Commerce Rd., Milford, Mich.

## **AWSA 1958 Western Regional Water Ski Championships (Closed)**

Gardener Lake, Medford Lake, Ore.  
August 8-10, 1958  
Sponsor: Gardener Lake Ski Club  
Contact: Lon Skinner, 30 Portland, Medford, Ore.

## **AWSA National Water Ski Championships**

Ida Cason Callaway Gardens, Chipley, Ga.  
August 22-24, 1958  
Contact: Howard Callaway, Ida Cason Callaway Gardens, Chipley, Ga.

## **Qualifications Changed For Mid-West Regional**

Qualifications for the Mid-West Regional Championships have been changed by the AWSA in view of the short ski season in the Midwest along with inadequate facilities to rate skiers with qualified judges. New requirements are:

- Jumping: Men 75'; all other, 40'.
- Slalom: Men 26-28; vets 24-26; all other, 20-22.
- Tricks: Men 450 points; all other, 250 points.
  - a) Must certify they have accomplished the above in any prior sanctioned AWSA meet.
  - b) Or, were in the first 20 in the '57 Mid-West.
  - c) Or, qualify on Friday, August 8, at meet site.

Winners will still be eligible for an expert or first class rating and for the Nationals.



Mechanical muscles, a Heco mobile crane, lifts Texoma club's new ramp into the water.

## **Club Members Solve Ramp Problem**

When the newly-formed Texoma Boat and Ski Club was informed that they were to have charge of the first Lake Texoma Water Ski Tournament, all hands fell to the task of constructing a new ski jump.

Much like the fellow who built a boat in his basement, only to learn that it was too big to get out through the basement door, the skiers found themselves faced with a

predicament—how to get the huge 12 by 24 foot ramp into the water.

The club is associated with the Harwicke-Etter Company of Sherman, Texas, manufacturers of heavy equipment. Two members of the club, Cecil Scovel and Polly Stokes, solved the ramp problem by coming to the rescue in a mobile crane manufactured by the company.

Within minutes, the cumbersome and unwieldy ramp was gently lifted up, driven to the water's edge and eased into the water.

## **Champs To Defend Crowns (Cont'd)**

year, Vicki came through to make off with the tricks title and tied the meet record of 63 feet in the jump, leaving Janelle with only the slalom crown.

At the same meet, blonde Sally Morris from McQueeney, Texas, leaped to a new record of 67 feet and slipped into second place ahead of Birmingham's Janelle.

In the men's division last year, Wally Albright hopped, skipped and jumped his way out of the Indio, Calif., desert to score a record smashing 1,610 points and the title in men's tricks.

A newcomer to the tournament scoreboard, Albright was followed by another winning darkhorse, Hal Roberts of San Diego, who skied out onto his home waters and set a meet record when he tied the world mark of 68 feet in the veterans' jump.

Competition between the tournament's veteran contestants was and will remain fierce. Every year newcomers appear on the roster and slam unknown, unmeasured blows at every title. This year, the 1958 National Tournament, will be no different.



Leah Marie Atkins and Jenny Hodges board airliner for European skiing trip.

## Leah Atkins and Jenny Hodges Ski in Europe

Leah Marie Atkins and Jenny Hodges flew to Europe on June 18 where they were invited to compete in the European Water Ski Association meets in Italy, Switzerland and Sutria. They will also appear in an exhibition at the Brussels Fair.

Ed J. Hodges, president of the Alabama-Warrior Ski Club, received a cable from Milano, Italy, reporting that Jenny had placed second in the slalom at the International Meet.

The world-girdling skiers will return home in time to enter the 16th Annual National Water Ski Tournament at the Ida Cason Callaway Gardens in Georgia, August 22-24.

## Two Clubs Co-Sponsor State of Maine Meet

The first State of Maine Water Ski Championships will be held August 10, 1958, and will be co-sponsored by the

Kittery Lions Club and the Pepperrell Cove Water Ski Club of Kittery Point, Maine. The meet will be held at Pepperrell Cove, Kittery Point, Maine.

Fussy Wilson will act as chairman for the Lions Club and Frank Frisbee, president of the Pepperrell Cove water skiers, will be general chairman of the whole event.

The Pepperrell Cove Water Ski Club is a non-profit organization. Its goal is to encourage and improve the sport of water skiing and to promote good fellowship among all skiers. It was formed four years ago to fill the need in the area for a Summer water ski club and to foster and promote skiing in Maine. One of its main aims has been to provide equipment for younger skiers who are not able to provide equipment for themselves.

Schedule of events for August 10 will be as follows: Girls' Slalom, Boys' Slalom, Girls' Jumping, Men's Slalom, Boys' Jumping, Mixed Doubles and Men's Jumping.

This is to be a Closed State of Maine Championship. There are six or seven clubs throughout the state who are going to join us. This meet is sanctioned by the AWSA and is being run under their rules and regulations. There will be three AWSA official judges for the meet: Larry Brown, Bill Trudgeon and Dick Robinson. all of Laconia, N. H.

## Previous Winners (Cont'd)

### Veterans' Overall

1957—Henry Holmes  
1956—Jack Andresen  
1955—Earl Hollowell  
1954—Jack Andresen  
1953—Sam Zamudio

### Mixed Doubles

1957—Mike Amsbry - Vicki Van Hook  
1956—Tom Dorwin - Janie Dorwin  
1955—Jack Andresen - Mary Andresen  
1954—Bruce Parker - Evie Wolford  
1953—Jannette Burr - Bill Schumacher

### Team Championship

1957—Long Beach Boat and Ski Club  
1956—Long Beach Boat and Ski Club  
1955—Ski Club of the Palm Beaches  
1954—Cypress Gardens Ski Team

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# National Water Ski Championships

(Sanctioned by the American Water Ski Association)

ROBIN LAKE BEACH—IDA CASON CALLAWAY GARDENS,  
PINE MOUNTAIN, GA.

AUGUST 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 1958

REGISTRATION FEE—\$10.00

NOTE: ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOON, AUG. 15, 1958

Howard H. Callaway, Chairman  
National Water Ski Championships  
Ida Cason Callaway Gardens  
Pine Mountain, Georgia

Please accept my entry in the events marked (X) below in the National Water Ski Championships of the American Water Ski Association to be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1958 at Robin Lake Beach, Ida Cason Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Georgia.

In consideration of your accepting this entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, release and forever discharge the Ida Cason Callaway Foundation and the American Water Ski Association, their agents, servants and all persons connected with these competitions, of and from any and all rights, claims, demands, and actions of any and every nature whatsoever that I may have, or the minor for whom I am signing may have, for any and all loss, damage, or injury sustained by me or by my equipment, or by the minor for whom I am signing or by his equipment, before, during and after said competitions.

I further understand that the Tournament Committee reserves the right at any time, both before and during said competitions, to disqualify me and to refuse to allow me to compete in said competitions for any reason that they in their sole and unlimited discretion deem just and proper, and in such event I will be entitled to the return of my \$10.00 entry fee and no more.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

(Street)

(City)

(State)

SIGNATURE OF COMPETITOR \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

(If competitor is under 21 years of age)

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| EVENTS             |                       |         |              |
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|                    | SLALOM                | JUMPING | TRICK RIDING |
| BOYS.....          | _____                 | _____   | _____        |
| GIRLS.....         | _____                 | _____   | _____        |
| MEN.....           | _____                 | _____   | _____        |
| WOMEN.....         | _____                 | _____   | _____        |
| VETERANS.....      | _____                 | _____   | _____        |
| MIXED DOUBLES..... | NAME OF PARTNER _____ |         |              |

DATE OF BIRTH IF ENTRIES IN JUNIOR OR VETERAN CLASS:

MONTH \_\_\_\_\_ DAY \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

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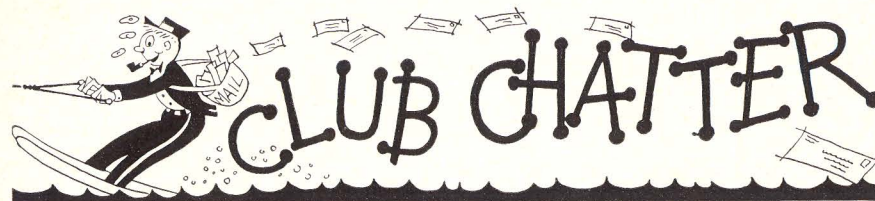
## More Clubs Affiliate With AWSA

With every new issue of THE WATER SKIER, we include a list of new clubs which have become affiliated with the AWSA. It seems that the list grows longer with each succeeding issue, proving that water skiing is growing rapidly—and is becoming a better-organized sport.

The following are the latest additions to the list of water ski clubs to affiliate or to renew their affiliation with the AWSA:

- Golden Gate Water Ski Club, Fairfax, Calif.
- Jacksonville Water Ski Club, Jacksonville, Fla.
- First Neches Ski Club, Beaumont, Texas
- Mid-Plains Boat & Ski Club, Tulia, Texas
- Long Beach Boat & Ski Club, Long Beach, Calif.
- Richmond Water Ski Club, Richmond, Va.
- Miracle Strip Water Ski Club, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

- Caddigan's Ski School Assn., Tacoma, Wash.
- Ski Club of the Palm Beaches, West Palm Beach, Fla.
- Fishing Village Ski Club, Plum Branch, S. C.
- The Gateway Skiers, Jacksonville, Fla.
- Trout River Aquabats of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Fla.
- Gardener Lake Water Ski Club, Eagle Point, Ore.
- Weirs Ski Club, Laconia, N. H.
- Sacramento Water Ski Club, Sacramento, Calif.
- "Aqua Jesters" of the Moses Lake Boat Club, Moses Lake, Wash.
- Pepperrell Cove Water Ski Club, Inc., Kittery Point, Maine
- Cypress Gardens Ski Club, Winter Haven, Fla.
- Seattle Water Ski Assn., Seattle, Wash.
- Texoma Boat & Ski Club, Sherman, Texas



## Stockton (Calif.) Water Ski Club

Under mercifully overcast skies, a hardy band of Stockton water skiers gathered on the club beach for the season's first workday on May 10, 1958. The group, about the size of a low budget crowd scene, was, with the aid of donated equipment, able to do the work of a cast of thousands before coming to a sudden halt in midafternoon.

Leading the work party was President Chet Eccles, who described the work to be done to the group made up of Bill, Sr., Bill, Jr., and Muriel Barlow, C. R. and Randy Eccles, Bruce and Dennis Ioppini, Charlie Risso, Jim and Fred Williamson, and Stan York. Later in the day, the group was augmented by two Golden Gate Water Ski Club members who arrived in Earl Holland's boat and pitched in to aid the understaffed Stocktonians for a short while.

The plan consisted of removing brush and surface mud from a 100-foot strip of beach north of the present skiing area and covering the denuded area with a thick layer of sand removed from the center of the island. Aiding, or rather making possible, the plans were a small bulldozer and a dump truck.

After the bulldozer had cleared the area, leaving a knee-deep morass, about 30 loads of sand were carried from the center of the island by truck and spread over the saturated subsoil by the skiers. Other members mowed the heavy grass in back of the beach and around the picnic tables and gathered logs to fence in a swimming area for children.

The work was halted rather suddenly

about 3 p.m. when the left rear axle of the dump truck snapped starting from the sand. Mumbling something about "full floating axles" and "just those eight nuts right there," Jack Fickel and Bruce Ioppini began tearing the rear end of the truck to pieces on the spot while boats scattered in all directions after axles, gaskets, differential oil and more beer.

In spite of the sudden conclusion of their activities, the skiers were happy to note that a considerable area of clean, white sand had been spread prior to the catastrophe. Jim Williamson, chairman of the beach improvements committee, decided to assess the progress and plan for further workdays once the sand settles, the mud dries and the equipment is again available.

Williamson expressed the hope that a larger group of skiers would be available at the next workday in order that the project might be completed in a single day.

## Wedding Bells Ring For Ski Club Members

Four prominent members of the Stockton Water Ski Club, Stockton, Calif., have "tied the knot" in the last part of 1957 and to date in 1958.

A lovely wedding in Morris Chapel joined Nancy Peterson and Bud Watkin in September of 1957. They are now residing in Sacramento, but anticipate moving back to Stockton sometime this year. It is hoped that Nancy will remain in the ski club and persuade her husband to join as well.

Through snow, sleet and hail, Barbara Allman became the wife of Mr. Larry

Castle of this city in Carson City, Nevada, and both are now convinced it was worth braving the storms. They were married March 30, 1958, and reside at 825 N. American St. in Stockton.

In a beautiful ceremony at the Church of Annunciation, Gail Hartmann became the wife of Larry Gallagher. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and returned May 5. They have purchased a home in Lincoln Village at 6035 Belmont.

Last to join the happy group of "I dos" is Dr. John Eccleston and Dorothy Davidson, who is also a Stocktonian. They went to Las Vegas, Nevada, for their honeymoon.

Walt Patterson and Joan Malloy, both members of the S.W.S.C. will join the above group in the month of August at Morris Chapel.

## Club Flag Flies at Beach

Adding dignity and pride of ownership to the Stockton Water Ski Club's rented strip of beach is a 50-foot flagpole flying the new club flag which was displayed at a recent meeting.

At the suggestion of Jim Williamson, chairman of the beach improvements committee, the pole was purchased from Pacific Tel & Tel at a bargain rate. The adjustable flagpole, complete with cleats, pulleys, ropes and topped with a brass ball, had been the property of the telephone company for some years.

Jim Williamson, Chet Eccles, Joe Balcao and Stan York, over several weekends unfit for water skiing, cemented in the base, raised the pole and finally hoisted the new flag for the first time on April 12, 1958.

The weather-proof flag material was donated to the club by Mr. Charlie Richmond and the lettering was painted on.

The weight of the flag caused several members to claim that it would never fly, but these skeptics failed to take into account the strength of the prevailing westerlies. As those who have seen the flag will

attest, it is impressive . . . and it does fly. Unexpected has been its use as a wind-sock to signal the proper moment to emerge from behind the wind-breaking berry bush.

## Ski Club of the Palm Beaches

We have just elected new officers. Our new president is Dr. Edgar Stephens; vice president, Sam Ogren; secretary, Dottie DeMiller; and treasurer, Blanche Simons. In addition to the above officers, our directors are: Ray Rayside, Johnny DeMiller, Stephen Bardill, Henry Holmes, Red Davies and Gene Ennis.

We are fortunate in being able to sponsor the Florida State Championships on our beautiful Lake Ida in Delray Beach. The dates are August 1, 2 and 3. Our tournament committee, headed by Red Davies, is already busy getting ready. The jump has just been reconditioned and the slalom course checked over to make sure they are in first class shape. We hope to see the Florida water skiers there in full force.

Agnes Rayside  
Assistant Secretary

## Aqualock Ski Club

At a recent meeting, the club's bylaws were amended to increase the board of directors to five members. The members are: Lock Richards, Betty Richards, Fred Speich, Art Kirkland and Max Elson.

The club has also established a new office—that of the Historian. This officer will keep an official scrapbook of pictures and clippings about the club. He will also keep the American Water Ski Association supplied with publicity material for the magazine.

The bylaws were further amended to change the dues. They are still \$5 for the first year with a full membership in AWSA; \$4 for the second year with full AWSA,

membership. Thereafter, dues are \$3 for a full member of Aqualock and an affiliate member of AWSA, or \$4 including a full membership in AWSA. A full membership in AWSA is necessary to compete in the AWSA sponsored contests.

Eddie Richmond has made some fine trophy pedestals which will be used to mount real classy ski figures for this Summer's tournament. Eddie also made and gave the club a president's plaque, to have engraved on it the first seven presidents, and to be held one year by the current president. After seven years, it will be kept at Aqualock headquarters.

Plans are shaping up for dances and water ski shows to be held later this Summer and for the tournament to be held the third week of August.

Sue Brady  
Secretary of the Club

## Lashaway Ski Club

Ahoy fellow water skiers! Well, we've taken the icy plunge already, dipped our skis on April 14; can't say it wasn't chilly, but our enthusiasm won out.

Lake Lashaway Ski Club has again scheduled an AWSA sanctioned tournament to be held in East Brookfield, Mass., on July 12 and 13. Our first tournament last year was so well received and successful, we've extended our efforts to make it a two-day affair this year.

All events for Men's and Boys' Divisions only, with a mixed doubles competition as well, have been planned. A dinner-dance will be held at a nearby country club (steak at that!) on the Saturday eve and awards will be made immediately following running of the last event on Sunday. This, in order that everyone may get an early start back home.

We look forward to the return of Bill Trudgeon of Laconia, N. H., as one of our judges. Sorry Larry Brown will be sailing off somewhere that week. However, we are fortunate to have obtained Mr. Charles

Johnson, also as one of our official judges. We are awaiting replies from two other invitations sent out.

A new slalom course was set in some time ago, before the ice left the lake, and we have nearly completed a brand new ramp, which will meet the new AWSA regulations for sanctioned tournaments.

We must here extend our public "thanks" to Mr. Edgar Bonnett, father of one of our most promising young members. His generosity, assistance and interest has made possible the construction of the new ramp.

Guess that about covers what's new in the world of water skiing up around our town, but as your good friend and mine, Stew Leonard, says, "Have Skis, Will Travel!" Just say where to and we'll try to make your tournaments too.

Hope to be seeing some of you at Lake Lashaway on July 12, if not sooner.

Ellen M. Varney  
Secretary

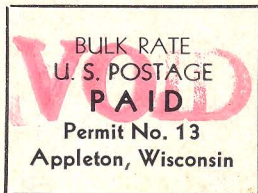
## Texoma Boat & Ski Club

The first meeting of the Texoma Boat and Ski Club was held at Trail's End Lodge, Lake Texoma, Texas, on May 9. After a general discussion, a proposed set of bylaws was read by Otto Vahle and was amended and approved by unanimous vote.

The following officers were elected: James W. Gailey, president; Russell Hawthorn, vice president; Otto Vehle, secretary-treasurer; Billy Ruff, program and attendance committee chairman; and Elmer Smathers, membership committee chairman.

The following resolution was passed: "Be it resolved that the Texoma Boat and Ski Club desires affiliation with the American Water Ski Association; now, therefore, the secretary-treasurer is instructed to present to the AWSA the prescribed application . . . . By this resolution, each club member is urged to join AWSA."

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