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From the Mailbox

Dear Sirs:

Having been reading through my "Water Skier," a thought has just come to me concerning the article "Searching For Gold," by Bob Triplett.

In this article, Bob said, "I have frequently heard it said that we could not assemble a suitable team for Olympic competition because virtually all good skiers are professional or semi-professional. This of course is nonsense."

I agree with Bob about the preceding statement. It is pure nonsense. There are many fine amateur skiers in the country, easily enough to make up a good amateur team. But by N.C.A.A. standards, any amateur who competes against a professional in any sport is considered a professional also. Therefore, before an amateur team could be organized and sanctioned by N.C.A.A. for the Olympics, its members would have to be screened to make sure they had never competed against pro's.

To continue along the same line, water skiing is one of few sports I know of where amateurs and pro's compete against each other. I would like to say, I believe a breakdown is in order in competition if we ever expect to have water ski teams from the U. S. in the Olympics.

I also compete in another sport that is having the same problem about Olympic teams because of amateurs competing against pro's.

Bruce Ritchie
Milford, Michigan

Gentlemen:

I am writing to you as a committeeman for Missouri of the South Central Regional Council of the American Water Ski Association. Being stationed here at Whiteman Air Force Base, 65 miles east of Kansas City, I have established a special services

water ski activity for the base at the Lake of the Ozarks and I also maintain contact with other skiers and a commercial water ski show at Bagnell Dam, Lake of the Ozarks. Further, I have attempted to establish contact with skiers in the Kansas City area. To date I have not been able to discover any water ski groups and therefore no organization through which to distribute any information concerning the American Water Ski Association, nor any way to enable individual skiers to contact me for information concerning organized water skiing tournaments, sanctioned or otherwise, in the Midwest area.

As a starter, I am attempting to produce a feature article for a Sunday edition of the Kansas City Star giving the information on water skiing itself, the American Water Ski Association, the regional organization, including my South Central Regional Council, and a schedule of tournaments to be held in the Middle West. If possible, I plan to suggest that any individuals interested in establishing a water ski group and in competing at tournaments can contact me for individual information.

Assuming that I can get an article of this type published in the Kansas City Star, it would make it easier for me to have a basic article on water skiing and the American Water Ski Association around which to build the local angle. Further, I would need a supply of the official tournament rules for competition, rating requirement blanks and any other information that may be available to enable people to get organized. Since I have not been acquainted with the services that are provided in this field, I am querying you.

If material of this type is provided to the regional councils for distribution as required throughout their area, please advise. If not, I would appreciate receiving

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THE COVER

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AWSA Takes Big Step Toward Independence

By Hugo Biersach, AWSA Secretary

In 1954, Charles R. Sligh, Jr., representing the American Water Ski Association, and the writer, representing the Outboard Boating Club of America, negotiated a contract which was subsequently approved by our Boards of Directors. The terms of the contract stipulated that the OBC would administer the affairs of the AWSA for a period of two years ending Sept. 30, 1956. Thereafter, the agreement was subject to an automatic extension year until such time as either of the principals (AWSA or OBC) notified the other in writing 30 days prior to the date of Sept. 30, of their intention to terminate the agreement.

In negotiating this agreement, both the officers of AWSA and OBC had in mind the orderly procedure of establishing the AWSA on an independent basis as quickly as possible. This was covered by point (7) of the agreement.

During the past three years, we have seen the AWSA activities expand and the organization broaden in scope. It is OBC's feeling that the time is now ripe for the OBC to be relieved of the management of the AWSA. The basic reason for a change at this time has to do with the fact that the OBC program has changed from consumer activities to those more directly connected with the manufacturer.

At the present, OBC is devoting the majority of its efforts to the problems more directly affecting the manufacturer rather than those of the customer. To be sure, there is no clear cut division between these two operations, but generally it is OBC's desire to consolidate and strengthen its position as a manufacturers' association.

Generally speaking, the AWSA program has been built on two principal supports. One has to do with the legislative and safety aspects of water skiing; the other

has to do with individual competition, particularly as it concerns tournaments and records pertaining thereto, and similar member services.

It would appear impractical to separate the water skiing legislative and safety aspects from the OBC overall program. Certainly, out of necessity, if for no other reason, OBC must continue to engage in legislation and safety regardless of the relationship of OBC to AWSA. Thus, in speaking of the return of the management of the AWSA, reference is primarily to the competitive aspects and individual member services such as the production of THE WATER SKIER. In other words, to eliminate those portions of activities which are incompatible to the concept of a program for a manufacturers' association.

Since the existing contract expires on Sept. 30 of each year, the AWSA Interim Committee has been working toward termination of the agreement by Oct. 1, 1958.

This Committee consisting of Messrs. William D. Clifford (Chairman), Laurence C. Brown, James E. Hubbard, Guy W. Hughes (Executive Director, OBC), Joseph Choate (Secretary, NAEBM), has already held two important and resultful meetings.

Its decisions include:

Acceptance of financial help from OBC and the National Association of Engine and Boat Manufacturers on a year-to-year basis.

Hiring of a salaried executive secretary and establishment of a headquarters office.

Establishment of patron and associate classes of membership, upward revision of Junior dues and setting fees for Regional and National Tournaments.

The AWSA Board of Directors is engaged in working out final arrangements to

be announced in the July-August issue of THE WATER SKIER.

Briefly, under the new order after Oct. 1, 1958, the co-operative program will shape up as follows:

The AWSA shall handle individual memberships, club memberships, the rating program, all phases of tournaments, committees, all types of meetings, the finances and publication of THE WATER SKIER.

The OBC and NAEBM will publicize the sport of water skiing, publicize the national tournaments of 1958 and 1959, continue to include water skiing safety in boating safety education programs, and

protect the interests of water skiers in legislative programs. Water skiing will be included in the development of boating statistics and specific requests by the AWSA president or board chairman for cooperation will be considered.

OBC and NAEBM will meet with AWSA directors once or twice annually for budget expenditure control and related discussions and will strive to establish AWSA on an independent financial and operating basis as quickly as possible. Financial aid will be granted to AWSA for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 1958, and thereafter, subsequent aid will be considered upon specific request.

New Tournament Qualification Cards

The new tournament qualification cards are now available for skiers who intend to enter National or Regional tournaments this season. These cards, printed on water-proof paper, are referred to in the AWSA "Official Tournament Rules," on page 5 under *Eligibility* as follows:

"All qualified skiers shall be required to have official tournament qualification cards properly filled out and in their possession to enter Regional or National tournaments.


"The skier should obtain these cards and have them properly filled out. They can be obtained from the following sources: AWSA office and from the office of the Regional Vice-President.

"These cards should be checked out first with the AWSA headquarters previous to the Regional Championships and then, at the Regional Championships, they should be re-checked and all additional information added bringing the card up-to-date, e.g., placement at that particular Regional should be added as well as the block for "exceptional performance" in a sanctioned meet, if necessary.

"The skiers who do not ski in the Re-

gional for one reason or another have the responsibility of getting their cards in shape and up-to-date either through AWSA headquarters or through the Vice-President or acting vice-president of the region."

Front and back of new tournament qualification card issued by AWSA.

		American Water Ski Association TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION CARD	
<i>The Skier named below is qualified for tournament competition in accordance with his record which appears on the back.</i>			
NAME.....			
ADDRESS.....			
CLUB AFFILIATION.....			
Birthday: Day		Month	Year
CLASSIFICATION:			
RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT			
NATIONAL	SLALOM	TRICKS	JUMP
REGIONAL			
BEST EFFORT OF YEAR			
(Month)	(Date)	(Year)	Regional Vice President

Dropping a Ski

By Bob Triplett

One of the fascinating moments in the early life of a water skier is the time when he crosses that great divide between skiing on two skis and skiing on one ski. To the hardened tournament campaigner, this is an event that may have become dim in his memory. But with a bit of reflection back over the pages of the calendar, he too can remember the thrill he got when first he eased his foot out of the binding of one of his skis and left it behind in the water as he sailed along on only one.

Most skiers do a stork act the first time they drop a ski. They seem to have pretty good balance on their one ski as long as one foot is in the binding and the other is flying in the breeze. But the minute they try to put the other foot down behind the one in front, they make a crash landing. Or in the parlance of our Chesapeake Bay area, they "kloosh."

I guess the average number of tries before a skier can drop a ski, put his foot in the finding in rear of the front binding, and keep his balance for a full ride must be in the neighborhood of 25. And the reason why it takes that many attempts before success is achieved is probably a lack of confidence on the part of the skier. It pays if the skier is a bit cocky.

Well do we Washingtonians remember the time down on the Bay when this writer's World War II commanding officer, Captain Ed Pugsley, USN, showed us how the novice ought to do it. Ed, a good naval officer, and definitely not lacking in self-confidence, had never been on water skis before that particular warm day in May. The first time up on two skis, Ed made a successful round trip without falling. His second time out on two skis, Ed

made another successful orbit and, Gosh Almighty!, thought Ed, success was just getting too boring.

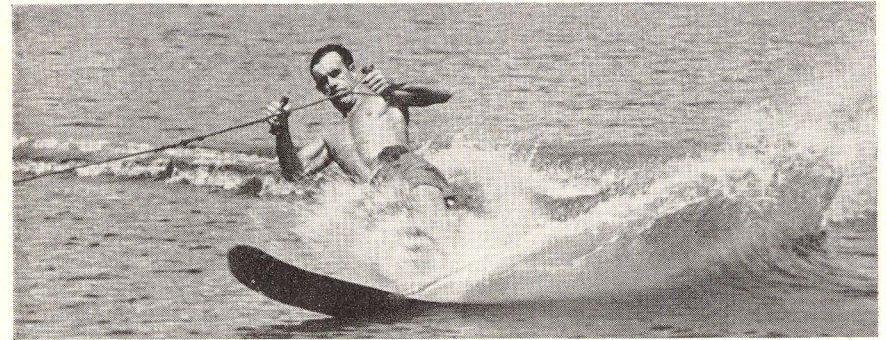
"Hand me that slat," he demanded pointing at my single slalom ski.

"What are you going to do with it?" queried some pretty girl in an equally pretty bathing suit.

"I'm going to ride it," rejoined the salty veteran of the Okinawa invasion.

With that bit of repartee ended, I handed Ed the single ski, that demoniacal look in my eye being not one bit accidental, for after all a good kloosh would add merriment to the crowd of onlookers and laughter has a salutary effect on one's disposition. What would be so merry on a day in May as to see Ed land on his kisser, I thought. This would prove that even Navy captains could have their comeuppance when faced with salt water.

We told Ed to put the single slalom on one foot (it doesn't matter which one) and put a double ski on the other foot. Ed chose his right foot for the slalom and put the double ski on the left. We then told him that, as a preparatory measure to dropping the double ski, he should ease his foot almost completely out of the binding so that he could step easily out of the binding leaving the ski behind in the water. This procedure would enable him to get rid of the double ski without losing his balance. Then we advised him to try to put his left foot in the toe strap in the rear of the single ski leaning back a bit as he did so. Ed followed instructions perfectly and had both feet on the slalom for about 100 yards. Then he harpooned a wave with his skull. But he was back for another try inside of two minutes and this time, to the



AWSA President Bill Clifford demonstrates a sharp turn on the single ski slalom—and further demonstrates how to fall gracefully. Bill says wind was against him.

amazement of all of us, he made about an 800 yard orbit on one ski, with both feet in the bindings, and returned to the beach. None of us could ever recall anyone learning to ski on a single ski so quickly. For most beginners, it took at least four attempts before they could make a successful round trip on *two* skis. But here was Ed making a perfect slalom ride on only his fourth time on both two and one.

Bubbling over with self-confidence, Ed next tried a deep water takeoff on one ski but this venture resembled more a submarine tactic than an outing on water skis.

Was it beginner's luck that made Ed so adept at the single slalom? No, it was just confidence in himself plus the observance of some of the usual rules for first attempts.

These rules are:

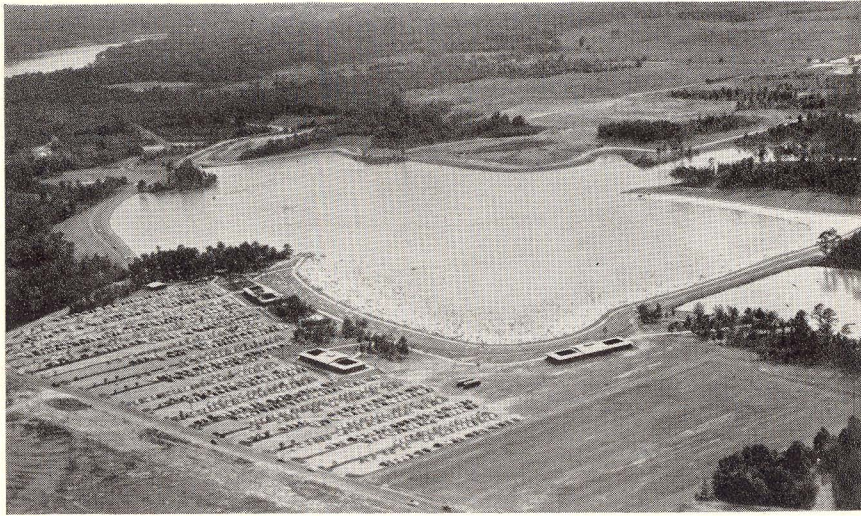
(1) Don't *shake* the double ski off your foot. Step out of it!

(2) Lean back a bit and aim the ski at the boat as you put the free foot on the rear of the ski. Have the boat driver go in a straight line while this routine takes place. You don't have to put the foot *in* the rear binding if you don't want to. Just put it *on* the ski at first until you get used to having the weight of both feet on the single ski.

(3) Have a member of the opposite sex watching while you are learning. We male animals always do better when the girls are watching us and vice versa.

If you have never tried dropping a ski,

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As many as 15,000 persons have a clear view of every event staged on Robin Lake, site of the 1958 Nationals. The Georgia State and Southern Regionals have already been held here. Beach is said to be the largest inland manmade sand beach in the world.

National Water Ski Tournament

The National Water Ski Tournament, 16th annual renewal of America's top water sports competition, will be held at the famous Ida Cason Callaway Gardens in Georgia's beautiful Pine Mountain Country, August 22 through 24. Already the Garden's staff, regional water ski leaders and civic groups are busy on planning and preliminary work.

Howard H. Callaway, Gardens Executive Director and a director of the American Water Ski Association, said Georgia's goal was nothing less than the best tournament in history. "We are going to go all out to make this an exciting and memorable event for the skiers themselves," Callaway said. "Our experience in putting on the Georgia State Tournament in 1956 and the Southern Regionals last year, have taught us a lot about tournament management. We want to emphasize the comfort and convenience of the contestants."

Located just 30 miles north of Columbus, Ga., on U. S. 27, the 2,500-acre Ida Cason

Callaway Gardens is among the nation's top tourist recreational and horticultural attractions. Robin Lake, on which the tourney events will be held, is skirted by the world's largest inland man-made sand beach. It is one of 11 lakes in the Gardens. Other facilities include one of the South's most beautiful golf courses, miles of scenic highways and hiking trails, unexcelled sport fishing and accommodations for complete family recreation and entertainment.

Participants in previous water ski events held at the Gardens call Robin Lake an "Ideal spot for a tournament." The skilled Gardens' staff is becoming expert on the details of efficient tourney handling.

All in all, the 1958 Nationals give promise of being spectacular, as well as great fun. There is no need for contestants to write ahead for information about the entries, housing, etc., Mr. Callaway said. Full details will be announced and publicized well ahead of the tournament dates.

National Safe Boating Week

The second annual national campaign "to keep boating one of the safest of all outdoor sports," sponsored by the U. S. Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary, will be launched during National Safe Boating Week, June 29 through July 5, USCGA officials announced recently.

The objective of National Safe Boating Week is to call the attention of all pleasure boaters to the growing need for equipping their craft properly and for knowing and observing safe boating rules and regulations.

Spearheading the campaign on a local level will be some 500 Auxiliary Flotillas in all parts of the country. Yacht clubs, boating organizations of all types, local boating clubs, marine dealers, civic officials and everyone interested in boating are also being asked to support the campaign.

As part of the official observance of Safe Boating Week, local units of the Auxiliary are planning to hold special courtesy examinations of small boats, conduct courses in safe boat handling and carry an extensive publicity and promotion campaign to spotlight safe boating practices and urge boat owners to be sure their craft are safe and seaworthy.

All AWSA members are urged to support this important campaign by offering their services to the nearest Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla and taking part in various events being planned.

TV Show on Water Skiing

The Seattle Water Ski Association will participate in what its members believe to be the first weekly water skiing television program ever to be aired, beginning early in June over Station KTVW, Seattle, Wash. Each week incorporated into the show, which is set up for 15 minutes of part live and part film presentation, will be skiing instructions and something of the fun of the sport. The time of the show will be 7:30 each Thursday evening.

Rod Preston, president of the Seattle Water Ski Association, is to be commentator on the show which will have as its aim to tell the public about coming events in water skiing as well as presenting instructions on the sport. Another television program on water skiing is being developed by the University of Washington, which intends to put on a series of half hour shows concerning safety in water skiing starting early in June and going for eight weeks on Monday evenings at 7:30 over the local educational television station.

Governors Cup to be Regional Award

The AWSA Tournament Committee has just announced that the "Governors Cup" formerly presented to the ski club team compiling the greatest number of points in the National Tournament will, beginning in 1958, be presented to the regional team compiling the greatest number of points.

Since the trophy was first presented in 1956 by the Wiers Ski Club of Laconia, N. H., there has been a great deal of controversy over the definition of the "Ski Club Team." Furthermore it has been felt that too great an advantage was held by

the ski clubs who were nearest the site of the National Tournament since they could afford to send a greater percentage of their team than could a club 3,000 miles distant.

It is hoped that the regional award will stimulate each of the five AWSA regions to send complete teams with representatives in every event.

In order to reduce the advantage of numbers held by the nearer regions, only the first 10 places will be scored in each event. Ten points will be awarded for first place, nine for second, eight for third and so on down to one point for tenth place.

1958 Dixie Water Ski Tournament

With typical fine Florida weather and ideal water conditions, 57 skiers from over the nation competed two days for honors at the Dixie Water Ski Tournament held annually at Cypress Gardens and traditionally the season's opener for water skiing competition.

Thirty-three competed in the men's division which was highlighted by the jumping of Joe Cash, Buster McCalla and Mike Osborn. The best distance jumps were Osborn's 125 feet and Cash's 122 feet leap. Men's trick riding was up for grabs until Carlos Elias of Mexico unreeled a 1492½ point trick run that had the judges mumbling.

The veterans' division was well represented with 14 oldsters (of the no practice club) competing—Johnny DeMiller had little difficulty in taking two firsts and a second.

Nancie Rideout, the women's National jumping champion, took three firsts followed closely by Connie Der, last year's Dixie champion.

There was no competition in the junior divisions for with the tremendous increase in interest in tournament competition it is becoming necessary to stage a separate tournament especially for the junior events. The "Junior" Dixie will be held June 14 and 15 and a field of 75 are expected to compete in this first all junior tournament.

1958 Rules Notice

Please add this item to your 1958 rule book on page 17 under note B, "1080° maximum": No more than three continuous 360° turns will be scored in the trick riding event.

New Century Club Members

Two new AWSA members have passed into the charm circle of water skiers who have jumped more than 100 feet, raising the total membership in the Century Club to 43. The new members are Carlos Elias (102 ft.) and Guy Weese (101 ft.).

Men's Overall

	Slalom	Tricks	Jumping
1. Joe Cash, Sarasota	4 tie	3	1
2. Mike Osborne, Cypress Gardens	2	4	3
3. John Holcombe, Syracuse, N. Y.	3	2	28
4. Simon Khoury, Cypress Gardens	1	10	9
5. Carlos Elias, Acapulco, Mexico	11 tie	1	10
6. Buster MacCalla, Cypress Gardens	11 tie	15	2
7. Jerry Imber, Cypress Gardens	8 tie	9	6
8. Glen Sperry, Fort Worth, Texas	8 tie	5	14
9. Larry Shepard, Sarasota	11 tie	6	12
10. Roland Davies, West Palm Beach	7	8	25

Women's Overall

1. Nancie Rideout, Cypress Gardens	1	1	1
2. Connie Der, Cypress Gardens	2	4	2
3. Thelma Sperry, Fort Worth, Texas	4 tie	2	5
4. Norine Bardill, Ft. Lauderdale	3	6	3
5. Jo Ann Worthington, Cypress Gardens	4 tie	5	7
6. Rita Hollander, Copenhagen	6 tie	3	
7. Yvonne Weese, Kingston, Ontario			4
8. Bunny Bright, Tampa	8		8
9. Judy Peterson, Tampa			6
10. Patsy Stevens, West Palm Beach	6 tie		

Veteran's Overall

1. Johnny DeMiller, West Palm Beach	1	1	3
2. Bill Martin, Orlando	2	8	1
3. Henry Holmes, West Palm Beach	3	3	4
4. Jack Killilea, New Orleans	8 tie	2	2
5. Gordon Bourland, Ft. Worth, Texas	4	4 tie	8
6. Ray Rayside, West Palm Beach	11 tie	4 tie	5
7. Jim Middlebrook, Sarasota	13 tie	10	7
8. Clayton Gotterdam, Ft. Worth	5 tie	6	
9. Louis R. Cobb, Jr., Jacksonville	8 tie		6
10. Dr. Tom Daly, West Palm Beach	5 tie	9	

Something New in Competition

By Tommy Walker

At the recent 1958 Dixie Water Ski Tournament, a new idea for team competition was put into effect with excellent results.

With the finish of the men's jumping event, the top nine contestants were arranged into three 3-man teams. The selection of the team members was such that the total sum of the jumping points (two out of three best jumps—distance plus form) of each team were nearly the same. Any difference in total points was adjusted with a handicap making all three teams potentially equal.

Each three man team went out together behind the same boat and each jumper was given one jump in which he was scored on

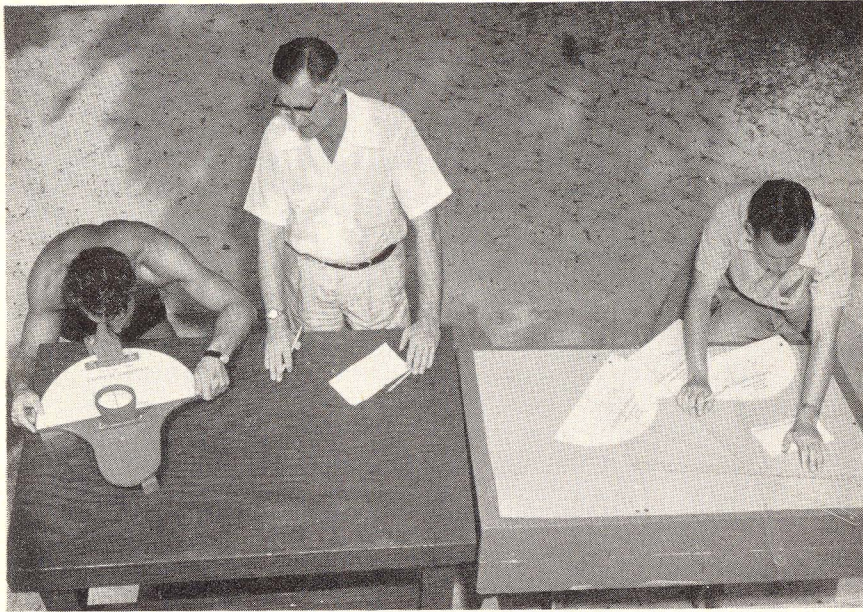
distance and form. Each team was given one extra jump to be used *only* in the event that one of the jumpers fell. The total form and distance points of each team was then added to decide the winning team.

Team competition of this type places the emphasis on group participation and interests. Where the single skier in regular competition may decide to gamble and shoot the works, in team jumping, he will think twice in the interests of the team.

At the Dixie, three teams captained by Joe Cash, Buster McCalla and Mike Osborn competed and the competition was so close that a spread of eight points covered the total point standings of the three teams.

The Lake Maggiore Ski Club, St. Petersburg, Fla., entered this float in the Sunshine Festival Parade held March 28. Float was designed and built by members at a cost of \$60. Two days later, club presented annual Sunshine Festival Ski Show, witnessed by three to four thousand persons.





The Johnson Jump Meter, now recognized as the official measuring device for water ski jumping by the AWSA, in action.

How to Procure Johnson Meters

Complete instructions for the proper installation of Johnson Sight Meters appear in the 1958 AWSA "Official Tournament Manual," now ready for tournament officials and club secretaries who request them.

For complete information on prices and delivery of plastic protractors and footage chart, write Rainbow Color, Inc., 917 E. 3rd Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. For such information on the plastic arms, write Law's Engraving, 3587 W. Flagler St., Miami 35, Fla.

Those who make their own protractors should put them on high-quality drafting paper, so that extreme weather changes will not affect their accuracy. Such home-made protractors may be sent to Mr. Stanley Parker, c/o Florida Cypress Gardens, Winter Haven, Fla., for checking as

proof against possible rejections of records because of inaccuracies.

Jacksonville Tournament

The Fourth Annual Jacksonville Water Ski Tournament will take place July 11, 12 and 13 at the Inlet Marina on Doctor's Lake near Jacksonville. This is the same site as the 1956 and 1957 tournaments which were enjoyed by so many skiers. It is being sponsored by the Jacksonville (Fla.) Water Ski Club. All three events in all divisions including optimist boys' and girls' will be held.

This will be a closed tournament, by club invitation only. Invitations will be sent to any ski club which is affiliated with AWSA and FWSF (if in Florida). All ski clubs desiring invitations should write Charles A. Powers, III, 4757 Beverly Circle E., Jacksonville 10, Fla.

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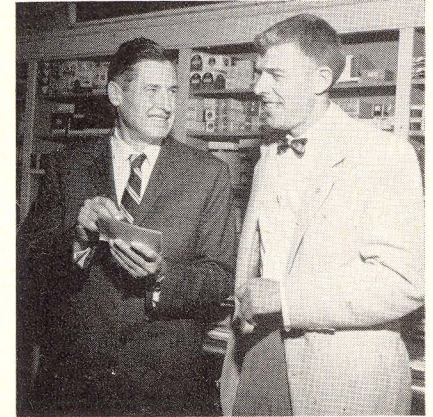
By Cappy Caplia

MARYSVILLE AQUA SKIERS of Maryville, Mich., will hold their first inter club match this July on the Black River, near Port Huron, as an activity of the annual Blue Water Festival of Michigan.

Safety caution for the month: Don't do pairs in shallow water . . .

Tips from Midwest: Deep water take off on shoe skies—have your boat driver keep ski rope tight, sink yourself underwater, arms straight, boat driver pull 8 rpm for 10 feet then full gas, now stand up slowly . . . good luck!

Michigan boat owners warning: The State of Michigan has passed a law that all power boats must have a license painted on the bow, both sides. Fellow skiers, don't get caught by the man in blue in the middle of the lake; get yours early!



Will Rogers, Jr., TV and movie star, signs up for his AWSA membership while on a recent visit to the Tampa, Fla., Ski Bees and Stew McDonald's Ski School.

Great Lakes Open Tournament

Arnie Nergaard has announced that for the second time he will be director of a tournament to be held on the beautiful Fox River in the City of St. Charles, Ill. The name of the tournament has been changed from the Midwest Open to the Great Lakes Open. All skiers from the East and Midwest are invited to participate. Tournament date has been set for July 4 and 5. Along with tournament there will be a water show in which some of the contestants will be invited to participate. The show will be held at the beautiful Pottawatomini Park in St. Charles.

A banquet is planned at the conclusion of the tournament, for the presentation of the trophies. All entries must be in by June 21, to make sure that there are enough entries for all divisions. The tournament is sponsored by the SNUG HARBOR SKI CLUB of St. Charles, Ill. Any information concerning the tournament can be had by writing to Arnold Nergaard, Snug Harbor, P. O. Box 346, St. Charles, Ill.

New Judges Appointed

The AWSA has announced the appointment of four new judges for the Midwest region. These are:

John Maurer, 444 S. Greenlawn, South Bend, Ind.

James Lauzon, 6500 S. Marshfield, Chicago 36, Ill.

Dr. Harry M. Price, 1141 Church St., Northbrook, Ill.

Rollie Williams, 1205 Greenleaf Blvd., Elkhart, Ind.

The following member has been appointed as a judge from the Eastern region:

Stewart J. Leonard, 40 Catherine St., Norwalk, Conn.

The following member should be listed as an official judge from the Western region:

Wally Pallack, Air Transport Squadron 7, N.A.S., Moffett Field, Calif.

The following two judges have announced changes of address, which should be noted by clubs planning tournaments:

Fred Jester, 5821 Hyde Park Circle, Jacksonville, Fla., and Gordon Bourland, Jr., Rt. 2, Box 317, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Water Ski Tournaments for 1958

The tournament schedule for 1958 has now taken shape and it is a full schedule, indeed! The following are tournaments on which we have information at the present time:

Soda Bay Water Ski Tournament

Edgewater Resort, Clear Lake, Calif.

June 7-8, 1958

Sponsor: Golden Gate Water Ski Club

Contact: Ethel Pattee, Sec., 2426 Easy St., San Leandro, Calif.

New Orleans Open Water Ski Tournament

New Orleans, Louisiana (Indian Lakes)

June 7-8, 1958

Sponsor: The New Orleans Water Ski Club

Contact: Mr. Jack Killilea, 119 S. Miro St., New Orleans, La.

Festival of the Americas Water Ski Championship

Miami, Fla.

June 20-22, 1958

Sponsor: Greater Miami Ski Club

Contact: David J. Craig, Pres., 2255 Coral Way, Miami, Fla.

Western Open Championships

San Diego, Calif.

June 21-22, 1958

Sponsor: San Diego Speedboat & Water Ski Club

P. O. Box 6501, Pt. Loma Sta., San Diego, Calif.

Dallas Water Ski Open Tournament

Lake Grapevine, Tarrant County, Texas

June 21-22, 1958

Sponsor: Dallas Water Ski Club

Contact: Mr. G. C. Burns, Pres., Justin, Texas.

Boulder Open Water Ski Tournament

Boulder, Colo.

June 28-29, 1958

Sponsor: Denver Ski Club & Boulder Junior Chamber of Commerce

c/o J. Mark Taggart, 1227 Spruce St., Boulder, Colo.

Aston Ski Tournament

Lake Worth, Ft. Worth, Texas

June 28-29, 1958

Sponsor: Aston Ski Club

Contact: Mrs. Thelma R. Sperry, Sec., 2124 Yucca Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas

New Jersey Water Ski Championships

Marine Park, Red Bank, N. J.

July 4-6, 1958

Sponsor: Long Branch Water Ski Club & Greater Red Bank Jr. Chamber of Commerce

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

Great Lakes Open

St. Charles, Ill.

July 4-5 (possibly 6), 1958

Sponsor: Snug Harbor Ski Club

P. O. 346, St. Charles, Ill.

Jacksonville Water Ski Tournament

Jacksonville, Fla.

July 11-13, 1958

Sponsor: Jacksonville Water Ski Club

c/o Charles A. Powers, III, 4757 Beverly Circle, Jacksonville, Fla.

Massachusetts Open Championships (all events including mixed doubles)

Lake Lashaway, Route 9, East Brookfield, Mass.

July 12-13, 1958

Sponsor: Lashaway Ski Club

c/o Mrs. Ellen Varney, Sec., Box 462, East Brookfield, Mass.

California State Championships (Open)

Lake Washington Annex, W. Sacramento, Calif.

July 12-13, 1958

Sponsor: Sacramento Water Ski Club

Contact: Floyd, 1022 Lochbrae Rd., N. Sacramento, Calif.

Hot Springs, Arkansas

July 12-13, 1958

Contact: Thomas H. Perkins, c/o Austin Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 998, Austin 66, Texas.

AWSA 1958 Southern Regional Water Ski Championships

Lake Hollingsworth, Lakeland, Fla.

July 18-20, 1958

Sponsor: Lakeland Water Ski Club

Contact: Lois H. Gullahoun, Sec., 2825 S. Lincoln, Lakeland, Fla.

Ohio State Water Ski Tournament

Miami Shores—5 miles south of Dayton

July 19-20, 1958

Sponsor: Dayton Water Ski Club

c/o Harold L. Robinson, 5353 Little Richmond Rd., Dayton, Ohio

1958 "Rickshaw" Tournament

In or around Amarillo, Texas

July 19-20, 1958

Sponsor: Panhandle Boat and Ski Club

Contact: Dick Shaw, P. O. Box 7073, Amarillo, Texas

Bay State Tournament

Webster, Mass.

July 20, 1958

Sponsor: Nipmuc Ski Club & Junior Chamber of Commerce of Webster

Contact: Gretchen Hoenig, Sec., 89 Myrtle Ave., Webster, Mass.

N. Y. State Open Championships

Meet

(East Arm) Greenwood Lake, N. Y.

July 26-27, 1958

Sponsor: Greenwood Lake Water Ski Club

Contact: Louis Abel, R. F. D. Jersey Ave., Greenwood Lake, N. Y.

Houston, Texas

July 26-27, 1958

AWSA 1958 Eastern Regional Tournament

Lake Opechee, Laconia, N. H.

Aug. 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.

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 Callaway Gardens, Chipley, Ga.

Aloha From Hawaii!!

Ever tried to do the hula on water skis? It's commonplace here in the Land of Aloha, for the ancient, hip-swaying native dance has teamed up with Hawaii's newest and fastest growing water sport to amuse and delight many local spectators.

The Hawaiian Islands Water Ski Club, organized a little over a year ago, now has a roster of over 125 enthusiastic members. And why not, for the beautiful blue waters of Hawaii are "ski-able" year round!

While snow was still on the ground over much of the Continental United States, the HIWSC was putting on their first Annual Water Ski Show & Slalom Tournament in Keehi Lagoon, a protected body of water near Honolulu's International Airport.

The tournament, which followed other smaller slalom tournaments, produced the following champions:

Senior Men's Division—Randy Worthington

Senior Women's Division—Scarlett Voris

Boys' Division—Billie Young

Randy came out on top after a thrilling duel with 2nd place Doug Carr in the 32 mph in—34 mph out run through the course.

Jackie Faria, wife of club president Chris Faria, was runner-up in the Women's event.

Kenny Cannon thrilled the crowd of 4,500 with a spectacular fall to ruin his chances for top spot in the Boys' Division.

The ski show featured the versatile Miss Voris doing her one-ski backward swan, performing atop another slalom skier's shoulders and leading the five-girl ski ballet.

The crowd had never seen many of the stunts performed by the skiers. Herbert Kaanehe proved he could do turn-arounds on a high stool after one splashy unsuccessful attempt. Kenny Cannon and the author sailed off the jump ramp in a few double jumps. Chris Faria stood on his



Scarlett Voris of Hawaii does her famous hula dance on skis.

head on a disc. A three-man pyramid consisted of Ed Davis, Fred Ryan and Earl Shintaku.

Many other exciting stunts kept the crowd amused and amazed. Camera shutters clicked like mad.

All in all it was a very successful meet. Another will be held soon.

But skiing in Paradise is not limited to competition and exhibition. On weekends of the full moon, practically all the members turn out for one of the most popular of the events on the club's list of activities—the Moonlight Water Skiing Beach Party.

Huge bonfires light up the beach as the bright Hawaiian moon lights up the incredibly smooth waters of the Lagoon.

The arrival of the famous liner "Lurline" from the West Coast gives ski advocates another chance to popularize the sport. Skiers frequently join the outrigger canoes and twin-hulled catamarans that cavort around the great ship as she comes into port. The water is sometimes a bit rough off port and the liner's passengers are then treated to some rather spectacular spills.

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Barefoot Skiing

By Frank Larrabee

(Because of the large number of requests for instructional stories, we are reprinting this one on barefoot skiing from the Jan.-Feb., 1955 issue of THE WATER SKIER.)

Want to walk on water?

You haven't known all the thrills of water skiing until you've tried the fascinating sport of skiing barefoot. And right now is the time to learn, for you'll find yourself among the elite of water skiers. Barefoot skiing has been mastered by very few skiers in the country.

I began experimenting with barefoot skiing with the aid of a pair of shoe skis which I made myself. They measure 12 inches long and 6 inches wide. I connect these shoe skis to regular skis with $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch stove bolts and wing nuts. There are no heel pieces on the bindings.

Before you try to ski barefoot, master the art of skiing on these shoes. Leave the dock as relaxed as possible. For shoe skiing a speed of 25 miles per hour is just about right. When you have attained this speed, remove the wing nuts from the shoe skis and put them in the pocket of your swimming suit (never in your mouth). Kick off one of the skis, put the shoe on the water and take time to regain your balance. Then lean back and in one quick movement throw off the other ski. Now you're on your own!

When you feel you've really mastered shoe skis you're ready to try skimming along on your bare feet. Make your first attempt with the same kind of equipment I used. This consists of a pole about six feet long and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. Three lines about 12 feet long are attached to the pole, and at the end of each line is a snap. When you're ready for your first run, attach about 85 feet of rope to the boat, with a bull ring at the end of the line. The snaps on the three short lines are attached to this bull ring.

Have two other good skiers help you in your first attempts. Put one skier on each side of you on the pole. Wear a life jacket, as this will take up some of the shock if you fall on your back, and you can bet your last pair of skis that the shock will jar you right down to your toenails at 35 miles per hour—the proper speed for barefoot skiing. Maneuver into very smooth water at a somewhat slower speed, and you're ready for the final motions.

Put your forward foot on your slalom ski on tip of the binding. Now have the boat driver boost the speed to 35 miles an hour, and put your back foot from your slalom ski on the water. Get your balance! Here the skiers on each side of you play their part, for they can hold you up until you're ready to leave the skis.

When you feel you're exactly in balance, lean back and step off the skis quickly. If you've made each move correctly and are in perfect balance, you'll suddenly find yourself scooting along on your bare feet!

What next? How do you "get off"? Arrange a signal with the driver before you leave the dock so he'll know when you want to get off. When he gets this signal he'll suddenly cut the motor about 300 R.P.M. The instant you feel the slack, throw yourself back and you should have no trouble getting off.

After a few more tries with the help of the bar and your two fellow skiers, try a solo run. You'll need at least 100 feet of rope, which will place you far back of the wake. Use whichever handle you like; I prefer a single one.

The main thing to remember in your solo try is not to make any move until you're sure of your balance. Then put that

foot on top of the binding, and most important of all lean back.

That's all there is to barefoot skiing—except, of course, the practice and spills you'll go through in learning it. But it's well worth the time and effort.

Safety Rules

1. Never try to ski barefoot unless the water is fairly smooth. Otherwise you'll just be wasting your time and taking nasty spills.

2. Never try barefoot skiing without first checking the depth of the water.

3. BE SURE there is no debris in the water that could hit you in the feet or face.

Remember these three rules, then give it a try. You'll be surprised at how much fun it is to "walk on water."

Aloha (Cont'd)

Water skiing has definitely taken its place alongside surfing, outrigger canoeing and skin diving as one of the most popular water sports in the Hawaiian Islands.

Rich Kitson

Dropping A Ski (Cont'd)

try it sometime. Skiing on one ski is great fun. And there is no more beautiful sight in the realm of sports than a slalom skier running the slalom course on a single ski.

Furthermore, if you plan to take up tournament jumping, you should learn to ski on either foot. For you never know when you'll lose a ski in going over the jump and unless you cross the finish line, your jump doesn't count.

In response to many requests, the Tampa Ski Bees, 6314½ S. Harold Ave., Tampa, Fla., are preparing plans for skiing kites.

Judges Appointed For 1958 Nationals

Judges to serve at the 1958 National Water Ski Tournament, to be held Aug. 22 through 24 at Chipley, Ga., have been announced by the AWSA. Glenn M. Kirkpatrick, of Winter Haven, Fla., has been appointed as Chief Judge, with Laurence C. Brown, Laconia, N. H., serving as Assistant Chief Judge.

In addition, ten other judges, two from each of the AWSA's five regions, will serve. These are:

Eastern Region: John H. Andresen, Jr., Greenwood Lake, N. Y., and William Trudgeon, Laconia, N. H.

South-Central Region: H. J. Aston, Fort Worth, Texas, and C. E. "Buzz" Mueller, McQueeney, Texas.

Western Region: Ailene Williams, Long Beach, Calif., and Sam Paragary, Sacramento, Calif.

Southern Region: Leah M. Atkins, Birmingham, Ala., and Richard D. Pope, Jr., Winter Haven, Fla.

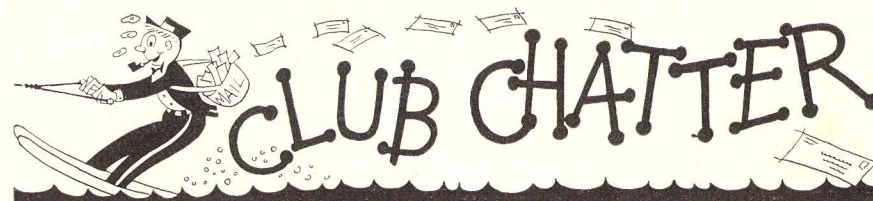
Mid-West Region: Tom Dorwin, Boulder, Colo., and Dave Thompson, Kalamazoo, Mich.

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.



Dallas (Texas) Water Ski Club

The Dallas Water Ski Club elected the following officers at a recent meeting: President, Gilbert Burns; Vice President, Tracy deForest; Secretary, Beth Cox; and Treasurer, Kark Spradling.

The club has signed a contract with Texas Boat Manufacturing Co. of Dallas to give four water ski shows during the summer. Date and location of these shows will be announced later. Possible sites of the shows are Lake Grapevine, Lake Murray, Lake Texoma and Lake Travis. These shows will consist of about fifteen acts and be 1-1½ hours in length. Through these shows, the club hopes to promote interest in the sport of water skiing.

The club has built a takeoff dock, jump and slalom course to add to their properties on Lake Grapevine.

Greenwood Lake Water Ski Club

Lou Abel, president of the Greenwood Lake (N.Y.) Water Ski Club, has found a way to keep up his water skiing practice while studying at Cornell University in Ithaca, N. Y., during the winter months.

At a recent Water Carnival sponsored by Aquarius, Cornell's swimming club, Lou enlisted the aid of a dozen of his teammates to help him perform some water ski tricks on the University's 25 yard Teagle Hall Pool. With this team of 12 men acting as a tow boat, Lou amazed spectators when he got up on a pair of banana peel skis, made two 180° turns and made a "dry" landing on the other end of the pool.

Lou, a varsity swimmer for the Univer-

sity, is the first in the history of Cornell to give such an exhibition of "pool water skiing."

Casper (Wyo.) Water Ski Club

Our club members are quite proud of themselves!!

Last Sunday we staged a "Clean up Alcova Lake" campaign (which, incidentally, is where most of our club skiing is done) with some 35 to 40 members participating in this project.

Our efforts resulted in seven truck loads of trash, tired backs and legs and a very self-satisfied feeling.

We then met for a club picnic and did a little boating, although the wind kept most of the boats ashore.

Our follow-through to this campaign is ten trash barrels and ten signs reading "Keep this area clean." These barrels and signs were prepared by club members and will be emptied weekly by us.

We believe we will enjoy much nicer and safer skiing season with the surrounding area in such good shape.

Jacki Iserman
Secretary

Maryland Water Ski Club

The Maryland Water Skiers (Baltimore, Md.) are out like the cherry blossoms. Never were there more enthusiastic skiers than these bright-eyed, bushy tailed beavers, overhauling the all important launch. Thanks to our talented Jimmy Howard, the club's skis are repainted, repaired and ready to go.

Work parties meet every weekend to help out on the various projects, such as

painting, fibreglassing the boat, having the motor overhauled, etc.

The winter is always longer for water skiers, but this was an especially long cold season here in Baltimore and we are glad to see it leave. Two of our members, Joan McPhail and Charles Randles, however, didn't mind the cold weather. They have love to keep them warm. They are altar-bound come June.

Our club has just bought a new Owens outboard especially for trick riding, etc. and it is fully equipped and will afford our skiers much fun and no long waits for ski rides.

In the past three years, the club has progressed tremendously and definitely promoted the art of skiing here in Baltimore. We are looking forward to a bigger and better season in 1958. Be ski'n you!

Kathy Marciniak

Nipmuc Ski Club

The Nipmuc Ski Club Inc., located on Lake CHARGOGGAGOGGMAN-CHAUGAGOGGCHAUBUNAGUNGA-MAUGG, Webster, Mass., is starting its second year as an incorporated club. It began in 1954, with seven members and, in just four years, has grown to a group of 48 avid skiers. Last year, the club sponsored four shows, using the talents of members only, that attracted more than 5,000 spectators. This year, tentative plans have been made to hold an Open Tournament, sanctioned by the AWSA, and as many if not more shows than last year.

Our younger members, who comprise the majority of our club, are becoming more and more proficient in both show and competitive skiing. One of the club's mixed doubles teams placed third in their first attempt last year at Dart's Lake, N. Y. The junior jumpers are determined to qualify in as many sanctioned tournaments as possible this year. All in all, we are expecting to have a most successful season.

The officers elected for the coming season are: Roger Lavoie, President; Gerry Dion,

Vice President; Andy Hoenic, Treasurer; and Gretchen Hoenic, Secretary. The Board of Directors is comprised of the officers and Gerry Bernier, Ray Blair and George Hekowczyk. Also serving as Junior Representatives are Yvette Racicot and Dave Lapierre.

The club is pleased to announce the sanction of the Bay State Open Invitational Tournament to be held July 20, 1958. The featured events will be jumping and slalom in the boys' and men's divisions.

This is the first tournament sponsored by the club and plans are pointing toward a very enjoyable and successful tournament.

Bald Eagle (Minn.) Water Ski Club

This is centennial year in Minnesota. Sports activities are being emphasized and with our "10,000 lakes," water skiing will be one of the outstanding sports this summer. We have explored several possibilities for support in sponsoring the 1958 Midwest Regional Tournament in this area. The Minneapolis Aquatennial has expressed considerable interest in holding the tournament during their celebration. The proposed dates are July 24-27. This would be on one of the lakes within the city limits of Minneapolis, probably Lake Calhoun.

Some interest also exists in St. Paul. Probably for the weekend of August 7-10. This would be on Lake Phalen, within the city limits of St. Paul.

We have conducted a statewide tournament for the Minneapolis Aquatennial for the past four years. Spectators have been estimated at well over 20,000 for a single day. A Regional Tournament would be for the mutual benefit of both AWSA and the Aquatennial, particularly with the increased publicity in this centennial year.

If we find we have sufficient financial backing and enthusiasm among our water skiers to conduct a first class tournament

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as we believe the Regional Tournament demands, we will submit a bid later this spring.

We will submit candidates for sanctioned judges in the near future.

We will appreciate your comments and suggestions and are looking forward to hearing from you.

Douglas N. Anderson
President

Stillwater (Okla.) Ski Splashers

This young and enthusiastic club has just about gotten over its growing pains. In planning our membership drive, we envisioned the ideal club as having about twenty members, this being a large enough group to put together a good show and yet small enough to have a "family" type organization. The membership is about twenty-two. Our ratio of boys to girls is about two to one.

At our latest meeting, we elected new officers. During this year, the President is Leon Matthews; Vice President is Don

Milligan; Secretary is Stan Coppock; Treasurer is Bob Williams. Lt. George Burdick was elected Program and Safety Chairman but, since he is being transferred, Stan Coppock has assumed these duties also. We also thought that it would be a good idea to have someone to plan some social events throughout the summer and Joyce Casey, a student at Oklahoma State University, was unanimously chosen.

The Splashers are just now attracting some attention around this area and we believe that our planned show this summer will be well received. Last summer's show, though hastily planned, was a tremendous success. Our original plan was to have the show in mid-May. It now appears that the date may be later because of the unusually cold and rainy weather that has delayed the construction of a ramp and prevented rehearsals.

We were certainly happy to read of all the other new clubs being formed. It is our hope that they are all having as much fun as we are.

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