



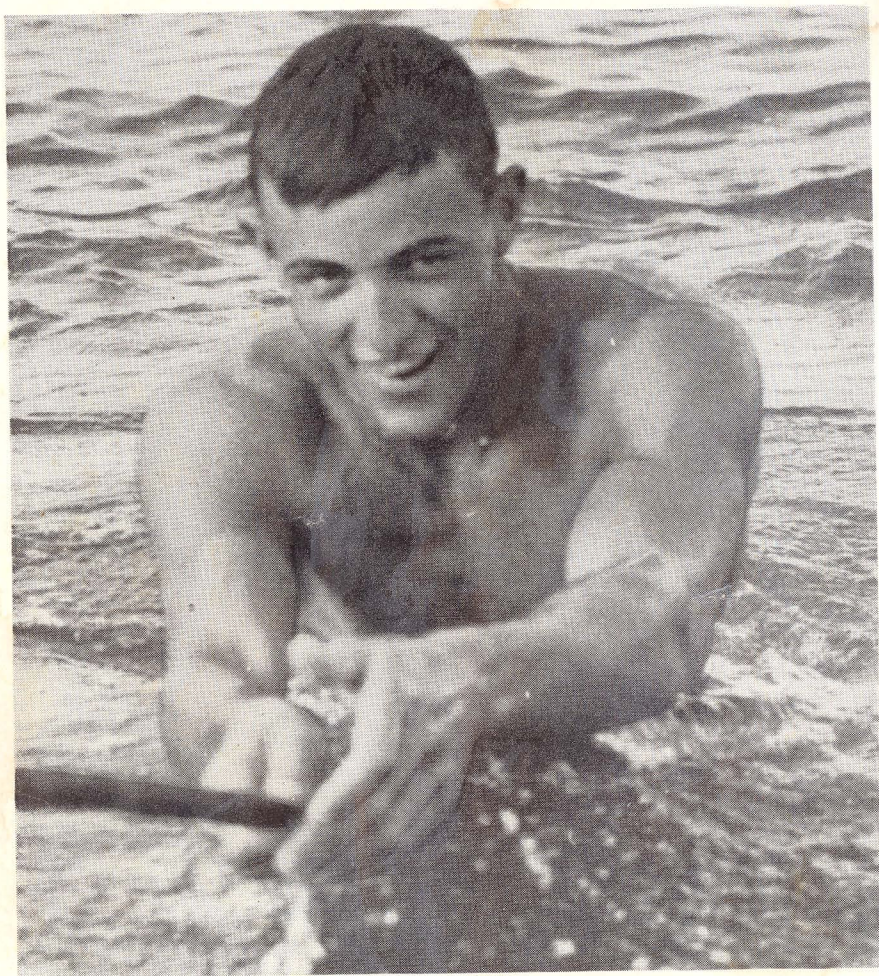
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THE WATER SKIER SALUTES . . .

Warren Witherell, chairman of the National Tournament Committee. Warren, a tireless worker in AWSA and a very accomplished skier, has earned the laurels this issue by dint of his remarkable job of assembling the 1956 tournament committee's decisions and compiling these into a thorough-going report to the AWSA Board of Directors. The picture of Warren is typical, deep in his favorite form of sport . . . water skiing.



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THE COVER:

They're off and running at the tournaments around the country. Just as the young lady on the cover is rounding a slalom buoy, so the ski season is rounding into another tournament season. Are you ready?

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Willa Upset in Dixie

Doria, Mendoza Victors

The biggest Dixie Water Ski Tournament in history took place April 6, 7, and 8 at Cypress Gardens. Over 125 of the world's finest water skiers participated in the ninth annual event. Six foreign countries and 19 states were represented at the three-day meet. Top seeded Willa McGuire saw defeat for the first time in Dixie Tournament history when Marina Doria of Geneva, Switzerland won both slalom and trick events and fourth in jumping amassing the largest number of points.

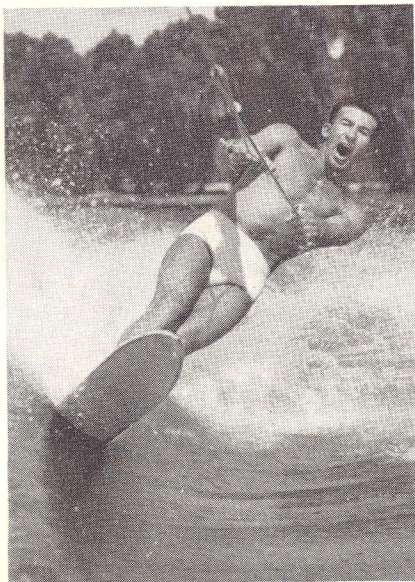
Forty-two entries in men's jumping provided a thrilling day for over 3,000 spectators lined on the beach to watch the affair. Scotty Scott of Cypress Gardens broke the

day's record by jumping 107 feet three times in a row.

Little 10 year old Carlitos Ochoa of Cuernavaca, Mexico stole the show when he placed second in the junior boys competition. Roger Ray of Cypress Gardens placed first.

Mary Ann Moenert of West Palm Beach placed first in junior girls with 8 year old Martha Ann Williams of Long Beach, Calif., second and Gwen Huston of Bossier City, La., third.

Sam Zamudio, Acapulco, Mexico took top honors in the veterans competition with Johnny Demiller of West Palm Beach, second and Henry Holmes also of West Palm Beach, third.



Alfredo Mendoza of Cypress Gardens took first place in slalom and tricks which gave him enough total points to win the overall. However, Scotty Scott, also of Cypress Gardens, jumped three consecutive jumps at 107 feet each time to Alfredo's 104.



Mary Ann Moenert, West Palm Beach, Fla., was the junior girl's overall victor in the Dixie Tournament. Mary Ann set the world's jumping record at the national meet last year with a 60-foot leap.



Marina Doria, Geneva, Switzerland, left, was hard pressed by Willa McGuire, world and national champion, but Doria took first place in slalom and tricks giving her more total points.

DIXIE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

MENS OVERALL

Alfredo Mendoza, Cypress Gardens, Fla.
Scotty Scott, Cypress Gardens, Fla.
Charles Emry, Cypress Gardens, Fla.

WOMENS OVERALL

Marina Doria, Geneva, Switzerland.
Willa McGuire, Cypress Gardens, Fla.
Connie Der, Cypress Gardens, Fla.

VETERANS OVERALL

Sam Zamudio, Acapulco, Mexico.
J. D. Miller, West Palm Beach, Fla.
Henry Holmes, West Palm Beach, Fla.

JUNIOR BOYS OVERALL

Roger Ray, Cypress Gardens, Fla.
Carlitos Ochoa, Acapulco, Mexico.
Bayard Moffett, West Palm Beach, Fla.

JUNIOR GIRLS OVERALL

Mary Ann Moenert, West Palm Beach, Fla.
Martha Ann Williams, Long Beach, Calif.
Gwen Huston, Bossier City, La.

Play Safe This Season

Water skiing, by its very nature, requires a higher degree of boat handling ability than most other forms of boating sport. The speeds required to tow a skier are such that one slight mistake can result in a serious accident. These same high speeds have often caused many other boaters to view with alarm the rising popularity of water skiing in their areas.

To combat this resentment and fear, water skiers should lead the way in safety instructions and at all times set a good example to others by conducting themselves on the water in a courteous manner.

With so many new members joining AWSA each day and so many taking up the sport for the first time this spring, it would be of great value if each water ski club made arrangements to have a complete boat handling and water safety course as part of their program.

There are two excellent sources of such instruction, the U. S. Power Squadrons and the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Both organizations offer complete courses in boat handling, safety afloat, small boat seamanship and the rules of the road.

There are 30,657 members in the U. S. Power Squadrons. These individual members represent 197 squadrons located throughout the United States, Alaska, Hawaii and the Canal Zone. There are, in Florida for example, 16 cities with active squadrons. For information about how individuals and groups may enroll for the free courses of instruction write to: National Headquarters, United States Power Squadrons, P. O. Box 510, Englewood, N. J.

The instruction series offered by the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary offers a complete small boat course too. Alan A. Atchison, National Instruction Officer of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Eighth and Olive Streets, St. Louis 1, Mo., may be contacted for detailed information on the availability of these lessons.

Boating Booklets

Here is a list of booklets, pamphlets and other printed material prepared by the Outboard Boating Club of America available on request to boating enthusiasts, dealers and others interested in boating and related subjects. Free upon request to OBC, 307 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 1, Ill.

"Plans for the Organization of Local Outboard Boating Clubs and Water Skiing Clubs": A step-by-step plan for organizing local clubs.

"Use Common Sense Afloat": Pocket-size folder outlining and illustrating the basic rules for safe boating.

"Outboard Handling": A handy-size, generously illustrated handbook for the new outboard owner and the master outboard mariner.

"Small Boat Launching Ramps, Docks and Piers": Construction hints, drawings and specifications.

"Private Boat Houses and Docks": A practical guide for building shelters for small boats.

"America's Growing Need—Outboard Marinas": Basic information for planning a complete waterfront facility.

"A Recommended Uniform Boat Regulation Act": Model boating code designed to regulate without restricting the boater.

"Your Outboard Vacation Guide": A state-by-state listing of the more important waterways throughout the nation plus addresses of sources of information.

"A Guide to the Financing of Outboard Boating Equipment": A study of the financing opportunity in outboard boating equipment.

"What's a Boat Load": How OBC checks and certifies the weight capacity for outboard boats.

"Water Skiing Fundamentals": How-to advice for beginners.

National Committee Reports

Championship Qualifications

"In the past years the National Tournament has been open to any skier holding a membership in AWSA. Last year this wide open policy brought about a flood of entrants and caused the tournament to be over-long and many skiers were forced to perform after the sun had set.

"In order to eliminate this crowding and to insure the fact that the national tournament would be made up of skiers of championship caliber, the following qualifications have been decided upon:

"To qualify for the national meet, a skier must have placed first, second or third in a sanctioned regional meet during the past three years.

"A skier may also qualify for competition in the national tournament by submitting a rating card showing that the skier is qualified for such competition. The rating card must be submitted with the entry blank. The card will be returned when the skier registers at the tournament site.

"To qualify by rating card all skiers entering the men's division must carry an expert rating. All other classes, women's, junior girls, junior boys, or veterans, will be open only to those who have been rated as first class skiers or better.

"Whether the skier qualifies by placement in a regional or by rating card, the skier must qualify separately for each event he wishes to enter."

WARREN WITHERELL

Double Cut Retained

The rules committee, after long deliberation, has decided not to eliminate the double cut in jumping competition.

Weirs Club Affiliates



The Weirs Ski Club at Laconia, N. H., has become an affiliate of AWSA. The club's ski lodge is located at the Mt. Belknap Recreation Ski Area.

Additional Judges

In the recent March-April issue of THE WATER SKIER the names of three judges were inadvertently omitted from the official list of AWSA judges. These three approved officials, all from the South-Central Region, are: H. J. Aston, Room 316, City Hall, Fort Worth, Tex.; C. E. Mueller, Lake Breeze Ski Lodge, McQueeney, Tex., and W. C. Morris, 820 Alamo National Bldg., San Antonio, Tex.

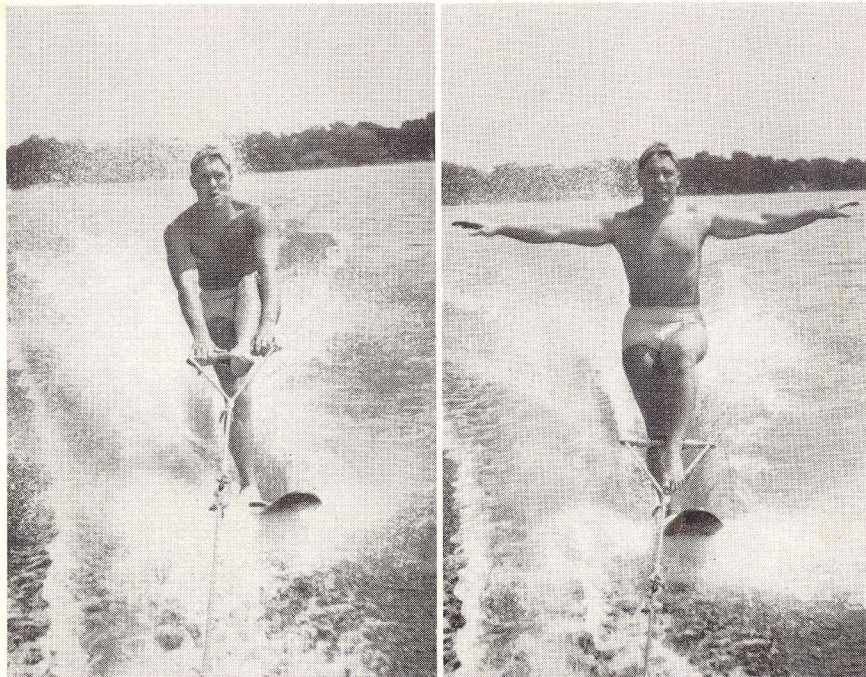
Haw's Tricks?

HEEL HOLD

Here again we have a trick for those who have mastered the single ski. This is a fairly simple one and should be easily added to the list of ski tricks by the majority of AWSA members. A word of caution from Dr. Harry Price should be added here, however. Dr. Price stressed the point that the foot is not inserted in the bridle. Only the heel is hooked over the bar. This, in case of a fall, will prevent the skier from being dragged in a less than dignified manner across the lake.

Leaning back against the pull of the tow, bring the tow bar toward the body and lower it to a point where the skier can drop his heel over the bar. Gradually allow the leg and back of heel to take up the pull from the arms.

Come into an upright position, arms outstretched and leg lowered as in picture below. To recover normal skiing position, bring leg back toward body, reach out and grasp tow bar with both hands, bringing bar back toward body and removing heel from position on bar.



Tournament Dates

National Championships, LaPorte, Ind., August 24, 25, 26.
Eastern Closed Championships, Laconia, N. H., August 10, 11, 12.
South-Central Regional, Fort Worth, Tex., August 4, 5.
Southern Regional, Panama City, Fla., August 3, 4, 5.
Eagle Mountain Open, Fort Worth, Tex., June 2, 3.
Dallas Tournament, Dallas, Tex., June 16, 17.
Golden Gate Tournament, Soda Bay, Calif., June 9, 10.
Sacramento Tournament, Sacramento, Calif., July 14, 15.
Pacific Coast Tournament, Lodi, Calif., August 3, 4, 5.
California State Championships, San Diego, Calif., August 18, 19.
Clear Lake Park Tournament, Clear Lake, Calif., Sept. 22, 23.
North American Championships, Darts Lake, N. Y., August 17, 18, 19.
New England Open Jumping Championships, Laconia, N. H., July 28, 29.
New Jersey Championships, Red Bank, N. J., June 30, July 1.

Calling Jersey Skiers

The Long Branch (N. J.) Water Ski Club is interested in getting in touch with all water skiers in the State of New Jersey to invite their attendance at the New Jersey State Water Ski Championships to be held at Red Bank, June 30 and July 1. Skiers should contact Charles O'Keefe, Jr., 468 Brighton Ave., Long Branch, N. J.

New Orleans Club Formed

One of the newest water ski organizations in the nation is the recently formed New Orleans Water Ski Club. The officers of the new group are: Billy Good, president; Billy Black, vice-president; Betty Moody, secretary; Jack Moody, treasurer and Trudy Black, publicity chairwoman.

1956 Rules Available

Copies of the 1956 tournament rules are now available at the Chicago headquarters of AWSA. Requests for copies of the new rules should be addressed to AWSA Secretary, Hugo Biersach, 307 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago 1, Ill.

AWSA Must Have Your Rating Card

In order to keep a complete list of the rated skiers who are members of AWSA, to facilitate the calling of officials and referring new skiers to experienced hands, it is necessary that each skier carrying a rating card, mail that card to AWSA Headquarters, 307 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 1, Ill.

Hugo Biersach, secretary-treasurer of the organization, reported that, although the files contain a few names of skiers carrying AWSA ratings, he is sure that many of the nation's top skiers are not listed here at the headquarters. Skiers sending their cards into the main office will have them returned in a matter of a few days. For the benefit of the individual and the national organization, it is necessary that each rated skier have his name and rating on file.

Galveston Story, Part II

The July-August, 1955, issue of *THE WATER SKIER* carried the tragic story of a skiing accident in the Galveston area. At that time a young man was struck by a boat, his head cut by the propeller, when he fell from his skis. Here's the second report on this near-fatal mishap. Let's keep it in mind all through this season.

"The last time I wrote to the AWSA it was about the injury of one of our skiers who had been run over by another boat. I am happy to report that the boy has made a wonderful recovery, he has regained his speech and the use of his limbs. However, he still has no feeling in his left hand and arm. Just recently he returned to the hospital to have a plate put in his skull to cover the wound inflicted by the boat propeller.

"The county, however, who had built our jump for us, took the jump away and destroyed it. Until we get together enough money to build one of our own, we must content ourselves with other tricks.

"We would like to have a few hints from other clubs or skiers on tricks for groups and doubles. For example, we would like to know the step-by-step procedure for getting a girl from her skis to a man's shoulders and then her movements from his shoulders to his arms. Any other trick tips would be appreciated too."

Marvin Johnson

Stages Hospital Benefit

The Wapogasset (Minn.) Water Ski Club highlighted their activities of last season with a benefit for the Apple River Memorial Hospital in Amery, Wisc. This organization of skiers plans several more shows this year not only as a means of building their club, but of contributing to the good of their community.

Atlanta Club Joins

The Atlanta (Ga.) Ski Club, boasting a membership of 30, has affiliated with AWSA. The club has applied for a tract of land at Buford Dam and the members are looking forward to constructing their own ski lodge and erecting the other functional properties.



This handsome patch has been adopted as the official emblem of the Atlanta Water Ski Club. The design appears on the dues cards, letterheads and swim suits of the members.

Charlotte Skiers Sign

The 21 members of the Charlotte (N.C.) Water Ski Club agreed to take full advantage of this skiing season and so affiliated their club with AWSA. A total of 17 members of the club are members of AWSA and indications are that the others will follow suit.

Europe-Africa Tourney

The 1956 Europe-Africa Water Ski Tournament will be held in Denmark, August 15 through 19. Organized by the Dansk-Vandski Forbund, the five-day meet will be conducted on Bagavaerd Lake, about 10 kilometers from Copenhagen.

Mid Atlantic Tourney Site



Camp Letts, located near Mayo, Md., will be the site of the Mid-Atlantic Ski Championships June 16 and 17. The director of the camp, a YMCA lodge, has offered sleeping accommodations so that, along with the facilities of the sponsoring Beverly (Md.) Ski Club, the tourney can handle 150 contestants.

A REMINDER

The press deadline for the July-August issue of *WATER SKIER* will be June 15. All photographs and news items should be on the editor's desk by June 10. The headquarters address is: 307 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 1, Ill.

Alameda Ski Show

The Golden Gate Water Ski Club and the Alameda (Calif.) Chamber of Commerce will work jointly on the Alameda Harbor Days celebration, August 25, 26, at the Alameda Naval Air Station Lagoon.

NOTICE

The Board of Directors of AWSA have voted to eliminate the Optimist Class from the program of the National Championship Water Ski Tournament this year. This ruling was made in the interest of keeping the national meet within the three-day period provided for the championship.

WWSF Dissolved

The World Water Ski Federation, Inc., was formally dissolved on April 13, 1956, according to an announcement by Gene Garvin, secretary-treasurer.

Club Building Ski Lodge

The Contra Costa Water Ski Club, a new affiliate of AWSA, is certainly one of the most active organizations along the west coast. The club was formed in late October of last year and since that first meeting the Californians have been as busy as a peanut salesman at an elephant convention.

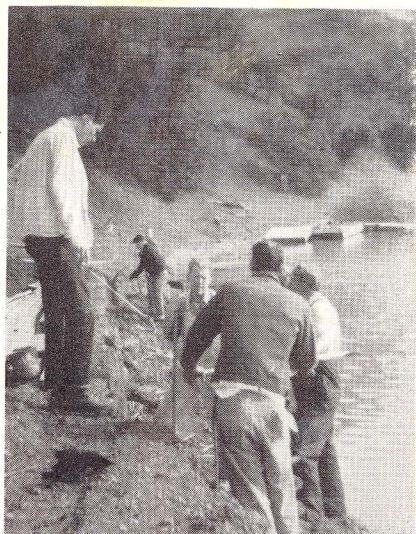
The group has purchased a club site on Clear Lake in an area known as Honeymoon Cove. The building is laid out, concrete foundation piers have been poured and a war surplus housing unit has been purchased and stripped to provide materials and fixtures for the clubhouse. Funds have been raised through such club functions as barbecues which have proven very successful in attracting the public and the public's funds.

Future plans of the club include the construction of a permanent slalom course and ski jump.

The Contra Costa club, voting to limit membership to 20, is well fixed for chiefs; all but two of the present members are officers! George and Jackie Neel are co-presidents; Dave and Joyce Biddinger are co-vice presidents; Jim and Molly Torvik serve as co-secretaries; George and Ruth Novacek are the co-treasurers; Roy and Phyllis Hosking operate as co-chairmen of the Membership Committee; Carl and Pat Boivie are co-chairmen of the Safety and Sportsmanship Committee; Bob Dolan plays a lone hand as chairman of the Trip and Program Committee. The regular, non-office holding members are Jim and Jack Wooster.

Illinois Club Renews

The Illinois Water Ski Club, one of the most active groups in the Midwest, has renewed their affiliation with AWSA.



The foundation of the Contra Costa (Calif.) Water Ski Club's ski lodge is roughed in by members of the SkiBees as the west coasters have chosen to call themselves. The lodge will be located on Honeymoon Bay of Clear Lake.

The International Set

AWSA has assumed a definite international flavor in the membership department. A recent check of membership rolls showed the following members to be well beyond the nation's borders: Henry Tseng, Scientific Service Co., P. O. Box 923, Hong Kong, Far East; Bonnie D. Lungwitz, Plantation Dauphin, Cap Haitien, Haiti; Colleen J. Carpenter, 8 Wallace Road, Mangere S.E. 5, Auckland, New Zealand; Hans Sachs, Vienna IX, Alserbachstr, 17, Austria; Henry H. M. Kwok, 1 Woodlands Ter., Hong Kong, Far East.

Maine Success Story

All Members Are Show Stoppers

When the Pepperell Cove Water Ski Club of Kittery Point, Me., organized, only five of the 30 members could ski. Within three months of their organizational meeting, this club staged a ski show in which all members took part.

Since that time, less than a year ago, the club has acquired a jumping ramp, two pairs of jumping skis, slalom skis, a flying saucer and the use of a fast ski boat.

The club has since staged other shows but none more spectacular than that first performance when 25 rather green skiers with the backing of five veterans ran through such didos as pyramids, over and under jumping, backward skiing, aqua

ballet and other fancy doings. The sale of refreshments and souvenir buttons at the show helped to make that first year a financial success.

The officers who are guiding the club this year are Frank Frisbee, president; David Frisbee, vice president; Dorothy Horton, treasurer, and Evelyn Frisbee, secretary.

Ohioans Renew Affiliation

The Mohawk Ski Club of the Mohawk Boat Club, headquartering in Hamilton, O., has renewed their affiliation with AWSA.



Frank and Evelyn Frisbee, president and secretary of the Pepperell Cove Water Ski Club, sweep past the club's jump at the group's Kittery Point, Me., site.

From the Mailbox

Aussie Skier to Pay a Call Panama City Club Affiliates

Sid Sakzewski, president of the Brisbane Water Ski Club of Australia, will be visiting American skiers in September. The purpose of his mission is to collect the latest water skiing techniques and to look into our power boating development.

Sakzewski is interested in locating a skier or skiing couple interested in "motoring" from New York to Cypress Gardens on a share the cost basis. Anyone interested should contact Fred Hanson, Lindberg Engineering Co., 2450 West Hubbard St., Chicago, Ill.

The Panama City Beach Ski Club, headed by Earl Hollowell, has become an affiliated member of AWSA. Hollowell requested and received the affiliation in connection with the sanctioning of the Southern Regional tournament.

The new club, according to president "Pappy," is an active group and is determined to make a place in the skiing world for themselves.

Richmond Group Affiliates

The Richmond (Va.) Water Ski Club, a recently affiliated member of AWSA, is in the happy position of having people waiting to join them. The club was organized in January and while they have not as yet started accepting new members, they have skiers already pledged to join AWSA waiting with the dues check clutched in their hands to join the Richmond club.

With the backing of two local sporting goods stores, the club plans a water show to aid in the advancement of their cause. A 7-foot ramp is under construction and plans now call for the acquisition of a club site.

Club Adopts Uniform

The Jacksonville (Fla.) Water Ski Club has adopted an official uniform consisting of a black jacket with the club name on the back, a black bathing suit with the AWSA patch on the right thigh. In winter, the jacket is replaced by a black turtleneck sweater.

Stockton Elects Allman

John Allman has been named the president of the Stockton Water Ski Club according to an announcement by Cecilia Williamson, secretary of that California group. Allman succeeds James Williamson who assumes the duties of the vice president this year. The installation of the new officers saw Donald Honeychurch step into the treasurer's job and Jack Fickel take on the duties of patrol officer.



John Allman

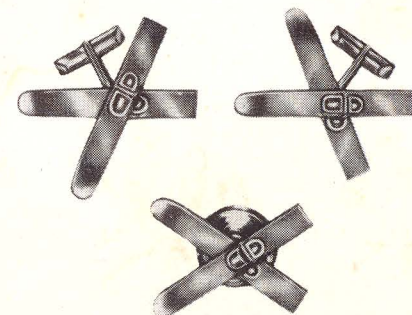
The Stockton group is looking forward to the Pacific Coast meet scheduled for August 3, 4, 5 at Lodi, Calif. The Stockton skiers and the Lodi Chamber of Commerce are sharing sponsorship of the event.

What's New?



WATER SKI BELT

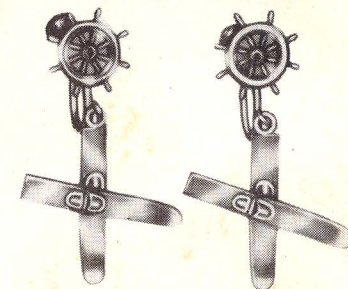
This new Styrofoam water ski belt is offered by Featherweight Products, St. Augustine, Fla. The belt features heavy web tie straps and is mildew proof. A children's model comes with shoulder and leg straps.



NEW SKI SHAPE

A new trick ski, resembling a banana in shape, is being introduced by Edward L. Jephson, Greenwood Lake, N. Y. These new Banana Skis, so-named by the maker,

have been successfully used in several meets. Production is limited because of the hand-shaping and sanding involved.



SKI BANGLES

The Commodore Uniform Co., 349 Broadway, New York, N. Y., has added this line of costume jewelry to their stock of marine accessories. The cuff links and tie tack would be appreciated gifts by retiring officers of ski clubs or just plain skiers who are celebrating birthdays. The ear rings, also featuring the crossed-ski motif, are the dangle-type of bangle and would be appropriate with all sporty outfits.

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Please enroll me as a member of the American Water Ski Association.
If you are a member of a water skiing club, please give name of club: _____

Check (or Money Order) is enclosed for:

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