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Dear Fellow Water Skiers;

We are again proceeding into a legislative year and it sounds as though the forces opposing water skiing are again at work, although at this writing I do not know who hard.

Enclosed in this edition of the Federator is a letter sent by me to the Department of Natural Resources stating the legislative position of the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation.

The Federations legislative committee, composed of Nancy and Allen Bubolz and myself; and Bruce Nevin, our AWSA Councilman are monitoring the legislative scene. If we find that adverse water ski legislation is being proposed, we will inform you so that you can appear at any public hearing to help us fight it.

Sometime in May, the Federation is going to sponsor a tournament boat drivers and judges school. This will be conducted at Appleton, Wis. under the guiding hands of Al and Nancy Bubolz. I urge you as skiers to think about attending this school. It would be a fine place for you to get answers to your questions on tournament skiing. A special mailing will go out to all members on the school early in the spring.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Lukes
Jack Lukes, President

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Dec. 26, 1970

Mr. Harold D. Hettrick
Assistant Director,
Division of Fish, Game and Enforcement
Bureau of Law Enforcement
Dept. of Natural Resources
Hill Farms State Office Building
Madison, Wisconsin 53701

Dear Mr. Hettrick;

The 1971 Legislature will convene soon and I was wondering if your Department was again going to submit a version of 1969 Bill 418-A.

If they are, and it is the same wording as the bill that we had compromised on, The Wisconsin Water Ski Federation is willing to work with you for the passage of it.

We had talked to you about a typographical error in Section 19.30.69(3), this being "occupied or anchored boat" should have read, "occupied, anchored boat". Would you see that this is corrected in any new bill?

If the Department is planning on submitting a new bill, I would appreciate you sending a copy of it to Nancy Bubolz and myself. Also, any information you may have on public hearings would be helpful.

Would you also send each of us a copy of the 1970 Boat Accident and Drowning Report when it is ready?

Sincerely yours,

Jack Lukes
Jack Lukes, President
Wisconsin Water Ski Federation

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cc: Nancy Bubolz
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WWSF NEWS

Publicity Stuff...by Frank Haseley/Publicity Chairman

What's a Publicity?

Now there's a question even Jerry Neigelson can't answer. Just more B.S. to let folks know what's happening. My mind is all mixed up so I'm just gonna jot down some of the thoughts tumbling around and if you can understand any of 'em lots a luck!

Bill Clifford threw out ideas for things to come in one of the last Water Skiers--no more form points in jumping, continuous running in slalom, more novice tournaments.

Now there's something we should have a lot more of in Wisconsin. Our Madison club had one each of the 3 years we've been in town and they are a ball. The course is not as tough, the judges are kinda' sloppy and the hot shots have to do the work. Why doesn't each club seriously consider holding their own novice tournament this year?

Judges and Boat Drivers Schools--to be held at Appleton soon after the ice goes out on an April weekend. Details in club chatter and in the next Federator.

Date of next Federator--soon after tournament schedule is known--about April fools day.

Federation is trying to put out an informational pamphlet on the safe and easy ways to water ski and boat drive. Anyone who has photos or negativ4s they can spare may contribute.

Articles on club activities, photos, dates of novice tournaments or anything else to be included in the next Federator should be given to your W.W.S.F. director or mailed to:

Fat Alburt Reports
c/o Jim M. Pharo
2223 Middleton Beach Road
Middleton, Wl. 53562

by March 1, 1971:

Thanks...Frank

P.S. I would like a latest up to datest club roster for some of this stuff.

A Membership Pitch...by Jerry Neigelson/Membership Chairman

A question popped up at the last Federation directors meeting; "What is my buck for? What does the Federation do?" My mind immediately answered "I dunno!"

It is a service club composed of members from Wisconsin's water skiing population to promote safe water skiing and sound water ski legislation. This is done by sanctioning tournaments like the State, Novice and Barefoot. It also distributes safety cards like the one enclosed, maintains a liaison with the Department of Natural Resources, the states water regulating agency, and lobbies in the legislature to attempt to prevent poor or extra-restrictive laws.

During the last 2 years the solons couldn't agree on anything, so lobbying was no problem. This year, however, we have a new governor, a new control in the house and advance warning that bills will be introduced to restrict water skiing such as the proposal to require an auto drivers license. That one has got to get kicked in the head!

Because things were sliding pretty easy and there was money in the kitty, no big push was put on. Now its different. I have set our goal a 100% increase in membership. I hope to have one of my committee attend a meeting of each club and discuss the reasons why each club member should be a W.W.S.F. member. There are many reasons...especially for the young crowd entering novice tournaments without drivers licenses.

I thank you...Jerry

WWSF TIDBITS

If a RED LINE appears on your mailing sticker this will be your last mailing unless you renew your membership to WWSF. Application for such is on back page...ask a friend to join also.

The 1970 Wis. State Championships Tom Dorwin Memorial Trophy donated by the Water Bugs of Milwaukee and the WWSF in memory of Tom Dorwin was awarded to Alan Decker for his achievement in the WWSF State Tournament.

The 1970 Regional Tom Dorwin Memorial Trophy donated by John and Janet Ostberg of White Bear Lake, Minn. was won by Bob Badeau from Madison, for his contribution to the Midwest Regional Tournament.

The next Federator will include the 1971 Tournament schedule. Anyone interested in offering information for the next Federator, to be put out in April 1971 should send information to: Fat Albur Reports.

FAT ALBERT REPORTS:

The Capital City Ski Team of Madison, had a fantastic year. The action started with our Novice tournament on June 21st. Everyone had a ball without paying too much attention to rules or Ruth Hagel from Fond du Lac. She managed to change clothes in the crowd during one event without being noticed...by too many of us.

Our ski show was put on at Law Park every Tuesday and Thursday from Memorial Day to Labor Day and I even got to ski in it this year. Our announcer Phil Icke, brought down a chunk of 2" rope one evening and I was able to get up behind our twin rig without breaking the towline. Couldn't make it up behind my old 60 horse though. There's going to be a boat for sale in Madison next spring. Since I mentioned it, if anyone else out there has a boat you want to buy, sell or trade, why don't you send the specifics to Jim Pharo and we'll see if he'll be a nice guy and run a swap shop in one of the next Federators.

The Ski Team put on a show at Neenah with the Aquatic Skiers on July 4th for the JC's. Another ball. Show Chairman Jim Watts really did a job. We even put on a benefit for the local Lions Club one Sunday afternoon to help build a pavilion for sailors and canoeists on a little lake that doesn't even allow motors. How about them apples?

Some of our more proficient skiers went out to Colorado to ski for the Shadow Mountain Shows for cash money. A couple of our girls wound up the season with Bartlets Show at the Dells. We always wish our fellow members well in their endeavors, but this bit of referring to the rest of us as the Madison Farm Club is going to have to cease.

The Water Bugs, our neighbors to the east were helpful, during our Capital City Open by supplying contestants, our chief scorer Bob Meranda, and spiritual leader Dickie Scott. The Guru used his own good example to set the tone and decorum for the contest. Wausau's Joe Ostrander seemed to be more interested in the action of a certain Bikini than the action on the water. Since there is so much time spent at this segment of tournaments, I heard the Federation is going to give a trophy for the best Bikini Wiggler next year. Rumor has it that Lenore Hofferma was the unofficial winner in 1970. Before leaving the subject of tournaments, I would like to say I really enjoyed watching all the great skiers who came to Madison for the Midwest Regionals. Sure is a large gap between the Mc Cormicks, Novakowskis, and our gang in B Men,

Tournaments in Madison means one man, Bob Badeau. We all have fun at tournaments, we all work hard, we all get tired. Bob will match work with anyone in the club, including President Pete, and still drag himself out on the water and win trophies. He's tough. We're all glad he received the Tom Dorwin award at the Regionals.

I heard that Minocqua had trouble getting parts for their twin rigs at the beginning of the year and lack of practice may be why they didn't take the State overall trophy this year. Don't worry gang, we'll take real good care of that cup while we have it.



Water Bugs..Milwaukee, Wis.

The Bugs plan to launch the new year with a snowmobile party in January. As we look forward from our 1970 memories. Our last January and successful club activities. After placing 4th in the Wisconsin Show Tournament, our club performed before a very large and appreciative crowd at Fish Creek, Wis. Next on the show schedule were 10 shows during Milwaukee Summerfest. Larger than ever crowds watched these shows sometimes performed in larger than ever Lake Michigan waves. The Evinrude Ski-Rama in honor of local T.V. and radio personalities provided a fitting climax to a great show season. Thousands of people lined the shores of little Lake Neosho as our club performed flawlessly in nearly perfect water under the watchful gaze of local T.V. camera.

Our tournament skiers also recall 1970 with pride. Our club placed 2nd at the Wisconsin State Tournament and a number of club members had outstanding performances at the Midwest Regionals. Although no club member skied in the Nationals, our Evinrude Twin Rig was there pulling our nation's best.

1971 officers are; Pres. Jerry Niegelson, V.P. Jack Majeske, Sec. Jenny Weinkauff, Tres. Bernie Long, Board Members, Dave Langowski, Bruce Latham and Chet Weise.

Submitted by Don Banta.

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Star Zenith Boat Club..Beloit, Wis.

Barb Terrill reports the five families from Beloit who have been on the trophy circuit are already to go when the ice leaves in spring. She claims they have a system of anchors, cables and floats for putting in a course and jump that is so slick, if you blink you miss it.

The word has it that in addition to the tournament families, next year will see a bunch of up and coming boys competing from Beloit. Some are winners of events in a novice tournament held at Star Zenith Boat Club during which a five year old on two skis made at least 1 buoy.

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Kwahamots..Tomahawk, Wis.

Andy Kaplanek reports another successful season of shows on the river by the Tomahawk club. The shows started at 7 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays and included the flying of their Delta Wing Kite. The Kwahamots took 1st place honors at the show tourney.

Next year the starting time will be moved back to 8 pm which has been made possible by the installation of a new lighting system.

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Fox Skimmers..Omro, Wis.

Greg Strehlow reports the Fox Skimmers put on shows in New London, Winneconne and the Omro area during 1970. Bake sales were used as a method of fund raising but a donation from Elmera, Marine at Omro is

Fox Skimmers Cont*

What put the club on the water. The club had some trouble keeping a course in this year, so next year their going to use bigger nails. Omro had representatives at the Beloit, Janesville, Madison and Dubuque tourneys.

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Aqua Skiers..Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Lu Ann Molepske reports the Aqua Skiers presented shows at the Nekooza Civic Picnic for the American Legion, at Neenah on the 4th of July for the JC's and 3 shows on the Castle Rock Flowage. Lu Ann says everyone was so pooped from preparing and hosting the show tournament that the club was only able to finish 3rd, but next year they are going to be 1st!

Next year the Rapids jump and course will again be at the Riverside and practice for the first place trophy can be seen just about any evening after work. The Aqua Skiers also use bake sales and car washes as money makers.

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Rock Aqua Jays..Janesville, Wis.

John Wilson reports the Janesville gang put on shows at Watertown, Albany and Janesville in '70. They also hosted the State Tournament. Janesville was represented by their skiers at the Waterloo, Minocqua, Dubuque, Aquatennial, Madison, and Regional Tournaments and Chris Kummlein carried their colors at the Nationals.

Next year a valiant effort will be made to put on a weekly show. Another rig will be in the club to add some dependability.

Officers for 1971 are: Pres. Jim Kuhlow, V.P. Bob Grassel, Tres. Bob Spears, Sec. Mary Whitcomb, W.W.S.F. Director. Gary Chamberlain.

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Min-Aqua-Bats..Minocqua, Wis.

1971 club officers are Pres. Pat Ahlborn, V.P. Woody Hagge, Tres. Bob Michelson, Rec. Sec. Margo Klippel, Corres. Sec. Debby Stolen, Program Director Robby Schuetz, and Board Member Bill Hannford.

The Min-Aqua-Bats completed another season of fine shows held every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 8 pm. Their tournament skiers competed in the Badger Open, Aquatennial, State, Capital City Open, and the Midwest Regional Tournaments. The highlight of the season however was a 3-2 triumph over the Hazelhurst Improvement Club in a game of Donkey Baseball. The season ended with a banquet at Froelich's Sayner Lodge.

In addition to an equally ambitious schedule next year, the club hopes to obtain a better show site and erect a new club house.

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Skiing Skeeters..Manitowish Waters, Wis.

Paul Blanchard reports the Skeeters were very unhappy that boat trouble and a late start prevented them from hosting a barefoot tournament this past year.

Next year should be no sweat with the addition of a Crosby Sled and 2 brand new Merce. The club held shows at 7:30pm on Wednesdays and Sunday nites and hosted a dance after the Wednesday nite shows at the community center. There is hope that the club can lease a bigger and better show site in the near future.

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Boat Driver and Judges School..Appleton, Wis.

The schools will be produced and directed by the Bubolz's. Nancy, the dear lady who ran in 1970 the largest Regional tournament ever.. so smoothly that there was time left on Sunday afternoon to put on a star studded ski show and Allen, chairman of the board, AWSA, and affectionately referred to as the dirty old man of water skiing. At the end of August the Bubolzes accompanied Ricky Mc Cormick, Mike Suyderhoud, Wayne Grinditch, Robbie and Allan Kempden to England for an International match promoted by the British Water Ski Federation between the 5 best American Skiers and the 5 best European skiers.

RESULTS:

	<u>1st place</u>	<u>2nd place</u>	<u>3rd place</u>
Tricks:	Mc Cormick 5365	Grinditch	Suyderhoud
Slalom:	Suyderhoud	Grinditch	Mc Cormick
Jumping:	Suyderhoud	Kempden	Grinditch (158')

Sidelights:

Rickeys 5365 trick run is the best ever...about the 4th time he broke his own record this year.

Wayne Grinditch jumped 158' for 3rd place..so what? This boy is only 16 years old. Look for big things from him. Why didn't Mc Cormick place in jumping? He took what Allen and Nancy considered to be the worst fall they have seen on his first jump..burned the seat off his rubber jumping pants...full length of jump..he lives. Rickey jumped 162, 165, 165.5 in practice.

European judges use different systems than Americans. Best European trickers are in the 3000 class.

Even though the Americans swept the match, Europeans are anxious for more of the same. This one was sponsored by Martini and Rossi.
Hospitality Fantastic!