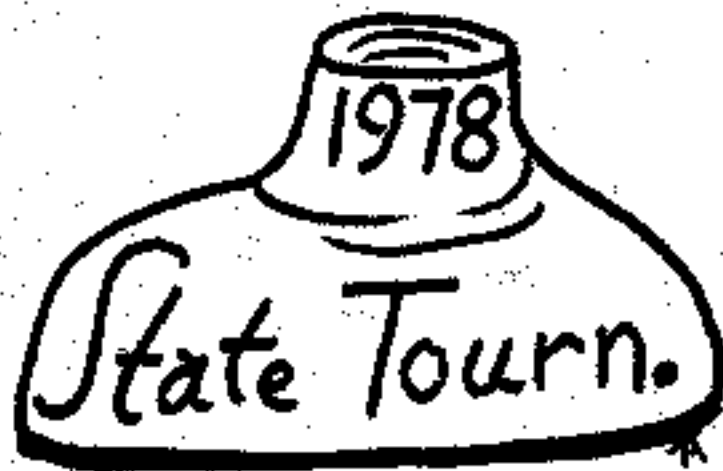


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NO STATE CHAMPS IN '78' !

The above title is correct as it stands. There will be no State Championships in 1978, unless some of the clubs in this State get it in gear.

Now mind you, I am not going to pick on anyone. I intend to give credit where it is due.

Minocqua saved the entire State from embarrassment last season. Let it be known right here and now, they do not wish to run two tournaments next season. I don't blame them, it's work. They have been hosting the Badger for quite some time, and I wouldn't ask them to cancel it just to hold State.

Tomahawk in another example. These people took a rest last year because they earned it. They have had two State, one Regional and one National tournament in the seasons of 1973, 1974, 1975, and 1976.

Beloits' Labor Day Open is another annual tournament that has been around for a long time. It's too much work for a club to sponsor 2 tournaments in 1 year.

We have 26 different clubs on our mailing list. Where are you?

You may think that because most of your clubs show-ski, you have no need for a 3 event tournament. If you do, you are wrong. Support, both financial and moral, comes from the 3 event skier. I am not putting down show skiing. All I am trying to do is to get you, the reader, to realize the kind of situation we are really in.

Wisconsin has one of the largest State Tournaments in the United States. How would it look if people found out that we didn't have a State tournament, because no one cared to host it?

People, I can't believe this is happening. It used to be that 2 or 3 clubs would bid on the States. Last year Minocqua was practically begged to take it. In 1972, the Federation sponsored the State with the use of the Janesville site. Thank you again, Janesville.

The W.W.S.F. started out as an organization to help the 3 event tournament skier, as show skiing was just starting to emerge. Times have changed, and the 3 event tournaments. Let's not make them get out and walk.

I say lets support our show skiing, but lets not loose touch with our 3 event skiers.

When the members of an organization, such as the clubs belonging to the W.W.S.F. become so involved in one area that they loose interest and contact with the other areas, the downfall of their organization not be far off.

If there are no bids made by February 25th, there will be not State Tournament.

I remain:

Forty Renucci

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Mukwonago, Wisconsin 53149

→ Nancy ^{53rd} 642-7687

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TO: ALL FELLOW WATER SKIERS
FROM: JIM PHARO & NANCY BUBOLZ
RE: 2nd ANNUAL THINK TANK CONVENTION

24, 25

If you're a water skier who's sick and tired of the snow and ice. If your're suffering from the "Winter Doldrums" and yearning for the better life-just join Jim and me at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point on February 25th & 26th for a fantastic two day cure.

As so many found out last year, just the stay at the Holiday with family and your skiing buddies is worth it-the indoor pool, whirlpool bath, saunas shuffleboard, putting green, great food, great entertainment. They will be ski shows in the pool, Pro-mo Boats, and Promotional Ski Equipment booths too!

Top that with two full days of Think Tanks on every aspect of Water Skiing you'd like to know about with the best experts in the field letting you in on their secrets. **HOW CAN YOU MISS!**

We think we've made some improvements too. An earlier start allows more fun time between last Think Tank and that fabulous Buffet Banquet; you can enjoy a swim and have Cocktails with us at the Patio bar. We've added a room so there will be Three Think Tanks going at the same time. There will be special Think Tanks for the beginning skiers. If you happen to be one of the many, who just couldn't get enough of being with fellow water skiers talking shop until the wee hours; we've given you an extra hour of sleep on Sunday. Coffee, donuts and rolls will be servered.

You won't want to miss the Buffet Banquet either. Again you can stuff yourself with all those goodies, plus this year it features Prime Rib and Ham. It's \$7.50 for adults and \$3.75 for children under 12, But that includes the 15% tip and tax. You just can't beat it! If you wish to send banquet money to me ahead you can.

The Federation has 100 rooms set aside at the Holiday Inn. Make your reservations NOW directly to the Stevens Point Holiday Inn (do not use a local Holiday Inn teletex). State that you are with the WWSF. If you wish a poolside room make you reservation yesterday! **ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY FEBRUARY 22nd.**

You can really help Jim & I with the planning if you are going to attend by filling in the following;

Hope to see you there! Nancy & Jim

Send to Nancy Bubolz, 1314 Riverdale Drive, Appleton, Wisconsin 54911

Names of those attending _____

Address _____

Adults for Banquet _____ Children _____ Money enclosed for Banquet _____

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**TENTATIVE
 SCHEDULE OF THINK TANKS**

**WISCONSIN WATER SKI FEDERATION
 February 25 & 26, 1977**



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25th

Registration will be from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

<u>THINK TANK</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
11:00 Show Judges and Show Directors to Tell How to Win	Tom Ghiloni	Sentry
11:55 All About Kite Flying Beginners Trick Clinic	Jerry Niegelsen Ron Johnson	University W.I.A.A.
12:00 Show Judges, ect. continued to All About Barefooting	Nick Heniadis	University
12:55 Beginners Slalom Clinic	Joe Ostrander	W.I.A.A.
1:00 Show Judges, ect. continued to The DNR and the Water Skier	Dale Morey, DNR (Rep)	W.I.A.A.
1:55 How to Build a Portable Jump	Steve Gallop	University
2:00 Show Announcing to Tips on Slalom	Tim Niegelsen Bob Badeau	Sentry University
2:55 The DNR & the Water Skier	Dale Morey	W.I.A.A.
3:00 Show Driving to Boat & Motor Repair	John Wilson Forty Renucci	Sentry University
3:55 Beginners Jump Clinic All About Skiing Safely	Brady Rosch Tim Niegelsen	W.I.A.A. At Pool
5:00 Cocktail Time (Bar will be set up in the patio area next to the pool)		
6:00 Buffet Banquet (Tournament bids for the State, Barefoot, and Show Tournaments will be presented at this time also.)		
7:30 Monthly WWSF Director's Meeting. Everyone Welcome.		
8:00 AUCTION Brady Rosch the inimitable auctioneer		
Open to Holiday Inn Guests too. Should be lots of fun. Bring goodies, even non-skiing things that are gathering dust. All finds help support Federation!		
10:00 Time to Party! You'll always find a great group entertaining at the Holiday Inn. Floor Show and dancing, no cover charge.		

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

<u>THINK TANK</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
9:00 Coffee, donuts, rolls		Sentry
10:00 How to be a Good Trick Judge to How to have a Financially 10:55 Successful Club	Allen Bubolz Margo Klippel	Sentry University
Pro-Mo-Boats and How to Get Them	Wayne Colden	W.I.A.A.
11:00 How to Get All Your Trick Points to How to Put on A Financially Sucess- 11:55 ful Tournament	Ron Pickos Nancy Bubolz	Sentry University
How to put in a Slalom Course	Joe Ostrander	W.I.A.A.
12:00 Tips on Jumping to How to be a Good Tournament Judge Show Judges & Directors tell How Win	Nitto Quitevas Jack Lukes Tom Chiloni	Sentry University W.I.A.A.
1:00 Jumpers & Tournament Drivers to (Gripes, Groans, etc.)	Allen Bubolz	Sentry
1:55 All about Barefooting Show Judges, etc. continued	Nick Heniadis	University
2:00 Tournament Driving to Kite Flying	Nitto & Allen Jerry Niegelsen	Sentry University
2:55 Show Judges, etc. continued		
3:00 Time to linger for one more dip in the pool, or head for home all cured of Thoses "Winter Doldrums"!		

PUBLICITY AND NEWS

EXTRA! EXTRA!

If you want more exposure in the newspapers for your club or yourself, as a member of the W.W.S.F., read this.

As your Publicity and News Chairman this year, I am asking your help. I need information from people of this State, in order to get the exposure this sport of ours needs.

What I am asking for are news releases from clubs or individuals concerning upcoming special events. An example would be an information booth, sponsored by a ski club, at a sport show. It could also be on some tournament your club is going to sponsor.

I will be sending information out once a month to over 15 publications State wide. The Water Skier and Spray will also receive copies.

The plan is to mail during the third week of every month, this way the papers can put the stories in the issue of the first week of the month.

One note: If you send something to be printed in the Water Skier or Spray, sent it early. They go to print about 5 weeks prior to distribution date. Well, have a nice winter.

Forty Renucci,
News and Publicity Chairman

WATER BUGS SKI CLUB, INC.

The Water Bugs of 1977 had a super year celebrating over 10 Year Anniversary since our reorganization in 1967, by putting on 18 shows at various locations; Lamb, Milwaukee's Summerfest, Milwaukee Lakefront Water and Air Show, and Lake Beaulak to name a few.

In the competition ranks this year, I guess we surprised ourselves in taking third place in team competition at the State Tournament in Minocqua.

We once again ended our skiing season with the 2nd Annual Water Bug Open with our inter-club tournament, held the third week in September, leaving the cool temperature, drinking a little beer and having alot of fun.

On October 15th we duly celebrated our Ten Year Anniversary at our Annual Banquet. It was on such evening that we thanked and recognized our officers of 1977 and welcomed the new officers for 1978. President Jerry Neigelsen, Vice-President Mark Schualbach, Secretary Denis Arndt, Treasurer Terry Loomis and Show Director Gregg Malmstrom.

On behalf of the Water Bugs Ski Club Inc. we wish you a joyous Holiday and will see you at the "Think Tank".

Public Relations Director,
Timothy J. Niagelson

AUCTION

Guess what? Its auction time again. There is going to be an auction at this years think tank, as was last year. The auction last year was great, and we have Brady Rosch and Jerry Neigelsen to thank.

This coming years auction should surpass last years, but it's going to be up to you to see that it does.

This auction at the Holiday Inn will be open to the public, not just Federation members. The point here is that different items should be brought, other than ski equipment.

There are all sorts of things that can be auctioned off. If everyone brought just one item, think how much the Federation would have to work with.

In case you are wondering where all of this money goes, I'll tell you. The money is put into the treasury of the Federation and is used to help difer costs incurred during the year. (ie. mailings, postage, engraving trophies, ect.)

It is due to the auction in part, that your dues, to the Federation are still only \$1.00.

Be see'in ya at the Think Tank.

SAFETY

Well as Chairman again this year of the Federators most popular committee I ask for help.

By help, I mean the input of your soles for making tournament skiing in our State safer and in it's entirety safety a very popular issue with all skiers and clubs when the continuous call for pick-up boat personnel is so badly needed at our State Championships year after year.

Last year thru every meeting of the W.W.S.F. there was a call for committee members, and that call still exists so that we can have a solid safety committee with solid ideas, instead of one or two persons listing to the complaints about the things that went wrong.

To justify with myself as too why I took the chairmanship a second year, is that I put myself in the spot of the injured skier and I guess thats reason enough.

Your Help is Needed.

331 W. 2nd Street
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Safety Chairman,
Timothy J. Niegelsen

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

This article is directed to the members of the W.W.S.F. who are not members of an affilited club.

This is to inform you, that we will be at the meetings this winter fighting tooth and nail for your interests. Well, we won't be fighting, but we will be representing you.

I case you missed the election this past summer at state, we are Forty Renucci and Barb Niegelsen. Barb is from East Troy, and Forty is from Mukwonago.

If you have any questions or ideas that you want brought up at the monthly meetings, please drop a letter to one of us, or meet us at the monthly meetings. We want to do the job for you, thats why we took the office. All we ask are your comments so we can speak on your behalf. As unaffiliated members you have just as much right to be represented as any ski club does.

Good luck to you in your ventures and try to stop by a meeting sometime, they're a blast (sometimes).

Barb & Forty
Director-At-Large

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

FROM: Nancy J. Bubolz, Chairman

There has been a great many things going on this past year in the legislative area; most of which I have already reported. However, the most important item was being appointed by Anthony Earl, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, to the Southeastern Regional Task Force whose main purpose was to study water use conflicts in that area of the state and come up with some meaningful recommendations. Mr. Earl also hoped that the recommendations might also be of value in the other areas of the state.

From June through September I traveled, monthly to Milwaukee to attend meetings; the rest of the time I was bombarded with countless "input" material covering the problems and possible solutions.

As you know, I requested the AWSA and WWSF members to return a questionnaire to me. I can't tell you how much I love all of you that replied. According to National studies a 4% return for such a questionnaire would be excellent; my return was over 20%.

I tabulated all the responses and copied all the responses and feelings on the second page - copies were given to each task force member. They were really impressed, and more than that, your responses confirmed to them what I vocally was telling them:

- that calm water is more important than the "heat of the day"
- that on congested days, we stay off the water, or ski early in the morning, late in evening
- that many of the smaller lakes, with much cooperation, co-exist fairly well, even have jump and slalom course; where on the larger lakes, where the area is available jumps and slalom courses are a no-no
- that many of us want stricter law enforcement to get rid of the cowboys
- that a great many of us fish also
- that almost all of us wear a flotation device; most of us jackets

There were no meetings after the September meeting. The next meeting will be in January where we hope to nail down all of our recommendations. At this point, I believe the recommendations will be favorable ones; but as some members votes still questionable I cannot be more definite at this time. I should know by the time of the Think Tank Convention.

At the Think Tank Convention, Mr. Dale Morey, Boating Law Enforcement Administrator for the Department of Natural Resources and I will be holding a Two Hour Think Tank where you can come with any problems you might have on your lake and discuss them with him; and hopefully find a solution.

Hope to see you all at the Think Tank Convention.

Nancy J. Bubolz
Nancy J. Bubolz

FEDERATOR

The following is from the editors of the Federator, which is souly responsible for its content. (except when we are wrong).

Greetings! We trust that you have had a good post-season rest so far.

We have been kicking around the idea of starting a sort of classified ad section. It will consist of charging a flat fee for the ads. The prices for W.W.S.F. members (non-commercial) will be as follows: 1/12 pg. \$1.00; 1/6 pg. \$3.00, 2/3 pg. \$10.00, and 1 pg. \$15.00.

Now these ads can be for almost anything. Examples could be: An engagement to announce, get-well-wishes to one who is recovering from a mishap, a lost and found, items to sell, or items wanted to buy, ect.

If you want to place an ad, type it out and mail it to Jim Pharo or Forty Renucci along with what size ad you want. Make sure a check or money order is enclosed, with the correct amount.

Please don't try to jam 30 lines into a \$1.00 ad, it won't work. Our 1/12 pg. ad will hold 8 typed lines, 3 1/2 long.

If your ad is too large for the amount paid, both check and ad will be returned. Please make sure your ad is clear in its meaning.

Now, if any of you out there are merchants or know of a dealer who would like to place an ad, we have special prices for them. They run as follows; 1/2 pg. \$10.00, and 1/4 pg. \$30.00

These prices, as the classifieds for members are for only one issue.

The Federator is distributed to people throughout the State of Wisconsin as well as those members who live out-of-state. Remind the dealers that these people do most the their skiing in this state, but do travel to different areas to follow the water ski circuit.

The Federator is usually published twice a year. Once in November and once in April.

Our circulation is around 600 issues. Also, ads will be printed only if we receive a favorable response. If response is poor, ads and checks will be returned.

If there are any questions, please drop a letter to Forty or Jim.

Please make checks payable to;
Wisconsin Water Ski Federation

Ads will be kept on file.

Thats All Folks.

.....PARDON ME BUD.....

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN YOUR DOLLAR??????

Annual membership in the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation, WWSF, your voice in state water skiing activities and in state LEGISLATION is just one DOLLAR!!!!

That dollar brings you the years skings news thru the FEDERATOR and helps the Federation continue programs for furthering the sport of water skiing. The Novice Tournament... The Show Tournament...The Wisconsin State Tournament, and much more, so join today.

The Federation is only as strong as its members.

WE NEED YOUR DOLLAR.....You don't have to wait till tournament time, send it in now.

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____

Are you a member of AWSA? _____
Name of Club you belong to: _____

I hereby agree to all the bylaws and to abide by them that this organization has and to all those changes which might be made by the Board of Directors.

Signed: _____
Dated: _____

Membership is from July 1 to June 30 of each year. Your buck pays you up till June 30., 1979.

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