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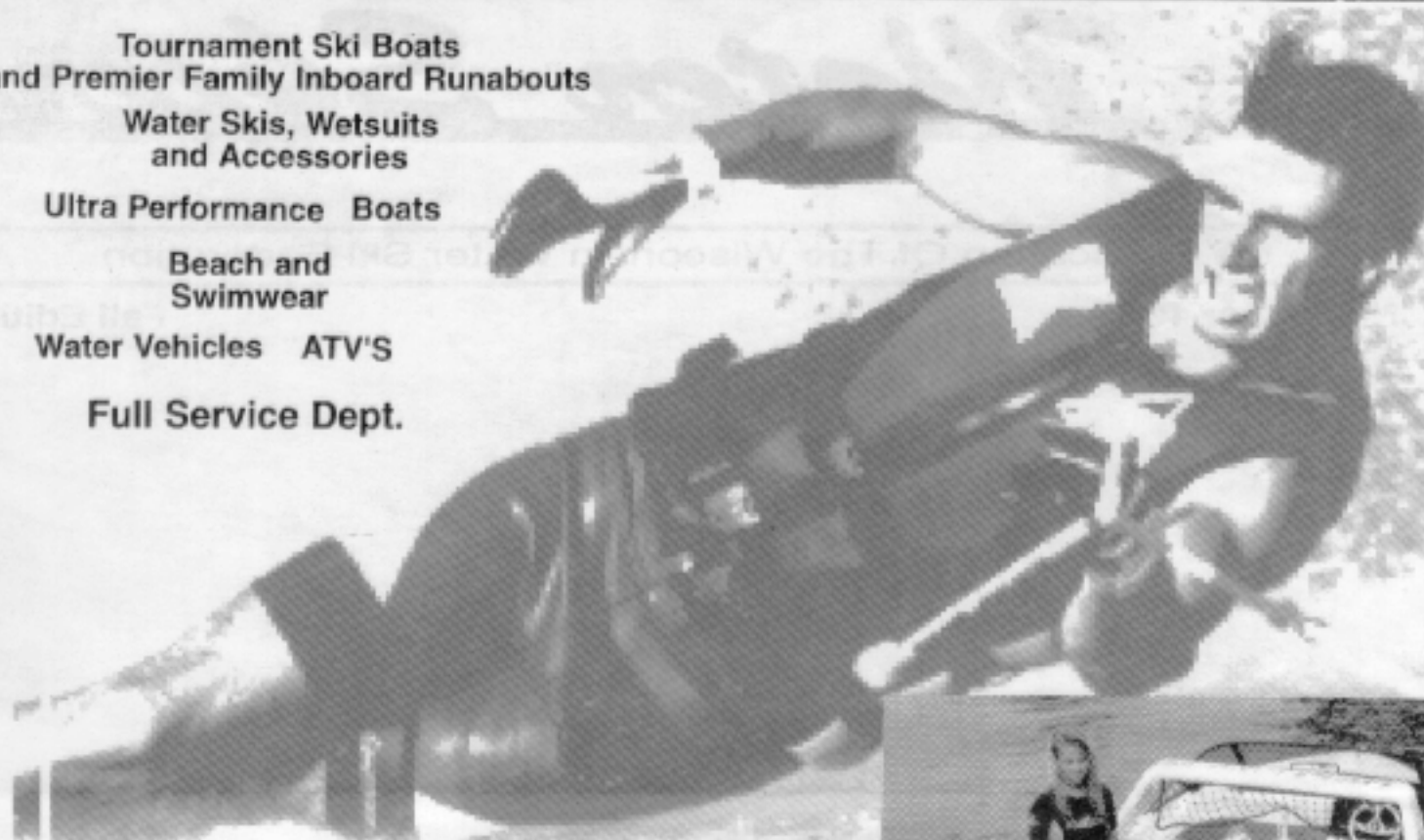
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NEWS

WISCONSIN STATE WATER SKI SHOW TOURNAMENT

The 29th Annual Wisconsin Water Ski Show Tournament was held July 14, 15 & 16, 1995 at Lake Wazeecha, Wisconsin Rapids. The tournament was hosted by the Wis. Rapids Aqua Skiers and Bob Marx was Tournament Chairman.

RESULTS / AWARDS

Division I		Points	
1st	Badgerland	2104	
2nd	Rock Aqua Jays	2101	
3rd	Aquanuts	1796	
4th	Mad City	1794	
5th	Aqua Skiers	1601	
6th	Minneiska	1575	
7th	Waterboard Warriors	1557	
8th	Shermalot	1531	
9th	Lauderdale	1425	
Division II		Points	
1st	Ski Sprites	1660	
2nd	Crivitz Ski Cats	1622	
3rd	Twin Bridge	1599	
4th	Chain Skimmers	1300	
5th	Wausauqua	1252	
6th	Webfooters	1160	
7th	Aquaducks	1132	
Division III		Points	
1st	River City	1454	
2nd	Chain O Lakes	1279	
3rd	Skiing Patriots	1043	
Award	Team	Points	
Best Dock & Equipment:	I Rock Aqua Jays	406	
	II Ski Sprites	317	
	III River City	175	
Best Pick-up Boat:	I Rock Aqua Jays	410	
	II Twin Bridge	305	
	III River City	170	
Best Boat Driving:	I Rock Aqua Jays	902	
	II Ski Sprites	715	
	III River City	350	
Best Announcings:	I Rock Aqua Jays	1105	
	II Crivitz Ski Cats	840	
	III River City	395	
Best Ballet Line:	Rock Aqua Jays	367	
	Highest Barefoot Act:	Ski Sprites	432
		Most Original Act:	Girl's Swivel Pyramid
Humor Award:	Kid Egyptian Dancers	*	

WISCONSIN'S FOURTH ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL EVENTS COMPETITION

This summer, at the Wisconsin State Show Tournament in Wisconsin Rapids, the 4th Annual Wisconsin State Individual Events Competition was held.

The event consisted of three areas of individual competition: **FREESTYLE JUMPING * SWIVEL SKIING * DOUBLES.**

Freestyle Jumping

(2) individuals competed in the Freestyle Jumping event.
 1st Place = Scott Susek 535
 2nd Place = Daren Lukas 162.5
 3rd Place = no entry

Swivel Skiing

(13) Individuals competed in the Swivel Skiing event.
 1st Place = Kristen Heilman 17.06
 2nd Place = Ginny Rezin 16.27
 3rd Place = Rachel Suslick 15.60

Other competitors were Sue Jacobson, Kathleen Kreul, Laura Bernstein, Sarah Maternach, Rene Wadnell, Lora Kaerber, Robin Klar, Jennifer Nelson, Anna Findlay, and Nikki Noonan.

Doubles Competition

(7) couples competed in the Doubles Skiing event.
 1st Place = Cathy Luiting / Gerry Luiting 17.07
 2nd Place = Kelly Czechowicz / Dave Stock 16.03
 3rd Place = Missy Blateman / Michael Kessenich 14.10

Other competitors were Matt Heilman / Sara Straub, Jason Kreuzberg / Amanda Anderson, Mark Anderson / Ashley Anderson, and Tracy Aldrich / Bethany Parker.

A special Thank You goes out to Jeff Thomson of Fort Fremont Marine and Ski Nautique for sponsoring this event.

Plans are already underway for the 1996 event, to again be held in conjunction with the Wisconsin State Show Tournament, July 19th, 20th, and 21st.

Bob Marx, Tournament Chairman



SKI CAMP 1995

The Wisconsin Water Ski Federation hosted two show ski camps in 1995. The Rock Aqua Jays once again volunteered their site for the southern ski camp, and the Kwahamots water ski team volunteered their site in Tomahawk for the northern ski camp.

We had a last minute cancellation so only two teams attended the southern ski camp. The Browns Lake Aqua Ducks and the Eau Claire Ski Sprites took full advantage of the extra time available to their teams. The teams skied nonstop from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., finishing up the day with full ski shows. After their shows were over, they listened to critiques from Show Judges Gerry Luiting and Duane Snow. Instructors for the two day event included Tim, Todd and Brian Cullen, David and Susan Drum, Vicki Jorantien, Nikki Noonan, Jeana Parmer, Rich LaCount, Keith Rentzl, Barb Snow, Brad Springbrum, Suzie Jensen, JR Wilson, Joel Williams, Edd Rhinohart.

The following weekend, we headed north to Tomahawk. Unfortunately, the sun was slow to follow. Saturday morning started out very cold and rainy! The Kwahamots were well prepared for the worst. They had a local ice arena lined up for indoor practice. The Wisconsin Rapids Aqua Skiers, Wausaqua and the Kwahamots worked on dry land into the early afternoon. Then being true "show skiers" with the attitude that the show must go on, they all braved the cold rain. After some water practice, the Wisconsin Rapids Aqua Skiers

and Wausaqua ran through shows in their wet suits (a few had dry suits). We took a short break, then the Kwahamots treated us and several fans (there were only a few because it was too cold to be a loyal fan that evening!) to a full show with costumes and music. It was a terrific show. I think we saw one fall. Maybe it was just too cold to fall!

Wausaqua went back to Wausau that evening, they had a paid show the following day. The Wisconsin Rapids Aqua Skiers decided to take full advantage of the extra time available. They started out first thing in the morning with some dryland pyramid practice, specifically on building their 4-high. They cleaned up a few climbing problems, and off to the water they went. The first attempt crashed. Nerves. The second attempt was up beautifully, but crashed coming down. The skiers came in and decided to do it again. The third pyramid went beautifully, up, down, and in, all except the top girl. As soon as she got out of the pickup boat to join her teammates on the beach receiving a standing ovation, the center girl came up and apologized to her, she was so excited she forgot the top girl was still on her when she started to climb down! After the team calmed down, they ran through an entire show for the judges to critique. Judges on hand for this ski camp were Barb Taugner, Tom Ghiloni, and Gerry Luiting. Instructors for the weekend included Pete and Cheryl Bonert, Nikki Noonan and Gail Ghiloni.

The Wisconsin Water Ski Federation would like to thank the judges and instructors for giving up an entire summer weekend to help us grow and mature as show skiers.

Cathy Luiting, Show Rep

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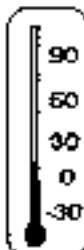
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The Summer meeting of the NSSA Board was held in Janesville, Wisconsin on August 11, 1995. Attending from the Wisconsin region were Bob Marx, Bob Birkholz, Terry Pastorski, and J.R. Wilson.

Highlights of the meeting are:

The AWSA Board approved the re-organization plan. A letter of thanks was sent to Harold Hill and Jeff Clark for their work on re-organization.

Safety: Gerry Luiting handed out copies of the new Safety Coordinator position and training.

Rules: Proposed rule changes must be sent to Tom Ghiloni by September 18. He will mail them out to the board by September 25. These will be discussed and voted on at the November meeting.

Officials: The board voted to approve Chuck Thomas for Senior Scorer and Jan Thomas a Senior Judge. The strap doubles tape that Gerry & Cathy Luiting made for judges is completed. Jim Lauzon has copies available for purchase. There were discussions regarding officials receiving credit for more than one job at tournaments. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.

Nationals: Dave Nemeec handed out the list of individual act competitors. Several additions were added to jump, swivel and doubles. It was approved that Cam McNeil will donate a pair of shoe skis to the Skip Gilkerson winner. Show Nationals will be held August 8-10, 1997. NSSA by-laws require Nationals bids to be received by July 15, and that an announcement be published in the Water Skier informing people of this date. However, since the Water Skier did NOT publish this announcement, the board voted

8-3 to extend the bid deadline for 1997 Nationals until September 15, for this year only. Nationals will be held in Rockford on August 9-11, 1996. Terry Pastorski asked to have each region's qualification procedures included with the minutes.

Grants: Concerns were voiced about clubs not having proper receipts and documentation, and timeliness of grant notifications. This will be discussed at the fall meeting.

Thronsdon: A royalty check was given to NSSA for \$24.00 for shirts. Duke Waldrop approved advertisement of NSSA logo items in the Water Skier.

Insurance: Will be discussed in the fall.

ESPN: The recommendations that were sent to ESPN from the board were not followed. ESPN has their own announcers that they use.

By-laws: Will be printed by AWSA.

Budget: 1996 budget was given to AWSA.

Drivers: J.R. asked 6 drivers at Think Tank to submit resumes for trainers for boat driver clinics. He received only 3 so far.

Old Business: Duke stated that air chairs may be approved for insurance through AWSA on a per day basis. Must go through Duke for this.

Terry Pastorski requested again that all regions send copies of the meeting minutes to the board.

New Business: Scott Clerk reported on the new philosophy of Cypress Gardens, opening their doors to amateur show clubs. A drawing (for all the 1995 Nationals teams show directors) was held for a one week stay at the Gardens Summit house for 4 people, to include skiing with the Gardens' skiers. Mad City show director won.

The free style jump DOD will be reviewed at the November meeting.

The next meeting will be November 10-11, 1995 at Cypress Gardens.

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Now is the time to start making your plans. March 1, 2, & 3, 1996 are the days to mark on your calendar. The Stevens Point Holidome will be the Think Tank headquarters. They are going to fill up fast. (Last year they were booked solid in December.) If you have not already done so, make your reservations now. Dial 800-922-7880. Do not call the National Holiday Inn Reservation number, they will tell you the hotel is booked. 200 additional rooms have been reserved at area hotels for waterskiers. In the event that the Holidome is booked, you will find rooms available at The Best Western, Super 8, Comfort Suites, Road Star, and Point Motel.

We made some major schedule changes for Think Tank XIX. We plan to continue with these changes, and make a few more to make Think Tank XX the greatest learning experience available for waterskiers.

Once again we will be contacting some of the best waterski instructors available to teach clinics covering all aspects of water skiing. Last year we offered 78 different clinics for skiers

to attend. Our instructors put in many hours preparing for their clinics. Many had handouts the skiers could take home with them.

Show skiers also had plenty of opportunities to speak with show judges. Last year 25 show judges attended various clinics and offered advice to skiers on how to get better scores for various acts in the show. These judges also sat on open discussion panels answering a wide variety of questions, concerning their individual philosophy on shows, how to get better overall scores, what's the best music, costumes, how do pickup boats score better, etc. Many of these judges were seen working one-on-one with teams throughout the evening hours.

During the banquet we will once again be inducting new members to the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation Hall of Fame. Last year's induction ceremony proved to be a huge success. Inductee Janie Woods (Dibbfe), delivered a speech that left the audience silent, and Inductee Jerry Jensen speechless! From these inductees we learned what kind of dedication it takes to be a champion. We also learned that many of the struggles we go through are the same as the ones they have been through. You won't want to miss this year's induction ceremony!

Begin making your plans immediately to attend Think Tank twenty. Last year over 1800 people from around the US attended. You don't want to be one of the few who will miss out! You will find detailed clinic information, registration forms, and more general information in the next issue of the Wisconsin Water Skier. If you have clinic ideas, or need more information, please call me at (608) 755-0405.

Cathy Luiting, Think Tank Chair



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