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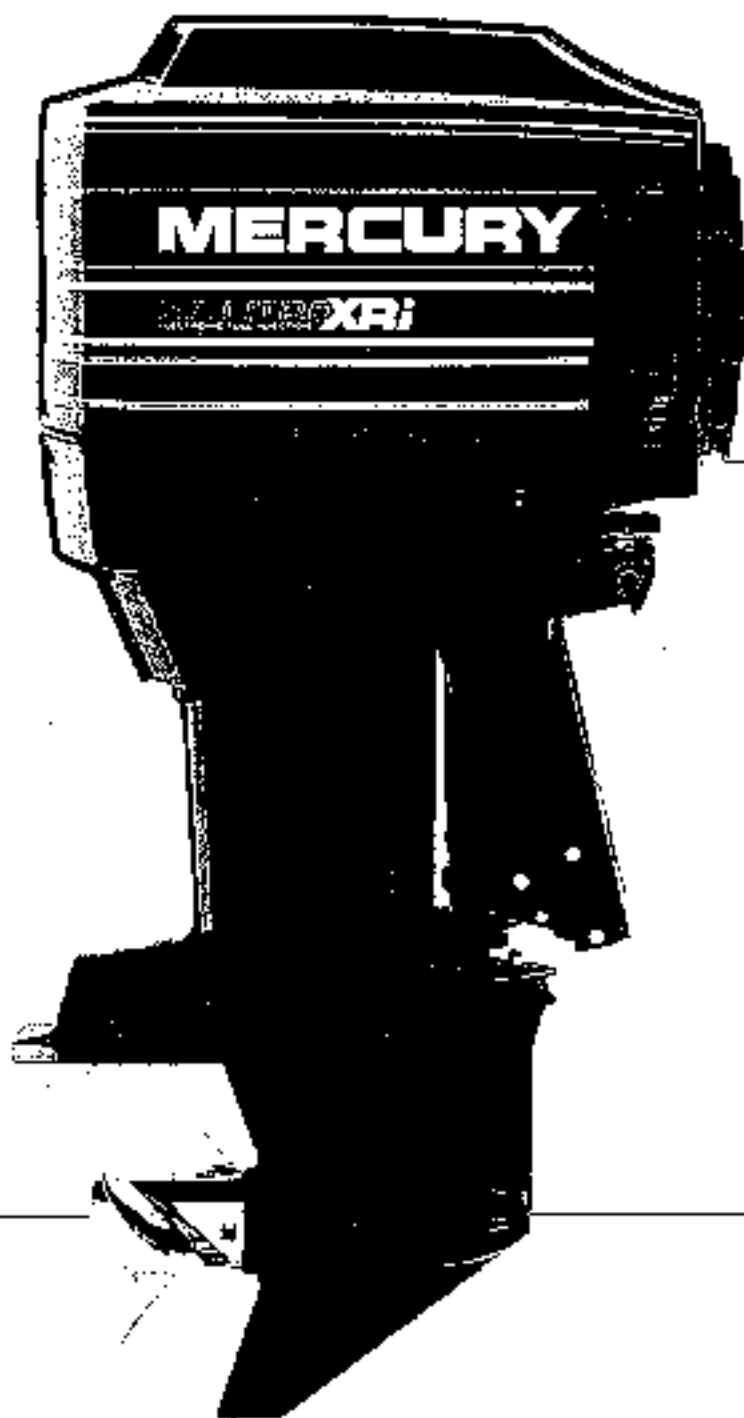
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# NSSA WISCONSIN REGION DIRECTORS REPORT

The fall NSSA meeting was held at Cypress Gardens in Winter Haven, Florida on November 10-11, 1995. Attending from the Wisconsin Region were Bob Marx, Terry Pastorski, J.R. Wilson, and Gerry and Cathy Lutting. Highlights of the meeting are:

- There were 30 new rule changes made. The Wisconsin Region proposed rule change regarding performance platforms was approved for 20 x 36 or 720 square feet. New rule books will be published for 1996. Please make note of all new rule changes when it comes out.
- Roger and Michelle Bennett were approved for Senior scorers. Jim Lauzon was approved as judge Emeritus.
- Clubs that participated at the 1995 Nationals will be allowed to vote for officials for 1996.
- Officials may be given credit for more than one job at a tournament, provided that there are four or more teams competing.
- Individual Acts Tournament Driver and Tournament Announcer for Nationals will be approved by the board, along with other officials.
- Failure to attend the mandatory club rep meeting prior

to start of Nationals, shall result in a 3% point deduction from the team's final score. It was decided to hold the meeting after the individual act competition on Friday.

- Motion was approved to keep the July 15 date for submitting bids for Nationals, whether or not the announcement is published in the Skier.
- Motion was tabled to expand Nationals to three days with 6 teams each day, and one individual event each day.
- Safety coordinators are not required at team practices as long as guest memberships are not offered.
- Tom Ghiloni is going to ask the E & F committee to allow us to carryover 1995 Safety grant funds for 1996.
- Anyone wishing to submit an article for the Water Skier, please get it to Mark Foulos.
- Janesville was awarded the 1997 Nationals bid by a vote of 7 to 4.
- A suggestion was made to hold "B" Nationals. It was decided to form a long range planning committee to study this, along with ways to help regions attend Nationals, etc.
- Duke Waldrop, Executive Director of AWSA, was present for the entire meeting. He stated that headquarters is looking forward to continuing its work with NSSA.
- AWSA hosted lunch on Friday, Cypress Gardens furnished the meeting room and refreshments both days, and Mark Jackson-Polk County, sponsored supper on Friday. A big thank you to these people.
- The next NSSA meeting will be Friday, March 1, 1996 at 8:00 a.m. at Holiday Inn, Stevens Point.

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## SHELBY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ROCK AQUA JAYS

Darrell Shelby was elected president of the Rock Aqua Jays Water Ski Team for the 1995-96 season by the general membership at its recent annual meeting.

For Shelby, Janesville, the election marks the third time he's been elected to the position. He previously served as president in 1993 and 1994. Shelby succeeds Bob Birkholz, of Janesville.

This past season the Aqua Jays captured their ninth national title when they performed their "River of Dreams" show on August 13 at Traxler Park. The Aqua Jays also won the Lamb's Farm Invitational Tournament in June and finished second at the Wisconsin State Show Championships in July.

Other officers elected during the annual meeting include Rainy Knutson, Janesville, vice-president; Kay Joranlien, Janesville, treasurer; Pete Bonert, Waterford, show director; J.R. Wilson, Janesville, WWSF representative; Sue Jensen, Janesville, corresponding secretary; Brenda Vermillion, Janesville, recording secretary; Judy Slatter, Janesville, concessions coordinator; Gary Stapelman, Janesville, boat maintenance coordinator; David Drum, Janesville, member-at-large; and Brian Cullen, Chicago, member-at-large.

The Rock Aqua Jays are sponsored by Malibu Boats, Mercury Marine, The Janesville Gazette, WCLO-AM / WJVL-FM, Connelly Skis and Ski Warm wetsuits.

## NOONAN, DRUM NAMED TOP ROCK AQUA JAYS PERFORMERS

Nicky Noonan and David Drum were named the Rock Aqua Jays top performers for the 1995 season as each won the John Weitzel Memorial Award at the club's annual banquet.

For Noonan, Janesville, this award marks the first time she has been named top female performer. A five-year club member, Noonan was a mainstay in several acts this past season, including ballet line, star swivel, strap doubles, pre-fab pyramid and ending pyramid. She also competed in the Wisconsin State Show Tournament individual swivel competition.

For Drum, Janesville, this marks the third time he's received the honor. He previously won it 1987 and 1994. This past season the 14-year member skied in jumping, strap doubles, 360 around the boat, pre-built pyramid and ending pyramid.

The John Weitzel Memorial awards are named after a popular club member who played a key role in turning the Rock Aqua Jays into a major power in amateur show skiing in the late 1970s and early 80s.

Terri Shelby, Janesville, received the Roy Lentz Sportsmanship Award. The annual honor, given to the club member who personifies dedication, effort and leadership, is named after Roy Lentz, a founding member of the Aqua Jays. A four-year member, Shelby assisted the club in many ways in the 1995 season, including sewing costumes, working at the Haunted Hay Ride and at Show Nationals. She also was a member of the safety boat team that won best safety boat crew at the Lamb's Farm Tournament, Wisconsin State Show Ski Tournament and the National Water Ski Show Tournament.

## JUNIOR TEAM AWARD RECIPIENTS

Joel Schapiro and Kelsey Olson were named most dedicated junior team members for the 1995 junior program, according to show director Suzanne Hamilton.

Ryan Selgren was named most improved male skier while the junior ballet line that included Nicole Steinke, Kendall Koehler, Lyndsey Brock, Sarah Meises, Jessica Hamilton, Amber Goodsell, and Jenna Fox were named most improved female skiers.

## PREVIOUS JOHN WEITZEL MEMORIAL OUTSTANDING MALE & FEMALE SHOW PERFORMER AWARD RECIPIENTS

	Male	Female
1979	Chuck Howarth	Tammy Steinke
1980	Rich LaCount	Lisa Stibbe
1981	Jimmy Watson	Tammy McCaslin
1982	Gerry Luiting	Janie Dibble
1983	Kent Knutson	Lisa Georgeson
1984	All Male Skiers	All Female Skiers
1985	Kent Knutson	Jana Weitzel
1986	Tim Cullen	Jennifer Dibble
1987	David Drum	Ballet Line Girls
1988	Jump Team	Swivel Line
1989	Jon Dibble	Jennifer Dibble
1990	Brian Cullen	Janie Dibble
1991	Gerry Luiting	Jennifer Dibble
1992	Tim Cullen	Susan Drum
1993	Tim Cullen	Cathy Luiting
1994	David Drum	Jill Klukas

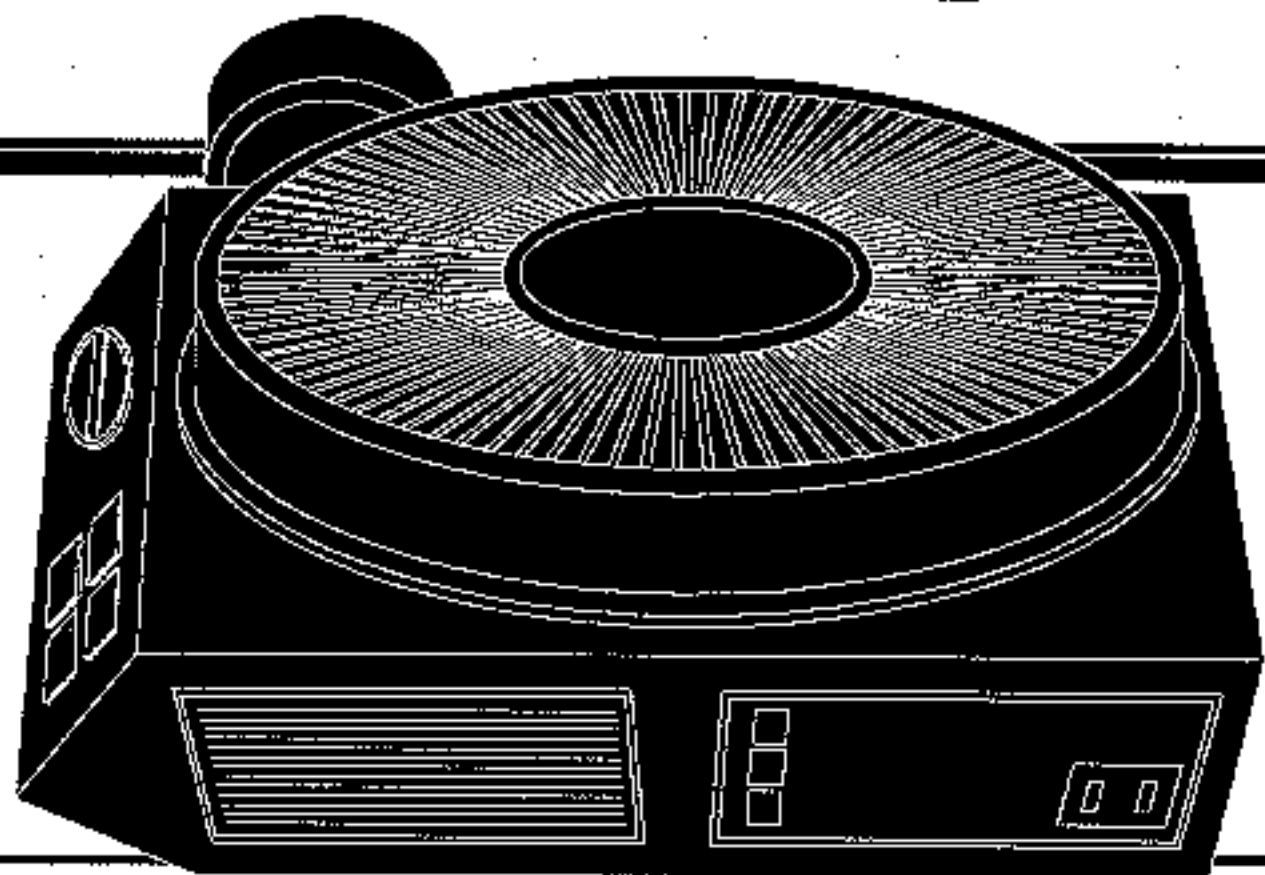
## PREVIOUS ROY LENTZ SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

1979	Duane Snow
1980	Tom Cullen
1981	Hal Knutson
1982	Kevin Freund
1983	Roy Lentz
1984	John Back
1985	Brian Cullen
1986	Joe Sausser
1987	Jim Adams
1988	Jim Adams
1989	Rich Slatter
1990	Nancy Meister
1991	Deb Stanly
1992	Jerry Sween
1993	Judy Slatter
1994	Dave Williams



# WELCOME TO THINK TANK

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# 20<sup>th</sup> Think Tank 1996

## WISCONSIN WATER SKI FEDERATION

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### The Nation's Largest Winter Water Ski Convention and Expo!

It's time to start making your plans. The 20th anniversary of the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation's Think Tank is just around the corner. The Stevens Point Holidome will once again be the headquarters for this "must attend" event. Grab your calendar, the dates are . . . March 1, 2, 3, 1996. Here are just a few reasons why you can't afford to miss this event..

#### \* FRIDAY NIGHT MASTERCRAFT INDOOR DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Doubles couples from all over the United States have been competing for this prestigious award for the past several years. This year promises to be just as exciting. Competitors go all out with costumes, props, music, and a theme, to win bragging rights to this title. There is a limit of fifteen couples. If you are interested in competing, please find the information and registration form in this issue. You must be registered for Think Tank in order to register and compete in this tournament.

#### \* CLINICS FOR 1996

Once again we will have many of the top instructors for each discipline on hand to give you how to tips, ideas, and pamphlets to take home with you and review throughout the summer. You will find several new clinics, along with new ideas for old clinics. There will be plenty of clinics for all to attend, no matter where your interests lie. You will find a brief description of many of the clinics being offered in this issue of the Wisconsin Water Skier, along with items you may need to bring to be better prepared to learn.

#### SATURDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT BANQUET/HALL OF FAME

The banquet has gotten much bigger and better! Last year the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation moved the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony to be included with the Think Tank Banquet. You will have the opportunity to meet the new Hall of Fame inductees, and learn of their accomplishments and donations to our great sport - Water Skiing! Gary Damp will once again be putting together the Think Tank Slide Show. This is an entertaining look at the previous summer's water ski events throughout the state. There are only a limited number of banquet tickets available, so register now, before we fill up.

#### PIZZA PARTY - PIZZA PARTY - PIZZA PARTY

Think Tank XX will be the first year of the PIZZA PARTY. If you are in your teens, and music and pizza sound better than a banquet, this is the place for you to be Saturday evening. Atomic Fusion will again be providing the music and laser light show during the dance. They will be set-up and ready to rock during the PIZZA PARTY.

#### DANCE

After dinner, we will once again be offering the music and laser light show by Atomic Fusion. This is a great place to mingle with other water skiers from across the nation!

#### ABOUT THE HOTEL

#### THE STEVENS POINT HOLIDOME

This will be our fifth year at the Stevens Point Holidome. They have been great to work with, and have been very accommodating to our specific needs. Room rates have been kept down, food prices are reasonable and they will again be leaving the pool open until 2:00 a.m. for late night entertainment. If you are unable to get a hotel room at the Holidome, and you are staying at one of the other area hotels, the Holidome Shuttle Service will transport you to and from your hotel. Just call the Holidome and ask for the Shuttle Service. Also, if you are flying into Central Wisconsin Airport, don't rent a car! The Shuttle Service is also available to you. They will take you wherever you need to go!

#### THE EXPO AREA

The Expo Court is almost full. We will have even more space available for Exhibitors to display the newest in boats, motors, skis, equipment, clothing, workout wear, and beach wear. And speaking of beach wear, don't miss the Fashion Show under the direction of Joy Kruschel. This will be her second year running the Fashion Show. Her first year was a huge success!

#### MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS

If you have not already done so, make your reservations today! The hotel, the banquet, the pizza party, and the Mastercraft Indoor Doubles Competition are all filling up quickly. Don't be left out, fill out your forms and send them in today.

#### STEVENS POINT HOLIDOME AND EXPO CENTER RESERVATION INFORMATION

Room rate at the Holidome is guaranteed at \$66.00 per night. You can reserve your room by phone with a credit card. There are very few rooms left at the Holidome, if you choose to stay here, call immediately!

#### DO NOT USE THE HOLIDAY INN 800 NUMBER.

We have reserved the entire hotel, so they will tell you the hotel is booked for the weekend.

CALL THE STEVENS POINT HOLIDOME DIRECT AT (715) 341-1840 TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE WISCONSIN WATER SKI FEDERATION OR WE HAVE ROOMS BLOCKED AT OTHER AREA HOTELS

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3 - Budgetel (25 rooms) .....	715/344-1900
4 - Best Western (5 rooms) .....	715/341-5110
St. Point Area Convention & Visitors Bureau	
.....	715/344-2556 or 1-800-286-4636

You will need to call the local phone numbers. Do not call the national 800 number. Tell them you are with the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation. All Room Blocks are on hold until Feb. 10, 1996, make your reservations immediately.





## TWO DECADES OF GREAT WATER SKI CLINICS

We are entering our third decade of putting together some of the finest instructional water ski clinics in the country. They will be focusing on the newest teaching techniques to give you a refreshing head start on your spring training. You will receive updated material and handouts to take home with you for reviewing once you hit the water.

Think Tank XX is your best opportunity for off-season instruction in your sports division. The following clinic descriptions will tell briefly what will be covered, and also tell you what to bring to be prepared.

### BAREFOOT CLINICS

**BAREFOOT FOR BEGINNERS** - The goal of this clinic is to teach beginner barefooters how to heat their feet. Topics will cover everything the beginner needs to know, including how to fall properly.

**BAREFOOT INSTRUCTION** - Learn the specifics and mechanics of wake crossing, tricks, and start methods in one-on-one discussion sessions.

**BAREFOOT FORUM** - How to get started in tournaments, how to promote the sport, making tournaments more appealing for spectators, changes in rules, ABC organization answers, and tournaments for 1996, etc.

**BAREFOOT JUMPING** - Learn the proper safe way to get started, the new techniques and how to get more distance.

**TOURNAMENT BAREFOOTING** - Learn how to properly prepare for each event, and design your runs for optimal scores. Find out how to put together the most effective practice schedule for your summer.

### SHOW SKI CLINICS

Our staff of instructors will include top professional show skiers, and many of the top amateur skiers from across the nation. You will learn how the top successful show teams in the nation perform the many functions of a show team. They will offer advice with many years of experience on all the aspects of putting together a successful winning team.

**BEGINNING DOUBLES** - New teaching techniques will be utilized to teach basic form. Learn how to achieve the proper lines judges are looking for, while performing the basic lifts. If you plan on attending the intermediate and advanced clinics, instructors ask that you attend this clinic first, so

they do not have to expend valuable time covering the basics again. **COME PREPARED - Wear clothing to practice in.**

**INTERMEDIATE DOUBLES** - Focus during this clinic will be on transitions from one move to the next. Instructors will focus on how to do this smoothly, and make it look effortless. You will also be taught proper presentation angles, and how to put together a basic routine for a show. **COME PREPARED - Wear clothing to practice in.**

**ADVANCED DOUBLES** - Learn how to perform the more difficult moves, with an effortless look. The focus here will be on more difficult routines and how to perform them from start to finish. **COME PREPARED - Wear clothing to practice in.**

**SHOW DRIVING** - Focus during this clinic will center around two, three, four, and five boat shows. The instructors will go over boat patterns, what works well, and what doesn't work so well. They will also let you in on secrets of how to tighten up patterns, get better flow, and keep the skiers happy.

**PICK-UP BOAT DRIVING** - The discussion during this clinic will focus on what you should do to help fallen skier/skiers. Instructors will discuss what education is available to properly attend to the injured skier. You will learn where to be, when to be there, and how to get there.

**TRIOS/CONVENTIONAL DOUBLES** - A basic act in show skiing. Instructors will focus on how to perform different moves, proper presentation angles, and how to incorporate a number of people with different skill levels into one basic act. **COME PREPARED - Wear clothing you can practice in.**

**BEGINNING SWIVEL** - The top swivel skiers in the nation will lead discussion focusing on proper equipment, body position, and technique for the very basic swivel moves. If you plan on attending the other swivel clinics, stop here first to clean up the very important basics. **COME PREPARED - Wear clothing you can practice in, and bring your ski and handle.**

**INTERMEDIATE SWIVEL** - During this clinic, discussion will focus on the rest of the 180 tricks and beginning 360 tricks. Instructors will discuss proper body position and techniques to successfully complete these moves, making them look pretty and clean. If you plan on attending the advanced swivel clinic, spend time here cleaning up your technique so advanced moves will come much more successfully. **COME PREPARED - Wear proper clothing, bring your swivel and handle.**

## TWO DECADES OF GREAT WATER SKI CLINICS

(cont.)

### SHOW SKI CLINICS *cont.*

**ADVANCED SWIVEL** - Focus during this clinic will center on performing the more difficult 360 and 720 tricks. Instructors will discuss the proper steps for learning these tricks, along with how and when to incorporate them in a routine. Please attend the other swivel clinics to clean up your basics before coming to this clinic. **COME PREPARED - Wear proper clothing, bring your swivel and handle.**

**SOUND CLINIC** - Discussion will center around choosing the best music for an act, and proper levels at which to record music and voice tapes. Instructors will also discuss how to use music and adjust sound levels to compliment your announcer.

**MAKE-UP AND HAIR** - Learn tips on show skiing and theatrical make-up application for experienced show skiers. Ideas on effective ways to tie up your hair will also be taught. Learn how to do both in a flattering way. **COME PREPARED - Bring your show make-up, hair pieces and questions. There will be time for hands on instruction.**

**BALLET / CHORUS LINE** - The instructors of this clinic will give you ideas on how to choreograph your routine, maximize the talents of your girls and put together an entertaining act.

**SHOE SKIING** - Yours could be a 400 point act too! Learn how to perform aerial tricks other teams are doing, and put together an act your team will be proud of.

**ANNOUNCING** - Instructors will cover the basics of the announcer's job, turning waterskiing into a water ski show. You will learn techniques for building excitement, incorporating acts into a theme, and keeping the show going . . . even during the worst of announcer nightmares!

**FREESTYLE JUMPING** - Instructors will cover the mechanics of helicopters, flips, gainers, and the mobius, both on one ski and on two.

**SHOW JUMPING** - The focus of this clinic will center around utilizing the individual talent on your team for the most productive jumping act. You will learn the do's and don'ts of a jump act, what order to perform your jumps, when to rerun a failed jump, and how to run a tight jump act.

**SHOW BAREFOOTING** - Learn to design your barefoot acts maximizing the talents of your individual barefooters. Design your barefoot acts for better flow, less fill, and a greater opportunity for calm water for the entire act.

**DOCK AND EQUIPMENT** - You know it's a box score, but don't know how to improve your team's

score. Instructors will focus the discussion on how to get acts on and off the dock as efficiently as possible. You will learn how to keep your dock looking orderly in the most hectic situations. Your dock can be a key source of flow problems, learn to manage it properly.

**PYRAMID BASICS** - All the information you ever wanted to know about building different pyramids. Instructors will cover many different climbing techniques used, equipment, and how to get new skiers started in pyramids.

**PYRAMIDS** - This is a continuation of the first pyramid clinic, with a focus on bigger pyramids, and the proper way to add inexperienced skiers.

### TEAM ORGANIZATION CLINICS

These days managing a ski team is like running a small business, these next clinics should help you to organize and manage your team for a successful future.

**ORGANIZE A JUNIOR PROGRAM** - Farm leagues are successful for baseball . . . Now is the time to build your own farm team. This clinic will be staffed by teams who have very successful junior development programs. Learn to prepare your junior skiers for a successful future in show skiing.

**CONCESSIONS OPERATIONS** - Flip burgers into profits. During this clinic, you will learn how to set up, staff, and manage a concession stand, and make a profit doing so.

**THE CLUB PROGRAM** - Your team program can be a huge profit center. Find out how other teams put together their programs, and turn a profit while doing so.

**THE SHOW SKI PARENT** - Little league parents are famous for interfering with the development and progress of the team. The instructors of this clinic are parents who have become very involved in the growth and development of their child, and are active members on the team. They will teach you to coach without interfering, be a team parent, without meddling.

**FORMS, FORMS AND MORE FORMS** - The NSSA has revised the show rules, and now you have even more forms to fill out to enter a tournament. Learn how to correctly fill them out, in a timely manner so your team does not suffer a penalty.

**ROPE MAKING** - New teaching techniques will help you learn to make jump braids, and handles, toe holds, pyramid ropes, trick handles, etc. **COME PREPARED - Bring lots of rope so you can learn hands on!**

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## TWO DECADES OF GREAT WATER SKI CLINICS

(cont.)

### TEAM ORGANIZATION CLINICS *cont.*

**YOUR INSURANCE COVERAGE THROUGH AWSA** - Now's the time to get answers to all your coverage questions. **COME PREPARED - Bring a list of your team's concerns.**

**COSTUMES** - Instructors will use new techniques to teach you how to use a serger and how to add trim. They will discuss how to costume your show staying within your given budget. You will also learn to sew costumes so they hold up to a demanding summer of ski shows. Find out what colors and styles work well for other teams. **COME PREPARED - Bring costume examples you are currently working on.**

**SHOW PRODUCTION AND THEMING** - This clinic will center around the actual production of your show. Discussion will focus on maximizing the talents of your skiers during a ski show. You will learn to put together a list of show acts and incorporate them into a theme. Instructors will teach you how to put the finishing touches on your show making it a complete production.

**CLUB PUBLICITY AND ADVERTISING** - You've heard the old saying, . . . "for every advertising dollar spent" . . . This saying did not take into consideration the budget of the show ski team. How do teams promote their show successfully on a budget of next to nothing? This clinic will focus on just that. You will get advice on what's available, how to get the most for your dollar, and what avenues have proven to be successful with other teams.

**SPONSORSHIPS** - These days, manufacturers are working with extremely tight budgets. This means less sponsorship dollars are available to spend on show teams. Learn how to work with and keep these very valuable sponsors happy with your program. Learn what you can do for them.

**FUND RAISERS FOR PROFIT** - During this clinic, you will learn about very successful fund raisers. No more pizza or candy sales. These fund raisers will earn you more profits with less headaches!

**SHOW RULES** - There are thirty new rule changes for the 1996 ski season. Tom Ghiloni, Rules Chair for the NSSA will review these rules and how they may effect you and your team. This is a must to attend for every show team.

### SHOW JUDGES CLINICS

All winter long you plan your show. During this process, a nagging question is in the back of your mind, "What do the judges think?" These next few

clinics will offer you the opportunity to find out.

**DETAILED ANSWERS TO YOUR SHOW QUESTIONS** - This brand new clinic will offer you an opportunity to get an indepth answer from show judges to your questions. This is how it will work. In this issue, you will find a form to fill out with your show questions. Send this form in, by the deadline date to Terry Pastorski. She will make copies and send them out to the judges on the panel. They will have approximately one month to work on a detailed answer to your specific question. Attend this clinic at Think Tank to get your answer. If you have specific questions, please call Terry at (414) 499-4943.

**SHOW JUDGES Q & A** - This is your time to ask the judges just what it is they are looking for. View your show from their perspective. What do judges look for? What's enjoyable? What's important? Even if your team is not competing, this is a good place to come and have your show viewed from a different perspective. The judges are a vocal audience who can offer knowledgeable suggestions on how to improve your show.

**SHOW JUDGES TALK** - This year's clinic will focus on box scores, and how you get the better box scores from judges. They will discuss what they look for, what brings box scores down, and what you can do to enhance yours.

### FITNESS AND WATER SKIING

These next clinics will help you get in and stay in shape for the ski season.

**FITNESS AND NUTRITION** - This clinic will discuss proper nutrition and how to develop your body for peak performance during the ski season.

**GET IN SHAPE FOR SKIING** - During the off-season we all put on a few unwanted pounds. Learn how to take these pounds off without the ugly word DIET. The focus to this clinic will be on healthy workout programs used by skiers.

**PREVENT SKI RELATED INJURIES** - There is nothing worse than limping your body through a ski season. The best cure is prevention! A staff of doctors and therapists will be available to talk preventive medicine. Learn to ski safe and healthy.

**STRETCHING** - Something you know you should do, but very few take the time to do. During this hands on clinic, you will learn a short easy to follow complete stretching routine. This clinic will be offered periodically throughout the weekend to keep class size down for more individual attention. **COME PREPARED - Wear workout clothing.**

# Think Tank 1996 **20<sup>th</sup>**

## TWO DECADES OF GREAT WATER SKI CLINICS

(cont.)

### SHOW SAFETY CLINIC

This clinic will cover the show safety rules. Don't let your team suffer a costly safety deduction! Attend this clinic to learn how the safety rules affect your show.

### THREE EVENT CLINICS

**COACHING SKIERS** - Kerry Tolzmann, owner and instructor of Ski Decorah will tell you how he coaches his skiers. You will learn how to bring out and maximize the talent of your skiers. Discuss with Kerry the best practice schedule to peak at tournaments, and how to utilize the remainder of the off-season to prepare for that first day on the water.

**BASIC SLALOM SKIING** - The focus of this clinic will be on basic slalom techniques. Learn the beginning steps to the slalom course, what style ski will work best for your style of skiing.

**ADVANCED SLALOM** - It's time to start picking up the speed and shortening the rope. What's the best way to go about doing this? Learn to refine your style to get that extra buoy.

**BASIC AND ADVANCED JUMPING** - Learn to use the buoys for consistency, refine your style and technique, and choose the best equipment. Kerry Tolzmann will also discuss the mechanics for getting more distance, his approach to training, mind-over-matter and how to avoid injuries.

**BASIC TRICKS** - The focus of this clinic will be on basic two ski and one ski tricks. Improve your technique on these tricks so more difficult tricks will come with less difficulty and effort. He will also discuss the various trick skiing equipment available. Learn what to look for and purchase wisely.

**ADVANCED TRICKS** - Once you've got the basics down, it's time to move on. This clinic will focus on more difficult tricks including aerial tricks. Come and discuss the proper technique so you are prepared for the first time you hit the water.

**3-EVENT TOURNAMENTS** - During this clinic discussion will focus on the tournament itself, and the best way to prepare mentally and physically to compete.


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# THINK TANK TWENTY - NINTH ANNUAL MASTERCRAFT WORLD INDOOR DOUBLES TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

20<sup>th</sup> Year

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_ AWSA # \_\_\_\_\_

Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_ AWSA # \_\_\_\_\_

Please designate one member of your team to be the contact person.

Address of Contact \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Background information on team (be sure to include number of years skiing, club affiliation, hobbies, work and other interesting facts) \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose \$15.00 and send to:

Kay Babcock, Doubles Tournament, 1008 S. 5th Ave. Wausau, WI 54401.

**MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THINK TANK IN ORDER TO COMPETE.**

## 1996 Mastercraft World Indoor Doubles Tournament

This tournament should be an enjoyable experience for the competitors. As competitors, you will need to be registered for Think Tank and this tournament. If you register before Feb. 16, 1996, you will receive a gift from the Federation just for competing. The following are the rules we will use for the tournament.

- 1) Each couple will provide their own costumes, props (which must be removed Friday night), music and spotters. The WWSF will provide sound equipment and a microphone for your use.
- 2) Running order for competitors will be drawn prior to the tournament. All entries received after Feb. 16th will be placed at the beginning of the competition, in the order their entries are received.
- 3) Each couple will have 5 minutes to setup before their routine and 2 minutes to tear down after.
- 4) Your routine will start with a simulated dock routine. You have 1 minute to perform this.
- 5) After your dock routine, you will have 15 seconds to rest before your first simulated water pass.
- 6) The first pass can not go over 45 seconds. The right shoulder of the base should be toward the judges.
- 7) You will have 15 seconds to rest after your first pass.
- 8) Your second pass will also be 45 seconds long. For this pass the left shoulder of the base will be toward the judges.
- 9) You then have another 15 seconds to rest before your third and final pass.

10) Your third and final pass is 45 seconds long, with the right shoulder of the base toward the judges.

11) You then have 15 seconds to rest before your final bow.

12) Your final bow or pay-off can be no longer than 45 seconds.

Keep in mind that you are simulating a water routine, your rest periods represent corners in the boat pattern. It is strongly recommended that you use spotters. They will not reduce your score and may very easily enhance it. In the past many couples have included spotters in their routine. There is no specific point reduction for a drop (fumble). Judges will reflect it in the technical merit part of the score. (The Beauty of Land, its easy to continue after your "Fall"). Each couple will receive 2 scores. The first will be "Technical Merit." This score will be from 1 to 10 and will reflect how well you completed your routine. Example: were toes pointed, did the base have to move around a lot? Was the couple struggling to complete things? The second set of scores will also be from 1 to 10. These will reflect Artistic Impression. Example: Was your routine creative? Did the costumes go with the music and theme of your routine? Were there unique ideas in your routine? We will supply at least seven judges. The high and low scores will be dropped. We will have an awards presentation immediately following the final competitors. Please stay in costume so we may get pictures of the presentation. If you have any questions concerning this competition call Cheryl Marx at 715-424-2034. Good Luck to all competitors.

Cathy Luiting;

# Think Tank 1996

## ATTENTION ALL WATER SKIERS IN WISCONSIN!!!

At the December meeting of WWSF, I asked each team rep to coordinate a list of help for Think Tank Twenty. We are asking each club to provide us with volunteers for each of the following jobs:

**Introducing Speakers:** Job description: Introduce the speaker of the tank you are scheduled for. A description of the tank, and a write up on the speaker will be provided for you.

**Door Monitors:** Job description: stand at the door of the tank you are scheduled for and make sure everyone that enters has a Think Tank bracelet on. If not, ask them to go to the registration booth to pick one up. Also you will be given a card to list the number of people attending the tank.

**Selling Raffle Tickets:** Job description: sell raffle tickets on Saturday by the entrance to the expo center.

**Door Ticket Takers for Banquet:** Job description: take banquet tickets for Saturday evening at the entrance of the banquet hall.

If you are not a member of a club, but would like to help, please use the following form to sign up. Please include your name, address and phone number and what interests you have (i.e. swivel, ballet, pyramid, jumping, barefoot, etc.)

I thank you in advance, because if we all pitch in and do our share, the burden won't be so big for any one club or person.

Please bring this form to the next WWSF board meeting, or mail it to: Terry Pastorski, 216 S. Locust St., Green Bay, WI 54303, 414-499-4943.

## VOLUNTEERS FOR THINK TANK TWENTY

Count on me to help with the following jobs at Think Tank:

1. Introducing Speakers \_\_\_\_\_ Interests \_\_\_\_\_
2. Door Monitor \_\_\_\_\_ Interests \_\_\_\_\_
3. Sell Raffle Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.
4. Banquet Ticket Taker \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Evening (Circle One)

Mail To: Terry Pastorski  
216 S. Locust St.  
Green Bay, WI 54303  
or Phone 414-499-4943





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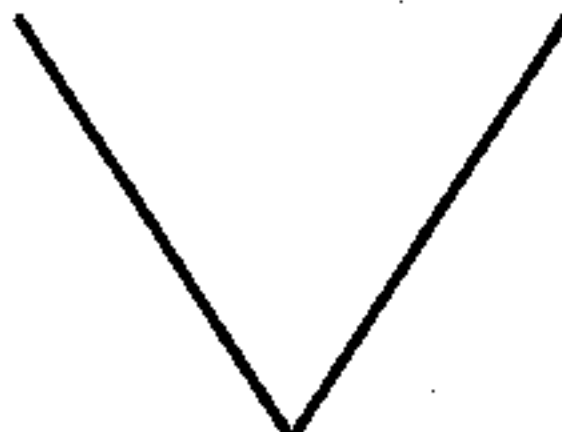
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715/424-2034Bob Marx.....Federation Booth  
715/424-2034Barb Diehl.....Promotions/Publicity  
414/742-3122Phyllis Beaver.....Costume Swap  
715/367-1529Dick Mohr.....AV Coordinator  
414/895-7927Barb Mohr.....Raffle Coordinator  
414/895-7927

Badgerland.....Banquet Decorations

Ski Sprites.....Assist. in Security

Wausauqua.....Pizza Party Decorations

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*Gerry Luiting, NSSA Safety Chair*

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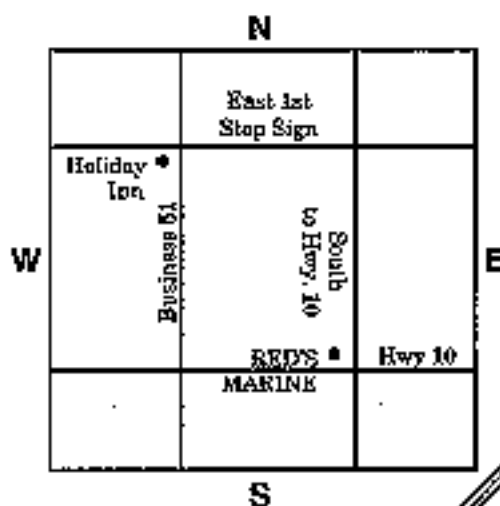
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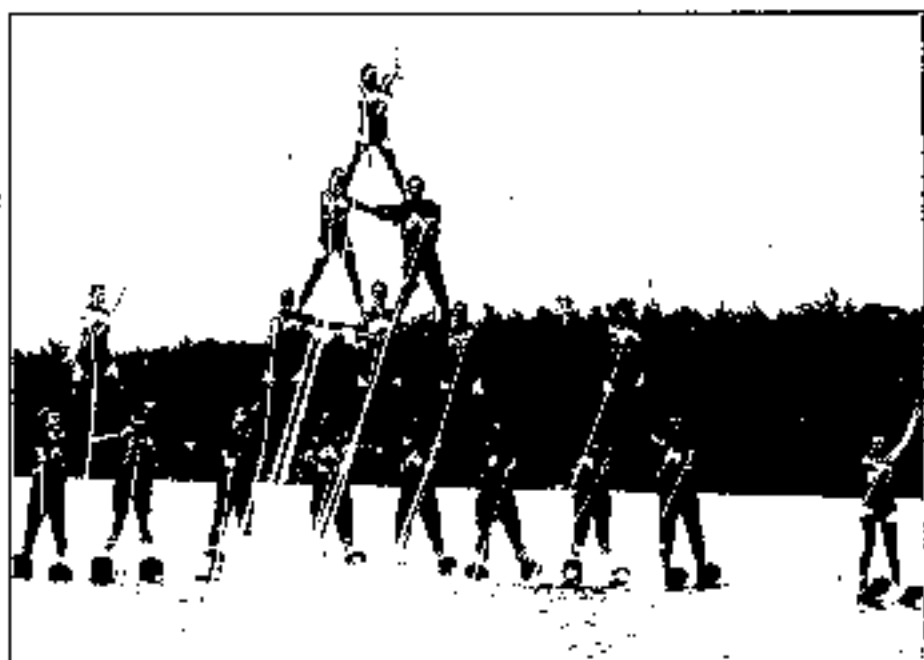
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We Did Land The 4-High!*

*Thanks, The Aqua Skiers*

# Think Tank 1996

## DETAILED ANSWERS TO YOUR SHOW QUESTIONS

Show Judges respond in depth to your specific questions. This year we will be offering a brand new format to the Judges Clinics. This is how it will work. Below you will find a brief form to fill out with your specific question. Fill it out, and send it in to Terry Pastorski at 216 Locust St., Green Bay, WI 54303. A panel of judges will review your questions and prepare specific detailed responses which they will give during the clinic on Saturday. This will give the judges time to prepare for your questions instead of asking them "on the spot."

### DEADLINE - DEADLINE - DEADLINE

Yes, there is a deadline! You must send your questions to Terry Pastorski by February 1, 1996. This will allow the judges one month to work on your questions. When you fill out the form, please be as specific as possible so you get the best answer possible to your question.

### DETAILED ANSWERS TO YOUR SHOW QUESTIONS

*Form Due February 1, 1996*

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Send to Terry Pastorski at 216 Locust St., Green Bay, WI 54303.

If you have questions, please call her at (414) 499-4943.

## Give This Some Thought...

*Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time Water Skiing as taking care of the lawn!*

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## YOUR GUIDE TO REGISTRATION

This year for your convenience, registration hours will be extended on Friday evening. In order to do this, I will need some help. If you can help, please fill in the form below and return with your registration.

Please be sure to fill in the registration form completely. Payment must accompany forms. (All forms postmarked after 2-15-96 must include late fees. This will be enforced. Forms without late fee will not be processed). This could mean the loss of a seat for the Banquet. Breakfast and banquet tickets can not be sold separately - only as packages. Everyone must pick up their own registration. If you register as a family, try to come together.

Registration will be open Friday from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you can help, please return this with your registration.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

*Time I Can Help:*

Friday - Time \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday - Time \_\_\_\_\_



## Show Ski Camp Application June 1-2, 1996

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

WWSF Committee Served On \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Team Members \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of Team Members able to attend

Ski Camp \_\_\_\_\_

Show Director's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

List Three Specific Goals For Show Ski Camp:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

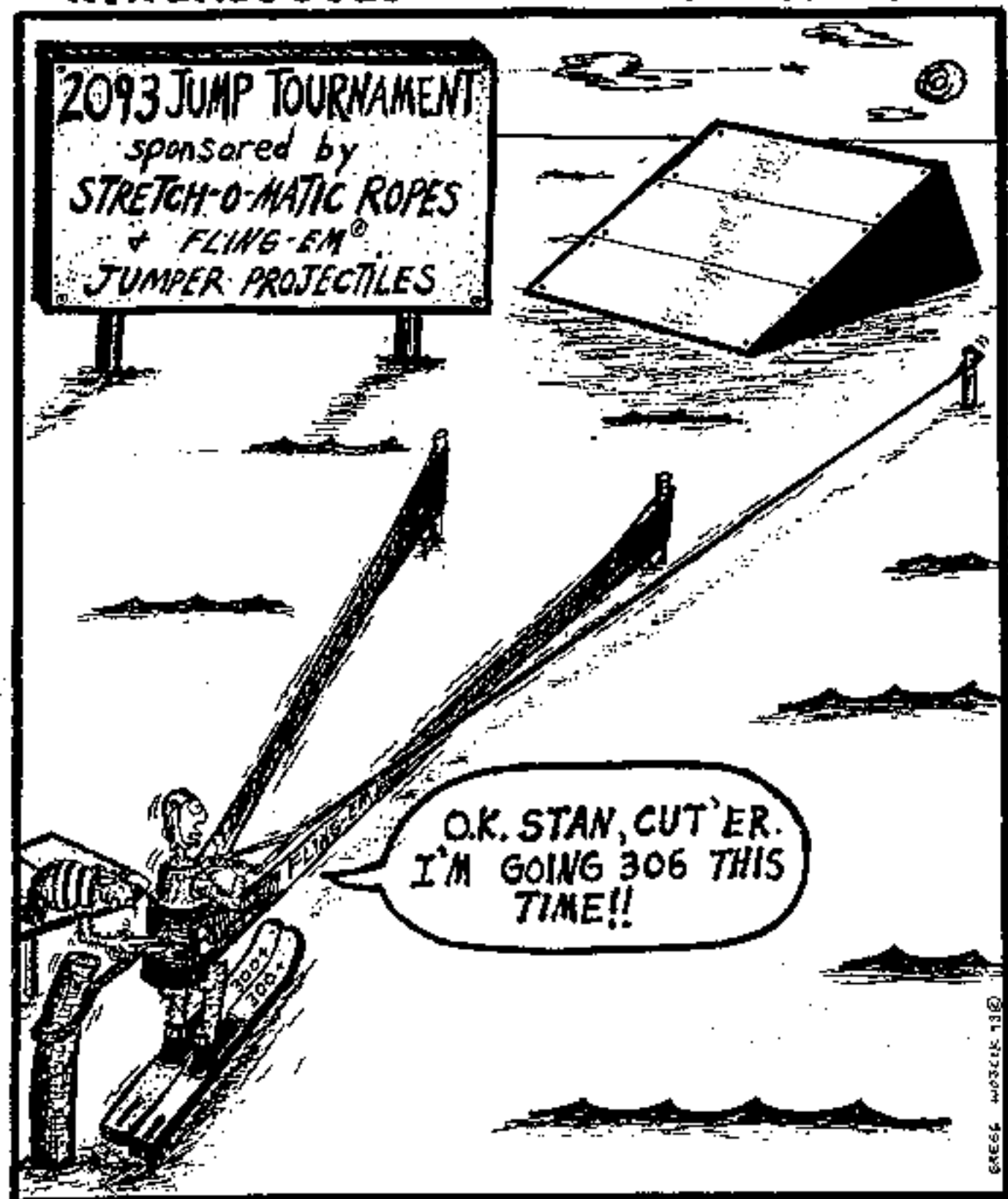
Remember, you must provide all of your own equipment for running through a practice and a show. You must have enough proper flotation for all skiers on the water to have on flotation during the practice time.

**THIS APPLICATION IS DUE MARCH 1, 1996**

Please mail it to me at: Cathy Luiting, 1419 Linden Ave., Janesville, WI 53545. I will not be able to accept any late applications. If you have questions please call me at (608) 755-0405.

# WATERLOGGED

by Gregg Wojcik



When earth has no more fuel...

NEWS

# STATE BAREFOOT TOURNAMENT

Wow!! I think I died and went to heaven!! (or should I say to Ski Decorah). Our own Tailor Made (hand crafted by Kerry Tolzman on his Caterpillar dozer) ski lake. 2,500 foot of glass, with no backwash, protected by a west side bluff of 5 feet and trees all along the west shore. It doesn't get any better folks.

We also realized an increase in Wisconsin competitors with a few "formers" back at "State", including our friend the Fire Fighter Fort Fremont, Bill Mitchell. Thanks for coming Bill and skiing while sick as a dog. (he couldn't ski tricks and still took 2nd overall). Paul Bruder and Kerry Tolzman were also back. More formers and new footers to join our fun next year.

Here's another bit of Barefoot Tournament news. Footing is looking at changing the tournament format. How? Well, how would it sound to be competing against someone with similar ability/skills rather than someone your age, yet 10 times better than you? Makes sense to me!!

Yup . . . you may be competing with a 10 year old Junior or 80 year old Banana George. Your previous tournament scores would put you in various groups. Here's an example for tricks.

- Group A - 10 to 200 points
- Group B - 201 to 500 points
- Group C - 501 to 900 points
- Group D - 901 to 1500 points
- Group E - 1501 to 2200 points
- Group F - Over 2200 points

The above points are just a guess on my part. If there is only one skier in Group B, he/she then would ski in the group to which his/her average score would be closest.

Sounds like fun, huh? And best of all, that makes every skier competitive against his/her own personal best. Maybe

this will get more of you interested in our barefoot tournaments. Where do you stand??

The State Tournament this year is looking to be very different. We may be combining the Illinois State with the Wisconsin State, but more details will follow in the next Wisconsin Water Skier and at Think Tank in March.

State Tournament results follow:

Skalom	Trick	Jump	Overall
Division Boys 1			
Aaron Rowley	Aaron Rowley	--	Aaron Rowley
Division Boys 2			
Jason Schacht	Jason Schacht	--	Jason Schacht
Division Mens I First			
Gary Smith	Gary Smith	Gary Smith	Gary Smith
Division Mens I Second			
Tim Lencki	Tim Lencki	Tim Lencki	Tim Lencki
Division Mens II First			
Rod Negus	Paul Broder	Mike Schoenke	Mike Schoenke
Division Mens II Second			
Terry Schuler	Terry Schuler	No other jumpers	
Division Mens II Third			
Mike Schounke	Rod Negus	No other jumpers	
Division Mens III First			
Bill Mitchel	Gary Schacht	Gary Schacht	Gary Schacht
Division Mens III Second			
Kerry Tolzman	Pat Seery	Bill Mitchel	--
Division Mens III Third			
Gary Schacht	--	--	--
Division Mens IV First			
Mike Gissibl	Mike Gissibl	Mike Gissibl	Mike Gissibl
Division Mens V First			
Bob Mueller	Bob Mueller	Bob Mueller	Bob Mueller
Division Open Men First			
Tom Rowley	Tom Rowley	Tom Rowley	Tom Rowley
Division Jr. Boys First			
Hunter Hanson	Hunter Harson	DNJ	Hunter Hanson

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## 1996 WISCONSIN STATE WATER SKI SHOW TOURNAMENT

The Aqua Skiers Water Ski Team of Wisconsin Rapids, will once again host the Annual Wisconsin State Water Ski Show Tournament. This year's Tournament, the 30th Annual, will be held at South Wood County Park's Red Beach Area on Lake Wazeecha, July 19, 20, & 21 in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. An estimated crowd of 25,000+ people attended this fine event in 1995. The Tournament is sanctioned by the American Water Ski Association and the National Show Ski Association of Winter Haven, Florida.

The Show Tournament is a competition between Water Ski Teams to see who puts on "The Best Water Ski Show In The State". A panel of 7 judges score each show, covering every small detail. The teams are scored on their execution, difficulty level, spectator appeal, showmanship, flow, music, costuming, theme, boat driving, announcing, overall show, and of course safety is a major factor on the final score.

For three days teams take turns performing, taking up to 60 minutes maximum, to present their ski show. Many long hours are put into these productions with the only payment being the applause of the spectators. The water ski shows will consist of 14 or more separate ski acts. There will be the beautiful ballet lines numbering up to 15 girls at one time, all behind the same boat. You will see freestyle and trick jumping to include front and back flips, helicopter spins and twists, as well as up to 12 skiers at one time over a 14 foot wide ski jump.

There will be trick skiing, kneeboards, and even skiers skiing on each other. The best barefoot skiers in the country will also be on hand. These skiers can ski on their bare feet forwards and backwards, tumble and spin around, and go over jumps. And of course there will also be the graceful doubles skiing, as well as the swivel skiing and last, but not least, the ever entertaining clowns. There may even be things you never dreamed possible.

The best water skiing equipment in the country will also be represented. You will see some of the best high performance boats, inboards and outboards, powered by two engines up to 225 horsepower each. These boats are all driven by some of the best show boat drivers in the country. There will also be manufacturing representatives on hand promoting all types of products, as well as representation by all the major water ski shows in the country, such as Tommy Bartlett, Sea World, Marine World, and others. They will all be searching for new talent to staff their professional ski shows.

The team competition will start Friday afternoon, and continue Saturday and Sunday starting at 8:00 a.m. There will be an individual events competition on Friday morning and a barefoot competition is tentatively slated for Friday and Saturday evenings. It all ends on Sunday evening with the awards ceremonies, when we will crown the new Wisconsin State Champion.

The Aqua Skiers are a non-profit water ski club, dedicated to the promotion of the sport of water skiing. This event is the major fund raiser for the upcoming year. There will be no admission charge for the event. There will however be a park-

ing fee, which will go to the Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School cheerleaders for their help in traffic control. These events are very costly to host. Many items such as tents, portable restroom facilities, insurance, official's housing expenses, advertising, and supplies are needed. These items cost the ski team a small fortune.

The Aqua Skiers depend on the concessions to show a profit in these huge undertakings. The ski team will sell a wide variety of concessions at the ski site, as well as have an enclosed beer garden for beer and wine coolers. No alcoholic carry-ins or coolers will be permitted on the site. Breakfast will be served each morning starting at 6:30 a.m. The stands will be open until dark all 3 days. There will also be vendors selling all types of water ski equipment, boats, and motors, as well as other small items such as clothing and ski wear.

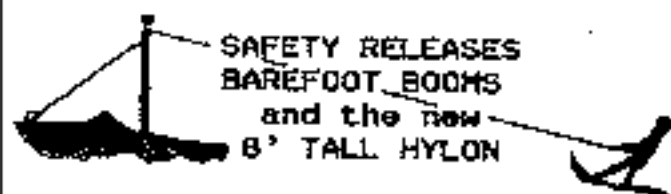
Anyone enjoying fantastic entertainment for all ages will not want to miss any of this fine event. Rain or shine, you will see things that you never dreamed imaginable, things that you will remember for a long time.

The Aqua Skiers will now have hosted this event for 29 years, and this year's event promises to be the best one ever. The team has been working all through the off season for new improvements to what already is considered as one of the Best Tournaments anywhere.

For more information, please write to Aqua Skiers, Inc., P.O. Box 412, Wis. Rapids, WI 54495-0412, Attn: Tournament Chairman.

Bob Marx, Tournament Chairman

## KW Show Ski EQUIPMENT



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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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