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## **President's Corner**

Fellow Skiers - This year looks to be an exciting season for water skiers. Beginning with the annual Spring Fling on May 31<sup>st</sup>, there is a water skiing event scheduled for nearly every weekend somewhere in Indiana. "NEW" is the key word for IWSA. There are some new members to the board of directors for IWSA. Two new tournament ski lakes will be sanctioning events this coming summer. Mastercraft has introduced a new tournament ski boat that we're all anxious to try out. The Indiana State Championships will be held at Hawthorn Lake and will offer some new formats. Add to the "NEW" some of the "OLD." Returning in June will be the IWSA sponsored Trick Clinic by the Harrisons. Also look for Hoosier Buoy Tour events in June, July, and August. Don't miss the annual IWSA sponsored Spring Fling to be held at Brewski Lake. Also be reminded that your Indiana Water Ski Association needs you. Memberships in recent years have decreased. We need to turn this trend around! For \$10 (single) and \$15 (family) the IWSA supports a website, sponsors/promotes numerous water ski related events around the state of Indiana, and contributes to some philanthropic causes. Join IWSA and help support your state organization and help build interest in our favorite sport. When your ski clubs have their spring meetings, encourage your fellow skiers to join and support IWSA.

Dave Jarrett - IWSA

## Bart's 2014 65th Indiana State Water Ski Championship

### July 26 & 27, 2014

Danville (see page 12)

## **2013 IN State Meet**

## Pocket City Suburb Hosts State Meet – Dawson Family Camps Out

Mt. Vernon, IN, Timberlake Ski Club – "When you get to Evansville, keep driving west until you see the signs pointing north to Timberlake, Southern Indiana's premier water ski lake - home to a bunch of friendly people and some tasty peaches". So it was with that advice in mind that early Friday morning, the 26th of July, Brian Dawson packed his two boys, Blake and Vince, skis, bikes, pots, pans, and sleeping bags into his truck and headed south, bent on introducing the lads to the joy of tent camping and tournament water skiing.

Once at the lake the three attended to job one – get some ski practice. With practice concluded, Brian and an old bike pedaler went on a sunset training ride - a short ride, they agreed - leaving the lads to pitch the tent and set up camp. Neither rider knowing his way around Posey County much and with light fading, the bikers discovered they were not making the progress back to Camp Timberlake for which they'd hoped. Cell phone flashlights illuminating road signs, the two arrived safely back to an orderly and (surprise!) fully assembled campsite. Dawson announced to his campers that there would be an ice cream run after dinner, to which the boys responded favorably.

Aside from the discomforting sight of flashing skies through tent fabric and sound of rumbling booms marching closer and closer early Saturday morning, the guys had a great first night. Then the rain came, staying around until mid morning, when the thunder's rumble was finally replaced with the rumble of ski boats starting and warming up. Cars pulled up, skiers piled out, and within minutes the 64<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Rollie Williams Memorial Indiana State Water Ski Championships was underway.

Blake Dawson scored 1.5 buoys at long line 28 MPH, total 43.5 buoys, to walk with Boys 1 Slalom gold. Cam Wischmeyer outpointed both Peyton Crowthers and Vince Dawson to take Boys 2 Slalom, running a sweet 2 at 28' off set. Peyton took to the Trick competition, scoring 380 points and a first place award. No Boys 3 Slalom skiers showed, so the Men 1 took to the course, Briant Detty getting 1.25 buoys at 38' off to win. Andrew Schmitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> with 2.5 at 32' off, and John Farrar, 3<sup>rd</sup>, trailed Detty. Guest skier Mike Bullock, from Tennessee, also

competed in Slalom, finishing an un-scored 4<sup>th</sup> place. For Men 1 Trick Jared Sharkey rolled out of the family van and wowed the crowd with a 6690 point extravaganza! Detty was 2<sup>nd</sup> (2290) and Clay Schmitt, skipping Slalom, was 3<sup>rd</sup> (1650). Cousin Andrew Schmitt was close behind (1600) in 4<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday Detty put out the long jump of the meet, 152 feet, to win Men 1 jump, and Overall. Andrew Schmitt, no Jump slouch, cranked a 136 footer, and Clay Schmitt a 115 best. Bullock kept all the Men 1 Jumpers in 3 digit territory with a century pop.

Girls 3 found Caroline Sogard at the starting dock, looking for some competition. Of course, the battle is with those turn buoys and the boat out on the water. Caroline rounded 5 buoys at 30 MPH, scoring 65 total

Ind	liana Sta	ate Re	cords	2013
	SLALOM	TRICKS	JUMP	OVERALL
GIRLS 1	Amanda Burney 1 @28off 1996	Kirby Schmitt 1150 2001		Kirby Schmitt 1705.9 2001
GIRLS 2	Elizabeth Tynan	Molly Harrison	Jane Tully	Kris Golden
	1 @ 32 off 2012	3210 2000	74 1979	2012.8 1975
GIRLS 3	Amanda Griffith 5 @32 off 2004	Kris Golden 3580 1978	Kris Golden 102 1979	Amanda Burney 2562.3 2003
WOMEN 1	Jenna Gilbert	Kris Golden	Joy Kelley	Joy Kelley
	2 @ 35 off 2011-12	5680 1981	115 1983	2817 1984
WOMEN 2	Marla Schofield 2 @ 35 off 1998	Jill Smith 3900 2005	Rhonda Schmitt 109 1996	Rhonda Schmitt 3346.4 1998
WOMEN 3	Philippa Shedd	Rhonda Schmitt	Rhonda Schmitt	Rhonda Schmitt
	2½ @ 38 off 2000	3650 2000	98 2000	2450.3 2000
WOMEN 4	Philippa Shedd	Prissy Edwards	Prissy Edwards	Prissy Edwards
	2½ @ 38 off 2006	3380 2000	80 1999	2975.2 2000
WOMEN 5	Prissy Edwards	Prissy Edwards	Prissy Edwards	Prissy Edwards
	2.5@28 off 2007	3290 2005	80 2007	3359.4 2005
WOMEN 6	Prissy Edwards	Prissy Edwards	Prissy Edwards	Prissy Edwards
	5.5@22 off 2013	2390 2010	74 2011	2547.8 2012
BOYS 1	Nate Smith 2000 Sam Jackson 2004 3 @32 off 2000	Andrew Schmitt 1290 2003		Andrew Schmitt 1791.5 2003
BOYS 2	Sam Jackson	Andrew Schmitt	Briant Detty	Briant Detty
	1 @38 off 2008	3010 2007	110 2008	3181.1 2008
BOYS 3	Cale Burdick	Jared Sharkey	Cale Burdick	Cale Burdick
	1/2 @39 1/2 off 02, 03	5260 2007	144 2003	3028.2 2003
MEN 1	Nate Smith 5@39.5 off 2010	Jared Sharkey 7790 2010	Tom Truesdale 173 1997	Brant Detty 2848.1 2013
MEN 2	Casey Contos	Tom Danford	Tom Truesdale	John Huntzinger
	3 @ 38 off 2011	4840 1987	169 1998	2215.4 1997
MEN 3	Scott Tynan 2009	Tom Danford	Brian Detty	Tom Danford
	1 1/2 @ 41 off	4460 1995	149 2001	2614 1994
MEN 4	Kim Contos 2005 Kevin Smith 2011 2 @ 39 off 2005	Tom Danford 4450 2006	Jim Beck 125 2004	Tom Danford 2694.2 2006
MEN 5	Kim Contos 2 @ 39 off 2009 & 2010	Tom Danford 3150 2012	Mark Schmitt 97 2010	Randy Sharkey 2550.9 2001
MEN 6	John Kniesly	Howard Little	John Kniesly	John Kniesly
	1 @ 38 off 2013	2300 2005	73 ft. 2013	1658.7 2012
MEN 7	Gary Hall	Howard Little	Glen Reid	Glen Reid
	5 @ 32off 2013	2090 2012	50 2010 & 2011	1194.9 2010
MEN 8	Glen Reid	Glen Reid	Glen Reid	Glen Reid
	1 @ 32 off 2012	940 2012	46 ft. 2012	1706.9

buoys and earning her first place trophy. In Men 2 James Tranchetta missed running the table when another Mishawaka Shark(ey) – Cody – skied to a 1940 point Trick gold medal, beating Tranchetta by 550 points. James nipped Neal Clark in Slalom, 3.25 at 35' off to Neal's 1.5 at the same length. Sharkey was 3<sup>rd</sup> in Slalom (Jump, Cody, Jump!). In Jump James proved worthy of first place, and Overall first, with his 139 foot best effort.

Brian Dawson led a quartet of single (event) minded Men 3 Slalom skiers, scoring 4 at 38' off. Jeff Cross was also in 38' off-land, getting 1 buoy, followed by Steve Schenk (3 at 28' off) and Tom Sims who suffered a universal experience – sooner or later, and better to get it out of the way sooner – with a bobble at #1 in his opener.

Molly Harrison had some issues with her first Women 2 Trick pass, but settled in for a 1640 point second pass, total 2490, to earn her trophy. Jenny Lambert took Women 4 Slalom and Prissy Edwards Women 6 Slalom (5.5 at 22' off). DeeDee Tucker got 2 at 28' off in Women 5 Slalom, followed by Jean and Cheryl Schmitt, in that order. Tucker continued her run through the division, winning Trick, Jump (48') and Overall, with Cheryl Schmitt completing the Overall chase, too. Edwards Tricked 1980 points and Jumped 49 feet to sweep all awards in Women 6.

Megan Lambert completed her first year at Purdue with near perfect grades, adding Trick and Jump to her great Slalom skill set for extra credit. So in Women 1 it was all Megan – 4 at 28' off Slalom, 200 point Trick, on only one scoring pass, and 39 foot Jump. Michelle Bullock trailed Megan in each discipline, gamely. Women 2 Slalom was taken by Shannon Buchanan, scoring 2.5 at 32 MPH.

Paul Manning flubbed his second Trick pass in Men 6, still easily outpointing (1270 points on his first pass, alone) John Kniesly, who skidded to a 590 point runnerup spot. Not realizing that a 590 point Trick run would be the performance highlight of this Saturday, Kniesly mounted his bike to join Brian Dawson on a ride to the Ohio River. Many seemingly clear paths to the Ohio are dead ends, so it took awhile to reach the river. Puncturing on a gravel road right before dismounting to admire the roiling Ohio, Kniesly guickly replaced the first damaged tube with a spare. Thirty minutes later, while drafting the speedier Dawson on the highway home, Kniesly rode over a chuck of broken pavement and flatted again. Opening his repair kit Kniesly discovered that his tire patch glue had dried up, a Cardinal sin, so was left at the side of the road while Dawson rode back to get his truck.

Unloading the hapless Kniesly and his bike upon returning to camp, Dawson took to the task of getting himself, Vince, and Blake cleaned up and dressed for the Satur-

## **Hoosier Buoy Tour**

The Hoosier Buoy Tour is an ability based slalom tournament series. The design of the HBT allows competition between all levels. First time tournament skiers are encouraged to attend HBT events.

For Hoosier Buoy Tour dates refer the 2014 IWSA Event Schedule on the back page.

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day evening Awards Banquet. Every State Tournament Awards banquet is special. It may be the only time during the year that Hoosier skiers see one another wearing something other than a swimming suit and a T shirt.

Sunday morn opened clear and calm – perfect to finish out the Slalom competition and roll into Jumping. However, if you were at Timberlake, or have a schedule of events saved from 2013, don't expect this retelling to adhere to any chronological order.

Tony Lambert and Brian Detty finished 1-2 in Men 4 Slalom, Tony with 3 at 35' off, and Detty with 2 at 32' off. Tied with Men 7 Slalom and Trick for the largest divisions of the meet, atop the Men 5 Slalom podium stood Kim Contos with 3.5 at 38' off. Mark Schmitt was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 1.5 at 32' off, while Steve Plummer, Barry Felton, and Tom Steinbeck all ran into 28' off. Felton's winning Trick set Saturday (Plummer 2<sup>nd</sup> and Schmitt 3<sup>rd</sup>) had carried a nice Overall lead into Sunday, but Schmitt's Slalom run drew them nearly even. Only Felton and Schmitt squared off in jump. Felton, jumping again after a nasty fracture to his femur a few years ago that this writer predicted would be his last time over the ramp, unless he wanted to room with the dog, was first off the dock and put out a 65 foot best jump. Home Boy Schmitt knew he had to go longer to get Overall... and he did, going 74 feet for the Jump and Overall trophies.

Gene Lamberson, in his umpteenth consecutive IN State Tournament, added to his closet full of Trick trophies, this one for Men 8, circa 2013. Put that one on the top shelf, Geno!

The power trio of Little, Sharkey, and Smith played on the liquid stage and finished in that order in Men 7 Trick, Howard scoring 2080, Randy 1180, and Larry 640 (what!?). Men 7 Slalom was dominated by Gary Hall who ran 5 at 32' off and looked to be on his way to a shot at 35' off before being distracted by a hottie jogging into his sight line for #6 at the east end of the course. Dave Jarrett left his camera on shore to take Slalom 2<sup>nd</sup> (3.5 at 28' off) also taking 5<sup>th</sup> in Trick. Sharkey and Smith were 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in Slalom, followed by Don Bucher who uncharacteristically (which is not to say that it has never happened before) blew his opener. Don trailed the Power Trio in Trick, and while it might look like Don should have stayed in Cindonway, he saved face by being the oldest guy at the meet to step into jump skis and face that ol'Demon Red Ramp, counting to 38 before landing and taking Overall.

In Men 5, whoops, <u>Men 6</u> Slalom John Kniesly found a diamond in what had been a coal bin of a performance year, getting 1 buoy at 38' off. He then jumped 73 feet without getting into any difficulty other than putting on and taking off the world's most used jump suit without shredding it in the process.

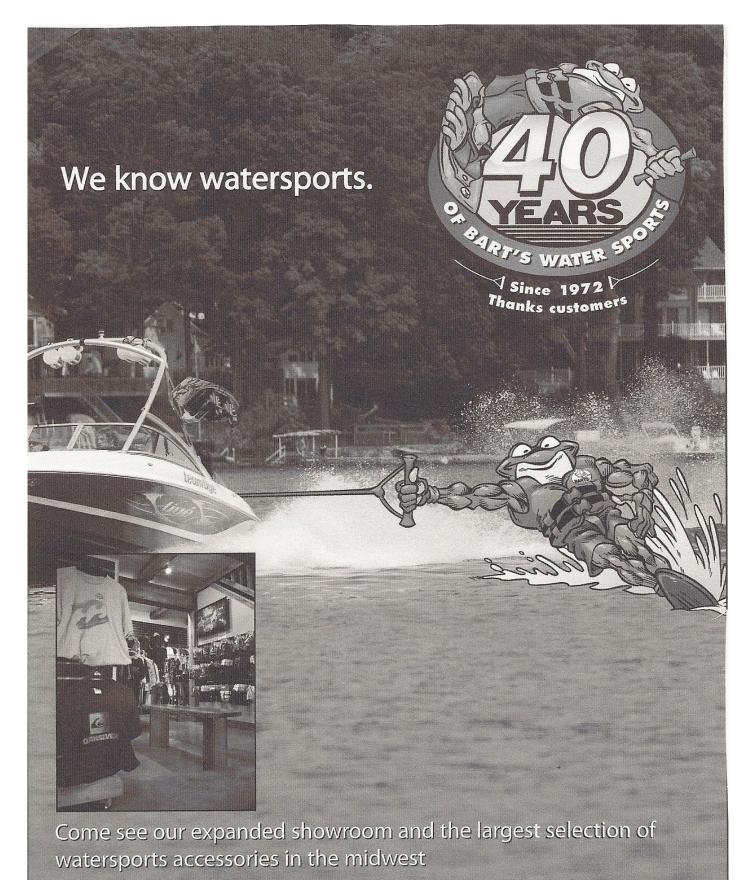
On the way out of the Timberlake neighborhood this writer could not think of a better weekend tournament experience. Again, the hospitality and organization of our southernmost IWSA brothers and sisters does set a standard by which other meet sponsors will be compared. Thanks for hosting us, Timberlake!

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#### **2013 INDIANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT FINAL RESULTS**

		SLALOM	TRICKS	JUMP	OVERALL
GIRLS 3	1)	Caroline Sogard			
WOMEN 1	1)	Megan Lambert	Megan Lambert	Megan Lambert	Megan Lambert
	2)	Michelle Bullock	Michelle Bullock	Michelle Bullock	Michelle Bullock
WOMEN 2	1)	Shannon Buchanan	Molly Harrison		
WOMEN 4	1)	Jennifer Lambert			
WOMEN 5	1)	Diane Tucker	Diane Tucker	Diane Tucker	Diane Tucker
	2)	Jean Schmitt	Cheryl Schmitt	Cheryl Schmitt	Cheryl Schmitt
	3)	Cheryl Schmitt			
WOMEN 6	1)	Prissy Edwards	Prissy Edwards	Prissy Edwards	Prissy Edwards
BOYS 1	1)	Blake Dawson			
BOYS 2	1)	Cameron Wischmeyer			
	2)	Peyton Crowthers			
	3)	Vince Dawson			
MEN 1	1)	Briant Detty	Jared Sharkey	Briant Detty	Briant Detty
	2)	Andrew Schmitt	Briant Detty	Andrew Schmitt	Clay Schmitt
	3)	John Farrar	Clay Schmitt	Clay Schmitt	Michael Bullock
MEN 2	1)	James Tranchita	Cody Sharkey	James Tranchita	James Tranchita
	2)	Neal Clark	James Tranchita		
	3)	Cody Sharkey			
MEN 3	1)	Brian Dawson	Shane Bucher		
	2)	Jeffrey Cross			
	3)	Steven Scheck			
MEN 4	1)	Tony Lambert			
	2)	Brian Detty			
MEN 5	1)	Kim Contos	Barry Felton	Mark Schmitt	Mark Schmitt
	2)	Mark Schmitt	Steve Plummer	Barry Felton	Barry Felton
	3)	Steve Plummer	Mark Schmitt		
MEN 6	1)	John Kniesly	Paul Manning	John Kniesly	John Kniesly
	2)		John Kniesly	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
MEN 7	1)	Gary Hall	Howard Little	Don Bucher	Don Bucher
	2)	Dave Jarrett	Randy Sharkey		
	3)	Randy Sharkey	Larry Smith		
MEN 8	1)		Gene Lamberson		





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## **Midwest Regional Report**

### Minnie Hosts Midwest Regional Ski Competition

Trophy Lake Estates III, Center City, MN – Twenty-four Indiana qualifiers went to Minnesota, land of 10,000 lakes and a lot of pike, for the 2013 USA Water Ski Midwest Regional Championships. All were intent on skiing their best, maybe establishing new PR's, with several having their sights set on podium finishes.

"Center City". How bland. Had the Commissioners hired an English major to name new towns in the county - someone whose idea of a good book was something other than a manual for installing dishwashers – they would have researched the area's history, interviewed long time homesteaders, and come up with something more appropriate, and colorful. "Beaver Acres", for example. Water, land, fur trapping – images so Minnesota! The tournament site, *Trophy Lake Estates the Third*, is a pretentious name for a man made ski lake. I wonder why *Trophy Lake Estates Sr*. and *Trophy Lake Estates Jr*., III's grandsire and sire, didn't get the call? Oh well.

Hoosier skiers set three new MW Regional Championships Records. Prissy Edwards set two of them, scoring 2700 points in Women 6 Tricks and Jumping 68 feet. Open Men Slalom Wunderkind Nate Smith did not disappoint spectators, clearing his 41' off pass before netting 1 buoy at 43' off the line. Edwards also won W-6 Slalom, sweeping Overall as a byproduct.

Scott Tynan was under the gun to clear his 38' off pass in Masters Men Slalom as his lone competitor in the division nearly ran that pass himself, scoring 5.5 buoys. Dang! No problem for Scott. Once nailing the 38' off pass and assuring a ½ buoy win, Scott consoled his comrade by stretching the margin to 3 buoys, scoring 2.5 buoys at 39.5' off.

Veteran Don Bucher nabbed a Men 7 Overall trophy by scoring 2<sup>nd</sup> in Slalom and Jump, and 4<sup>th</sup> in Trick. Molly Harrison, in Women 2, continued her string of MW Regional Trick titles, scoring 3090 points for the win. New Carlisle's Jill Smith, another Trick specialist, won Women 3 with 4120 points.

Jared Sharkey was in another galaxy as far as other Men 1 trick skiers were concerned, scoring 6170 points to win by over 3200 points! At the other end of the age spectrum (physically, not mentally!) Men 6 Trick specialist Paul Manning, the pride of Bringhurst, won his event with 1900 points. around #2 at 38' off and making it back to the wakes, edging his opponent by ½ buoy. Speaking of extra effort Slalom sets, Sabrina Klinkhammer, she of the Rochester, Lake Manitou Klinkhammers, got a 5<sup>th</sup> in Women 2 Slalom. Sabrina was "all in" for the pull to #4 at 22' off, getting just enough in the mayhem that ensued for ¼ buoy and a place on the podium. Husband Jeff was no slacker himself, going 2 at 32' off in Men 4 Slalom, though in that tough company only good for 18<sup>th</sup>.

Cam Wischmeyer tied for 1<sup>st</sup> in Boys 2 Slalom, with 2 at 28' off, losing out in the run-off to a skier two years his senior, which at age 11 is HUGE! Kim Contos managed 3.5 buoys at 38' off in Men 5 Slalom, good for 2<sup>nd</sup> and bragging rights over a familiar Ohio skier nipping at his heals. Megan Lambert led her family scoring, just missing out on Women 1 Slalom hardware when the 5<sup>th</sup> place run-off went to another skier. Still, her 3.5 buoy at 28'off propelled her to an 8<sup>th</sup> place Overall finish. Dad, Tony, skied to 8<sup>th</sup> in Men 4 Slalom with 4.25 at 35' off. Finishing the Silent Shores scoring was Neal Clark, 4<sup>th</sup> in Men 2 Slalom (5 buoys at 32' off).

In Men 7 Tricks, Twin Lakes' own Howard Little encountered two other specialists and finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cheryl Schmitt, finally enjoying a different division than Ms. Edwards, was 4<sup>th</sup> in Women 5 Slalom, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Trick and Jump, also 2<sup>nd</sup> in Overall. In a tight Men 2 Trick field only 550 points separated 3<sup>rd</sup> place Cody Sharkey from #1. Jeff Cross, 4.5 buoys at 35' off, was 8<sup>th</sup> in Men 3 Slalom.

Clay Schmitt, Overall Men 1 contender, left his Slalom and Trick mojo in Mt. Vernon. Thanks to a strong 112' Jump (6<sup>th</sup>) he got 5<sup>th</sup> Overall, but was left imagining what could have been had he packaged all three events in a more balanced showing. Peyton Crowthers was 12<sup>th</sup> in Boys 2 Tricks and 19<sup>th</sup> in Slalom, and Tom Jackson, Sam's driver, tied for 16<sup>th</sup> in Men 4 Slalom with 2.5 at 32' off.

Caroline Sogard, age 14, opened her Girls 3 Slalom set at 32 MPH under conditions that caused others to dial back opening speeds to as low as 28MPH. Had Caroline gazed into the crystal ball and seen a 4.5 buoy opener she may have dropped her starting speed, but take heart, Caroline, many skiers share that experience with you.

Indiana skiers compiled a score that landed the federation in 5<sup>th</sup> out of the ten states that make up the Midwest Region. Next year skiers return to Waters Edge, in Wilmington, IL for Midwest Regional competition.

Sam Jackson squeaked out a Men 1 Slalom title, getting

## **Okeeheelee Beckons Skiers to US Nationals**

#### Jared Sharkey, Nate Smith Excel

West Palm Beach, FL, Okeeheelee Park - Top skiers in the state competed in the 71<sup>st</sup> Goode Water Ski National Championships at West Palm Beach's Okeeheelee Park, famous for its five pristine water ski lakes. Eighteen athletes from the state competed, with nine of those gaining a top five podium finish.

Specialist Jared Sharkey, Mishawaka, dominated his Men 1 Trick event. Jared scored 6000 points, twothirds of which were credited in his second trick pass which included a dizzying array of single ski wake flips. Indiana's top pro, Nate Smith, McCordsville, climbed atop the Open Men Slalom podium, bettering Chris Parrish and Nick Parsons each by <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> buoys, scoring 2.25 buoys at 41' off the standard length ski rope. Smith had been regularly beating the pro field in multi-round slalom events leading up to the Nationals. The pressure is much greater under the US Nationals' "one and done" single round format, but Smith came through for the win.

Slalom skiers who clear the 38' off pass are widely accepted as having crossed the threshold into stardom. Eighteen year old Sam Jackson, Columbus, was one of only two Men 1 skiers who did just that. At the next shorter line length, 39.5 feet off, Jackson got around buoy number 2, scoring 1.5 buoys, while his fellow competitor in super-short line slalom got a piece of #3 with a score of 2.25 buoys for the win. While finishing as runner-up at that line length is an outcome any would envy, Jackson has sights on a slightly higher podium step, and an even shorter ski rope!

Another Columbus skier, Cam Wischmeyer, finished 18<sup>th</sup> in Boys 2 Slalom, but was the second highest 11 year old in this division, and at 5 buoys at 22' off, was only 8.5 buoys behind 9<sup>th</sup> place, with a tight grouping from there all the way to the top. Neal Clark, Frankfort, was 9<sup>th</sup> in Men 2 Slalom – the last stop before top speed reduces to 34MPH. Neal scored 3 at 35' off, continuing to move into shorter line lengths and bigger buoy count. Cody Sharkey, also a Mishawaka skier, was 6<sup>th</sup> in Men 1 Trick, even though an error in his second pass resulted in a goose egg type score. With a stand up pass an award ceremony with two Sharkey's present looked like a good bet.

With 2390 points Molly Harrison, Indianapolis, finished 6<sup>th</sup> in Women 2 Tricks, a scant 20 points out of 5<sup>th</sup> and a place in the medal ceremony. Anguish! New Carlisle's Jill Smith continued her winning streak at the Nats, easily outpointing the field in Women 3 Tricks with 4470 points.

Women 1 Overall competition included Megan Lambert, Brownsburg, for the first time, reflecting the influence going to college can have on a young woman formerly intent on skiing around buoys. Jitters on the Slalom course were uncharacteristically evident, and with Trick and Jump just recently added to her training regimen, Megan has great potential to make some Overall noise next year. Congratulations, Megan, on your 13<sup>th</sup> place Overall finish! Tony Lambert, Megan's dad, went into the nationals after a sub-par (for him) Men 4 Slalom performance at the Midwest Regional meet. Again Tony had trouble at the 35' off line length, swimming in after getting half of buoy #2 and proving how flighty short line slalom skiing can be.

Prissy Edwards, Alexandria, and Cheryl Schmitt, Mt. Vernon, medaled in Women 6 and Women 5 Overall competition, Prissy finishing  $2^{nd}$  and Cheryl  $4^{th}$ . Edwards was 3rd in Slalom and  $2^{nd}$  in both Trick and Jump to earn some extra hardware, while Schmitt's strongest single event was Jump, where she finished  $5^{th}$ .

Don Bucher, Milford, captured two medals in Men 7 competition, including 4<sup>th</sup> in Overall and 5<sup>th</sup> in Jump. Paul Manning, Bringhurst, rode his Trick ski to a 4<sup>th</sup> place medal in Men 6.

Scott Tynan, Masters Men Slalom phenom from Columbus, runs in pretty tough company. Scott was one of four skiers who got to enter the slalom course at 41' off the ski rope. His run ended at buoy #1 and included a swim, while the others got a longer ride – though not much longer as 2 buoys at 41' off won the event. Todd Crowe, Morristown, was 11<sup>th</sup> in the division. Another 34MPH slalom skier, Jeff Cross, New Palestine, performed well at the meet, scoring 2 buoys at 38' off, 19<sup>th</sup> place, in the very tough and large (37 skiers) Men 3 Slalom field where it took .5 at 41' off to win.

Slalom ski choices – which one to ride? Early season trials on a couple of models left Kim Contos, Pendleton, "enjoying" a Men 5 Slalom season where his favorite ski from one week to the next changed. The turmoil found Kim struggling to recover a full pass that was lost in just one winter's layoff. The 2013 Nationals reflected Kim's season, where his 2 at 38' put him in 14<sup>th</sup>. The division's winner scored 3.5 at 39.5' off. A year ago Kim would have been in the hunt for top spot.

Next year's Nationals moves to the heat and humidity of the Houston, Texas area. With better Indiana skier participation expected in the Midwest Regional qualifier, set for Water's Edge near Chicago, more Hoosier skiers may be skiing in the 2014 nationals.

## The 2013 Fall Awards Banquet

The 2013 IWSA Awards Dinner was held November 2nd, at the Primo West Banquet Facility in Plainfield just west of Indianapolis. The event included the annual general membership meeting that elected the IWSA Board for the 2014 season and updated the membership on all the current activity and future plans of the IWSA.

#### Hall of Fame Inductee - Larry Smith

Larry joined IWSA in 1979 he didn't wait around to get involved and has been a member of the IWSA Board of Directors for 25 years and held the Presidency for 2 years. Larry has taken on the job of writing the IWSA newsletter that we all enjoy in the spring to get our motors running anew for each season and has done so exclusively since it's inception in 1991. Larry holds a Senior Judges rating as well as a regular Scorers rating and has served as Midwest Regional Chief Judge. He has been appointed to judge many Nationals and has even snuck his skiing talents into participating into a few National events as well. Larry was Midwest Regional Tournament Overall Champion in 2001 and 2005. Larry has even held the crash helmet award which is awarded at the state tournament for the most spectacular crash

at state. Larry has set numerous state 3 event records, he has been instrumental in establishing the Angola Ski site, and is a past Rollie Williams Award recipient in 1991. Larry



helped Fairland set up site for their very first state tournament and has been doing so as he has skied in the state tournament for 35 years.

Congratulations Larry.

## <u>Sponsors Recognitions</u> - Sun Valley Sports

Sam and Krista were on hand to share several items from Sun Valley Sports of Indianapolis. Please check out their store. IWSA can never thank their sponsors enough. They are very dedicated to the sport and without their help IWSA certainly wouldn't be as successful of an organization they are today.



#### Many Hats - Dave Jarrett

Dave Jarrett appears at just about every tournament or water ski function in the entire state. Dave is the camera man behind all the pictures on the IWSA web site, He is

the Master Mind of the Monday Night Ski Leagues, Worked on putting together the Hoosier Buoy Tour, Organizes the Spring Flings, and Added a Trick Clinic. Dave is a member at four different ski lakes and works to maintain them all. He spent 5 days at the Nationals as a safety director for the second year



in a row, he broke his own state slalom record at state, and utilized his vice Presidency in running the IWSA meetings when the Pres. couldn't make the trip. Dave will serve the Presidency for 2014.

#### Most Determined Skier - Neal Clark

After a disappointing performance at the 2012 Nationals held at Okeeheelee Park in West Palm Beach Florida, Neal set his sites on the 2013 Nationals to again be held at the Florida Park. He was so determined and sure of himself that he bought a airline ticket to West Palm in February. Ski season opened and he



started practicing. He entered several June tournaments getting into 32 off and then started watching his ranking with USA Water Ski on line. As July approached, he started getting nervous, Behind his back his ski buddies were worried that he could see his dream of skiing his second consecutive Nationals slowly slipping away. Neal wouldn't be denied so off to Florida to ski a few training sets with none other than Chet Raley. He returned to Hoosier land and improved his score at the Hawthorn Tournament and at the State Championships and got himself qualified. So he thought... As the deadline approached he bounced above and below the cut off line making it nerve racking to even think about. Neal finally made the cut, he went on to regional's and accomplished his goal with a good showing at Nationals.

#### Comeback Skier of the Year - Gary Hall

Gary suffered a severe setback in June while skiing at Fairland. A collapsed lung, broken/bruised rib, damaged kidneys, and 3 days in the hospital. Gary was already partially a "Million dollar Man" with various replacement parts. Some thought that they had actually witnessed the end of



his water skiing career. WRONG!. He did the rehab, bought a new ski and came back to break the Men's 7 slalom record at the 2013 Bart's Indiana water ski Championships at Timberlake in Mt. Vernon, Indiana.

#### Volunteer of the Year - Dave Clifford

Dave has been the anchor for the Indy Water Ski club team. providing dedicated time to coarse installations, meetings, conditioning, towing, and driving the club boat, and mentoring young skiers. He is an avid fan and practitioner of the sport. He loves the community and is a general dogooder in the best purposes of the term. Although



it is not much of a sacrifice to support our club in the immense fashion he has emotionally, physically, and monetarily, Dave represents the best of our great community of water skiers

#### <u>Outstanding Achievement Award</u>- Don Bucher

Don upped his overall performance in Men's 7 division this year at the state, regional and national levels. At state Don finished 5th in slalom, 4th in tricks 1st in Jump and 1st overall. At regionals he was 2nd in slalom, 4th in tricks, 2nd in Jump and 1st overall, and at Nationals he fin-



ished 15th in slalom, 9th in tricks and a podium finish of 5th in Jump and 4th overall. He was there, he competed and he scored.

#### Most Improved Male Skier of the Year Award - Jeff Cross

Jeff has been a member of the Ski Klub of Indianapolis (SKI) located at Shelbyville for many years. In recent years he has also been a member of Fairland Ski Club. It appears that Jeff has set a goal this year to qualify for the Water Ski Nationals which was held in



Florida. In preparation, he attended ski school in South Carolina, and entered various tournaments around the state skiing into 38 off. He went on to repeat at the regionals in Minnesota and made it to the nationals to again ski into 38 off. In addition to attaining his goal of attending the nationals, he has contributed to his clubs with maintenance work and hosting a 3 day workshop with Seth Stisher at Ski Klub of Indy in July.

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#### Family Skiers of the Year Lambert Family

All three of the Lambert family clan are working on their officials ratings. Tony skied at regionals as well as nationals. Megan placed 5th at the Collegiate All- Stars,

and has spent her summer at Coble Ski School where she improved both her slalom and trick scores and also has learned to jump. She competed at state, regionals and nationals as а 3 eventer, and was a team captain for Purdue's ski team. Jeni



continues to improve her slalom score and serves as chief boat driver for Team Lambert.

#### <u>Male Skier of the Year</u> -Jared Sharkey

Hard work does pay off when you want something bad enough. Jared spent so much time this winter training hard and preparing for the season that he was just able to build his confidence and be much more consistent. At the Nationals Jared's dedication to his craft paid off and landed him on the podium after a 6,000 point trick performance. To finally get to



the next level and open up the next chapter is just a huge confident boost. Jared swept the 1st place position in tricks at State, Regionals, and <u>Nationals</u>..

accomplished goal was to make the top 5 at the U.S. Nationals and that has been since 2007. The next goal was to move up from 5th overall at the Nationals. That goal was achieved this summer with a PB in slalom at the Nationals which moved them to 4th overall for 2013 at the U'S. Nationals.

#### <u>Female Skier of the</u> <u>Year 2</u> - Prissy Edwards

Prissy swept her events with 1st place finishes at state and regionals in her division. She went on to Nationals and finished 3rd in slalom, 2 in tricks and 2 in jump which placed her 2nd for Overall.



#### IWSA Skier of the Year - Nate Smith

Perhaps no other athlete in the history of the sport has risen from relative obscurity to world domination as quickly as Nate Smith. In 2010, Smith was ranked 20th in the world when he came out of nowhere to take second place in slalom at the Global Invitational. In 2011, Smith counted the number of time she ran 39 off, the tally ended at at 37. In 2012 he stopped counting 39's and started counting complete passes at 41 off. That tally ended at 9. In addition to running 41 off nine times in one year, he won all but one of the major events, Smith is on his way to becoming one of the best skiers of all time. Nate was also given the Tommy Dorwin Award for his volunteering duties at the Mid west Regional event.

#### Female Skier of the Year - Cheryl Schmitt

In the late 1990's Cheryl had a goal of skiing the Mid West Regionals. That goal was accomplished. In the 2000's she had a goal of making it to the nationals. That goal was accomplished. The next









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## Hawthorne Water Ski Club to Host Bart's 2014 65th Indiana State Water Ski Championship

The residents at Hawthorn Lake are looking forward to hosting the Barts 65nd Indiana State Water Ski Championships. Plans are being finalized so that vital information can be posted on <u>www.indianawaterski.org</u> in the near future.

Since hosting its first tournament in 1998, Hawthorn has hosted notable events such as the World Police and Fire Games, the 2007 and 2010 National Disabled Water Ski Championships, Big Rig Jump Clinics, Jr. Development Clinics, several record capable tournaments, and this year marks forth time Hawthorn will have hosted the State Championships.

The lake itself encompasses 17 acres of water and the neighborhood with its community properties and residential lots, lake included total 80 acres. There are five families which reside in the community, and currently there are two families that own lots, but reside outside of the area.

The site is centrally located in Indiana with motels within a twenty minute drive time from both the east and west side of the site. Restaurants are located within ten minutes of site as well. The Metropolis shopping center is located in Plainfield, which is a 30 minute drive.

#### New this year - Optional Bonus round of skiing

This year each skier will have **one** optional bonus round of skiing in whatever event they choose. Two and Three Event Skiers can option to ski their bonus round in any event they like. **Only the first round will be used for tournament placement**, but the second will be scored for normal national rankings, etc. Therefore there will be no more complaining that I only get to ski once at the State Tournament! There will be a \$10 fee per skier for the optional bonus round.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: - 7/26/2014 to 7/27/2014

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<u>Detail of the schedule are still pending</u>. Please consult http://www.indianawaterski.org/ for details coming soon.

**Grassroots** - Beginner, anyone who runs the mini coarse but can't make all the regulation buoys. Skier will get 4passes.

**Novice** - intermediate, skier that can make regulation buoys but maybe not more than the state novice requirements. Men 6 @ 34, Women's 6 @ 28. Allowed one 'mulligan' on the first pass

**Expert** - 34 and 36 MPH skiers that can make the coarse into short line.

Entry - 1 event \$40, 2 events \$50, 3 events \$55, Family Max \$150, **Optional Bonus Round - \$10 per skier** 

Deadline - 7/22/2014

Location: Hawthorne Lake, Danville.

<u>Directions:</u> Take 36 west out of Danville seven miles. South on 75 one mile. Site on east side of 75

Accommodations : Walden Inn Greencastle - 765-653-2761, Fairfield Inn Avon - 317-271-9200, Value Place Avon - 1-800-230-4134

Practice - Friday Night - time permitting

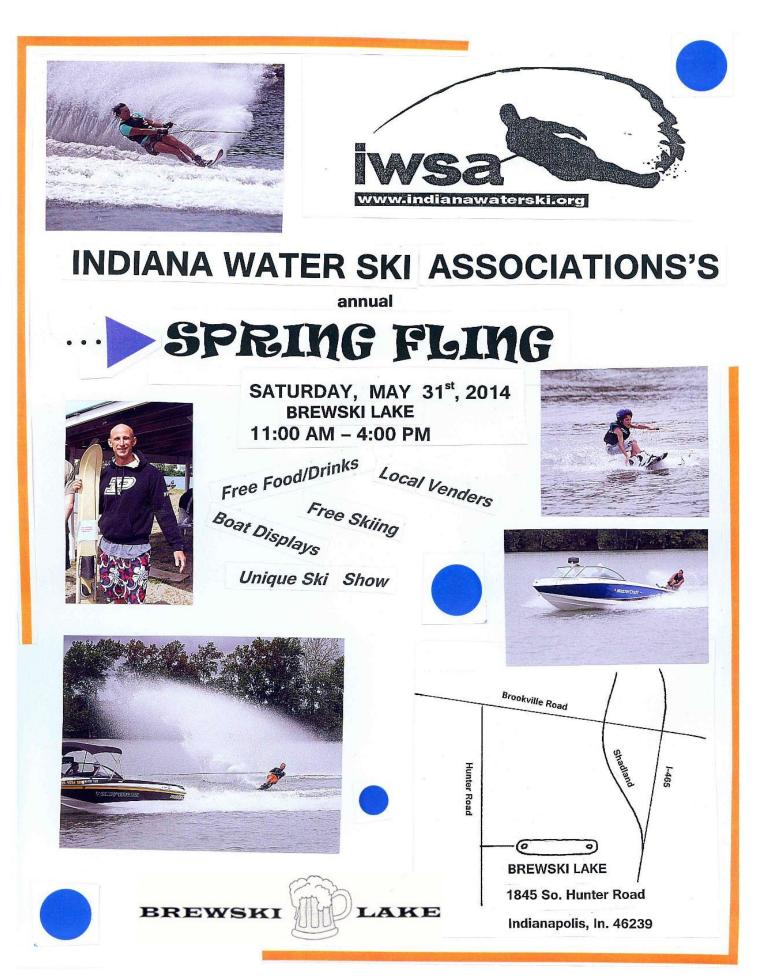
Tournament Dir: Brian Detty Chief Judge: Mike Patterson Chief Scorer: Patricia Patterson Chief Driver: Gary Hall Safety Director: Deedee Tucker Announcer: Dave Jarrett

Send Entries to: Deedee Tucker 6867 Winter King Drive Danville, IN 46122 765-278-6165 deedeeskis@yahoo.com

<u>Comments</u>: Send entries with check and copy of membership card.







#### **Indiana State Championships Sites**

1950	Culver Lake Max	198	8
1951	Lake Wawasee	198	9
1952	Lake Wawasee	199	0
1953	Lake Wawasee	199	1
1954	Lake Wawasee	199	2
1955	Center Lake, Warsaw	199	3
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1965	Indy - Maywood		
1966	Spray Riders - Mish.		
1967	Pleasant Lake - Angola		
1968	Wolf Lake - Dolphin		
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1972	Center Lake, Warsaw		
1973	Fairland - Shelbyville		
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1987	Timberlake - Evansville		

1988	Cindonway	2001	Timberlake	
1989	Camelot & Cindonway	2002	Cindonway	
1990	Camelot & Cindonway	2003	Hawthorne	
1991	Sugar Creek	2004	Timberlake	
1992	Fairland	2005	Cindonway	
1993	Sugar Creek	2006	Angola	
1994	Fairland	2007	Timberlake	
1995	Camelot & Cindonway	2008	Hawthorne	
1996	Timberlake	2009	Cindonway	
1997	Cindonway	2010	Timberlake	
1998	Timberlake	2011	Hawthorne	
1999	Fairland	2012	Angola	
2000	Hawthorne	2013	Timberlake	

## **2014 TRICK SKI CLINIC**

#### **SPONSORED BY:**

IWSA –<u>www.Indianawaterski.org</u> Date: June 7, 2014 - 8:00 AM until ? Brewski Lake 1845 South Hunter Rd. Indianapolis, Indiana

Trick clinic is welcoming all levels of trick skiers, from beginners to advanced. All ages welcome.

Cost: \$20 - breakfast, lunch,& dinner are provided USA Water ski membership required (One day membership for \$7 available on site). Advanced registration required

<u>Coaches</u> - National competitors Daryl and Molly Harrison Molly has multiple Indiana State Champion and National titles.

> Limited space available – 12 participant max Interested skiers and volunteers contact: Nancy Harrison 317-255-5117 <u>nharrison@speedwayschools.org</u> Or Molly Harrison <u>flippingirl06@aol.com</u> Or check www.Indianawaterski.org

<u>Directions</u>: Brookville Road Exit @ I-465 Travel west on Brookville Road 2 blocks to Hunter Road. Turn South on Hunter Road to #1845.

#### State Ski History - Article from 1951 Local Newspaper

## State Ski Meet Here at 1952 Wawasee Sunday, Aug. 12 51

Plans for the second annual Indiana State Water Ski meet were announced today by Homer Shoop, North Webster, and Chuck Myers, Milford, president of the Indiana State Ski Club.

The meet will be held Sunday afternoon, Aug. 12, on Lake Wawasee, under the auspices of the Indiana State Ski Club, assisted by the North Webster Lions club.

Jumping and trick riding events will be held. Trophies for the winners and runner-up of the meet and each event in both the men's and women's classes will be awarded.

Slalom competition, with medals as prizes, will be offered in both men's and women's classes.

The Mermaid Festival's 1951 "Queen of the Lakes", Miss Betty Bray, of Milford, will reign over the ski meet and will award the trophies to champions in all the events.

All events will be staged on the water front of the South Shore Inn, where the Queen of the lakes will be a complimentary guest.

Jap Jones, owner of the South Shore Inn, has kindly consented to open the spacious three terrace grounds of the hotel to the public for viewing the events.

More than 35 contestants from all across the state will compete. A public address system will be installed for announcing to spectators and contestants the results of each race.

One of the world's finest ski jumps has been made available for the meet by Fay and Marian Ensminger, of Wawasee, who have spent much time and money in recently building a jump to the best Cypress Gardens specifications.

This year a colorful slalom course will be set up for a separate slalom skiing event. Slalom skiing is on one ski only. The skiers will cut back and forth across the wake attempting to cut around- as many evenly spaced buoys as possible. Contestants will receive 16 puints for tom-

pleting the course less two points for each buoy missed.

Some of the tricks that will be ]h performed and their point values are: 180 degree front to back, 40

points. 180 degree back to front, 35

points. 180 degree back to front (lose

one ski), 30 points.

360 degree turn on water, 60 points.

One ski jump off ramp, 60 points.

On Water, 1 ski jump, complete wake, 60 ft. line, 60 points.

Hand and feet in skies, rope on toe and recovery, 30 points.

One ski backwards - add 10 points for crossing both wakes, 30 points.

2 skies backwards, 20 points.

1 ski rope on toe, 20 points. 1 ski rope on heel, 20 points.

1 ski rope on neck, 10 points.

2 skies, rope on neck, 5 points. 2 skies, riding one, holding oth-

er off water, 5 points.

Rope on toe, free ski overhead in both hands and recovery, 30. points.

Shoe skiing, 30 points. Dick West of Indianapolis, will serve as chief judge.

The welcoming committee is Dana Gray, Rudy Harrison, Dick Wysong and Norm Kipskius, all of Lake Wawasee.

The calibre of water skiing in Indiana has improved in the past year and a thrilling free show is promised all spectators who desire to attend.



An estimated 2,000 people were at Lake Wawasee Sunday morning, afternoon and evening to witness the second annual Indiana state water-ski meet held in the waters along the southeast shore. Tom Perine, of Indianapolis, scored 900 points to win the men's state championship. while Marian Ensminger, of Indianapolis, captured the women's title. There were 30 contestants in the meet.

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Finishing in order behind Perine were Billy Tully, Fort Wayne, Haute, 584; Bob Williams, Attica 525; Roger Coil, Syracuse, 461; and Chuck Myers, Milford, 387. In the women's division, Marion Ensminger outpointed Jackie

Kendall, of Indianapolis, who was second, and Joyce Harrison, Terre Haute, who was third. Jackie Kendall also received a trophy for winning the women's slalom event. John Popp, of v Fort Wayne, won the slalom trophy in the men's division.

'1st Meet At Culver

The state water-ski meet was k held under the auspices of the Indiana State Ski club, with assistance from the North Webster Lions club. The first annual meet was held last year at Culver on Lake Maxinkuckee.

Homer Shoop, of the North Webster Lions club, was the public address announcer Sunday. ir Judges were Dave Thompson, of n-0-Kalamazoo, Mich., regional vicepresident of the American Water-'S. 0-1 Ski association; Dick West, of Inhe dianapolis, secretary of the Inbe diana State Ski club; and Charles Walker, of Indianapolis, who 111 judged the first state water-ski ge meet last year at Culver.

its An added attraction during the day came when Ralph Knepp, of nv 10-Dayton, O., volunteered to put on cal an exhibition. Knepp is the nahe tional free-board champion. rt, --- Frank Millis, state auditor, was al- on hand as guest of Jap Jones.

## 2014 IWSA EVENT SCHEDULE

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7 14	Trick Cllinic Sawmill Record 3 Rd. Slalom – C, E, L	Indianapolis Columbus	Nancy Harrison 317-627-5428 Scott Tynan, 13111 Wildflower Dr., Columbus, IN 47274	nharrison@speedwayschools.org Stynan@tynaneq.com	317-255-5117 812-372-1510
8/19	RHI Sports Disabled Clinic	Morse Lake	John Kniesly,	jkniesly@financialguide.com	317-402-8517
21 28	Hoosier Buoy Tour #1 Silent Shores Mid 3rd, Trick & Slalom	Indianapolis Thorntown	Bryan Daugherty, 6820 W 150 N, Indianapolis, IN Jenny Lambert, 7067 Fox Hollow Ln., Brownsburg, IN 46112	jhodski@hotmail.com Silent_Shores@ubdt.rr.com	317-513-6056 317-852-3380
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5 12 12/13	<u>Hoosier Buoy Tour #2</u> Timberlake - 3 rd. Pick & Choose Hoosier Buoy Tour #3	Lebanon Mt. Vernon Danville	Neal Clark Jean Schmitt, 8001 Timberlake Dr., Mount Vernon, IN 47620 Deedee Tucker, 6867 Winter King Drive, Danville, IN 46122	nclark@ffi.com scschmittski@att.net deedeeskis@yahoo.com	765-894-0836 812 985 5904 765-278-6165
2/13	Hawthorne Classic 3 Event	Danville	Deedee Tucker, 6867 Winter King Drive, Danville, IN 46122	deedeeskis@yahoo.com	765-278-6165
2-13	Cindonway Open 3 Event, 2 rd	Syracuse	Michelle Bucher, 12377 N Placidview Ln. Milford, IN 46542	picmichi@hotmail.com	574-529-0163
26 26/27	<u>Hoosier Buoy Tour #4</u> 65th Indiana State Championship	Danville Danville	Deedee Tucker, 6867 Winter King Drive, Danville, IN 46122 Deedee Tucker, 6867 Winter King Drive, Danville, IN 46122	deedeeskis@yahoo.com deedeeskis@yahoo.com	765-278-6165 765-278-6165
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-3 ) 1-16	Midwest Regionals <u>Hoosier Buoy Tour #</u> 5 3 Event Nationals	Wilmington, IL Lebanon San Marcos, TX	See www.awsamidwest.com Neal Clark See www.usawaterski.org	nclark@ffi.com	765-894-0836
23/24	Purdue Alumni Tournament, 3 ev. P & C	Mt. Vernon	Jean Schmitt, 8001 Timberlake Dr., Mount Vernon, IN 47620	scschmittski@att.net	812 985 5904
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