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President's Corner

Welcome to a new year and a new opportunity to look forward to the great world of water skiing. As I sit here watching the cold winds blow, my thoughts wander to warmer times and ski boats and warm water. Hopefully you too are thinking of the upcoming season.

As your new president, I feel compelled to make one of my first priorities the recognition of the former leadership of the IWSA. Your state organization is in the best shape that it has been in since I became associated with it in 1973. This didn't happen by chance. It happened because very dedicated and talented people have given the time and effort to get us where we are now. I hesitate to name people because I am sure to leave someone out, but two individuals stand out to me. First, your past president, Bill Roach, is responsible for significant progress of the organization. His interest and organizational skills have gotten us on a positive and progressive path. Secondly, Carl Truesdale, our past membership chairman has done a bang up job of increasing membership and also has raised our revenue base with his fundraising efforts.

Exciting things are on the horizon for Indiana skiing. The state tournament is at a new site that is sure to do a great job. The disabled nationals are looking very good for the Hawthorn site. Many sites are now offering record capable opportunities for those wanting that chance. New people are coming into the sport, thanks to several people involved in the NSL. We have a lot to be happy about in IWSA.

Hopefully you will become very active this year. Maybe this is the year you decide to get that judge's rating, or scorer, or driver, or safety person. All these positions are necessary and very attainable through IWSA. Contact myself at djcust@AOL.com for further information. You can also talk to any of your board members if interested. No matter what your level or type of skiing, IWSA is there for you.

Have a good spring and a great year of water skiing this year.

Dan

2005 IN State Meet Sets High Marks for Fun

Milford, IN - Nearly one hundred skiers took to the calm waters of Cindonway Shores during the IN Water Ski Association's State Tournament held July 16 and 17. In a new twist the tournament hosts, Cindonway Ski Club, mixed the three events - slalom, trick, and jump - over both days, also holding a two round, record capable slalom meet on Friday, with state meet practice following that event's closing. The new schedule allowed many competitors to watch events they might not see unless also competing in the same event.

In Friday's slalom rating tournament some super-shortline sets were carded by Casey Contos, his dad, Kim, and Scott Tynan, each of whom ran into 39 feet off. Likewise for Chris Clark, Tom Danford, and Brad Beerman each skiing into the 38 feet off pass. A handful of other Friday skiers secured performance ratings qualifying them for Regional and National tournaments.

Nicholas Shedd has seen his competition in Boys 1 graduate to Boys 2 in 2005, leaving him as lonesome as a polecat. The Sawmill Lake skier rounded two buoys at 31 KPH for his Expert rating and a trip home with a first place trophy. No Girls 1 skiers were entered in the 2005 meet.

Timberlake's Andrew Schmitt dominated Trick (2450 pts) and Jump (73') on his way to also winning the Boys 2 Overall title. Only Hawthorn Lake Slalom champ Briant Detty, 2 at 28' off, kept Andrew from sweeping the table. Sam Jackson, Sawmill, scored a full pass on a 23 meter line for 2nd, followed by Schmitt in 3rd, another Sawmill skier, Taylor Shedd, in 4th, with Clay Schmitt and Ft. Wayne's Lake Clark rounding out the scoring. Cousin Clay Schmitt was 2nd in both Trick (820 pts) and Jump (47') and was 2nd Overall. Detty was 3rd in Overall after finishing 3rd in both Trick and Jump (28').

The Girls 3 Overall race turned into a two-way battle between Angola's Amanda Griffith and Timberlake skier Kirby Schmitt. Well off Kirby's 2.5 buoys at 23 meter line length Slalom run, Amanda's superb Jump score of 81' sealed the deal for her Overall title. The two girls were closely matched in Trick, with Amanda scoring 1820 points for 1st, just 90 points ahead of Kirby, who Jumped 43'. Jenna Gilbert was 2nd in Slalom, just missing her chance at a 28mph attempt scoring 5 buoys at 26 mph. Alexandria Burton moseyed down the road from her home at Camelot, stopping off long enough to check out the buoys and capture 1st place in Girls 2 Slalom.

Another Timberlake Schmitt, Scott this time, was in a Reel dogfight for Boys 3 supremacy. He eked out a 1st Overall with a skinny 49.7 point margin over Champion Lake's lanky John Reel. Reel's Trick run proved to be his Achilles Heel, watering down a fantastic run-off winning Slalom run against fellow laker Nate Smith, both with a score of 4 at 35 off. Reel enjoyed a razor thin Jump margin over 2nd place Schmitt, both carding a 109 footer with John winning the metre war by one tenth. In the end it was Schmitt's 2590 point Trick run which propelled him ahead of Reel who could only muster a 970 point set. Schmitt ran 4 buoys at 28 off for 3rd in Slalom. The Sharkey brothers from Mishawaka, Jared and Mason, captivated the crowd with Trick runs of 4610 and 3510 points, respectively, outclassing not only the Boys 3 division, but all but all of the entire field of skiers save Jill Smith (3900). Brothers Chase and Matt McCain, Champion Lake, rounded out the Jump field with Chase chasing Reel and Schmitt with a fine 104 foot blast, while Matt rode out a 53 footer.

Hours after the Trick event ended a twitchy Reel made inflammatory charges against his brother, Justin, accusing him of introducing a colony of breeding chiggers into his swimsuit. Justin professed innocence, but others interviewed by investigators said that Justin had told friends to "keep a sharp eye on my brother" during the trick event. Judges had wondered why John performed his line step-over, over and over, knowing that no more points are awarded repeat tricks.

Don Munro ruled the Expert Men 36 mph Slalom group, scoring 2 at 32 off at his home site. Consistant Cindonway teammate Matt Beck took 2nd with 2 buoys at 28' off. Indianapolis nomad Noah Vieke was 3rd, followed by Andy Crist, Ora Freeman, and Tom Pollock, each of whom gained valuable experience in this special National Slalom League event. Pollock expanded his experience to include Tricks, scoring 820 points and capturing 2nd in Mens 1 Trick. Tom was the topic of conversation among a grizzly group of Jumpers, all agreeing that the young man be taken aside and taught the honorable and mystic ways of Rampmaster.

Older brother Expert Men 34 mph Slalom competitors were led by a trio of 32 off skiers. Rob Driver nipped Indy's Mike Baker, 3.5 to 3 buoys at 32 off. Just behind Baker, a 4th place Men 4 Tricker, was Shannon Eix, within a couple of consonants from some Latina Lingua luck, who scored 2.5 buoys at 32 off. Camelot's Dean Burton had a nice 3 at 28 off set for 4th. Marv Metzler, Bill Roach (also Novice Trick 1st), John James, and Jeff Klinkhamer rounded out the scoring.

Kurtis Threlkeld, Purdue Ski Team and Silent Shores of Thorntown, outpointed fellow Boilermaker and Sawmill Lake skier Adam Cord for a Men 1 Overall win. Cord had the advantage going into Jump, with a .5 buoy at 35 off run in Slalom (2nd) compared to Threlkeld's 3 buoys at long line,

more than offsetting Kurtis's 20 point Trick margin (680 to 660). Kurtis, blasting a powerful 143 foot winner off the Jump ramp, obviously has spent some off season time in the Purdue library studying books on aeronautics. What a student! Not that Adam isn't. Word on campus is that Adam can always be found studying - math, science, physiology, the arts..... voodoo.

Speaking of that old black magic, Cindonway's Casey Contos laid some down with his winning and record setting 2 buoys at 39 off Slalom run in Men 1, the best run of the combined Friday Record Capability Meet and the State Meet when his 36 mph speed is considered. Justin Reel, fresh from his interrogation by a forensic entomologist, scored 2.5 at 28 off for 3rd in Men 1 and won Tricks with a 1360 point run his younger and itchy brother wish he'd had. Adam Cord finished up Men 1 scoring with his 2nd place 69 foot Jump.

Dave Jarrett, Ski Klub of Indianapolis, captured first place in Novice Men Slalom with 2.5 buoys at the full 75' towrope just ahead of another of Cindonway's slalom aficionados, Brian Mason and mystery man Steve Gilbert, parts unknown. In Expert Women Slalom (no Novice Women division... ladies?) Cindonway skier Liz Munro rounded 3 buoys at 75' for 1st. Linsey Ward improved her confidence in the course with a second place effort.

Indy's Dan Reed, West Lafayette native Bill Conley, and Champaign, IL's Raquel Roney, the 2004 US National MP-3 Slalom champ, enjoyed the opportunity to set higher Disabled Division State marks and warm up for the 2005 US Nationals. Raquel became the first female sit skier to score a Jump, setting a fresh mark of 32 feet. While Dan had a rough start in Slalom, failing to score, Bill nailed his first pass in the inner-course at 24 mph and got a couple of buoys at 26 mph. Raquel just missed her chance to push Conley's panic button, scoring 5 buoys at 24 mph but unable to qualify for an attempt at the same 26 mph pass that tripped up Bill. In Jump the RHI Sports Bruise Brothers, Conley and Reed, shared encouragement and equipment with Raquel which made the starting dock look like a combo of a fashion show dressing room and a NASCAR pit area under yellow. All three skiers used the same Kierstead jump ski, changing out custom-fit cages between skiers. Conley, in his first Jump competition, scored a nice 30 footer. Dan, hungry after failing to score any buoys in Slalom, made certain he'd hold an Indiana State Meet record for at least a year, landing and skiing away with a fist pumping 34 foot effort after two falls. In Tricks Conley proved to be a force, scoring 410 points to Reed's 290, sealing his grip on the Overall Trophy in the process

Amanda Burney, enjoying a break from the US Naval Academy, held her advantage from the start of competition and secured, an Overall victory over Purdue University skier Abby Schmitt, 2212.8 to 2080.7. Amanda, skiing for her home Champion Lake club, won Slalom (4 at 28 off) and Jump (87') while Abby, raised in Timberlake land, skied 4 at 22' off in Slalom and Jumped 74', finishing 2nd in both events. Angola's Trick diva, Mindy Bates, dominated her event with 3450 points, followed by Indy's own Trick specialist, Molly Harrison in a tight grouping that included Schmitt and Burney, in that order.

Women 2 first place finishes were shared among three ladies with lots of experience. Carla Stornetta, the lone 3 event skier, still worked hard to collect another Overall gold, going for 70' in Jump (1st), 2.5 buoys at 22 off in Slalom and 1500 points in Trick, both 3rd place finishes. Jill Smith, South Bend, came back home to Indiana to take the Trick event with an impressive 3900 point run. Marla Schofield, Indianapolis, continued her domination of the Slalom event, scoring 1.5 at 35 off. Katie Roth was 2nd in Jump (46'), Leo's Sherry Dawson was 2nd in Slalom (4 at 22 off) and Trick (2670), and Camelot's own Shawna VanLue was 4th in Trick.

Philippa Shedd, Sawmill Lake's Doctor of Slalom, ripped up the course on the way to a 1.25 buoy at 38 off winning Women 3 Slalom set. Timberlake veteran Rhonda Schmitt was only able to compete in Trick though her 2950 point effort belied the injury problems she has battled over the last few years. A controversial Overall first was awarded to Brenda Manley, Ski Klub of Indy's one women scoring machine, after she donned jump skis for a non-scoring pass by the ramp - the only Women 3 skier to enter Jump. Within the rules... yes. Brenda may not be the first person in IWSA State meet history to take to the water in the Jump event and not experience the dry mouth and racing heartbeat experienced by the fraternity of courageous and skilled athletes who just love to Jump. This writer thinks one of the most senior male skiers did the same a few years ago which, along with encouragement by other knowledgeable skiers, may be why Brenda blended her fine Slalom 2nd (1 at 22 off) and 680 point Trick run with the fly-by the ramp.

DeeDee Tucker, Anderson, swept all three Women 4 events and Overall. Her Jump distance, 62', bettered the 44' effort by Cheryl Schmitt, Timberlake, and her Trick run of 2300 points got by Patty Patterson's Silent Shores-honed 1510 point run. In Women 5 Prissy Edwards, Kokomo, was counting the days until she had any competition that could interfere with her rush to Overall and event firsts in Slalom (5 at 22 off), Trick (3290 pts), and Jump (64'). Unless Prissy's scores tail off as years pass, or the upcoming Women 4 skiers launch onto a new performance level, she appears ready to dominate for years to come.

Minimalist Brandon Bucher bettered Men 2 associate Brian Dawson, Leo, in Slalom with a 5 buoy at 35 off run, a 2.5 margin over Brian while Ben Bailey, parts unknown, finished 3rd. Older brother Shane Bucher snagged a first in Trick. In perhaps the most interesting performance of the week-end Brandon braved erratic winds and choppy water on his way

to the ramp, but holding his concentration steady he plopped to a record low 28' Jump.

Men 3, that division devoid of manly men jumpers, save one brave soul, and precious few trickers - including a suspicious entry from Kevin Smith - had its Overall winner determined during registration. It seems John Huntzinger understands best the thrill of competing in all three events, therefore the IWSA crowns him the Overall champ. John, Mt. Comfort, ran 3 buoys at 32 off (9th), 1320 points in Trick (1st), and while he did not complete a scoring jump he, as the lone Jump entrant, took the winner's trophy there as well. This division does know how to Slalom, though, and Scott Tynan (Sawmill) and Chris Clark (Ft. Wayne) locked horns, again, in a classic duel. Early on spectators watched as Brad Beerman (South Bend) and Kevin Smith (Champion Lake) threw down a couple of 35 off runs, Kevin scoring 3 and Brad 2 buoys at 38 off for 3rd and 4th. Rick Shedd (Sawmill) was knocking on the 38 off door, scoring 4 at 35 off (5th) while the Hawthorn Lake Detty brothers, Eric with 2 buoys, and Brian with ½, each broke through the 32 off pass into 35 off and 6th and 7th place. Jim Ruthrauff (Mishawaka) scored 4 at 32 off for 8th and Sawmill's Tom Jackson was 10th. Chris took to the water as the second seed, and after a scare during his 35 off pass, cruised his 38 off run (which he had been unable to do in Friday's two rounds) and set the stage for a challenge to Tynan's supremacy. Chris's gate and #1 ball at 39.5 off looked promising, but trouble awaited at 2 ball and left him with a 1.5 buoy count. Tynan, never to be accused of just skiing well enough to win, had to hustle to get to and around number 2 ball at 39.5 off, getting back to the wake for the ½ buoy margin and Men 3 Slalom title.

Barry Felton gave Angola's Tom Danford a scare in the Overall race when he threw down a best Jump of 100 feet in the Men 4 competition, outdistancing both the 95 footer by Mark Schmitt (Timberlake) and Danford's 93 foot best. Felton trailed Danford in Tricks, 2460 to 2360, each following Leesburg's Steve Plummer (WSI) who tallied 2920 points for 1st place. Going into Slalom Felton had the Overall lead. The pressure on Danford, however, was relieved when Barry scored 1.5 at 28 off in Slalom (10th), knocking him into 3rd Overall behind steady Mark Schmitt who scored 1540 in Trick (5th) and 2 at 35 off in Slalom (4th place tie). Tom carved right through his 32 off pass and scored 4 at 35 off (2nd) to secure another Overall trophy. Anderson's WSI entry and Slalom winner, Kim Contos, wowed the spectators with a second-best-of-meet-matching 2 at 39.5 off run, bonding with his 36 mph son, Casey, and fellow 34 mph skier Scott Tynan in the super short line stratosphere. Ray Sweers nailed 3rd in Slalom with 3.5 at 35 off and WSI's John Gradle matched Schmitt's Slalom run for their 4th place tie. Champion Lake's Jeff Reel turned back the clock and

cranked a sweet 32 off pass, following up with 1.5 at 35 off for 6th and a hug from Pam, Team Reel's underpaid manager. Jim Beck had the weight of the State Meet operation on his sturdy shoulders, but that kind of pressure is sure to wreak havoc with one's concentration. So it seemed for Jim who struggled to ½ buoy at 35 off in Slalom and 1590 points in Trick, good for 7th and 4th. Tom Cook's 4.5 at 32 off was good for Slalom 8th; Silent Shores' Mike Patterson was 6th in Trick and 9th in Slalom; Tricks winner Plummer was 11th in Slalom and Granger's ace driver, Denny Boettcher (Mishawaka Spray Riders), was 12th.

Human physiological nature being what it is, Men 5 and 6 competitors by mid-morning were ready to take to the water. Men 5 Trick ski performances by tournament host Don Bucher, Jared and Mason's dad, Randy Sharkey, grandpa Larry Smith, and Kokomo Beach's Paul Manning differed from other Men 5 Trickers in that they knew what they were doing. Manning scored a win with 1790 points over Smith's 1730 score. Sharkey was 3rd (1660 points) and Bucher 4th with 880 points. Indy's John Kniesly finished 5th with 580. In Slalom the self-deprecating Gary Hall, Indianapolis, cruised to a 3 at 35 off win ahead of Men 5 newbie Kniesly (4 at 32 off). Bucher was 3rd (2.5 at 32 off), followed by Sharkey and Smith, the latter of whom saw Overall chances take a hit after his sub par Slalom gig. Only two Jumpers were able to present themselves at the Men 5 dock, arthritis and other maladies having taken their toll. Suiting up were Smith, the Pennsylvanian native who, chasing his rainbow, packed his things and re-located to Anderson, and Logansport born and bred Kniesly. Smith's confident carriage belied his concern. The word was this young (?) Jumper he faced for Overall had been practicing which, though a questionable strategy at this stage in life, could be a deciding factor in this division. And it was, Kniesly going for 91' to Smith's best of 47', also deciding the Overall competition.

The buzz around the Men 6 division centered on a certain highly publicized pharmaceutical product. Cosmo-guy Les Bender, Ft. Wayne, was the hub of attention as he spoke of the incredibly satisfying benefits of the compound. At at one time or another each of these older men skiers suffered the embarrassment of lost car keys, and Bender swears that ingesting Ginko Biloba is the ticket. One buoy separated all three Slalom skiers - Jack Montgomery (Culver), Bender, and Gene Lamberson - with Jack and Les facing a run-off. Perhaps already looking ahead to the Jump event Montgomery didn't get the start he wanted in the run-off and left the door open for Les who walked right through for his blue ribbon. Big lake skiers Howard Little and Lamberson, both Twin Lakes area residents, battled for Trick honors. Lamberson's respectable 1370 point Trick run fell off the pace of Little's 2300 point effort. Montgomery, ligaments and wet suit seams crackling and popping as he suited up, wanted a Jump win a lot more than Overall champ Lamberson who was content to pass by the ramp. After two straight falls, Jack got it together on his third jump, setting a state record 53 footer and assuring a broad smile that should last until the 2006 event, scheduled for Angola, Indiana at the end of July

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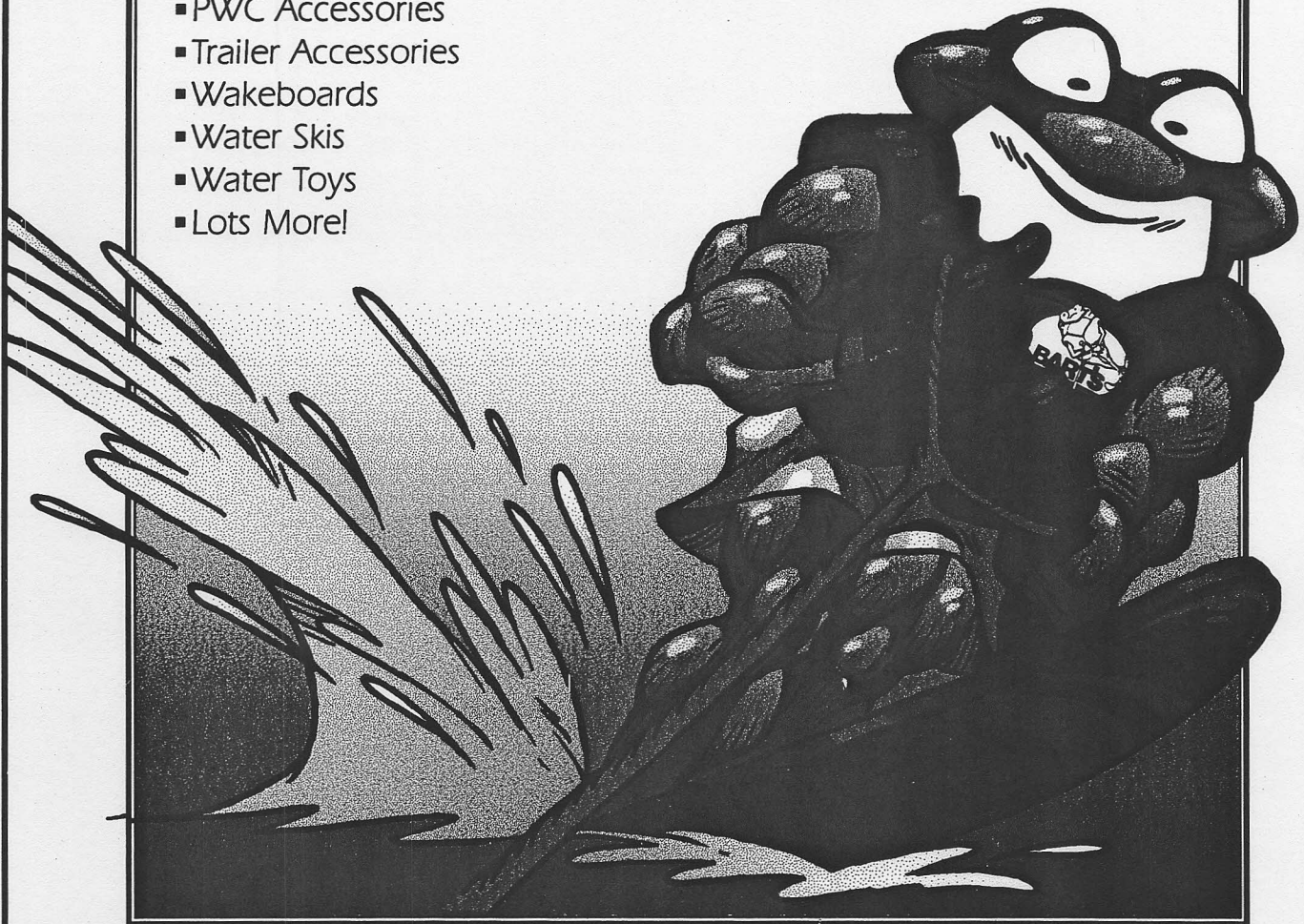
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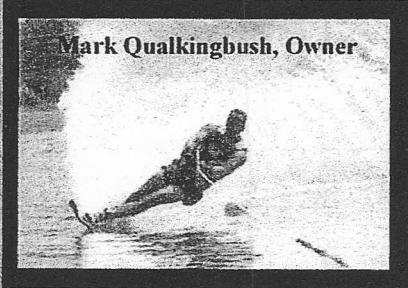
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2005 INDIANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT FINAL RESULTS

	SLALOM	TRICKS	JUMP	OVERALL
GIRLS 2	1) Alexandria Burton			
GIRLS 3	1) Kirby Schmitt 2) Jenna Gelbert 3) Amanda Griffith	Amanda Griffith Kirby Schmitt	Amanda Griffith Kirby Schmitt	Amanda Griffith Kirby Schmitt
WOMEN 1	1) Amanda Burney 2) Abby Schmitt	Mindy Bates Molly Harrison Abby Schmitt	Amanda Burney Abby Schmitt Raquel Roney	Amanda Burney Abby Schmitt
WOMEN 2	1) Marla Schoefield 2) Sherry Dawson 3) Carla Stornetta	Jill Smith Sherry Dawson Carla Stornetta	Carla Stornetta Kathryn Roth	Carla Stornetta
WOMEN 3	1) Philippa Shed 2) Brenda Manley	Rhonda Schmitt Brenda Manley	Brenda Manley	Brenda Manley
WOMEN 4	1) Diane Tucker 2) Cheryl Schmitt 3)	Diane Tucker Patty Patterson Cheryl Schmitt	Diane Tucker Cheryl Schmitt	Diane Tucker Cheryl Schmitt
WOMEN 5	1) Prissy Edwards	Prissy Edwards	Prissy Edwards	Prissy Edwards
NSL WOMEN	Rookie Youth Slalom	Rookie Youth Slalom	Expert Women	
	1) Camille Clark 2) 3)	Holli Crist Kristine Paton Sabrina Klinkhammer	Liz Manro Lindsey Ward	
BOYS 1	1) Nicholas Schedd			
BOYS 2	1) Briant Detty 2) Samuel Jackson 3) Andrew Schmitt	Andrew Schmitt Clay Schmitt Briant Detty	Andrew Schmitt Clay Schmitt Briant Detty	Andrew Schmitt Clay Schmitt Briant Detty
BOYS 3	1) John Reel 2) Nate Smith 3) Scott Schmitt	Jared Sharkey Mason Sharkey Scott Schmitt	John Reel Scott Schmitt Chase McCain	Scott Schmitt John Reel
MEN 1	1) Casey Contos 2) Adam Cord 3) Justin Reel	Justin Reel Tom Pollock Kurtis Threlkeld	Kurtis Threlkeld Adam Cord Justin Reel	Kurtis Threlkeld Adam Cord
MEN 2	1) Brandon Bucher 2) Brian Dawson 3) Ora Freeman	Shane Bucher Brandon Bucher William Conley	Don Munro William Conley Brandon Bucher	Brandon Bucher
MEN 3	1) Scott Tynan 2) Chris Clark 3) Kevin Smith	John Huntzinger Kevin Smith	John Huntzinger	John Huntzinger
MEN 4	1) Kim Contos 2) Tom Danford 3) Ray Sweers	Steve Plummer Tom Danford Barry Felton	Jim Beck Mark Schmitt Tom Danford	Tom Danford Jim Beck Mark Schmitt
MEN 5	1) Gary Hall 2) John Kniesly 3) Don Bucher	Paul Manning Larry Smith Randy Sharkey	John Kniesly Larry Smith	John Kniesly Larry Smith
MEN 6	1) Lester Bender 2) Jack Montgomery 3) Gene Lamberson	Howard Little Gene Lamberson	Jack Montgomery Gene Lamberson	Gene Lamberson
NSL MEN	Rookie Men Slalom	Novice Men Slalom		
	1) Jason Mygrant 2) Jon Habb 3) Jeff Matchett	Dave Jarret Brian Mason Steve Gilbert		
EXPERT SLALOM	36 mph	34 mph		
	1) Don Munro 2) Matt Beck 3) Noah Vieke 4) Andy Crist 5) Ora Freeman 6) Tom Pollock 7) 8)	Rob Driver Mike Baker Shannon Eix Dean Burton Marvin Metzler Bill Roach John James Jeff Klinkhammer		

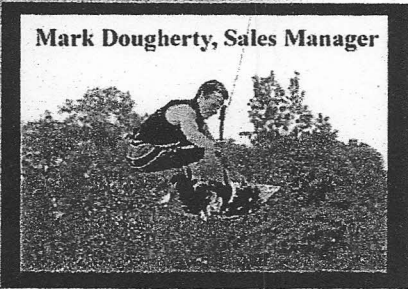


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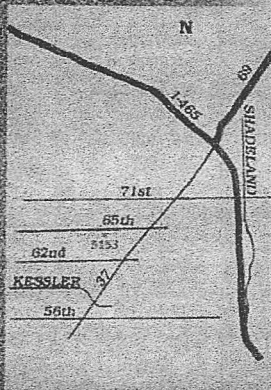
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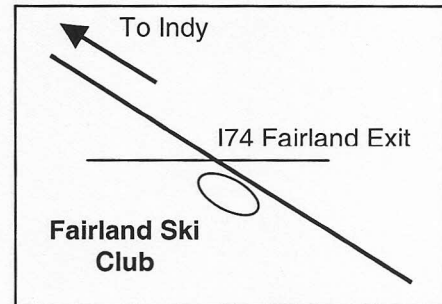
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GIRLS 2	Amanda Burney 4 @ 28 off 1998	Molly Harrison 3210 2000	Jane Tully 74 1979	Kris Golden 2012.8 1975
GIRLS 3	Amanda Griffith 5 @32 off 2004	Kris Golden 3580 1978	Kris Golden 102 1979	Amanda Burney 2562.3 2003
WOMEN 1	Marla Schofield 1 ½ @ 35 off 1996	Kris Golden 5680 1981	Joy Kelley 115 1983	Joy Kelley 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 2½ @ 38 off 2000	Rhonda Schmitt 3650 2000	Rhonda Schmitt 98 2000	Rhonda Schmitt 2450.3 2000
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BOYS 1	Nate Smith 2000 Sam Jackson 2004 3 @32 off 2000	Andrew Schmitt 1290 2003		Andrew Schmitt 1791.5 2003
BOYS 2	Nate Smith 3 @35 off 2003	Scott Schmitt 2650 2001	Todd Smith 100 1977	Scott Schmitt 2687.7 2001
BOYS 3	Cale Burdick ½ @39 ½ off 02 & 03	Jared Sharkey 4610 2005	Cale Burdick 144 2003	Cale Burdick 3028.2 2003
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MEN 5	Dan Custer 3 ½ @ 35 off 2001	Larry Smith 2140 2002	John Knesly 91 2005	Randy Sharkey 2550.9 2001
MEN 6	Lester Bender 3 @ 34 mph 2001	Howard Little 2300 2005	Jack Montgomery 53 2005	Gene Lamberson 1112.3 2001
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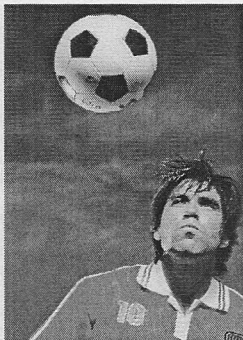
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Waters Edge Hosts 2005 Midwest Regional Meet

Hoosier Skiers Make Trek to Wilmington, IL

Wilmington, IL - Despite thunderstorms that raked the area the day before the 2005 Midwest Regional Tournament meet organizers held a successful event in which thirty-three Indiana skiers scored podium finishes. Gusty winds did plague events held in other than the early morning hours and a large snapping turtle was spotted cruising the water at the north end of the Jump Lake, giving this writer the willies. Waters Edges is no place to dangle toes in the water while lazing around on the dock.

First place winners included Prissy Edwards, pride of Alexandria, in Women 5. Prissy has a long history of excellence, and her 2nd in Slalom and Tricks coupled with her winning Jump of 70 feet brought her the Overall crown. Another perennial favorite was Columbus lift truck mogul Scott Tynan in Masters 34MPH Slalom, where he turned 'round 1.5 buoys at 39.5 feet off the towrope for a big win.

In Women 2 South Bend Tricker Jill Smith and all-around skier Carla Stornetta, Indianapolis, were victorious. Jill scored 4760 points for her Trick gold while Carla's steady performance in Slalom (7th), Trick (4th) along with a 1st in Jump got her the Overall win. Other Women 2 performances of note were turned in by Avon's Marla Schofield in Slalom, 4th with 1.5 at 32' off, and Sherry Dawson in Trick with a run of 2130 points good for 3rd place. Sherry, from Leo, was 6th in Slalom.

Champion Lake skiers John Reel and Nate Smith locked horns in Boys 3 Slalom, leaving the rest of the field in their dust. Nate's 2 at 35' off was nearly a full pass ahead of the pack, but winner John Reel was 2 buoys better with 4 at 35' off. Scott Schmitt, Timberlake, was 10th in Slalom which set his quest for Overall back a bit. Reel, Chase McCain and Schmitt all were bunched fairly close in Jump, with Reel 8th with 118', teammate McCain 9th with 113', and Scott in 12th with a 109' best jump. In Tricks an out of this world pass of 6300 points from Michigan's Adam Reed took first. Hoosier leaders were those Sharkey boys from Mishawaka, with Jared outpointing Mason 3730 to 3710 for 3rd and 4th place respectively. Schmitt scored a very respectable 3030 points, good for 8th, and moved up among Overall leaders to capture the 4th place medal.

In a limited Open Men field Cale Burdick, Purdue and Hawthorn Lake, out-Slalomed Brody Reid by two buoys, rounding 3 at 38' off the line for the win, but that margin wasn't enough to make up the lead Brody built in Trick and Jump for the Overall crown. Cale's

best jump was 169', in Reid's neighborhood, for sure, but Brody's Trick score of 6440 locked Cale, who tallied a respectable 4090 points, out of Overall's top spot.

Recent University of Alabama grad Casey Contos, Pendleton, copped a 1st place medal in Men 1 Slalom, scoring 2.5 at 38' off. Not far off that pace was Sawmill and Purdue undergrad, Adam Cord, 4th with 2.5 at 35' off. Brian Zimmer, another Purdue skier from Indianapolis, captured 3rd in Trick with his 1740 point run. Kurtis Threlkeld came to Illinois for the Jump event, though he finished 12th in Slalom. In the manly man event Kurtis cranked off a 144' leap as his only scoring jump, still good for 3rd.

Kevin Smith, Champion Lake, bested Minnesotan Rich Trenary in the Men 3 first place Slalom run-off after each came agonizingly close to a perfect 38' off pass, both scoring 5.5 at that line length. Another Hoosier usually in the thick of the scrap, Chris Clark, Laotto, tied for 8th after falling around #1 at 38' off. Sawmill's Rick Shedd was 26th with .5 at 35' off, and John Huntzinger, Indpls, was 32nd with an improving Slalom score of 3 at 32' off. Northern Indiana skiers Jim Ruthrauff (Granger) and Brad Beerman (Auburn) were just behind Huntzinger. And then we have the sad story of Champion Lake's Paul Miller. Just as Paul was setting up for his warm-up pass a lithe brunette standing beyond his sight line to the Slalom gate pulled off her teeshirt, revealing a very well-filled and smallish red bikini, ruining Paul's concentration. The resulting flub caused the judges to pull his gates. Huntzinger, who was in the hunt for an Overall medal after his 112' Jump (7th) was tripped up by his Trick pass, falling at the start of his second run.

Pendleton's senior Contos, Kim, carried the family colors to victory in Men 4 Slalom, scoring 5 at 38' off. The real story in Men 4, though, was how Angola CPA, Tom Danford, manages to get better and better with advancing age. Another Overall Men 4 victory for Tom was secured via a winning 3170 point Trick run preceded by a most respectable 2 at 38' off Slalom set (tied for 6th). Like a well counseled client breezing through an IRS audit, Tom coolly approached the Jump event knowing that, absent a major disallowance, he'd sew up another Overall trophy for his den. With the precision of a tax examiner he cracked off a 97 foot best, good for 4th and finishing off his Overall competition. Milford's Jim Beck, nursing a frame that has seen better days, was 8th in Trick (1860 points) and tied for 20th in Slalom with 2 at 35' off. He was unable to Jump, one of his strongest events, due to the aforementioned aches.

DeeDee Tucker, Anderson, copped another fine Overall victory, her winning Trick run of 2230 points giving her a big advantage from the start. Later on the opening day she won the Jump competition, her 60 foot best jump stretching her Overall lead even further. The next morning her post-runoff 4th place Slalom run, while not up to her potential with only 3 buoys at 34 mph, put away the other Overall contenders. Mt. Vernon's Cheryl Schmitt scrambled to 3rd place Overall with podium finishes in

Jump (3rd, 41 feet) and Trick (5th, 820 pts). She was 7th in Slalom.

While Mt. Vernon Boys 2 skier Andrew Schmitt fell to 8th place in Slalom, suffering at the hands of a group of specialists, but he won Tricks with his 1990 point run, and took Jump honors with a nice 80 foot leap on the way to his Overall blue ribbon dominance. Cousin and lake pal Clay Schmitt was 3rd Overall with a 4th place Trick and 5th in Jump to go with a disastrous, first pass fall Slalom run (15th). Likewise Lake Clark, Laotto, who tripped at #5 buoy on his opening pass (14th). Columbus dynamo Sam Jackson was 2nd in Slalom (.5 at 32' off!) and Danville's Briant "Beaster" Detty was 4th with .5 at 28' off. Another of the Columbus Sawmill skiers was Taylor Shedd who scored 4 at 32 mph for 10th in Boys 2. In Boys 1 six year old brother Nicholas Shedd was 12th in Slalom. Every one of these young men are 1st in mom and dad's heart!

Northern Indiana's Dynamic Duo, Sarah Rozow of Milford and Alexandria Burton of Elkhart, gained valuable experience in Girls 2 Slalom, with Sarah finishing 12th and Alexandria 14th. Sarah's older sister, Hannah, and Mt. Vernon's Kirby Schmitt, two of three 13 year olds in the group, took a run at the Girls 3 division against others as old as 16. Kirby placed 6th in Trick (1950 points) and 15th in Slalom. Hannah placed well in Slalom, scoring 5 buoys at 34 mph for 7th.

Mt. Vernon's Abby Schmitt had three 5th place finishes on her way to a runner-up Overall podium slot. Abby's Slalom score of 2 at 28 feet off, Trick run of 2260 points, and best jump of 76 feet were cheered by a lusty group of Timberlake team members. Mindy Bates, Angola, was barely outpointed in Women 1 Trick, her run of 3390 points just 80 points back of the winning score and good for 2nd. Indy's Molly Harrison finished 7th in Trick, knowing that she is capable of better than her 1960 point run.

Kim Black, a surgery room nurse whose image male patients hope to retain through anesthetized sleep, skied to 4th place in Women 3 Slalom with 4 at 22 off. Cute Indy Dental Assistant Debbie Ruddick has lots of willing periodontic patients lined up for treatment. Debbie's Slalom was a bit off her norm, with opening pass gremlins putting her in 12th.

In Men 2 Leo's Brian Dawson was sooo close to top spot in Slalom, rounding 5 at 35 off. Ailing Brandon Bucher, Syracuse, was 7th with 1 at 32 off. The division's winning pass was 1 at 38 off, easily in both Hoosiers' capabilities. Paul Manning, Bringham, and John Kniesly, Indy, each carded 3rd place finishes in Men 5, with Paul Tricking 2180 points and Kniesly's 97 foot Jump qualifying him for Nationals. Anderson's wily Overall veteran, Larry Smith, was 5th in Trick (1620 points) and 12th in Slalom (3 at 22 off)

but missed the invitation to Jump. Don Bucher, Syracuse, continues to improve with 1.5 at 35 off in Slalom, good for 7th. Kniesly was pleased to be involved in a repeat run-off set, breaking the 3 at 35 off Slalom 4th place tie the second time out with 2 at 38 off.

The honorable Howard Little, Boswell, held court in Men 6 Trick, putting the nab on the 2nd place trophy with his 1840 point set. Ageless vagabond Les Bender, Ft. Wayne, denied reports of his late night stay in one of Joliet's finer men's clubs. Nonetheless, he seemed a bit uninspired on the Men 6 Slalom course as he botched his opening set, finishing 8th.

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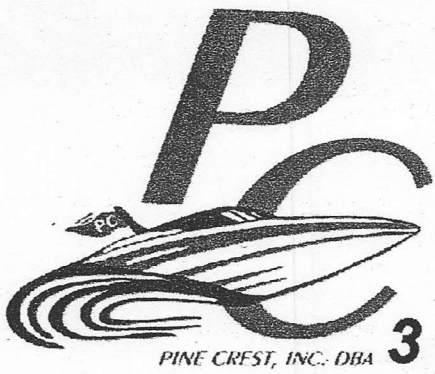
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2005 IWSA Awards Dinner and Fall Awards

The 2005 IWSA Awards Dinner was held November 12th, at the Primo West Banquet Facility in Plainfield just west of Indianapolis. The event was attended by 126 members of the IWSA and awards were presented to the following skiers.

Slalom and Trick Cup Awards

The Slalom Cup Series is in it's third season and becoming a popular event. Total buoys from 5 different tournaments in Indiana were given in 3 different categories in both women and men divisions.

Expert Men Trick – Gene Lamberson

Expert Boy Trick – Jared Sharkey

Expert Women Trick – Abby Schmitt

EP Women Slalom – Marla Schofield

EP Men Slalom – Scott Tynan

Masters Men Slalom – Jim Beck

The **Barb Miller Memorial Scholarship** was Awarded to Abby Schmitt

The **IWSA Hall of Fame** Inductees were the Erickson Brothers

Jr. Male Skiers of the Year

John Reel - John had a great season, skiing his 35 off and a few at 38 off at Nationals to put him in first place till only a few came up with more buoys than he did. Placing at nationals also made John stand out and was recognized and got a place on the national jr. development team.

Andrew Schmitt - Andrew has been coming along all season. Made an impression at nationals and was recognized as most improved jr. team skier.

Outstanding Male Trick Skier

Jared Sharkey - Jared's trick skiing continues to accelerate. Moving into the Boys 3 division and not showing any signs of slowing pushing his scores higher and higher, then scores well enough for 9th place at the Nationals in West Palm Beach.

Slalom Skier of the Year

Casey Contos - Casey had an exceptional season, a tri-fecta maybe if you will. Fresh out of collegiate skiing he set a new mens 1 state record with a score of 2 at 39.5 off then went to the mid west regionals to place first there, then a week later won 1st place at the Nationals in West Palm Beach.

You can't accomplish much more than that in a season.

Female Skier of the Year

Philippa Shedd - Philippa is only getting stronger and stronger every year in slalom, coming within a buoy of the women's 3 national record only to have broken her ankle trying.

Male Skier of the Year

Tom Danford - Tom had a great season and topped it off with a great performance at the nationals in West Palm Beach. When the skiing was done Tom had emerged as the top overall skier in Men's 4.

Club of the Year

WSI - WSI had their usual 2 record tournaments, 1 three event and the annual Labor Day slalom event all which include an NSL event. Plus they hosted the 05 State Championships, trying out a new format which included three events on each day. Then they hosted a weekly NSL learn to ski clinics and a NSL tournament on the last Tuesday of each month.

Officials of the Year

Mike and Patty Patterson - You don't go to a tournament in the whole Indianapolis area with their 20 some lakes without these guys there to judge score or drive. If there's a tournament it wouldn't be happening without them there.

NSL Skier of the Year

Dan Reed - Dan has skied every NSL event at the Fairland ski site. He skied, tore up his equipment as well as himself and kept coming back for more.

Wakeboarder of the Year

Chris Walker - Chris does allot of the scheduling of the wakeboarding events as well as a great competitor.

Matt Steel - Matt has come a long way on his wakeboard, from just getting started in the event this year to throwing some of his first difficult tricks, Matt's become a natural.

Big Rigger of the Year

Kurtis Threlkeld - When Kurtis started skiing for the Purdue Ski Team he was an accomplished jumper to say the least. Now in his senior year, he's jumped a personal best of 149' at the collegiate nationals to contribute to the Purdue's 5th place team finish. Kurtis also won the Mark Wiggs Memorial Jump Trophy at the state tournament.

Outstanding Skier of the Year

Cale Burdick - You have to wonder what more can Cale accomplish after last year. Well he's set more collegiate records, made the US jr. national team and won the slalom event as well as skiing in the open division at nationals and placing 3rd overall. His list of accomplishments continue to grow every year at a rate that we have a hard time keeping track.

ROLLIE WILLIAMS 2005 AWARD WINNER

BILL ROACH

At last year's Indiana State Tournament, we were pleased to announce the 2005 Rollie Williams Award winner; Bill Roach. This award is given to only those folks who serve above and beyond the norm in support of organized water skiing in Indiana. The recipient is chosen not by the IWSA board, but by the past recipients of the award and as with all previous winners, Bill is very deserving.

Our earliest recollection of Bill as a water skier is in 1984 when he went to Dale Hollow on a houseboat trip. His mentor and coach, Gary Hall, introduced Bill to the fine art of chasing slalom balls and to this day, Bill blames or credits Gary for his continuing success as a slalom skier, depending upon his current ability in this event. Bill was so enthused about this new activity that while thinking about edging and pulling on the way home, he took a wrong turn and ended up in Nashville Tenn. instead of Indianapolis. Bill has since graduated into a 2 event skier, having perfected an interesting trick run which is usually evident during summer 3 event tournaments. It is rumored that he even briefly considered jumping as a third event but after several attempts at this and incurred injuries, decided perhaps he would take up announcing instead of jumping. Bill however, is a proud charter member of the Big Rig Jump Team, having never missed a clinic and has been a safety person in the boat for some spectacular crashes over the years.

Bill is a certified life guard instructor due to his many years of coaching swimming. He teaches at Avon High School, and coached swimming there for many years. He is now Aquatics Director of the pools and Chairman of the PE dept. for this school system and although he doesn't actively coach anymore, he still is a competitive swimmer as is his lovely wife Peggy. This has led Bill to be accredited by AWSA as a safety director and in addition to his announcing duties at tournaments, he serves as safety director and holds annual clinics for other safety personnel every spring at Avon H.S.

The Indiana Water Ski Association (IWSA) has benefited greatly from Bill's dedication to advancing organized water skiing in Indiana. He has served as our President for the past 3 years and is responsible for many of the things currently underway with IWSA. Bill initiated the decal system which comes with current IWSA membership and also the Fall Awards Banquet which has become such a success. During Bill's tenure we began the Barb Miller Scholarship award and expanded Spring Fling to it's current status. Both membership and sponsorship have increased impressively over the past three years, largely due to Bill's leadership. He has also been very active in ongoing discussions with Indy Parks trying to get a multi-

lake water ski site built so as to host 3 event nationals here in Indy. Bill has also served in organizational capacities for the 2001 World Police and Fire Games event and as a member of the organizing committee for the 2007 Disabled National Water Ski Tournament coming to Indy in 2007.

IWSA and the past Rollie Williams recipients want to congratulate Bill for this award and especially to THANK him for all he has done over the years to advance and promote organized water skiing in Indiana.

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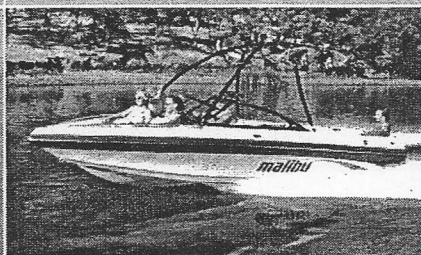
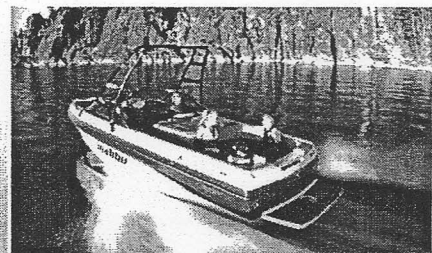
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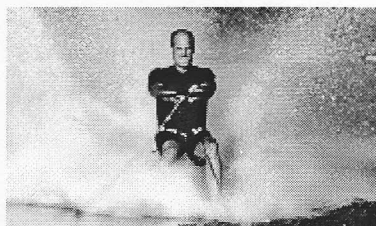
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Dr. Van Meter is an avid barefoot water-skier who supports a church ministry, Splash180, introducing children and their families to the sports of water-skiing and bare-footing. Dr. Van Meter is passionate about preventing injuries, proper conditioning for watersports, and treating watersports injuries such as head and cervical spine injuries, upper extremity and shoulder injuries, back injuries and lower extremity injuries.



Dr. Peter Sallay has also conducted research and lectured regarding watersports-related injuries, particularly those relating to the shoulder and upper extremities. He is also a watersports enthusiast.

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Disabled and 3-Event Skiers Invade Florida

Schmitt Family Relationship Disclosed!

Polk City and West Palm Beach, FL – Over 860 skiers from across the United States convened on West Palm Beach and Polk City Florida, host sites of the 2005 US 3-Event Water Ski Nationals and Disabled Water Ski Nationals. Two Hoosier skiers, Angola's Tom Danford and Pendleton's Casey Contos, came away as three-event national champions while eleven other Indiana skiers scored top five finishes in their respective divisions.

Three-Event Nationals

In Men 4 competition at Okaheelee Park in West Palm Beach a consistent performance by Danford in all three events added up to an impressive Overall win. Opening the meet with a 102' Jump, Tom found himself dead last among Overall competitors, those who qualified for and competed in all three events, Slalom, Trick and Jump. Trailing the leader by 315 Overall points going into the Trick event, Tom's two passes totaled 4080 points got him a 3rd place Trick award, launching him into a slim Overall lead of 63 points by skiing better than all the other Overall skiers. In Slalom Tom beat all the Overall qualifiers, finishing in a tie for 52nd among Slalom specialists with a 4.5 at 35' off set, cementing his hold on the coveted 1st place Overall trophy, symbolic of skiing supremacy.

Contos waited two years to return to the Men 1 Slalom podium, but his win with 5 at 38' off erased that 2003 runner-up memory in a big way. The recent University of Alabama graduate was two buoys ahead of the second place skier, a huge margin over the top echelon of this division where .25 buoy may separate one skier from the next. Another Hoosier skier, Adam Cord of Columbus and Sawmill Lake, accompanied Contos to the podium with his 4th place 2.5 at 38' off performance, his first National top five finish.

Prissy Edwards, Alexandria, couldn't overcome an awesome performance by former pro Leza Harrison to defend her Women 5 Overall title. While Prissy medaled in the opening day Trick event (3rd, 1940 points) she was far behind Harrison. In Slalom she fell further behind in Overall, though her 2 buoys at 28' off put her in 6th in that event. Prissy's Overall score going into the final day's Jump event created an insurmountable situation where she would have to Jump deep into the record book to pull out a win. Her

74' best Jump was good for 2nd and left her as runner up in Overall.

Trick specialists Jill Smith, South Bend and Women 2, and Indianapolis' Molly Harrison in Women 1, each scored 2nd place finishes. Jill's 4410 run was but 350 points off the winner's pace. Molly rebounded from a less-than-stellar Midwest Regional trick event to score 3460 points. Another Women 1 Trickster, Angola's Mindy Bates, was 3rd with 3390 points.

Danville's Cale Burdick captured 3rd in Open Men Overall in spite of a 7th place finish in Trick, his 3670 point run well off the pace in this group of internationally known superstars. Cale was right at home with the icons of sport on the Slalom course, where he finished 4th (4 at 39.5' off) trailing winner Chris Parrish, Chris Rossi, and Wade Cox. In the opening event Burdick's 7th place 171 foot Jump performance put him 3rd Overall, a position he could not improve upon during the rest of the meet.

Boys 3 Slalom featured John Reel, McCordsville, who topped his Regional performance by getting into the super-short 38' off line. John rounded #1 buoy but couldn't create enough angle to get any more points, finishing 3rd, just 1 buoy behind the winner. Another 3rd place finish was carded by Columbus Masters Men Slalom specialist, Scott Tynan. Masters Men was created for Slalom skiers in divisions who qualify for the 34 mph top speed, but want to compete with the best of those qualifiers without regard to age. Scott's 3.5 at 39.5' off the line wasn't good enough to overcome winner Lucky Lowe (2.5 at 41' off) and last year's winner Mike Morgan, second just 2.5 buoys ahead of Scott.

Staying fit through the years pays dividends, just ask Howard Little, Boswell, and John Kniesly, Indianapolis. Howard improved over last year's 5th place finish, scoring 1780 points for 4th in Men 6 Trick. Kniesly, accompanied to Florida by his manager/driver-if-I-get-hurt daughter, Sarah, celebrated his graduation into Men 5 with a 5th place Jump finish (96'), his first podium photo-op. Another Men 5 competitor, Paul Manning, Bringham, was 6th in Trick (2560 points) and joined Kniesly, 6th in Slalom (2 at 38' off), in the woulda-shoulda-coulda introspection.

Editors Note: The above mention Men 5 Jumper created quite a fuss at the starting dock with his "Short Boards". Thoughts of "surely this was some kind of new secret to going big" – had the rest of the competitors shaking and their "Long Board Boots".

Conley Medals at Disabled Nationals

In the US Disabled Nationals held at USA Water Ski Headquarters' Lake Grew earlier in August West Lafayette's Bill Conley scored a surprise 3rd place Jump finish in MP3 sit-ski competition. Bill scored a 43' and 41' best in his two rounds. In 5th after round one in

Slalom, Bill completed his 2nd round opening pass at 26 mph on the inner Slalom course and chose to attack the outer course at 28 mph, failing to get to number 1 buoy and falling to 8th place. In Trick he was 8th with a two round combined score of 520 points.

Other National Tournament Athletes' Results

The Boys 2 Slalom event included 8th place finisher and Sawmill Lake skier, Samuel Jackson (.5 at 32' off) as well as Hawthorn Lake's Briant Detty (2.5 at 22' off) 23rd, and Timberlake Schmitt, Andrew, in 29th. Andrew was 8th in Trick (2260 points) and was 7th in Jump (77'), putting him in 9th place Overall. Cousin Clay Schmitt opened his Nationals by failing to land a scoring Jump no matter how much encouragement he got from his entourage. He followed his jump disaster with trouble in the Trick course the next day, netting 580 points on his only scoring pass.

Scott Schmitt's Jump of 115' left him 23rd in that event and tied for 16th in Boys 3 Overall, effectively out of that race. His 3350 point Trick run trailed that of Mishawaka Sharkey brother, Jared (4160 points, 9th) and tied that of Mason Sharkey who took the 13th position based on a higher single pass score. Nate Smith, McCordsville, tied for 19th with 6 buoys at 32' off, while Scott Schmitt closed his Overall run in 15th with a 2.5 at 28' off 32nd place Slalom set.

In her first Nationals Girls 2 Slalom skier Alexandria Burton, Elkhart, was 30th. Veteran Abby Schmitt just missed a Women 1 medal, finishing 6th in Overall and trailing the 5th place finisher by a scant 31 points. In Trick she was 9th (2470 points), 10th in Jump (73'), and 14th in Slalom (4 at 22' off). Avon's Marla Schofield was a lock for a medal in Women 2 Slalom, but after clearing her 32' off pass she had her 35' off gates taken away and was unable to score the single buoy which would have assured her of at least a 5th place tie. Timberlaker Cheryl Schmitt leapt 47' for 7th in Women 4 Jump.

Leo's Brian Dawson, Men 2, was mired in 33rd with his sub par 3.5 at 32' off Slalom effort. His cute Women 2 wife, Sherry, was 13th in Slalom with 6 at 28' off and 8th in Trick with 2320 points. Another northeastern Indiana Slalom specialist, Laotto's Chris Clark, tied for 16th in the tough Men 3 division, where 4 at 38' off was five buoys off a podium spot. Also in 38' off territory were Champion Lake teammates Kevin Smith and Paul Miller who scored 3 and 1 buoy, respectively, at that short, short line, good for ties at 23rd and 48th. Another Champion Lake Men 3 competitor, John Huntzinger, went for 126' off the ramp, finishing 17th in Jump. Men 1 Slalom champ Casey Contos' dad, Kim, finished tied for 12th in Men 4 Slalom with 3 at 38' off. Kim's Cindonway WSI associate and Nationals official, Don Bucher, was 39th in Men 5 Slalom with 3.5 at 32' off.

RHI Sports Water Ski Team members Dan Reed, Indianapolis, and Raquel Roney, Champaign, IL, also competed in the US Disabled Nationals at the USA Water Ski Headquarters' Lake Grew. Raquel was not able to defend her surprise Slalom title won in 2004 in Minnesota, but skied well in the second of the 2 rounds, scoring 17 buoys after being blanked in round one. Had she scored 13.5 buoys in the first set she would have been runner-up in her MP3Women division. Her 1000 point combined Trick runs were just 400 points off the winner's pace, and she scored just one scoring Jump, 26', before being sidelined with a sore back. Reed also flubbed his first Slalom pass in MP3, scoring 12 buoys on his second round, good for 9th. 7th in Trick with a two round combined score of 730 points, Dan had trouble, again, in Jump, bending his sit-ski cage in first round action that featured three very hard falls. In round two he landed 2 of three Jumps, the longest one of 33' good for 6th.

It's A Family Affair

The Nationals is a family event for many, including the Dawsons of Leo, the Smiths of McCordsville, and the Contos men of Pendleton. Let's address the southernmost family, the Schmitt's of Mount Vernon. Space limitations preclude a full drawing of the Schmitt family tree, but it is high time an attempt was made to establish some familial relationships. Mike and Mark Schmitt are brothers. Sam is their cousin. Mike is married to Rhonda, a woman to whom I don't believe he was related until their vows were said. Ditto for Jean, who won Mark's heart, and for Cheryl, whose wedding ring was paid for with proceeds of the sale of Sam's mint '66 Mustang GT fastback with the K-code 289 and toploader 4-speed. Many auto buffs would question that transaction, but not Sam. He swears he traded up for a sportier model.

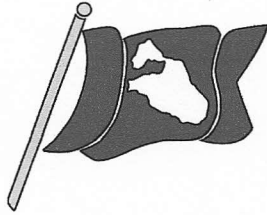
Schmitt kids are everywhere. So who belongs to whom? Its easy once a couple of theorems are applied. First, we all know Mark and Jean are... well... thrifty. Their oldest, Abby, got a nice monogrammed sweater for Christmas when she was two, so when younger brother arrived it was easy to understand why he was named "Andrew". Rhonda had worked for a paper products company before starting nursing school and Mike had sold vacuum cleaners door to door during high school, so it's easy to understand why names "Scott" and "Kirby" came to mind at the birth of their son and daughter. As a young man Sam was never one to back down from a challenge, and, while he never successfully employed the technique, he learned to appreciate the art of ducking a punch. At the time their son was born Cheryl was taking a class in pottery, and since "Cassius" was not a name she could relate to her new hubby the proud parents chose "Clay". Read this paragraph over a few times and you'll never again ask, "whose kid is that?" No information is available for Tom Schmitt.

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Saturday – 7:00 am

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Sunday – 7:00 am

Slalom - M1-11 Tricks: NW, NM, G1-3, B1-3, W1-11

Jump – M1-11, Head to Head Slalom

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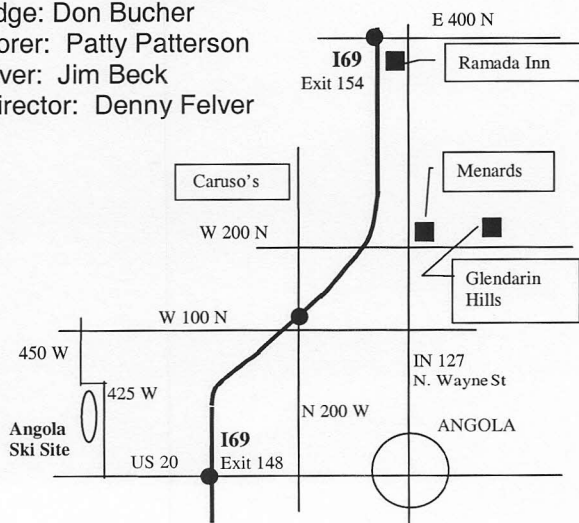
Entry - \$40 - 1 event / \$50 - 2 events / \$55 - 3 events / \$10 discount for B, G, & NSL / \$150 Family max
Deadline – 7/17/06

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Head to Head Slalom Competition at the 2006 Indiana State Championship

This years Indiana State will include elimination based head to head competition following the traditional State tournament. To qualify to participate in these events competitors scores from a preliminary round of slalom on Friday will be added to their single round score from the State competition round on Saturday or Sunday.

In the head to head round on Sunday afternoon the competitors will be paired and dual boats will be used. Each skier will take a pass through the course and then their competitor will follow on the same line length and speed. This will continue in an alternating manner until one competitor outscores the other. In the event of a tie score the winner will be the skier who skied first. The skier with the highest cumulative score will choose to ski first or second.

Starting minimum speeds and line lengths will be determined for each pairing based on 3 passes lower than highest score from either qualification round of the lowest scoring competitor in the qualification rounds. To illustrate assume Skier #1 has 5@12m and 3.5@ 12m and Skier #2 has 1@11.25m and 5@13m. In this case the highest scores are at 12m for Skier 1 and at 11.25m for skier 2. The lower of the 2 is at 12m so 3 passes prior would be 16m. This is the minimum starting speed and line length. If both skiers in the pairing mutually agree to start at a higher speed or shorter line length they may do so, but it must be the same start for both skiers. Subsequent elimination rounds starting speeds and line lengths will be based on scores from the previous elimination round scores.

The pairings will be determined as follows:

<u>Head to Head Group</u>	<u>Traditional Age Divisions</u>
Guys	The 2 skiers with best cumulative scores from B3, M1 and M2
Senior Men	The 2 skiers with best cumulative scores from M5 and above
Boys	The 2 skiers with best cumulative scores from B1 and B2
Girls	The 2 skiers with best cumulative scores from G1 and G2
Gals	The 2 skiers with best cumulative scores from G3, W1 and W2
Women	The 2 skiers with best cumulative scores from W3 and above
Men*	The 4 skiers with best cumulative scores from M3 and M4

* - This is the only "double elimination" division which is based solely on the number of anticipated competitors in the respective traditional age divisions

2006 Clinics and 2007 US Nationals Keep Disabled Skiers Focused

Wednesday June 7 and Thursday June 8 are the dates for the RHI Sports two-day, big lake adaptive water ski clinic. Again held at Morse Reservoir and Cicero's Red Bridge Park, this annual event draws participants who have suffered either injury or illness which prevents or greatly hampers their ability to ski using traditional equipment. IWSA members and friends are welcome to join in this fun, two day ski clinic.

Hawthorn Lake in Danville again will host the 2006 Advanced Adaptive Water Ski Clinic on Friday, June 9th. A select group of skiers will be invited to this competition training clinic. Skiers will train on the slalom course, learn or perfect tricks, and enjoy the thrill of jump. World sit-ski champion Joe Ray, Wilsonville, AL, will coach at both the Morse and Hawthorn events.

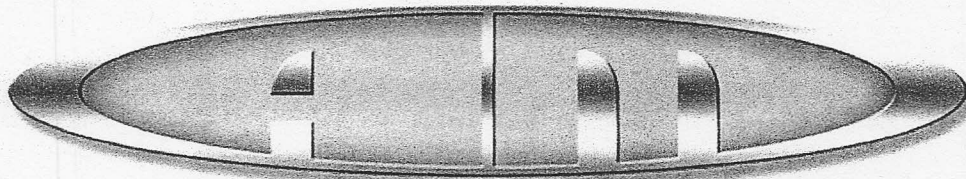
USA Water Ski's Disabled Water Ski Sport Division, the WSDA, has awarded the 2007 US Disabled Nationals to a partnership of the Hawthorn Lake Ski Club, the IWSA, and RHI Sports. This event will be held over three days sometime between mid-July and late August, the 2007 date to be determined once other USAWS event dates are set.

Volunteers are needed for both 2006 clinics and the 2007 US Disabled Nationals. Contact John Kniesly at 317-469-1204 or by e-mailing at jkniesly@finsvcs.com for more information. RHI Sports coordinator Pat Dean may be reached at 317-329-2281.

Hall of Fame Inducts Erickson Brothers

Plainfield – The Erickson brothers, Skip, Chuck, and Bud, were inducted into the Indiana Water Ski Hall of Fame on November 12th, 2005 at the IWSA Fall Awards Banquet. Bud, now living in Shelbyville, and Chuck, who traveled from his winter home in Florida for the induction, were joined by their spouses and over 20 members of their family at the banquet. Skip Erickson, who died in 2001, was represented by two of his sons in the ceremony conducted by IWSA president Bill Roach.

The Erickson's, Lake Maxinkuckee skiers who were raised in Logansport, became famous for their ability to consistently beat other slalom course skiers in the 1950's by competing on their jump skis. Additionally, they were early experimenters in the double wake cut to the jump. Before and after the ceremony IWSA members examined the men's well preserved jump skis and AWSA memorabilia that the families had brought with them. In remarks to the IWSA members attending the ceremony Chuck and Bud acknowledged how far competitive water skiing had come, and how honored they felt by entering the IWSA Hall of Fame.



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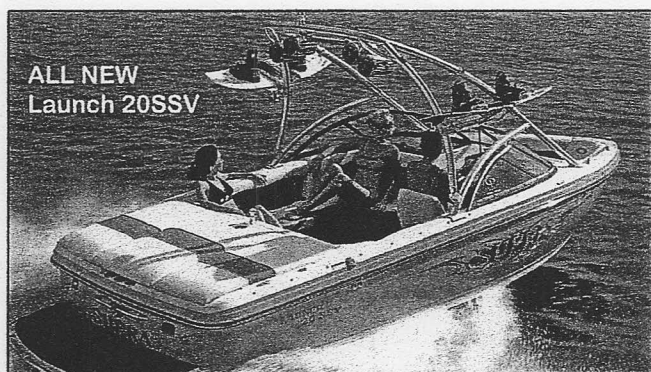
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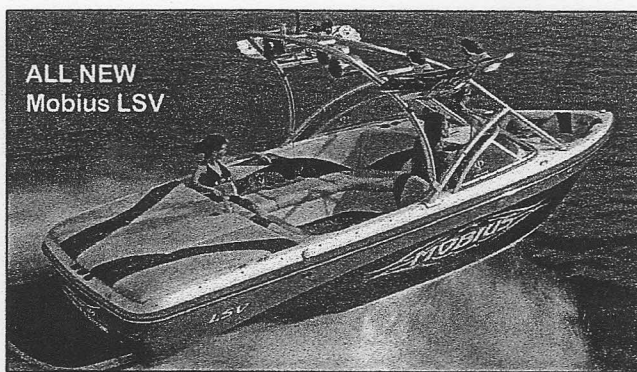
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9	PineCrest/ MC- RHI Elite Clinic	Danville			
11	PineCrest/ MC Spring Fling PineCrest/MC Trick Clinic	Fairland	John Warne, 14509 Bexley Dr., Carmel, IN 46033 Randy Sharkey	jwarne@indy.rr.com	(317) 848-1254
17	SKI/ MD Boats - NSL Event Sawmill Record 3 Rd. Slalom	Shelbyville Columbus	Dave Jarrett - see front of flyer Scott Tynan, 13111 Wildflower Dr., Columbus, IN 47274	davejarrett00@aol.com t+htynan@reliablenet	812-372-1510 812 985 5904
18	Timberlake - 3 rd. Pick & Choose	Mt. Vernon	Dan Custer 8101 Timberlake Drive Mt. Vernon In 47620	djcust@aol.com	812 985 5904
21 & 22	PineCrest/MC Junior Development Clinic	Danville	Carla Stometta, 7719 Shady Hills Dr. , Indianapolis, IN 46278	purducarla@indy.rr.com	317-370-1053
23	PineCrest/MC Big Rig Jump Clinic	Danville	Bryan Burney, 10421 Fall Creek Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46256	GBurney@aol.com	
24 & 25	Hawthorne 3 Event Record	Danville	Bryan Burney, 10421 Fall Creek Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46256	GBurney@aol.com	

JULY

	SKI/ MD Boats - NSL Event	Shelbyville	Dave Jarrett - see front of flyer	davejarrett00@aol.com	
1	Champion Lake – 3 rd. Pick & Choose	McCordsville	Debbie Ruddick 5721 W est 700 North McCordsville, IN 46055		317-335-3794
8 & 9	Silent Shores – Slalom & Trick, Record	Thorntown	Mike Patterson, 164 Cedarwood Dr, Mooresville, IN. 46158	MKPat335@aol.com	317 831-8119
15	Timberlake - 3 rd. Pick & Choose	Mt. Vernon	Dan Custer 8101 Timberlake Drive Mt. Vernon In 47620	djcust@aol.com	812 985 5904
15 & 16	Cindonway 2 Rd. 3 event Record & NSL	Syracuse	Don Bucher, 2905 E. Bucher Dr, Syracuse, IN 46567	dbucher@kconline.com	219-658-9305
28 - 30	The Marina @ Lake Gage/Nautiques Indiana State WaterSki Championships	Angola	Tom Danford, 6850 W. South Lake Gage Dr, Angola, IN. 46703	tdanford@loc.net	219-833-1702

AUGUST

	SKI/ MD Boats - NSL Event	Shelbyville	Dave Jarrett - see front of flyer	davejarrett00@aol.com	
4 - 6	Midwest Regionals	Wilmington, IL	Jeff Surdej 21500 W. No Wake Ave Wilmington, IL 60481		
14-19	3 EVENT Nationals	Bakersfield, CA	See USAWATERSKI.ORG		
26-27	Purdue Alumni 3 event	Danville	Kurtis Threlkeld 9896 W SR 47 Thorntown, IN 46071	kthrelke@purdue.edu	

SEPTEMBER

	SKI/ MD Boats - NSL Event	Shelbyville	Dave Jarrett - see front of flyer	davejarrett00@aol.com	
4	Cindonway 3 Rd. Slalom, Record & NSL	Syracuse	Don Bucher, 2905 E. Bucher Dr, Syracuse, IN 46567	dbucher@kconline.com	219-658-9305
9	Timberlake - 3 rd. Pick & Choose	Mt. Vernon	Jean Schmitt 8001 Timberlake Drive Mt. Vernon In 47620	MSschm49862@aol.com	812 985 5904
9-10	Silent Shores Rec. Sl. & Trick, C - Jump	Thorntown	Mike Patterson, 164 Cedarwood Dr, Mooresville, IN. 46158	MKPat335@aol.com	317 831-8119
23	Sawmill Record Slalom	Columbus	Scott Tynan, 13111 Wildflower Dr., Columbus, IN 47274	t+htynan@reliablenet	812-372-1510

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