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President's Corner

Well, it's hard to believe another year has come and gone. I am so ready for spring!

The past year was a huge success for the 2008 Charity Golf outing Benefiting Disabled & Youth Water Sports. Thanks to Scott McCain and Arbor homes, IWSA, along with RHI Sports, We were able to contribute to the Indy Skiers to assist them in the purchase of a disabled ramp that provided quick access for all skiers to the floating pontoon dock on the White River.

Contributions were also made to the 2008 WSDA National Water Ski Tournament, and Collegiate Team Trials/All Stars both of which were held in DuQuoin, Ill.

All of these contributions were made possible by supporting the 2008 Charity Golf outing Benefiting Disabled & Youth Water Sports. Please remember to support this event in the future May 21, 2009, as it is our largest fundraiser of the year.

Again, the Spring Fling starts off the season on May 31 with many tournaments and clinics (including Junior Development) to follow.

I believe we will have just as many tournaments this year as last. I challenge everyone to attend an addition tournament this year to support our local ski clubs. For some competitors the qualifications for Regionals & Nationals have been lowered due to the use of the USA Water Ski "National Ranking List". That extra tournament just might qualify you for your next big tournament.

Have a great 2009 summer!

Kevin Smith
IWSA President

Hawthorn Hosts 2008 Correct Craft 59th Indiana Water Ski Championships

Hawthorn Lake, Danville, IN - Six new state meet records were set by five skiers in the 59th edition of the Indiana State Water Ski Championships. Boys 2 competitors Briant Detty and Sam Jackson combined for three records. On his home site Detty combined approach speed and good lift off the ramp to set a new jump record at 110 feet. In earlier slalom competition this summer Jackson had served notice that he was ready to move beyond the 35' off loop, and he came through at the state meet with a stellar 1 buoy at 38' off. Detty combined great jumping with a sound 2 buoy at 35' off slalom run and 1390 point trick pass to set a new Boys 2 overall state meet record of 3181.1 points.

Lake Clark stepped into the Boys 3 maelstrom and came away with a second place Overall medal, scoring a second place 41' Jump and 4th place 1.5 buoy at 22' off Slalom along with a second place Trick set in so doing. Nick Rozow got halfway through the 28' off pass before going narrow in Slalom, good for a 3rd place stat.

Girls 1 and 2 Slalom spectators were treated to a couple of fine performances by familiar family marques. Elizabeth Tynan walked away with her newest contribution to the trophy room at home, while Camille Clark added to her growing collection in Girls 2.

Kirby Schmitt thought the path leading toward another Girls 3 Overall victory was going to be tougher after Saturday morning's Slalom event. Tougher, that is, until she saw that she was the only entrant in Jump (57 feet). Sarah Rozow and Jenna Gilbert both breezed through the 22' off rope length, with Sarah scoring a winning 3 buoy pass to Jenna's runner-up 1 buoy at the 28' off length. Megan Lambert trailed 3rd place Schmitt (4 at 22' off) in Slalom, with Brittni Beerman and Emma Miner rounding out the scoring. A 1220 point Trick run to Miner's 870 point effort allowed Kirby to claim the Overall trophy that was hers as soon as she entered, though her Master's level performance was quite respectable.

Two eventer Nicholas Shedd captured golds in Boys 1 Slalom, scoring 2 at 28' off and getting by up-and-comer Blake Miller, also winning Trick with 290 points and capturing another Overall title.

In a Boys 3 division in which there is so much 3-event talent only two skiers competed for Overall. Andrew Schmitt and Taylor Shedd used all their ski skill and equipment over the two day state meet, with Andrew's Jump and Trick experience the deciding factor in his Overall victory. Shedd barely trailed Andrew after Slalom, only 3.5 buoys separating the two. Once the Trick scores were tallied it was clear that Andrew, with 2510 points, was in the driver's seat. Taylor's 36' Jump required Andrew to make certain he skied away from a scoring Jump, which he did, carding a 100 foot best effort of three jumps.

Chase McCain thrilled the crowd with a 143 foot best Boys 3 jump, also competing in Trick... but not Slalom?? No trick skier has created more excitement in Indiana State Meets than Jared Sharkey, and though he fell short of his Boys 3 State Record his fast and furious 5250 point set. Nate Smith closed out his history in Boys 3 Slalom with a 1 buoy at 38' off performance, great for most but sub-par for Slalom King Smith.

Matt Irmischer continues to serve notice that Boys 3 slalom will offer up plenty of great competition, carving around 4 at 32' off but not making the wake before settling into the water for a 3.5 buoys score and second place. Clay Schmitt, normally an Overall battler, chose to pass on the ramp-fest, instead saving himself for Trick (740 points - 3rd) and Slalom (3 at 36 mph - 4th). Bryan Beerman, representing the northern region of the state, finished 6th in Slalom.

Novice Boys Slalom champ was Roth Driver, gaining valuable experience and a trophy to boot. Neal Clark flirted with bouncing out of Novice, just one buoy short of a perfect 34mph pass, earning first place in Novice Men. In Novice Men Trick Carmel's Bill Roach slipped, slid, and twisted his way to 320 points proving that Tricks aren't just for kids. In Expert Slalom, Roach got to top speed, 34 mph for this vet, where he found a hole after rounding #3 ball, but adding another trophy to his collection.

The familiar Prissy Edwards and Cheryl Schmitt show in Women 5 took on a new look with the addition of DeeDee Tucker to the group and re-emergence of Patty Patterson. Edwards backed off her normal three event schedule, taking 3rd in Tricks in her only event. Tucker got past Trick specialist Patterson, 1610 points to Patty's 1260. Schmitt was 4th in Trick, but had her

way in the Slalom event, beating Tucker by 1.5 buoys and toting a hard to get first place trophy home. The Jump event was where Cheryl's Overall runner-up fate was sealed as her 39 foot best was to far off Overall champ Tucker's 57 foot jump.

Cale Burdick needed a 149 foot Jump to get by Scott Schmitt in the Men 1 Overall competition. Burdick was edged by Casey Contos, again, in Slalom. Casey's margin was pretty slim, 3 buoys to Cale's 2.5 at 38' off, but a win is a win. Schmitt trailed Indy's improving Noah Vieke, 1.5 buoys at 35' off, with his own 3 at 32' off run. Schmitt blew Burdick away in Trick with 3710 point run, 1470 better than Cale. Though Scott's 120 foot jump forced the issue, Cale was up to the effort. Matt Beck was 6th in Slalom, and Matt McCain nabbed 3rd in both Trick (530 pts) and Jump, 73 feet.

A survey of select spectators were enthusiastic about rumored plans for a "Hoosier Hotties: Women 3 Skiers We'd Like in Our Boat!". When informed about a possible photo session both Marla Lott and Rhonda Schmitt responded with nervous giggles and said they would love to do the shoot. Kim Black told this reporter that she would have to consult her attorney who has represented her in the "Hot Nurse" series before responding. Once the hubbub settled Marla and Kim ran 3 at 32' off and 3.5 at 28' off Slalom sets, respectively, and Rhonda soloed in Trick with 2620 points.

Though unable to land a scoring jump Katie Modisett won a lot of respect by taking three cracks at the 5' jump ramp and earning a first place Women 1 plaque. Molly Harrison captured yet another Women 1 Trick title with 3050 points. Katie trailed Molly with 260 points. Neither skier competed in Slalom leaving that division's title unclaimed, an oddity these days.

Phillipa Shedd continues to expand her versatility by taking on all comers in both Slalom and Trick in Women 5, except there aren't any comers. Oh well, lonesome Phillipa scored 2010 in Trick and 1.5 at 35' off in Slalom and readied herself for the Midwest Regionals.

The quartet of Mindy, Marie, Michelle, and Sherry divided up the Women 2 awards, with Michelle Bucher the Overall champ on the strength of a winning 76 foot Jump, .5 buoy at 28' off second place Slalom, and 660 point 4th place Trick performance. Winning Tricks was Mindy Bates with 2700 points. Sherry Dawson returned to the thick of Slalom competition, winning with a 4.5 at 28' off buoy count and finishing 2nd in Trick with 1990

points, nosing out Marie Metzler who was a mere 50 points back in 3rd.

A strong Men 2 Trick field - all skiers entered Tricks - was lead by Indy's Brian Zimmer. With his own fan club cheering from shore Zim scored 2710 points, leading Brandon Bucher (2200), Aaron Weeks (1960), and Andrew Hipskind who was limited to 160 points by holes in the water. Bucher prevailed in Slalom (4.5 at 32' off) with Weeks, Zimmer, and Hipskind trailing in that order. Three of the four competed well in Jump, with Weeks soaring to a 151 footer for the gold, followed by Bucher at the century mark and Hipskind with an 84' best. Bucher's balanced performance (1667.9) put him atop the division's Overall hunt, closely followed by Weeks (1597.1) and Hipskind.

Tapped by mortgages, saving for kids' college expenses, and fantasy baseball losses, Men 3 skiers can afford neither Trick nor Jump skis, or so it seems. Anyhow, it is easy reporting their results in the Buoy Course, where these guys do know what they're doing. Brad Beerman gets no respect.... 1.5 at 35' off 5th place?! Hardcore Slalom skiers they all are. Tony Lambert gets 4th with 3.5 at 35' off, and Paul Miller gets 3rd with 2 at 38' off. Yikes! Brian Dawson is your 2008 Men 3 Slalom bridesmaid with 4 at 38' off, and winner Chris Clark enjoys 3 buoys at 39.5 off.

Nine Men 4 Slalom skiers continue an interest in carving Slalom turns, led by the Chairman of the Board, Kim Contos, he of 2.5 at 38' off performance for the win but no satisfaction. A tight cluster of 35' off skiers were led by Kevin Smith (5 buoys), Chuck Walker (4.5), Brian Detty (4), Rick Shedd (3.5), and Rob Driver (.5). John Warne was 7th with 2 at 32' off, Jim Beck following with 6 at 28' off, and Overall champ Tom Danford trailing the field with a flub on the exit gates during his opening pass. Danford recovered his standing with a massive win in Tricks, carding 3370 points to second place Beck's 870 score. A new Men 4 Jump record was set by Brian Detty, going for 126 feet - not bad for a guy starting to think about withdrawal options for his 401(k)! Danford's 89 foot second place Jump sealed the Overall title and Beck went for 45 feet, still mending from his own "Jumpers Gone Wild" vignette which remains fresh in his mind.

Other than an early Sunday morn trick set meet organizers were kind to allow the sun to gain altitude before scheduling action for Men 5-7, better to warm the sinews of this group who ski best after the blood begins to flow warm. Steve Plummer and Paul Manning waged a pitch battle in Men 5 Trick. Paul's 1230 point run couldn't get 'er done as Steve went for 1450. John Kniesly trailed with 870, happy to not pull a groin. A 3 at 35' off Slalom run got Kniesly the Men 5 Slalom crown, followed by Mike Patterson and

Plummer, scoring 4 and 2 buoys, respectively, at 28' off. Division newbie Mike Baker was 4th with 4 at 22' off, and Steve Gilbert was 5th. As the sole Jumper in this group Kriesly's new State record 94 footer also nailed down Overall.

A startling number of Men 6 Slalom skiers appeared at the starting dock, with the running order reading like a Who's Who in the water ski world. Known for historical performances in the face of great odds, and service to USA Water Ski and IWSA come Smith, Sharkey, Bucher, Jarrett, Hall, and Meloon, though not necessarily in that order. When the mist settled and the groaning ended it was Gary Hall atop the group with 1.5 at 35' off, setting a new mark for the group. Don Bucher was second with 1.5 at 28' off, and Dave Jarrett was next with 3 at 22' off. Ken Meloon showed the way to Randy Sharkey and Larry Smith to round out Men6 Slalom skiing. Remove Hall and add Howard Little to the aforementioned skiers for the Trick line-up, with Little taking the top spot over Sharkey, but only by an eyelash (1530 points to 1520). Smith was 3rd with 1280. Meloon continued his fine effort in 4th (1210) followed by Bucher and Jarrett. Men 6 Jumping was as competitive as its been in years, Larry Smith eking out a victory over Bucher, 41 feet to 36, and nabbing an Overall crown as well.

Three Men 7 stalwarts answered the bell, one in Slalom, one in Trick, and one in both Slalom and Jump. Slalom went well, with Big Jack Montgomery out-dueling Les Bender in a run-off after both scored two buoys on their opening pass. Gene Lamberson soloed to a 640 point Trick title. Montgomery showed a lot of courage in Jump, taking the title though he biffed hard on all three attempts.

Indy Skiers Activities Scheduled for 2009

June 13th, July 14 and August 15th 2009 Learn to Ski Days

Would you like to learn to water ski? Do you know how to swim? This is your chance. The Indy Skiers will be hosting three learn to ski days based out of the Municipal Gardens Family Center, 1831 N. Lafayette Road, Indianapolis, IN 46222. Everyone is welcome. Please contact one of our officers for more information.

June - September 2009 Indy Parks Ability Water Ski Training Series

We will operate the Indy Parks Ability Water Ski Training Series weekly, based out of Municipal Gardens Family Center, 1831 N. Lafayette Road, Indpls, IN 46222. This series is geared towards people who have skied before and have an interest in learning to ski the slalom course for the first time or who would like to improve their skills. The Training Series will start on June 4th, and will run every Thursday night, through September 17th. Cost of each event is \$20 for non-members or \$15 for Indy Skiers members. Call Indy Parks at 317-327-7275 to sign up. \$5.00 is due via charge or debit card at the time of reservation over the phone.

Trick Ski Clinic

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My Experience as a Ski Tester

by Kim Contos

Last September, while in Orlando for the Ski Nautique Big Dawg Finals I received an email from Tadd Schreiber of H2Omosis Sports inviting me to be a ski tester at the 2009 Independent Ski Review. This would be Tadd's first year in charge of the review, (formerly known as test), taking over the responsibility from John Horton. Tadd explained that the review would take place October 20-25 at Seth Stisher's site, OZ, home of the H2Oz Training Center, outside Charleston, South Carolina. That was about all the information Tadd provided in his initial email. I replied to Tadd that I would think about it and give him an answer when I got home from Orlando.

I don't think I ever seriously considered not accepting the invitation - a week in one of my favorite cities, at the end of the season, testing the latest model slalom skis. What slalom junkie wouldn't want to do that? So, I called Tadd to ask a few questions, before telling him to count me in. In the following weeks emails came in from Tadd with additional information on the schedule, format, and who, (testers and ski company representatives), would be involved. A few friends asked me how I was selected as a tester. I didn't ask that question. It may have been that Tadd knew I had the flexibility to take a week to go skiing, or that I've been known to try a lot of skis! During the 2007 season, I rode 9 different skis, from 5 different manufacturers, even changing skis (brands) between rounds of a tournament! I'm going on record, that's not happening again!

Bright and early on Monday morning, October 20, the test team members, support crew, and the company reps for the skis to be tested that day arrived at OZ. The 11 testers came from around the US and Canada, ranging in age from 26-56. I, at 53, was the second most "veteran" team member. We had 2 female skiers, 2 36 mph guys, and the remaining 7 of us were 34 mph guys. That made the group a fair representation of the skier population. The testing took place Monday through Thursday, with each skier riding 1 ski each day, 3 of the 4 days, and everyone receiving one day off. Friday was a "free-for-all" day, for the skiers to have an opportunity to try out any ski they wanted. The time could be spent on a ski they didn't get to try during testing, or to get more time on a ski that they felt had potential.

Tadd conducted the review in a very professional manner. As soon as a skier came off the water from a set Tadd interviewed them in private to get their impressions of the ski. This ensured the integrity of the results, as no one knew what other testers said about the skis. All of the testers took the testing serious as we knew skiers around the world might be parting with their hard-earned cash based on our review!

Another important element to the test is that testers do not review skis from the company that manufactured their current ski. That meant I rode the new O'Brien Elite on Monday, as the other skis tested that day were D3s', the brand I ride. Each tester mounted their own personal bindings on their test skis to assure that adjusting to a foreign binding set-up wouldn't affect ski testing. We looked like racing pit crews with cordless drills, calipers, and tape measures, as we changed-out bindings and made fin adjustments on Seth's dock and in his shop. This was necessary because several different skiers would be riding the exact same ski each day, as there were a limited number of skis in each size available to us.

Ski company representatives were on hand to help not only with initial ski setups, but also to ride in the boat for each skier and provide additional advice on where to stand on the ski and suggest setup changes as skiers went through their sets. We got 2-3 sets on each ski. So, to start things off on day one I-ried a new ski with none other than the most decorated slalom skier in history (Andy Mapple) watching me ski from the boat! Andy did his best to make us feel at ease and was very friendly and helpful.

Tuesday was my day off and I chose to hit Charleston rather than hang out at the lake. It sounds like I missed out on quite the experience. Jamie Beauchesne was on site for Connelly, and apparently had everyone trying to figure out what he was talking about, as he explained things in very unique ways! I skied the HO A1 Wednesday with Will Asher on board. Will's quiet, but a cool guy. He was gracious enough to pose for a picture with me and autograph a T-shirt for my 3 year old grandson, Peyton, who is Will's biggest fan!

A special bonus treat was arranged for us on Wednesday night, as we attended the premiere showing of fellow tester PJ McMillan's second water ski video, "Evolve". PJ spent last summer traveling the country as Marcus Brown's boat driver on his "Face to Face" tour. The premiere was held at the "Daily Dose", an organic food cafe in Charleston, where Jamie Beauchesne eats whenever he's in town. It was a great opportunity for the group to bond with

each other, and the film is great. I highly recommend it!

Thursday was a "Goode" day for us to conclude our official ski testing with "Big Dawg" Chad Scott on hand with the new Goode 9900SL and 9900SL Wide Ride. I got to review the most unique ski at the test, the short and fat Wide Ride. The surprising thing was, that for a ski with such a different look, it wasn't that hard to adjust to.

Mother Nature wasn't kind to us Friday for our "free for all" ride anything day. It was a complete wash out, with record rainfall for Charleston. That didn't dampen our spirits as we all went our separate ways to anxiously await Tadd getting the Ski Review web site up and later the arrival of the March issue of "Water Ski". There were a lot of comments on water ski message boards from skiers who felt that the review should have rated the skis in some numeric fashion "best to worst". However, I can honestly say that I didn't ride a bad ski that week, and I believe that was a common sentiment from the other testers also. The review is to provide skiers with some idea what they likely can expect if they try a particular ski. There's no substitute for trying a ski out for yourself,

but the review should help you narrow your options down before heading to the lake!

2008 Junior Development

This year's Junior Development Clinic was another success! The clinic instructed 21 junior skiers ranging from beginners to the Boys 2 National Champion. We were lucky to have two wonderful instructors, John Kniesly and Chris Travers. John instructed the skiers on beginning to intermediate skills, while Chris instructed the advanced skiers. Each group of children received three rounds of skiing. Some of the accomplishments included: learning to get up on two skis, deep water slalom starts, running the course for the first time, advancing to a three quarter jump cut, and advanced slalom position. Each junior skier received a goodie bag which included a Team Indiana Junior Skier t-shirt, ski decals, Mastercraft key chain ski float, Bart's cups, and a water bottle. Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers which include: Pine Crest Marina, John Kniesly, Nate Smith, Dave Jarrett, Rhonda Schmitt, Michelle Threkeld, Carl Truesdale, Debbie Ruddick, and Brian Detty. Go Team Indiana!



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Thirty Hoosiers Compete in 66th Goode Nationals Nearly Half Medal

Champions Include Bates and Detty

WEST PALM BEACH - The waters of this city's famous Okeeheelee Park provided an ideal surface for the 66th edition of the U.S. National Water Ski Championships. Two Indiana skiers, Fremont's Mindy Bates and Briant Detty, Danville, skied away with gold medals and twelve other Hoosiers gained spots in top five award ceremonies with their performances. In a throwback to the early days of competition skiing and an example of good old Midwest thriftiness, the father-son duo of Kim and Casey Contos won medals in their respective divisions.... sharing the same slalom ski!

Briant Detty's winning 115' blast off the ramp on the last day of Boys 2 competition capped a heroic comeback effort that started with an eighteenth place trick performance two days earlier. That 1310 point trick score left him in a big hole in overall competition, 485 NOPS points off the lead. On day two Detty put together a slalom set which brought him back into overall contention, scoring a fourth place medaling 3.5 buoys at 35' off. Though his slalom score was much better than the overall leader, Briant still trailed by 237 points. Detty's fabulous winning jump, six feet further than that of the eventual overall champion, left him 136.5 NOPS points out of overall first.

Bates, a long time trick specialist, enjoyed a pair of balanced trick passes in Women 2. Mindy's total point score of 3390 gave her a 200 point margin over the runner-up and added a U.S. Nationals gold to her trophy collection.

Nicholas Shedd placed fifth in Boys 1 trick on the opening day of the meet, following up two days later with a strong sixth in slalom. In an overall competition in which the top three were separated by less than 82 points Nicholas grabbed the bronze medal, winning the hearts of mom, dad, and a handful of cute Girls 1 skiers. Speaking of dad, Rick Shedd ran deep into 35' off - 4 buoys - but not deep enough in his Men 4 slalom division to do better than fifty-first. Brutal!

He's got his own car, but Casey Contos still has to ask dad, Kim, for the D3 slalom ski when he heads off to the slalom course. It's a good thing pop said "okay" in West Palm, for a barefootin' Casey would have been hard-pressed to run 4 at 38' off for a Men 1 silver medal - just 1 buoy off the winner's pace.

Kim had massaged the very same ski a day earlier through a 34 MPH set in Men 4, rounding 2.5 buoys at 39.5' off and finishing third, also one buoy behind the winner. D3 representatives professed delight at the good fortune of the Contos family, but water ski industry marketing executives were said to be expressing concern that ski sharing may become commonplace.

Alexandria ski diva Prissy Edwards tenaciously held onto her place in the Women 5 scoring, snagging third in both jump (50') and overall, and fifth in trick with 2300 points. Prissy missed appearing at all four award ceremonies because of a 3 at 22' off eighth place slalom set, six buoys off the medal pace in 2008.

Another fine overall performance was turned in by Cale Burdick in the prestigious Open Men division - where some competitors earn a living. Fourth in slalom with 5 at 39.5' off 'aint shabby in this crowd. Burdick's fifth place medal in trick with 2540 points indicates that the pro money just doesn't follow trick skiing. A 156' jump off the 5.5 foot jump ramp, good for sixth, tallied enough NOPS points for Cale to earn a third place overall spot.

In Women 2 Milford's Michelle Bucher snagged a fourth place overall with steady eighth place performances in slalom (2 at 28' off) and trick. Michelle went for 73' off the ramp, also good for a fourth place medal.

Tom Danford, an Angola businessman who makes a living making numbers sing, ran into a group of Men 4 overall competitors who put a wrinkle into the harmony he's enjoyed in the past. A 3070 point trick run put Danford on the bottom step of the podium for that event, but while his performances in slalom and jump weren't far off past performances - 102' jump for 14th and 4 at 35' off in slalom (51st) - the newly stocked Men 4 field proved too tough for Tom to score better than 7th overall.

Specialists abound in all competition, and waterskiing is no exception. Slalom aces include Sam Jackson, a Columbus Boys 2 wunderkind, who went into the 38' off zone (1.5 buoys) to win the bronze award. Another bronze was taken by McCordsville "veteran" Nate Smith in Boys 3 slalom, where he rounded 1 buoy at 38' off. Nate's dad, Kevin, skied well in Men 4 slalom, but in that division 1 buoy at 39.5 off leaves a guy in... tenth? Columbus sent Scott Tynan to West Palm to do battle in the Masters Men slalom division. A testament to the competitiveness of this group lies in Scott's third place finish... with 4 buoys at 39.' off. Scott's daughter, Elizabeth, ran 3.5 buoys at

28 MPH to finish eleventh in Girls 1 slalom, making her daddy very proud.

Trick specialist Molly Harrison, Indianapolis, wracked up 3670 points to take a fourth place medal in Women 1. Chase McCain, McCordsville's answer to Evel Knievel though with fewer trips to the orthopedic center, was in a real dogfight in Boys 3 jump. His fifth place medal doesn't tell the whole story. Consider that Chase and the fourth place finisher had identical best and back-up jumps, third place was 148', and first and second went 149' each. The video jump system was smoking it was re-played so often. These kids are going to bring a lot of excitement to skiing in the very near future, and that Chase is in this group brings honor to the IWSA.

Other Hoosier competitors include Jared Sharkey (Mishawaka) who uncharacteristically tanked his second Boys 3 trick pass after only 370 points, still finishing eighth with 3300 points. What might have been! Likewise in Men 5 trick, Paul Manning found a hole in the lake after one trick in his second pass, scoring 1270 points, but out of the running for a medal in 16th. Howard Little missed a medal in Men 6 trick by just 120 points. Rounding 4 buoys, Matt Irmischer at 28' off in Boys 3 slalom and Noah Vieke at 32' off in Men 1, left Matt in 34th and Noah in 23rd. Clay Schmitt skied well in Boys 3 jump, soaring 101' also good for 23rd.

Marla Lott dropped off the podium this year in Women 3 slalom, her 5.5 buoy (ouch!) at 32' off score putting her in 8th. Chris Clark in Masters Men slalom rounded 3 at 39.5' off, missing a medal by one spot, and his training buddy and son, Lake, ran a sweet 3 at 28' off in Boys 2 slalom, finishing twenty-fourth. Don Bucher skied into 32' off, but 1.5 buoys in Men 6 slalom at that line length put him in 13th.

Seen vamping in a Rodeo Drive restaurant the evening following the end of competition in their respective divisions Kim Black (2 at 28' off, Women 3 slalom, 21st), Debbie Ruddick (2 at 22' off, Women 4 slalom, 18th), and Cheryl Schmitt (6th overall, 7th jump, 9th trick and 12th slalom - Women 5) were rumored to have attracted the attention of a group of middle eastern oil ministers. Appreciating an athletic woman's physique unfettered by their society's traditional burka these rogues spent lavishly on the trio. According to Cheryl, the girls decided enough was enough and, when the call went to the ministers' limo driver, they excused themselves to the ladies' room, then slipped out the back door and scampered back to their hotel. When oil hits \$175 a barrel we'll know why.

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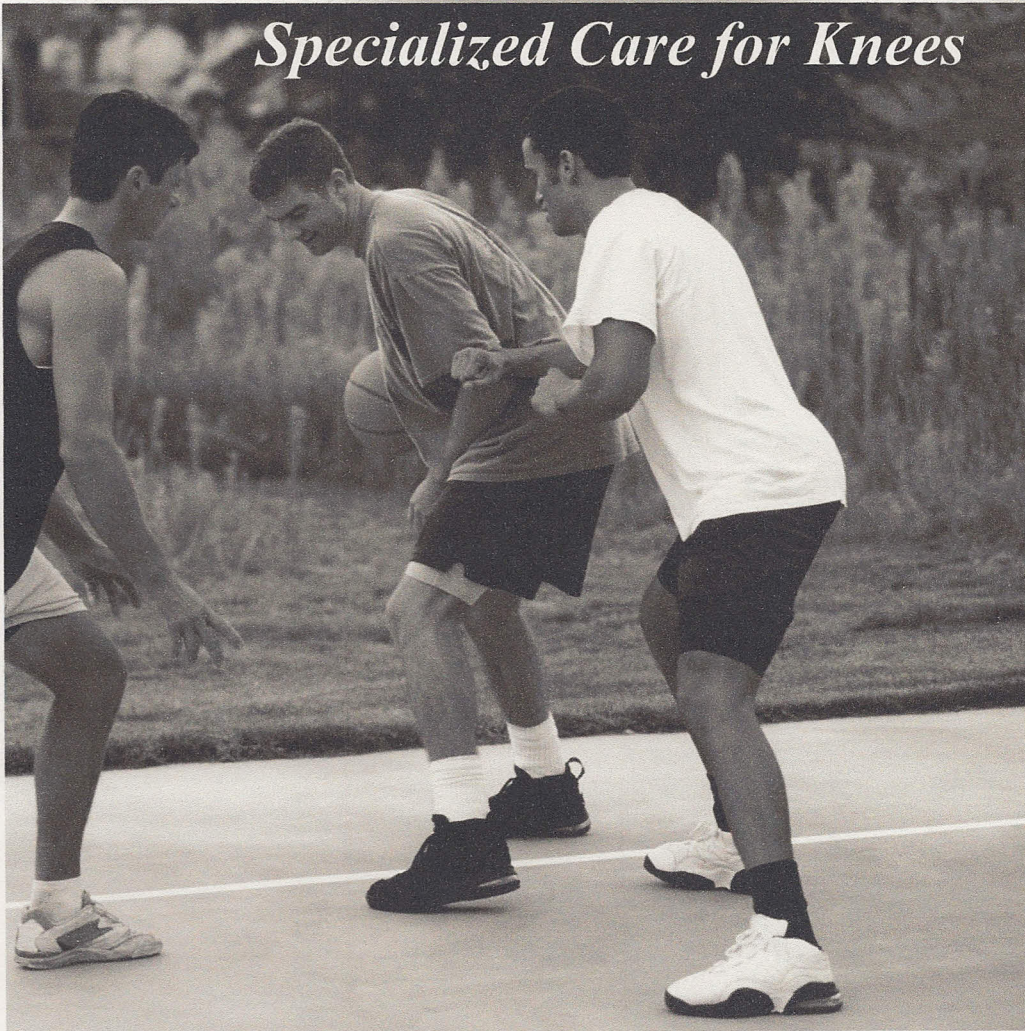
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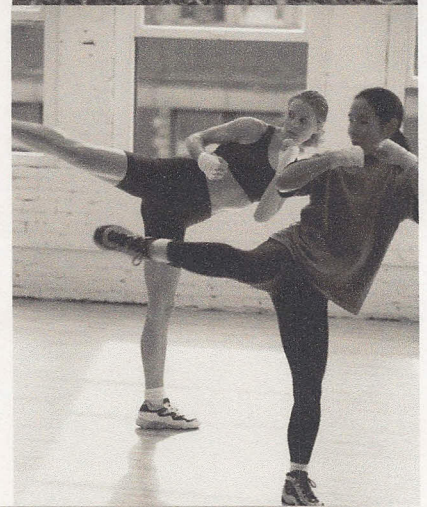
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	SLALOM	TRICKS	JUMP	OVERALL
GIRLS 1	1) Elizabeth Tynan			
GIRLS 2	1) Camille Clark	Emma Miner		
GIRLS 3	1) Sarah Rozow 2) Jenna Gelbert 3) Kirby Schmitt	Kirby Schmitt Emma Miner	Kirby Schmitt	Kirby Schmitt
WOMEN 1	1) 2)	Molly Harrison Katie Modisett	Katie Modisett	Abby Schmitt
WOMEN 2	1) Sherry Dawson 2) Michelle Bucher 3)	Mindy Bates Sherry Dawson Marie Metzler	Michelle Bucher	Michelle Bucher
WOMEN 3	1) Marla Lott 2) Kimberly Black	Rhonda Schmitt		
WOMEN 4	1) Philippa Shed			
WOMEN 5	1) Cheryl Schmitt 2) Diane Tucker 3)	Diane Tucker Patricia Patterson Prissy Edwards	Diane Tucker Cheryl Schmitt	Diane Tucker Cheryl Schmitt
BOYS 1	1) Nicholas Schedd 2) Blake Miller	Nicholas Schedd		Nicholas Schedd
BOYS 2	1) Samuel Jackson 2) Briant Detty 3) Nicholas Rozow	Briant Detty Lake Clark	Briant Detty Lake Clark	Briant Detty Lake Clark
BOYS 3	1) Nate Smith 2) Matt Irmischer 3) Andrew Schmitt	Jared Sharkey Andrew Schmitt Clay Schmitt	Chase McCain Andrew Schmitt	Andrew Schmitt Taylor Shedd
MEN 1	1) Casey Contos 2) Cale Burdick 3) Noel Vieke	Scott Schmitt Cale Burdick Matt McCain	Cale Burdick Scott Schmitt Matt McCain	Cale Burdick Scott Schmitt
MEN 2	1) Brandon Bucher 2) Aaron Weeks 3) Brian Zimmer	Brian Zimmer Brandon Bucher Aaron Weeks	Aaron Weeks Brandon Bucher Andrew Hipskind	Brandon Bucher Aaron Weeks Andrew Hipskind
MEN 3	1) Chris Clark 2) Brian Dawson 3) Paul Miller			
MEN 4	1) Kim Contos 2) Kevin Smith 3) Chuck Walker	Thomas Danford Jim Beck	Brian Detty Thomas Danford Jim Beck	Thomas Danford Jim Beck
MEN 5	1) John Kniesly 2) Mike Patterson 3) Steve Plummer	Steve Plummer Paul Manning John Kniesly	John Kniesly	John Kniesly
MEN 6	1) Gary Hall 2) Don Bucher 3) Dave Jarrett	Howard Little Randy Sharkey Larry Smith	Larry Smith Don Bucher	Larry Smith Don Bucher
MEN 7	1) Lester Bender 2) Jack Montgomery	Gene Lamberson	Jack Montgomery	
DISABLED	1) Daniel Reed	Daniel Reed	Daniel Reed	Daniel Reed
Novice	Novice Slalom		Novice Men Tricks	
Boys	1) Roth Driver		1) Bill Roach	
Men	1) Neal Clark			
Expert Men	1) Bill Roach			
NSL Slalom	Women/Girls	Men/Boys		
	1) Jennah Ruddick	Bryan Dougherty		
	2) Saige Driver	Charles Edwards		
	3) Jennifer Lambert	Drew Mason		
	4) Kaytlyn Modisett	Jason Mygrant		
	5) Tawn Driver	Jerry Hodges		

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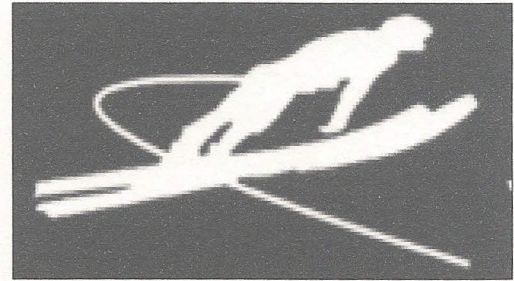
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	SLALOM	TRICKS	JUMP	OVERALL
GIRLS 1	Amanda Burney 1 @28off 1996	Kirby Schmitt 1150 2001		Kirby Schmitt 1705.9 2001
GIRLS 2	Amanda Burney 4 @ 28 off 1998	Molly Harrison 3210 2000	Jane Tully 74 1979	Kris Golden 2012.8 1975
GIRLS 3	Amanda Griffith 5 @32 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 2 ½ @ 38 off 2000	Rhonda Schmitt 3650 2000	Rhonda Schmitt 98 2000	Rhonda Schmitt 2450.3 2000
WOMEN 4	Philippa Shedd 2 ½ @ 38 off 2006	Prissy Edwards 3380 2000	Prissy Edwards 80 1999	Prissy Edwards 2975.2 2000
WOMEN 5	Prissy Edwards 2.5@28 off 2007	Prissy Edwards 3290 2005	Prissy Edwards 80 2007	Prissy Edwards 3359.4 2005
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 1 @38 off 2008	Andrew Schmitt 3010 2007	Briant Detty 110 2008	Briant Detty 3181.1 2008
BOYS 3	Cale Burdick ½ @39 ½ off 02, 03	Jared Sharkey 5260 2007	Cale Burdick 144 2003	Cale Burdick 3028.2 2003
MEN 1	Casey Contos 2@39.5 off 2005	Cale Burdick 4970 2006	Tom Truesdale 173 1997	Cale Burdick 2845.3 2004
MEN 2	Brian Dawson 00, 01,03, 04, 06 Chris Clark 2000 2@38 off	Tom Danford 4840 1987	Tom Truesdale 169 1998	John Huntzinger 2215.4 1997
MEN 3	Scott Tynan 2006 1 @ 41 off	Tom Danford 4460 1995	Brian Detty 149 2001	Tom Danford 2614 1994
MEN 4	Kim Conto 2 @ 39 off 2005	Tom Danford 4450 2006	Jim Beck 125 2004	Tom Danford 2694.2 2006
MEN 5	John Kniesly 1 @ 38 off 2006	Steve Plummer Paul Manning 2770 2007	John Kniesly 94 2008	Randy Sharkey 2550.9 2001
MEN 6	Gary Hall 1 ½ @ 35 off 2008	Howard Little 2300 2005	Jack Montgomery 53 2005	Gene Lamberson 1112.3 2001
MEN 7	Lester Bender & Jack Montgomery 2 @ 25 K 2006, 08	Ed Dermond 1090 2003		Gene Lamberson 480.2 2006

2008 State Team Results

WSI -	128
Timberlake -	126
Hawthorn -	96
Leo -	66
Angola -	60
Champion Lake -	58
Sawmill -	52
Ski Indy -	30
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Plainfield	26
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Canyon Lake	16
Kokomo -	14
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Guest Night for 2009

Attention: Indiana Club Presidents & Site Owners:

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Last spring, all current Indiana ski club and/or sites were asked to participate for just one night during the entire summer to see if this would indeed work. Champion Lake in McCordsville was the only tournament site that stepped up and agreed to participate. Champion Lake put out the welcome mat for 6 grassroots skiers on June 22nd. The skiers each received 2 sets of instruction and skiing from Champion Lake residents for about an hour and half. The skiers really enjoyed skiing on a tournament lake and receiving instruction, while the Champion Lakers stated that working with these guests was fun and very rewarding.

In an effort to promote further interest in tournament water skiing, the Indiana Water Ski Association is introducing project "Guest Night" for the 2009 summer season. We would like to provide the opportunity for some of our "grassroots skiers" to ski some tournament lakes this summer without the pressure of a "tournament setting."

We are asking any Indiana water ski clubs and/or sites to consider opening up their facilities for one or several (your choice) 3-4 hour sessions this summer to 6 "grassroots" water skiers. The skiers would pay a fee (approximately \$20 for two sets of pulls) or bring fuel. The host club would provide boat, certified driver, safety person, and hopefully some instruction. For insurance purposes, all participants would be USA Water Ski members and the event will be sanctioned by USA Water Ski as a "learn to ski" event.

If your club would consider this, please contact me for dates and times. This is entirely supported by and promoted through the Indiana State Water Ski Association. Your cooperation in promoting our wonderful sport would certainly be appreciated.

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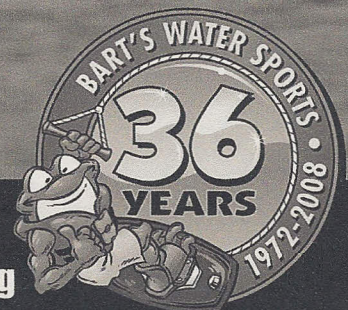
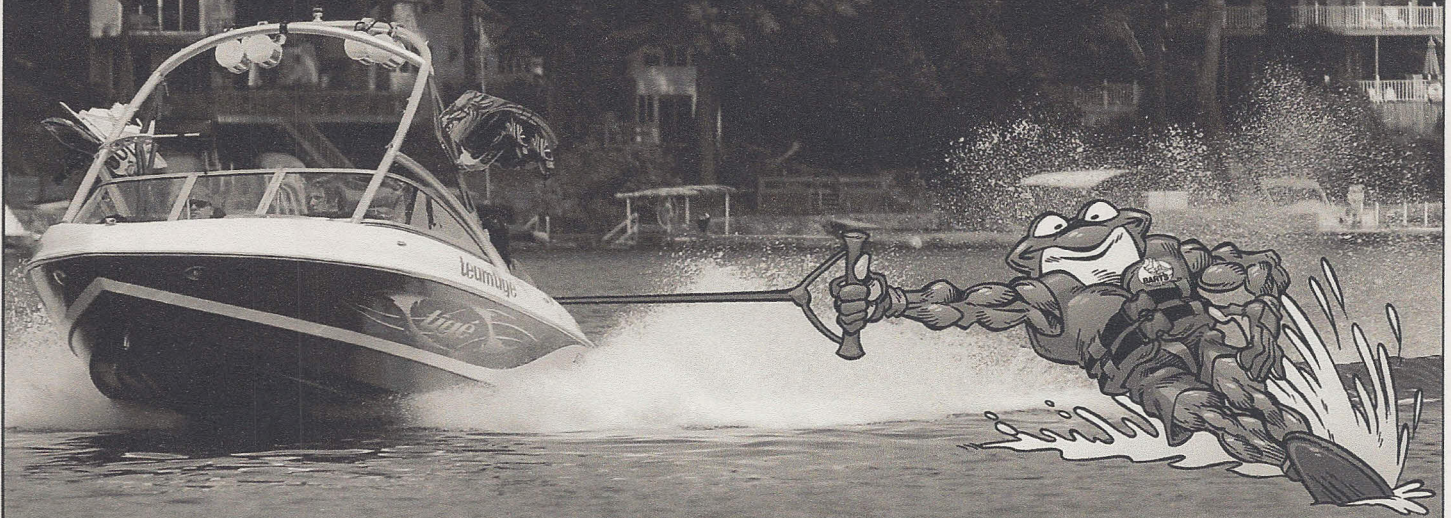
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MAIZE, KS - The winds which have been the hallmark at this Midwest Regional site arrived as expected, but paled in comparison to the fury unleashed on the rest of the field by skiers from Indiana. As the weekend drew toward a close the Indiana skiers overtook Illinois for the team title, 12,119 to 11,911. The Indiana team scored big in the three Boys' divisions with six firsts, four seconds, two thirds and one fourth place medal. The Men added ten firsts across six divisions, and the Women added five firsts in the five divisions in which they competed.

Three new meet records were set by the Hoosier skiers, including Briant Detty's demolishing of a 33 year old jump record in Boys 2. Since 1975 Dennis Hammontree had held the record at 106 feet, but that mark went down with Detty's 110 foot blast off the five foot ramp, also launching him to an overall first place. Another Boys 2 record was set by Sam Jackson in slalom, scoring 5.25 buoys at 35' off the standard rope length. Though competing only against the slalom course itself, Cale Burdick set an Open Men record rounding 4 buoys at 39.5' off. Detty continued his stellar performance as runner-up to Jackson in slalom, scoring 2@35' off and winning a run-off set, a second place trick pass (1430 points) which also garnered him a Most Improved award. Burdick scored 4820 in winning the Open Men trick title, again uncontested.

Molly Harrison and Mindy Bates maintained their dominance in Women 1 and Women 2 trick skiing, Molly winning with a score of 3670 and Mindy scoring 2730. Abby Schmitt took fourth place in both Women 1 slalom (2@28'off) and trick (2420). Michelle Bucher spent the maximum podium time possible with a first in jump (79'), third in slalom, fourth in trick, and second overall in Women 2.

In Women 3 slalom Marla Lott cleared the 32' off loop and got one buoy at 35' off to win her title, while Kim Black tied for third with two buoys at 28' off. In the run-off Kim took honors and the award was hers. Debbie Ruddick scored 3.5 buoys at 22' off in Women 4 slalom for fifth place.

Nicholas Shedd was another of the region's Most Improved award winners as he captured Boys 1 overall first with solid second and third place performances in slalom and trick, respectively. In

Boys 2 Nicholas, he of the Rozow clan, snagged a fourth place slalom medal with 5 at 28' off. Lake Clark finished tenth in Boys 2 slalom after an unfortunate stumble around ball #1 at 28' off, and took ninth in trick. Elizabeth Tynan suffered as the winds blew hard during Girls 1 slalom. Three fourths of the field failed to complete their opening pass, Elizabeth among that group. Sarah Rozow suffered the same fate in Girls 3 slalom. In her second year in Girls 2 slalom Camille Clark finished twelfth, scoring 2.5 buoys at 46 KPH.

Prissy Edwards and Cheryl Schmitt finished two-three in Women 5 Slalom and one-three in trick, Prissy's win eked out with a margin of 90 points. Only Cheryl took on the jump ramp, finishing 3third after a 39 foot leap and taking the runner-up spot in overall.

Nate Smith and Matt Irmscher finished first and third in Boys 3 slalom, with Matt missing a shot at a one-two finish for the Indiana squad by a mere 1/4 buoy, scoring 2 at 35' off. Smith continued his string of regional slalom wins with a fine performance of 2 at 38' off. Clay Schmitt was the only Boys 3 Hoosier competing in all three events, finishing sixth in jump (109'), thirteenth in trick after a second pass fall, nineteenth in slalom, and ninth overall. Taylor Shedd was thirteenth in B 3 slalom and Bryan Beerman was twenty-first.

Epitomizing the Ying in the Ying and Yang of competition, Jared Sharkey dominated the Boys 3 trick competition, scoring 5230 points, nearly 1000 points ahead of the next skier. On the Yang side, Chase McCain was sooooo close to a Boys 3 regional win, assigned second place because his back-up jump was one tenth of a meter shorter than the winner. Both Chase and Tyler Lorenz went 147 feet, but with Chase's back-up four inches shorter than Tyler's... the die was cast.

Another big win for an Indiana skier occurred in Men 1 slalom when Casey Contos put a full pass of six buoys between himself and second place. Two buoys at 38' off got Casey the win, and Emerald Lake teammate Noah Vieke continued his advancement in the region with a three buoy at 28' off ninth place finish. Matt McCain competed in this division's jump and trick events, scoring a nice 69' jump for fourteenth and finishing well back in the pack in trick after leaving some points in the water on his second pass.

Andrew Hipskind and Brandon Bucher traveled to Kansas with overall competition on their mind, bringing along trick and slalom specialist Brian Zimmer to complete a formidable Men 2 trio. Zimmer did not disappoint, placing second in trick behind former Purdue teammate Jeff Surdej, and eighth in

high wind slalom with 2.5 at 22' off. Bucher also medaled in trick, though a tanked second pass limited him to fourth place. Brandon just missed a medal finish in jump with a 117' best (sixth), and his tenth place slalom in conditions that were better suited to a kite flying contest also put him tenth overall. Hipkind's ninth place 81' jump was his best event. His distaste for choppy slalom water, an opinion shared by others, and trouble in both trick sets put him eleventh overall.

Brad Beerman and Tom Jackson might consider expanding their Men 3 ski competition to include trick and jump - both suffered opening round problems in slalom which uncharacteristically put them at the back of the pack. The nice thing about trick is you get two passes guaranteed. In jump it's even better with three shots!

Rick Shedd, Jackson's lake-mate from Sawmill, also had opening round problems, but in Men 4. The rest of the Indiana Men 4 slalom skiers fared much better, the duo of Kim Contos and Kevin Smith finishing first and third. Kim, nearing the end of his stay in Men 4, stood among the elite by skiing through 38' off and then 2.5 at 39.5' off. Smith got halfway through the 38" off pass before his run came to an end.

Back in the pack a bit was three-eventer Tom Danford, the pride of Angola's accounting fraternity. While tenth in the Men 4 slalom standings, his 3.5 buoys at 35' off put 149 NOPS points between him and the second place overall competitor through one event. With the smallest winning margin in recent memory Tom took first in trick, his 3880 point performance beating second place Larry Knafla by a mere 130 points. The winning trick score netted Tom a whopping 1007 NOPS points toward overall. Now I'm not sure what that all means, but I know I want some. Danford pushed the envelope in his double cut approach to the jump ramp, leaving him with only one scoring jump of 104'. Good for second place his distance was 25' farther than his closest overall challenger and sealed his place atop the overall standings.

Time eventually steals physical strength, so how is it that Don Bucher's slalom skiing has improved over the past decade? Skill, smarts, nutrition? Whatever, Don grabbed gold in the Men 6 morning slalom session with 1.5 buoys at 28' off, taking a big lead in the overall chase as Larry Smith biffed around number 2 at 15' off, finishing third. In the afternoon jump set where Larry and Don were the only party-goers, Don suffered three falls, badly damaging his overall aspirations. Smith soared off the ramp for second place with a 37 footer, scoring important NOPS points in overall. The following day two more Hoosier tricksters, Howard Little and Ken Meloon,

blew into town for a bit of fun. Little out pointed the field with an impressive toe wrap series to win, but it was Smith's own toe wrap run which stole the overall crown, also taking fourth in trick. Meloon made his travel pay off with a nice fifth place finish and Bucher recovered from his jump troubles to take sixth. All took a group nap at the end of the program under the Men 6 shade.

Paul Manning kept his string of Regional awards in Trick alive, though an early fall in his second pass nearly left him watching the Men 5 trick ceremonies from the sideline instead of collecting fifth place.

In Masters Men slalom top seed Chris Clark drew upon his Big Dawg experience and squeaked through by half a buoy after his top competitor had thrown down a 3.5 at 38' off pass in less than ideal conditions.

With a palpable sense of relief Hoosier skiers departed windy Kansas knowing that the 2009 meet returns to Wilmington, IL.

Barb Miller Memorial Scholarship College Scholarship Available to Indiana Skiers

Barb Miller grew up on Dewart Lake in Syracuse, IN. In the early 1950's Barb became a member of the Dewart Lake Ski Club, skiing as a flag girl. In 1960 she married John. Barb was a member of AWSA and IWSA since the early 1960's. Barb was both a Regular judge and a Senior scorer. She spent many weekends every summer working at water ski tournaments for the benefit of the skiers. She worked tournaments at the fun, local, state, regional, and national levels. Barb was also the secretary for the state ski club for over 10 years. You could always count on Barb for help and support. Education was also important to Barb. Barb and John have four daughters—Shari, Sheli, Shawna and Shantel. Barb was insistent that they take their education seriously. They all graduated from college! What would be more fitting than to honor and remember Barb with an educational scholarship for Indiana skiers.

In 2002 IWSA developed a college scholarship available to IWSA members in honor of the late Barb Miller. The applicant must be a full time student, incoming freshman through senior, at a 2 or 4 year accredited college or university. Applicants must also be current members of USA Water Ski and IWSA. Awards are for one year only and one person can receive the award for no more than 3 times. Recipients may reapply each year. The amount of the scholarship to be awarded is \$500.00. Interested

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Dan Reed selected for USA World Team

Indiana's own Dan Reed has been selected for the USA world Disabled Water Ski Team which will be competing in France this coming August in the World Disabled Championship Tournament. This is a tremendous accomplishment for Dan, as those who know him can attest to how hard he has worked to improve his technique as a three event adaptive water skier. Our favorite son has this to say:

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The WSDA (Water Skiers with Disabilities Association) has asked each team member to procure donations for the US Team. At this time, approximately \$1975.00 per person is the cost of one week's accommodations including ground transport, entry fees, food, etc., for the duration of the event. That does not include round-trip air fare, which is estimated at over \$1500 from Indianapolis to Paris, France. The Team also suggests that skiers arrive up to a week earlier, for the simple reason that they are going through 6 to 7 time zones and may need a few extra days to recuperate and prepare to compete, both physically and mentally for the start of the competition.

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Purpose of Organization

- To promote the sport of water skiing in the state of Indiana
- To promote coordination, understanding and safety among skiers and clubs throughout the state.
- To effectively promote and coordinate various types of water ski tournaments held within the state.
- To set up rules and regulations governing the state championship tournaments.
- To certify records and performances in state championship tournaments.
- To render assistance to in promoting waterskiing tournaments and events.
- To do whatever else may be necessary to promote the best interests of waterskiing in the state.

IWSA is the state-level extension of the national governing body, USA Water Ski. Our structure is similar in that we are governed by a board of directors elected each year by the general membership. The board meets 5 times per year with general membership meetings twice a year. Our membership consists of approximately 200 water sports individuals who pay dues to our organization as well as to the national governing body USA Water Ski. IWSA membership is required to ski in the State Tournament.

IWSA sanctions all tournaments and clinics held in Indiana. Each year we hold clinics on safety, judging, scoring, boat driving and participant fundamentals. We also serve the many sport disciplines involved in water sports. Each of these divisions has a seat on our board of directors.

IWSA publishes one annual newsletter for our membership. We are continually attempting to increase our media exposure so as to bring more people into the sport of organized water skiing. All of our officers, committee chairs, and web masters are unpaid volunteers who give their time to help promote our sport. - Indianawaterski.org

USA Water Ski

Purpose of Organization

USA Water Ski is the national governing body of organized water skiing in the United States. USA Water Ski is a member of the International Water Ski Federation (world governing body), the Pan American Sports Organization and the United States Olympic Committee. All competitive and recreational affiliates of USA Water Ski as sport disciplines are under the USA Water ski governing body.

From the beginning, USA Water Ski has had a dual mission of promoting the growth and development of recreational water skiing, and organizing and governing the sport of competitive water skiing. Nearly 80 percent of USA Water Ski's members are involved in tournament competition each year; the remainders are recreational water skiers.

USA Water Ski's communications program includes publication of a seven-times-a-year magazine, The Water Skier, which is sent to all members and other persons with an interest in the sport; and numerous educational materials addressing all aspects of water skiing.

USA Water Ski trains and maintains performance records for competitive skiers and nearly 3,000 judges, drivers and scorers who officiate at sanctioned tournaments.

Approximately 630 local water ski clubs throughout the United States are affiliated with USA Water Ski. The clubs provide a working base in almost any locale for development of USA Water Ski programs, and in addition are the local organizers for nearly all water ski competition in the United States.

USA Water Ski membership is required for individuals that ski in a sanctioned tournament or clinic. In belonging to USA the participants and more importantly the sanctioning club and landowner are provided with additional liability insurance.

USA Water Ski is dedicated to the protection of your waterways and providing regulatory assistance. - USAwaterski.org

Both organizations are well deserved of your membership for support in both your local and national water sport disciplines.

The most important benefit your memberships can bring is the freedom to ski.

Cindonway Shores to host Correct Craft 60th Indiana State Water Ski Championship

The 2009 Indiana State Water Ski Championships will be held July 25 and 26, 2009 at Cindonway Shores near Syracuse, Indiana. Water Ski Inc. Ski Team of Cindonway will be the host club sanctioning the event thru USA Water SKI and Correct Craft Boat Company will be the title sponsor for the event. Additional sponsors already committing to make this event a success are: Bart's Water Sports Center and Milestone Construction, Syracuse.

The Ski Team has held two planning meetings this winter for this event and others planned for the summer season. This state tournament will be the 60th annual state championships in Indiana so the team's goal is to make this a special event highlighting the history of the State Tournament. Heidi Rozow will head a committee that will feature the history of Indiana Water Skiing that will be on display at the site and at the banquet on Saturday night. The banquet will be at the Tippy Lake Country Club overlooking beautiful Lake Tippecanoe.

A special invitation is extended to all members of the Indiana Water Ski Hall of Fame, past recipients of the Rollie Williams Award and all past competitors of the tournament to attend the competition on site and or the banquet. A tent will be provided for these special guests to observe the competition and visit with old friends! For directions to the site, a schedule of events, and information about reservations for the banquet, go to the IWSA website.

Other events planned for Cindonway in 2009 are a driver's clinic and fun tournament on Saturday, June 13 and the Cindonway Open three event tournament on August 29 & 30. An onsite party with Randy Sharkey's band (formally The Rivera's) will be playing from 6:00 pm – 10:00pm on Saturday night. Donations will be collected to cover the cost of the band and party. The club will also move the Tuesday Evening Ski League to Monday evenings this year.

For additional information on any of the events planned for Cindonway Shores go to: www.indianawaterski.org or www.geocities.com/cindonway.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: - 7/25/2009 to 7/26/2009

Saturday - 8:00 am

Slalom - NSL W & M, DIS W & M, NW & NM, G1-3, B1-3, EW, EM34, EM36, W1-11;

Jump - DIS W & M, NW, NM, G2-3, B2-3;

Tricks: W1-6, DIS W & M, NW, NM, G1-3, B1-3, M1-7

Sunday – 8:00 am

Slalom - M1-7 **Jump** – W1-7, M1-7;

Check <http://www.indianawaterski.org/> for changes

1 Round 3 Event class NIC

Send Entries to: WSI
2905 E Bucher Dr.
Syracuse, IN 46567

Comments: May also enter online thru USA Water Ski website. Sat. night banquet at Tippy Lake C.C., adults \$15, kids 4-9 \$9. Make reservations with mail in entry or contact: Michelle@tippylakecc.com

Entry - \$40(1 ev), \$50(2ev), \$55(3ev), \$150 family max, Deadline – 7/16/07, Late Entry Fee - \$10

Location: Cindonway Shores, Syracuse, IN – St Rd 15 north of Warsaw 9 miles, turn east on 900N to 300E, north ¼ mile on left.

Accommodations : Comfort Inn, Warsaw, 574-269-6655, rooms blocked until July 5th at \$65.

Practice - Friday – 3:00 pm

Tournament Dir: Don Bucher/Jim Beck
dbucher@kconline.com

Chief Judge: Steve Plummer

Chief Scorer: Tom Danford

Chief Driver: Mike Patterson

Safety Director: Don Bucher

Safety Clinic 2009

When: April 25, 2009 - 9:00 am to about 5:00 pm

Where: Avon High School, Avon, Ind. – US 36 west of Indianapolis

Cost: \$25 to IWSA - \$25 to American Red Cross

The clinic will include American Red Cross certification in adult CPR and basic First Aid. This will be taught in the morning. Safety Director certification in the afternoon.

Bring swim suit, towel and life jacket. Must be active USA Water Ski member, bring your card

For more information call Bill Roach at 1-317-844-7771 home or 317-989-3164 cell

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Indiana Water Ski Association's Annual

Spring Fling

Date: May 31, 2009

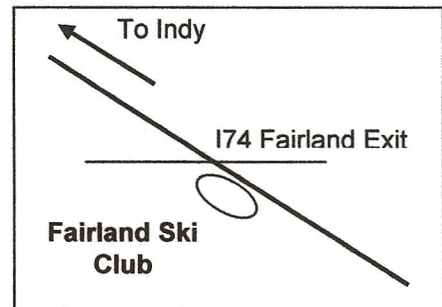
Location: Fairland

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Skiers till 12:00

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2008 Awards Dinner and Fall Banquet

Ninety members and their families came together at the 6th annual awards dinner banquet to get together for one last outing before the snow flies. Arguably the best get together yet, the night started by sending the old season out with the annual Wine and Cheese Party where everyone congregates together to chat about the past and up coming seasons. After the Wine and Cheese Party everyone took their seats in the dining room where a short general membership meeting took place. The meeting was constructive in building the tournament season schedule for the 2009 season as well as your new slate of IWSA officers. All the details from that meeting will come in the months to come as details get finalized. The schedule of clinics that will be presented next spring is also in the works. Then it was announced that WSI the club of Cindonway Shores in Syracuse won the bid to host the 2009 Indiana State Tournament.

Dinner

Next the guests were treated to a delicious dinner at the Primo's Banquet facility in Plainfield, where video's from the season was played on a big screen for all to see, and then a presentation of awards to outstanding members performances from the ski season.

Hall of Fame Inductees The awards started off with a presentation of inducting Barb and John Miller to the IWSA Hall of Fame. Past inductee Don Schieman made the trip to see his close friends and past tournament ski judge partners elected to the honorable Hall of Fame. Don started his speech with all that John and Barb meant to him as a fellow water skier and as well as the true friendships they shared throughout the years of their involvement. Then John took the stand as he confirmed Don's motions and had a few other stories of his own to share. John was accompanied by 3 of his 4 daughters. All of who have been very supportive of their involvement.

Sponsors

Next was the presentation of awards to recognize all our fantastic sponsors for the 2008 season, without them not much of what we do as an organization could be as possible. So please support our sponsors.

IWSA Awards

Awards were then presented to certain members that were nominated by others for their outstanding 2008 season. Many IWSA members could have received awards as many of our members have had

outstanding 2008 season accomplishments, but it was narrowed down to a few that stuck out at the state level. Those can be seen here

2008 Season Highlight Video

One of the biggest hits at the dinner banquet was the video on display at dinner. A special presentation was produced to highlight the 08 season. On one DVD you get two videos. One video is a presentation of the highlights of just the State Championships held at Hawthorn Lake where you get 30 minutes of hundreds of clear digital images and many movie clips synchronized to some great music of all your favorite skiers from the state tournament. The second video is a 10 minute presentation of all the action from the season. You can get yours for only \$20 where all proceeds go directly to the Barb Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund. So order yours today.

Second Season for Wisdom Lake

Wisdom Lake is gearing up for it's second full season of water-skiing on our new lake. With most of the bugs worked out we are ready for the weather to break and to get back out on the water. For the new season we have planned to have two Grassroots tournaments the first will be on June 14th and our second event will be on July 12th so mark your calendars. The International Novice Tour will also make a stop at Wisdom Lake this year. The date for the INT tournament will be on June 27th & 28th.

For the 2009 season we are also planning on starting up a new ski club for the Southeastern region of the State. We are not only looking for new members but also people willing to serve as directors for the new club. Wisdom Lake is located at the first I74 Greensburg, exit. If anyone is interested please contact Carrie Fong or Dwayne Keillor at 812-662-8363 or email dkeillor@etczone.com.



2009 IWSA EVENT SCHEDULE

MAY					
31	Spring Fling	Fairland	Dave Jarrett, 6342 Badger Drive, Nineveh, IN, 46164	Davejarrett00@aol.com	317 933-2666
JUNE					
3-4	RHI Sports Dismm,abled Clinic	Morse Lake	Pat Dean, RHI Sports, 4141 Shore Drive, Indpls, IN 46254	pat.dean@rhin.com	317-329-2281
6	Disabled Advanced	TBD	John Kniesly, 5339 N. Park, Indianapolis, IN 46220	JKniesly@finsvcs.com	317-208-6304
13	Timberlake - 3 rd. Pick & Choose	Mt. Vernon	Jean Schmitt, 8001 Timberlake Dr., Mount Vernon, IN 47620	scschmittski@att.net	812 985 5904
14	Wisdom Lake Wet Willie/Grassroots	Greensburg	Dwayne Keillor, 3188 W 174 Frontage Rd, Greensburg, IN 47240	kdeillor@netzone.com	812-614-2200
17 - 18	Disabled for Kids under 18 yrs.	Lafayette	Nikki Shaffer, 1260 N 17th, Lafayette, IN 47904	nikkimiller32@yahoo.com	317-258-4457
20	Sawmill Record 2 Rd. Slalom - E, L	Columbus	Scott Tynan, 13111 Wildflower Dr., Columbus, IN 47274	Stynan@tynaneq.com	812-372-1510
24	PineCrest /MC Trick Clinic	Danville	Sam Schmitt, 8250 Timberlake Ln., Mt. Vernon, IN 47620	scschmittski@att.net	812 985-2034
23 - 25	PineCrest/MC Jr. Development Clinic	Danville	Carla Stornetta, 7719 Shady Hills Dr. , Indianapolis, IN 46278	purducarla@indy.rr.com	317-370-1053
25 - 25	Disabled Clinic at Bradford Woods	Martinsville	Pat Dean, RHI Sports, 4141 Shore Drive, Indpls, IN 46254	pat.dean@rhin.com	317-329-2281
26	Big Rig Jump Clinic	Danville	Brian Detty, 6658 Barberrry Lane, Danville, IN 46122	BLDetty@McCombPella.com	317-431-9974
27 - 28	Hawthorne 3 Event Record	Danville	Brian Detty, 6658 Barberrry Lane, Danville, IN 46122	BLDetty@McCombPella.com	317-431-9974.
JULY					
11 - 12	Hawthorne 3 Event Record	Danville	Brian Detty, 6658 Barberrry Lane, Danville, IN 46122	BLDetty@McCombPella.com	317-431-9974
12	Wisdom Lake Wet & Wild/Grassroots	Greensburg	Dwayne Keillor,	kdeillor@netzone.com	812-614-2200
18	Silent Shores - Slalom & Trick, NCE	Thorntown	Patty Patterson / 5732 N 900 W. Thorntown, IN. 46071.	MkPat335@aol.com	765-436-2728
18	Timberlake - 3 rd. Pick & Choose	Mt. Vernon	Jean Schmitt, 8001 Timberlake Dr., Mount Vernon, IN 47620	scschmittski@att.net	812 985 5904
25 - 26	Correct Craft 60th Indiana State Champ.	Syracuse	Don Bucher, 2905 E. Bucher Dr, Syracuse, IN 46567	dbucher@kconline.com	574-658-9305
AUGUST					
31 - 2	Midwest Regionals	Wilmington, IL	See www.awsamidwest.com		
11 - 15	3 EVENT Nationals	West Palm, FL	See www.usawaterski.org		
16	Ski Klub Back to School/Grassroots	Shelbyville	Dave Jarrett, 6342 Badger Dr., Nineveh, IN 46164	Davejarrett00@aol.com	317-933-2666
22	Champion Lake - 3 rd. Pick & Choose	McCordsville	Debbie Ruddick, 5693 W. 700 North, McCordsville, IN 46055	debbieruddick@yahoo.com	317-335-3794
22 - 23	Purdue Alumni Tournament	Mt. Vernon	Jean Schmitt 8001 Timberlake Drive Mt. Vernon In 47620	scschmittski@att.net	812 985 5904
29 - 30	Cindonway 2 Rd. Slalom, Trick, & Jump	Syracuse	Don Bucher, 2905 E. Bucher Dr, Syracuse, IN 46567	dbucher@kconline.com	574-658-9305
SEPTEMBER					
6 - 7	Angola 3 Rd. Slalom, Trick, & Jump	Angola	Tom Danford, 6850 W. South Lake Gage Dr., Angola, IN 46703	tom@danfordcpa.com	260- 833-1100
12	Silent Shores 3 rd. Sl. & Trick, N,C,E	Thorntown	Patty Patterson / 5732 N 900 W. Thorntown, IN. 46071.	MkPat335@aol.com	765-436-2728
26	Sawmill Record Slalom - E,L	Columbus	Scott Tynan, 13111 Wildflower Dr., Columbus, IN 47274	Stynan@tynaneq.com	812-372-1510

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