THE WATER SKIER

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Cover Picture:
Dear Fellow Skiers:

This — the first issue of our new type AWSA bulletin — is an adventure which we hope will prove interesting to you and in the long run profitable to your Association. It is my hope that it will prove particularly profitable in creating interest in the Association, and in our favorite sport of water skiing among those who also wish to "get into the act."

We certainly will welcome comments from you as to your thoughts concerning the format of the publication and any suggestions you may have for its improvement. This is your magazine and only with your help can it be successful.

It is our hope to use pictures of the skiers — and articles and letters by the skiers in each issue, and from all sections of the country. Will you please send us the news of your activities so that we may accumulate all the interesting bits for the next issue which probably will be in January? Unusual pictures will be welcome, so please send them along; and you may be sure that we will use every bit of material that we can.

During this last year your Association has grown until it now has over one thousand paid-up members in good standing. It is our hope that you will all talk up your Association to other skiers whom you know and who do not yet belong — they will be welcomed and we believe they will enjoy their contacts with the other members.

You will all be glad to know that the National Tournament at Lake Placid, New York showed one of the largest entry lists we have ever had; and this indicates very strongly to me that the sport is gaining in favor year by year. We have letters almost every day inquiring about the sport, and about the Association.

I am confident that every member of the Association will do everything in his power to increase the already high level of interest shown in water skiing; and do all he can to maintain the high standard of sportsmanship for which water skiing is famous all over the country.

You will be glad to know that Dan Hains — who was the first President of the American Water Ski Association — is now President of the World Water Ski Federation which was formed last fall during the World Tournament held at Cypress Gardens. All of the formalities concerning the proper organization of the Federation have been complied with, and Dan has been in contact with the water ski associations of other countries. He did so much for water skiing during the first years of its popularity in this country, and without his enthusiasm and hard work the Association could not have developed as it has. With him at the helm of the WWSF I know that you will all feel — as I do — the infant organization will have a splendid opportunity to grow and develop into a truly important international Federation.

Yours — for a busy winter of skiing for you lucky people who live in warm climes — and for a busy winter of getting-ready-to-ski—next-summer for those who live in a climate like that of Michigan. B-r-r-r-r!

Sincerely,

[Signature]
REPOR­T of THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Members of the American Water Ski Association was held at the Lake Placid Fish and Game Club, Lake Placid, New York on Thursday, August 23, 1951. President Charles R. Sligh, Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:13 P.M., EDST, with seventy members personally in attendance. Twenty-nine proxies were presented but are not recorded, since all ballots were unanimous.

The Secretary read the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Members for 1950 which were approved as read. Also, for the information of the members present, the minutes of the Directors’ Meeting held on August 11, 1950 were read.

The President’s report opened with the presentation of an elaborate invitation from San Diego to the directors for action. A plea for prompt payment of dues was sounded, and members were reminded that AWSA pins or buttons were available at $1.95. Bruce Parker and Mr. Leslie were thanked for their tournament arrangements. It was noted that a clerical expense of $5.00 per week was incurred during the past year, and it was pointed out that the expense during the coming year would be considerably greater.

The Treasurer’s report was presented and showed a balance on hand of $1129.31 as of July 31, 1951. (Accepted.)

It was suggested that for future years, regional tournaments be held to determine the eligibility of contestants for the National Meet. It was noted that further entries for the North American Championships at Toronto had to be refused when the list reached 120.

It was suggested that an effort be made to have water skiing included in the Olympics. It was pointed out that to compete in the Olympics, an amateur standing is required. On motion by Mr. Brown, seconded, and unanimously carried, the President was instructed to appoint a committee consisting of two amateurs, two professionals, and two neutrals to investigate the matter of affiliating with the A.A.U.

A long discussion on the rules was held.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Mr. Hains, Mr. Volk, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. R. D. Pope, Jr., presented, through Mr. Hains, the following slate to serve as directors for three years:

Don Ibsen, Charles Tilgner, Jr., Fred Wiley, Eugene Garvin, Gordon Leaman, and one person for a term of one year to be named by Mr. Leaman to represent the South Central Region. On motion, seconded, the nominations were closed and the above were unanimously elected.

President Sligh thanked all the members for their cooperation. No further business appearing, the meeting was closed at 11:35 P.M.

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RESOLVED That the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to open a bank account on behalf of the Association with the Old Kent Bank in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Further Resolved that said bank be and is hereby authorized to make payments from the funds of this Association on deposit with it, upon and according to the check of this Association, signed by Isabel Howe, Treasurer.

In accordance with the By-Laws ten days' notice was given all directors on the following amendment, which was unanimously adopted.

Amend portion of Article IV — Board of Directors, to read . . .
"Consist of fifteen (15) directors, so distributed that two (2) shall be residents of each of the five (5) regions hereinafter described. At each annual meeting, five (5) directors shall be elected for a term of three (3) years or until their successors are elected, . . .

office. One (1) of the directors must be a resident of the State of New Jersey."

With regard to the invitation from San Diego for the 1952 National Meet, Mr. Sligh, Mr. Pope and Mr. Hains will each be in San Diego in the near future, and will investigate the situation. After their recommendations are made, a decision will be reached.

It was suggested that an attractive brochure be prepared to assist in selling the AWSA to prospective members.

It was suggested that, within the ability of the Association, sufficient funds be allocated to secretarial work to substantially decrease the load on the President.

No further business appearing, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 A.M. EDST.
LETTER FROM TEXAS

By

Lt. Richard D. Harris

We are doing all our skiing on Lake McQueeney which is located 30 miles north of San Antonio. The Lake Breeze Park, which is owned and operated by "Buzzy" Mueller is our favorite hangout and local club affiliation. I would like to put in a plug for "Buzzy" as he has recently completed a new regulation jump which he maintains at his own expense with monthly dosings of "can-aba" wax.

The lake here is small but ideal for water skiing. It is nearly always dead calm and it would be possible for at least 8,000 people to witness a ski tournament and observe every event at close range. We think our lake is great for motor boating as well as skiing, and we are now working on a new slalom course. Buzz plans to promote a tournament here next season.

You have probably heard from Gordon Leaman at Lake Murray about the results of their recent tournament. Little 15-year-old Joe Mueller (Buzzy's kid brother) walked off with top honors in the Junior and Men's divisions. We only wish it would have been possible for him to attend the Nationals this year. I'm sure he would have made a good showing. My home is in California and I've skied on Lake Elsinore, Marine Stadium, Bass Lake, Arrowhead, etc., and I've seen few Jrs. who have the form and ability to perform the way Joe does.

Signed: DICK HARRIS

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Oklahoma
FIRST SOUTH CENTRAL MEET
Lake Murray, Ardmore, Oklahoma.
AUGUST 19, 1951

In this first meet Gordon Leaman reports that there were twenty-six entries — and about five thousand spectators! Here water skiing is just getting a good start, and, under the able and enthusiastic leadership of our Regional Vice President, Gordon Leaman, it should — and is expected to — go forward by leaps and bounds, both literally and figuratively. This was the first tournament for these skiers, and while it was not a completely sanctioned meet it gave the contestants much valuable experience.

THE WINNERS:

**Doubles Event:** 1st place to Buzz Mueller and Ginger Pinkerton; 2nd place to Corky Burr and Helene Garth.

**Trick Riding:** 1st place Bob Spalton; 2nd place Joe Mueller.

**Slalom:** 1st place John Schaerdell; 2nd place Corky Burr; 3rd place Joe Mueller.

**Jumping:** 1st place Joe Mueller; 2nd place Corky Burr; 3rd place Bob Spalton.

**Women's Slalom:** 1st place Lenita Aston; 2nd place, Helen Guilt.

**Women's Jumping:** 1st place Mary Hearst.

**Over-35 Class:** 1st place George Smith; 2nd place Greathwit.

We extend the heartiest congratulations of the country-wide membership of the AWSA to the members of this new region, and look forward to welcoming them into the events and activities of a National Tournament before too long.

BELOW: Left—Ginger Pinkerton, Dallas Texas; Center — Joe Mueller, age 15; Right — Nancy Ewell, Dallas, Texas.
Dear Mr. Sleigh:

"I am writing you as I promised last week, to give you a report on our show which was put on Sunday, July 15th during the Annual Hydroplane Races on Lake Maxinkuckee which are sponsored each year by the Culver Lions Club. As you will recall, they built us a Cypress Gardens Adjustable Jump last year and have made this available on a year-to-year basis in return for our putting on this show.

"The weather was perfect, very little wind and only occasional small cumulous clouds. The show took place during the intermission between the 6th and 7th races. Taking part in the show were six skiers, three men and three women. The three women were the Misses Joyce Hollowell, Carol Driftmeyer, and Babs Blackburn, all of Indianapolis. The men performing were Bill Kelley of Terre Haute, Tom Perine and Bob Baxter of Indianapolis.

"The first act was a girls' routine consisting of lifting one ski followed by the Forward Swan in unison. Next was Tom Perine who did a number of 360s down the entire stretch. Following Tom was a jumping act with all three men performing. This consisted of individual jumps followed by the single Over-2 Under and Double Over-1 Under.

"Billy Kelley performed for the crowd on shoe skis followed by a Double Layout. The high point of the show came when Bill Kelley attempted the single ski jump and Bob Baxter successfully completed a 360 on the Jump on his first attempt. The show was completed with a three-rope Pyramid.

"The show definitely was a success from every standpoint. It went off very well and the crowd of 4,000 was very enthusiastic. The performers deserve a lot of credit for putting on such a fine show with hardly a "bobble."

"Bud Woodsmall again did a fine job with a play-by-play commentary, and drivers of the three boats were Bob Stith, Bill Orr and Dick West, assisted by President Chuck Myers who came over from Lake Wawassee to help us put on the show. Show Manager, Tom Perine, handled all the arrangements and was given a vote of thanks for his splendid job by all of us who worked with him. There is no doubt but what our second annual show was even a greater success than last year's curtain raiser. All of us are looking forward to next year... And now on to the recent tournament which we held on Lake Wawassee on Sunday, August 12, 1951.

"The meet started promptly at 11:00 A.M. and did not end until 7:15 that evening. It is easy to see why from the number of contestants in each event. Between the trick riding and jumping events, elections were held by the Lake Maxinkuckee and Lake Wawassee Clubs, each of whom elected a Vice-President. These Vice-Presidents will automatically serve as President on alternate years. Tommy Perine of Indianapolis was elected Vice-President of the Maxinkuckee group and will automatically serve as President of the Indiana State Ski Club until the meet next year. Fay Ensminger of Indianapolis was elected Vice-President of the Wawassee group.

"Dave Thompson, our Regional Vice-President of AWSA came down from Kalamazoo to help us put the meet on. Charlie Walker, Dick West and Dave Thompson served as tournament Judges."
RAMP for RUMP
by George Block

Here is something to catch your eye. A ramp which will enable 90 out of any 100 average people to water ski within TWO minutes of the first time they ever try the sport. The skier sits in the chair holding the tow rope from the boat in the normal manner. The boat pulls him and the chair to the end of the ramp. Throughout the entire ride he is in perfect balance and at the end of the ramp he leaves the chair in balance and at planing and skiing speed and SKIING.

This ramp gets the skier at planing speed with LESS resistance to the boat and LESS horsepower required than the actual skiing. Therefore, all the smaller outboards can be used for skiing. Sounds good, doesn’t it.

This ramp will allow any hotel, beach, yacht club, etc., to be in a position to assure their guests or patrons they can ski.

This ramp can be profitably operated with a $1.00 SKI RIDE, an unheard of low figure for the sport.

This ramp will not be sold but merely leased so that its use can be controlled.

This ramp has already been tested on the public for an entire summer and it works exactly as outlined. It has been in daily use at a ski school located at the Crooked Lake Hotel, Averill Park, N. Y.

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On beautiful Mirror Lake, set like a shining blue jewel in the Adirondack Mountains, the National Water Ski Tournament for 1951 was held upon the invitation of the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce. Motor boats are a rarity on Mirror Lake for they are permitted there only on special occasions — so the swiftly moving Chris-Craft towing the graceful and confident skiers over the clear water attracted hundreds of people from early in the morning until dusk when the shadows of the surrounding hills lengthened over the lake.

The American Water Ski Association acknowledges with grateful thanks the kindnesses and courtesies extended to them by the people of Lake Placid, the Chamber of Commerce, and all of those who did so much to make the meet a successful one. Particularly do we appreciate the kindness of the gentlemen who supplied the beautiful boats used by our super-driver Fred Wiley.
Under the expert guidance of Bruce Parker, Tournament Chairman, the events moved along and held the spectators spellbound in many instances. The incomparable running commentary supplied by the Association President, Charles R. Sligh, Jr., kept the crowd well informed during the entire three days of the meet. Our sincere thanks to him for his untiring efforts. Also, we wish to express our appreciation to Charlie Tilgher who acted as Chief Judge; Dave Thompson, Jack Andresen, Bill Goodhue, Charlie Johnson, Shirley MacCalla, Margaret (Willie) Williams (these three gazed over the sights of the Jump Meters every time anyone took a leap over the Jump), Dan Hains—Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Taubbee from out California and Seattle way — and all of the others who judged the various events. Certainly we want to thank those grand gals, Mrs. Tilgher and Mrs. Charlie Johnson who sat through sun, rain and breezes to record the judgments passed on to them by the above-mentioned gentlemen.

Did you—all ever hear of a collapsible Jump? If not, you should request definite information from Terry Miller who sped over the jump and looked behind him to see the ramp sinking speedily into the water! That little mishap afforded much amusement for the crowd — and no end of chagrin for the people who had put up the jump and had to build it over right then and there. But they accomplished it in record time and by the end of the following event—moved up to permit the necessary repairs—the jumping continued and you all know that Skillman Suydam won it.

The Lake Placid C of C provided a Barbeque at the Fish and Game
Club for the contestants, their friends, and families, and everyone had a good time. Following this was the Annual Meeting of Members and then the Directors’ Meeting.

The last night of the meet, Saturday, August 25, the presentation of awards was made in the huge Arena. This is where the Olympic Skating Championships are held—and it is an immense place with bleachers and chairs for a great crowd of spectators.

We all felt quite impressed, and before and after the presentation looked long and sharply at the many pictures of the championship bobsled teams lining the walls of the stairways and lobby, and admired the trophies in the cases.

Following the presentation of the trophies, the crowd was given a real treat: Jack and Mary Andresen put on an exhibition of skating. You—all think they are good skiers? You’re so right. On skates they’re wonderful—“out of this world,” and all of the other splendid things that one could think of them. To watch them is sheer joy.

You will be interested too in knowing that many of the events of the Tournament were televised, and perhaps some of you have even been able to catch the news reel of this event at your local theaters. Certainly we hope so for you would all enjoy it so much—you would even be able to pick out contestants and other people you know!

Maybe you have all guessed that we liked the tournament. You’re so right. How we wish you all could have been there. Try hard to make it the next time—it’s a very worthwhile event in the world of sports.
New England Open Water Ski Championships

Held at the Weirs, New Hampshire

August 19, 1951

Before 10,000 spectators on this beautiful August Sunday afternoon the first New England Open Water Ski Championship Meet was held at The Weirs, New Hampshire.

High wind in the morning necessitated moving the Slalom Course to a more protected bay, but no sooner was the Course changed than the wind died down and the water was without a ripple for the rest of the meet. The Slalom was held in the afternoon at the new course setting. Over 30 contestants started the meet on time and the whole thing was completed in one day except that run-offs for ties in the Slalom had to be cancelled and then calculated to the best advantage. All of the people stood by to see the whole contest and were amazed at the tricks and at the progress which has been made in the sport of water skiing.

RESULTS — FIRST FOUR PLACES IN EACH DIVISION

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The Weirs Water Ski Club attended the National at Lake Placid en masse and most of them entered in the events, and made good showings too.
CYPRESS GARDENS

With the winter months coming on, suppose that many of you northern skiers will be journeying south to take advantage of the southern sun and hospitality. If so, you will undoubtedly see Dick Pope at Cypress Gardens. Be sure to say hello to him for all of us up the Northern way. He’s been a great help to THE WATER SKIER, and we appreciate it.

Pictured below and on the next page is the “f što flat-top”? Cypress Gardens is proud of its new boat and the pictures which this ambidextrous boat can make are being turned out rapidly by Bob Eastman, Red McGuire and Glenn Kirkpatrick. It’s a 21-foot boat with the bow cut down 12 inches and the stern four inches with a super structure deck like a carrier all around it. Four portholes at water level give a fish-eye view to the photographer.

A 200-horsepower motor is the power plant and 15 skiers have been pulled behind it at one time very easily. Various parallels of duraluminum and some of wood add to the placing of the cameramen in all locations on the boat. Pictures of many famous people will be coming out; for in the last month such stars as Pete Des Jardins, former Olympic Diving Star and Leslie Caron, star of AN AMERICAN IN PARIS, an MGM production, have been photographed. The new Cypress Gardens Water Ballet in full costume was shot by Twentieth Century Fox; Aqua Babies by another big company and still another circus clown story on water skis has been done by Fox Movietone.

When one combination water skier and photographer looked at it the other day in operation, he asked “Is there anything this boat won’t do?” and Jackie Flanagan, newly crowned National Jumping Champion, said, “Yes, it won’t play the Tennessee Waltz.”

"f što flat-top" — Cypress Gardens.
LAKE WASHINGTON MEET:
The Olympic Water Ski Club sponsored the first annual Lake Washington Meet on Aug. 25, 1951. They added some new twists to their meet, such as scoring the best two jumps out of three, using the third jump only in the case of ties. They also increased the form score from 30 to 60 points, making the form score approximately equal to the distance score. Paul Jeffries made the jump of the day—49 feet. (Dick Pope's 85 foot jump is still the record.)

SAND POINT NAVAL AIR STATION
Show put on by the Olympic Water Ski Club and the Ski Quatic Follies of Seattle, Washington. Dr. Lew West reports that it was a fine show and that the NAVY treated the skiers and their families to a steak dinner . . . sounds like that should be made an annual event.

NEW CLUBS:
Roy Beach reports that he and his gang have formed the CHICO water ski club . . . way out in CHICO, CALIFORNIA.
Burton Fleming reports that he and his group have founded their new club called the ARGO ski club of Beach Haven, New Jersey.

NEW SPEED RECORDS:
The American Power Boat Association officially verified the water ski speed record of 51.089 mph established by Mr. Tom Price of Miami, Florida. Of course the A.W.S.A. officially recognizes this record.

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WOMEN’S DIVISION
COMBINED  Place  Points
Barbara Green         1   1200
Nina Eames           2   1000
Elsie Mooers         3    820

MEN’S DIVISION
COMBINED  Place  Points
Paul Wells            1   1300
Joe Balcox          2   1105
Norm Ferguson        3    845

JUNIOR BOY’S DIVISION
COMBINED  Place  Points
Bob Petersen         1   1300
Wally Juchert        2   1220
Bundy Green          3    820

VETERANS’ DIVISION
COMBINED  Place  Points
Hubert Miller        1   1400
Al Eames            2   1076
Wally Juchert        3    976

MIXED DOUBLES
Diane Mooers,
Ralph Mooers .......... 1st place
Miller-Smith ........ 2nd place
Barbara Green,
Joe Balcox .......... 3rd place

Kudos to Paul Gutleben, Gene Doran, John Larson, Dave Peterson and all the others who worked so hard and kept the meet going.

Everyone enjoyed dancing at Austin’s Resort on Saturday evening. Fun.

A perpetual trophy is being offered—a beauty 40” tall which is to be awarded each year to the contestant having the highest basic points in Jumping (Men’s—wouldn’t you know?) Hubert Miller won this time with 464; Runner-up was Joe Balcao.

A novices event on Monday attracted 18 entries and created much additional interest. Wonderful idea!


In the afternoon Miss Joanne Larson presented the trophies, including gifts for the boat drivers, Dave Peterson (Judge) and Paul himself! She also gave ‘em each a kiss. (Next year probably every male skier in the country will be out there if she does that again!)

BRIEFS

NEWLY ELECTED DIRECTORS: DON IBSEN, CHARLES TILGNER, JR., FRED WILEY, EUGENE GARVIN, GORDON LEAMAN, AND CHARLES MING OF OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA.

We sure hope that you skiers will be interested in the products advertised in this little magazine and will contact OUR ADVERTISERS!
Donner Lake Championships

Donner Lake, California

August 18, 19, 1951

Through rain, thunder, lightning, sunshine and accident the meet at Donner Lake carried on for two days. It seems that during the Men's Jumping event both our own Roy Beach and James Kersey met with accidents. Certainly every skier will be sorry for this — but will also be happy to know that their spirits were not dampened for all the spills.

Hap Warnke of Donner Lodge again played host to the gang and on Saturday evening they all watched movies — on water skiing (you guessed it!). On the evening of the second day Hap treated them all to a grand banquet and barbecue inside the lodge and Hap's lovely wife, Donna, presented the trophies assisted by Janice Brown. Here's who won:

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MIXED DOUBLES:

- D. Mooers - Mooers .................. 1st place
- Besotes - Besotes .................. 2nd place
- Barbara Green - Joe Balcao ....... 3rd place
- Mooers - Petersen ................. 3rd place

By means of the bulletins Hap Warnke's fame as a host is spreading across the country. If he keeps it up he will find himself surrounded by many of the skiers from all-around the country. The AWSA headquarters wishes to express very real appreciation.
LETTER from EUROPE

Hotel Schloss, Karnten, Austria
September 8, 1951

Dear Don Ibsen:

Thanks for the news of the Pacific Coast meet.

Here's what I've been doing. On June 17th I won the Grossglockner race in Austria which is one of the most important races in Europe. (You know, I didn't dare to come home when the others did, because I hadn't won any races then.)

On the 1st of July, I was invited to water ski and live free at a nice hotel on the Italian Riviera. So I stayed there a whole month. (What a break!)

Then I competed in the Swiss Water Ski Championships and won (in Lausanne on Lake Geneva). Next I went to Copenhagen, Denmark, for a ski show on a sewage canal (Phew). Twelve thousand people applauded as I did 360's for two miles down the canal.

Then I returned to Santa Margherita, Italy for an international jumping contest, and won. After that, I went to Brussels, Belgium for the European Championships, but didn't compete for title—only points.


From a real ski bum,

Best love,

JANNETTE BURR

P.S. (We hope that Jannette has a berth on the '52 Games squad for snow skiing in the Olympic Games at Oslo, Norway.)
HIGHLIGHTS

OLYMPIC GAMES
STUDY COMMITTEE:
Amateur Members:
    John H. Andresen and
    Dr. Tom Daly
Neutral Members:
    Mr. Dervie Gallagher and
    Mr. A. H. Goode
Professional Members:
    Bruce Parker and
    William D. Clifford

SKI SCHOOL:
Rudy Phillips reports that they have a water show on the Ohio River every Sunday down at Shawneeetown, Illinois (weather permitting, of course). Rudy says that if you know of any skiers coming that way to tell them to stop in, and receive a “hearty Welcome.”

SACRAMENTO STATE FAIR:
Both ski exhibitions and motor boat races were put on for the public’s benefit. Here are the results of the different ski clubs who performed in this show.

Sacramento Club: Floyd Vance, Ray Gallagher and little nine-year-old David Astle made a fine women and a boy pyramid.

Paul Oddyke and Vern Crary each flying with a man-sized kite.

Bill Wallace who is the President of the S.W.S.C. did some fine skiing on a slalom ski.

Manteca Club: Tony Larramie and Harold Hodson did comedy skiing unsurpassed (would like to have seen that). Theron Hodson jumped both wakes on slalom ski.

Chico Club: Roy Beach did a rope tow with the bar in his teeth . . . plus the forward swan (1) ski . . . Bob Peterson was towed behind a motorcycle while Jim Peterson did backward skiing on shoe skis ONLY 12” long. And of course Fred Peterson did BAREFOOT skiing for 200 yards. Something tells us that those Petersons have a family affair out there.

Stockton Club: Janice Brown who is the Pacific Coast women’s Champion, executed beautiful grace and precision in her performances . . . and little NI ORSI, JR., who is ONLY six years old, skied with great ease.

The water ski activity began in earnest with a very impressive flag ceremony. The AMERICAN, CALIFORNIA, and SACRAMENTO speed boat flags were carried past the grandstands waving high . . . flag bearers were Frank Astle, Floyd Vance, and Ray Gallagher.

The ski events that followed kept the crowd of many THOUSANDS cheering for more, especially when the “Men who fly through the air with the greatest of ease” (Paul and Vern from Sacramento) did their kite act. It seems that the kite is 7 ft. wide and 8 ft. high. Attached to the underneath side was a trapeze bar which they hung on with. The speed of the boat determined the height the man and kite would go. Each obtained a height of about 25 feet, and sailed forward about 100 yards in the air. (Now that’s one for the books.) All had a wonderful time, I’m sure.

Good-bye ’til next issue.

Fred Peterson — Young Barefoot Skier.
Canadian Hospitality, warm and unbounded marked the third meet held at Toronto upon the invitation of Mr. George N. Duthie.

Wonderful time? Certainly! In addition to taking part in the tournament, the contestants, their families and friends had an opportunity to see the wonderful exhibition. One night everybody was invited to attend the grandstand show as the guests of the CNE — and had the fun of seeing Jimmy Durante — the "Schnozz"!

Dave Thompson acted as Chief Judge and he had many able assistants as you noticed from the meet results sent you recently.

Twice a day the Cypress Gardens gang put on a beautiful and thrilling water ski show — full of grace and "tricky tricks".

Also, each afternoon at six o'clock the Royal Canadian Air Force put on a thrilling air show, including precision shooting at a target out in the lake beyond the breakwater. One time it was split right smack into two pieces!

The tournament ended the evening of September 1st with a banquet in the Administration Building of the CNE at which the awards were presented.

A "wonderful time was had by all" and we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our hospitable hosts.

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