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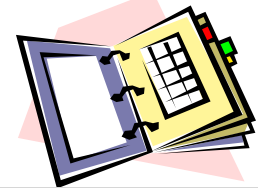
Seven-thirty in the morning and it's already 80° outside. Slipping on my ski bindings, I jump into the 63° water forsaking my wetsuit, left hanging over a nearby bench. Looking down the course, each ball is reflected in the glassy water. By the way, did I mention it's the third weekend in January? In what other major city in the world can you enjoy a morning like this in January?

Welcome back to another great year of skiing in beautiful Mission Bay. Its still early but the club is already off to a great start. For all those that read the December newsletter, hopefully you noticed we've officially elected our new board for the coming year.

First off, I will be taking the 41OFF ski handle from Eric as the new club president. I am honored and relieved to have both our 2002 top two Grand Prix finishers joining me on the board. Mark Buczek has taken the other club ski handle (don't you always slalom with two people at a time?) as VP. As our treasurer, Megan Buczek will be ensuring there's always money left to fill up the boat. Finally, Robin Hodges will be our new club secretary (ensuring I always get that extra buoy in the monthly tournaments).

We have a ton of other people helping us revitalize the club this year. Geoff Schmid has taken over as our tournament director. Geoff has some great changes for the monthly tournaments with new opportunities to trick, jump and wakeboard. (You read right, the day has come to pull those dusty trick skis, jumpers and wakeboards out of the garage.) Kay Goodfellow is our new editor extraordinaire, publishing the newsletter you now hold in your hands (or at least read on your computer).

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CALENDAR

MARCH MEETING

**Wednesday, March 19
7:30 PM
DESI 'n Friends
2734 Lytton Street
619-224-6409**

MARCH TOURNAMENT

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23
Cobweb Kickoff, Class F
Registration 7:00 AM,
Skiing 7:30 AM**

APRIL MEETING

**Wednesday, April 2
7:30 PM
DESI 'n Friends
2734 Lytton Street
619-224-6409**

APRIL TOURNAMENT

**Sunday, April 6 Daylight
Savings Reminder, Class F
Registration 7:00 AM
Skiing 7:30 AM**

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As our new webmaster, Eric Dahlgren is shooting to bring some new info to the club website. Bring your camera skiing and we'll get some of those magazine cover shots of yours posted on the website. All you desert skiers will need to contact Mike Garry for the latest and greatest news on the happenings out at Great Lakes this year. We're still looking for volunteers to lead a few other club efforts so make sure to contact me if you have any questions. I know I probably forgot to mention a few people above, so I apologize in advance.



January 25 resulted in another historic San Diego day. No, not because it was the day before Superbowl in San Diego. Truly much more important, the 25th marked the day the skiers from all around Mission Bay converged on the boat club for the annual SDMBBS&T Grand Prix Party. Everyone arrived in their best Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts ready to luau the night away. Professional luau dancers provided dinner entertainment while everyone enjoyed authentic Hawaiian cuisine. The best course of the night, though, didn't contain food or floating buoys. The true entertainment of the night was provided as the luau dancers provided special dance lessons to all in attendance. All I can say is that the women definitely got off easy in the lessons. You'll have to see the pictures on the website (soon to be up) for more details. Special thanks goes to Connie Morrison for planning everything and to everyone else that helped make the party a success.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all the finalists in the 2002 Grand Prix standings. It was an incredibly close finish with only 25 points separating first and fifth places. Beating her own husband by only 10 points, Megan Buczek rose to the challenge to be crowned as the 2002 Champion. I'm sure the tournaments this year will be even better than last and I look forward to seeing new faces at the tournaments.

So enough of my ranting. Stop reading this; pull out your ski, jumpers, wakeboard or whatever and head down to the water. That's where I'm heading. If you have any comments, questions, or are just ready to volunteer and help, drop me a line anytime. Hope to see all of you on the dock.

A.J. Hubner 858.581.6340 ajhubner@raytheon.com

NOTEWORTHY.....

- ⇒ **It's time to renew your annual ski club membership, please fill out the membership form and return to Jan Cantor ASAP!**
- ⇒ In an effort to keep our expenses as low as possible and save a few trees, I will send you an electronic version of the newsletter via email. It will also be posted on the website. Make sure I have your correct e-mail address.
- ⇒ If you have not done so, please join YAHOO Groups that has been set up for our team. It's a great way for us all to communicate with each other via e-mail. Notices and bulletins will be posted. sdmdbbst-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- ⇒ **Got something to sell? Send me the info via CKaySki@aol.com ~ and I'll get it in the next newsletter.**



**NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT DETAILS
THIS CONSTITUTES A CHANGE IN BY-LAWS.
PLEASE READ & ATTEND THE MEETING TO
CAST YOUR VOTE.**

On the USA Waterski website, our beloved *San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Team* is listed as a "3-Event club". Yeah, we all know and love slalom, but what about the "other 2"..Well my love for slalom began, when I began running the course. Prior to that, slalom prowess was measured in how visible your spray was from across the lake. Well, as cool as big-spray is, it sure was neat to have buoys to go around. What a great way to measure your improvement and an even better way to compare with your friends. Enter competitive slalom skiing.

For many of us, the club's Class-F NSL tournaments, aka. slalom clinics became the first forum to ski the course competitively against others. Looking at the past Grand Prix winners, it's obvious to me that these innocent little slalom tournaments have fueled a competitive side of people that otherwise may have lie dormant. It's been a motivator to get out of bed at 5:30 AM in the middle of winter and plunge into the cold salt water so that we can pick up a couple of extra buoys on the competition by next tournament season.

I'd venture to guess that a good number of the die-hard slalom faithful haven't trick skied in years, and probably only strap on a wakeboard after a few beers (and a few slalom sets), and the closest you've been to the ramp in the past few years is to graciously help in scraping the barnacles off the floats. Well, just as we have succeeded in bringing the competitive aspect of slalom skiing to many of you over the years, it's time to do something about the other 2. Therefore, this year, we are going to live up to our billing as a 3-event club and introduce (or reacquaint) club members to the competitive side of the "other" 2 events.

Here is my proposal: During the 4 summer tournaments we will get an early start at 7:00 AM. After the first round of slalom, we'll do an alternative event (either jump or trick), followed by the 2nd round of slalom, then followed by the second round of the alternative event (see below for schedule). To encourage participation, we will be offering 5 extra Grand Prix points per non-slalom event that you compete in. These rounds will also be scored so that you can be measured against yourselves and the others in the club, but otherwise will not be included in the GP scoring. By mixing up the order, it will insure people stick around to at least watch (and hopefully participate). By offering a small incentive, hopefully even the slalom die hards will try something else.

The cost for the entire tournament will be \$10 for pre-

registered club members, so with no additional expense for the 3rd round, there is NO reason not to try. With the trick and jump events, I will bring skis that anyone is welcome to use. I hope that others can contribute in this manner as well. In addition, we will provide safety equipment as well as valuable instruction during the course of the events.

Here is the schedule for 2003:

3/23/03 -- March Madness Kickoff, 2S
4/6/03 -- Spring Forward into the Season, 2S
5/18/03 -- May Pick and Choose, 2S, 1T, 1J (pick 3)
6/14,15/03 -- Saltwater Spectacular 2S (Class C)
7/13/03 -- Jump into the Bathwater, 2S, 2J (pick 3)
8/17/03 -- Saltwater Nationals, 2S, 2T (pick 3)
9/28/03 -- Indian Summer 3-Event, 2S, 1T, 1J (pick 3)
10/18,19/03 -- Harvest Moon Classic, 2S (Class C)
11/16/03 -- Turkey Fest, 2S
12/14/03 -- Way Too Cold to be Skiing, 2S

Proposed Rules:

Slalom: Score the best round. 2 pass minimum in each round for both novice and shortline. Scoring will be against your best-3 running average (same as last year) 100 pts for 1st place, 95 for second, 90 for 3rd, etc...10 bonus points for a PB. NOTE: No mulligan for the shortliners unless it's their opener. Novice skiers will get 1 up-and-back (obviously you ski as long as you keep making passes). No extra points for participation, the GP points should be enough.

Trick: 2 - 20 second timed passes (up and back). You set the speed and line length. Wake enhancement is fine, if it's OK with the boat owners, I will bring some weight. Tricks will be scored from the boat. Refer to <http://www.usawaterski.org/pages/divisions/3event/Comp.ttable.html> or point's values for the various tricks. Wakeboards are OK but fins are not allowed (unless they are molded in).

Jump: 3 jumps off the 5' ramp. You pick the speed. We will drop buoys in 10 ft increments (ranging from 50 - 120 ft) and I can bring my cam-corder so we can give a distance estimate +/- 3 feet. We will use a pickup boat with a Judge and Safety swimmer for these events.

I do not want to make this extra work, but I am hoping it will increase participation and add a little variety. As long as we keep these as Class F (or N for the jump), we are off the hook on needing rated judges, drivers, etc. We won't have anything fancy for measuring jump distances or scoring tricks...the intent is to give the skier feedback on how they did, and keep them coming back!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. To make this as successful as possible, please come to the March club meeting so we can gather inputs and discuss the best way to pull this off. As is the case with everything in the club, it will require support, especially from the more experienced 3-eventers to stick around, coach, judge, and share their experience. See you on the dock.

Geoff Schmid, 2003 Tournament Chair and 3-Event Skier



SBMBB&ST 2003 GRAND PRIX SERIES CALENDAR

Class F Slalom Series

Sunday	March 23:	Cobweb Kickoff	Class F @ 7:30 AM
Sunday	April 6:	Daylight Savings Reminder	Class F @ 7:30 AM
Sunday	May 18:	Its Almost Summer	Class F @ 7:30 AM
Sunday	July 13:	Warm Water Open	Class F @ 7:00 AM
Sunday	Aug 17:	Salty Nationals	Class F @ 7:00 AM
Sunday	Sept 28:	Indian Summer Scrapper	Class F @ 7:30 AM
Sunday	Nov 16:	Turkey Fest	Class F @ 7:30 AM
Sunday	Dec 14:	Are We Still Skiing?	Class F @ 7:30 AM

Class C/F Sanctions

Sat/Sun, June 14-15:	Saltwater Spectacular	Class C @ 7:00 AM
Sat/Sun, Oct 18-19:	Harvest Moon Classic	Class C @ 7:30 AM



Class F Wakeboard Series: Josh Cantor

Sun, June 29: Wakeboard NSL
Sun, July 20: Wakeboard NSL
Sun, Aug 10: Wakeboard NSL

DESERT TRIPS 2003

Many changes are being made this year in the requirements to rent Great Lakes. We must now have an AWSA Trained Driver & Safety Coordinator on each trip. The boats must also have a million dollars worth of liability insurance. Mike Garry is working with the lake's representative to put all details together before our first rental date. There will be no trip in April. Mark your calendar for these tentative dates:

May 10~11
June 21~22
July 19~20
August 23~24
October 4~5

Mike will provide us with the full scoop in the next newsletter.

DRIVING CLINIC ~ SUNDAY MARCH 16

1:30 PM

The top or soon to be top drivers of the club will be in attendance at this year's Trained Driver Clinic, Sunday, March 16th. All drivers will get a chance to learn the latest in driving techniques, Perfect Pass changes and driver safety. These clinics not only help the individual become a better driver but also helps the team earn valuable points toward Club of the Year. Also, this year we are seeing lots of changes to the requirements for Great Lakes rental, an important club event. If you want to join the safest and most up to date drivers in the club and become a valuable part of our Team. Call Dean with your RSVP @ 858-277-1986.





WHAT A GREAT PARTY!

The Grand Prix Party was once again a good time had by all. First and foremost, all of us should be proud of all the efforts that were put in by all of the club members for once again a successful year in 2002. This year's theme was Hawaiian and the hula dancers added a nice change to the party this year. I am sure that all who participated thought that they were born to hula...most of you missed this one, but early on in the set up, you should have seen the dog that knocked over the Tiki torch...which then fell on the dog...which sent that dog darting off into the night...any how...thx to all that helped set up and those of you who attended, but most of all, congrats to the winners from 2002.

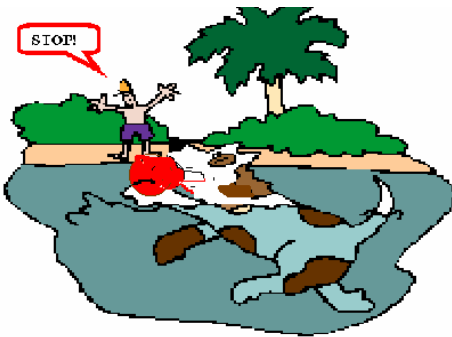
Here are the top 5:

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| 1. Megan Buczek | ...and the two from Mt. Albertine |
| 2. Mark Buczek | 4. Jeff Hinze |
| 3. Geoff Schmid | 5. Conner Torre |
| See you at the tournaments. | CONNIE MORRISON..... social |



WHERE'S THE SLALOM COURSE?

Cruising into HIDDEN ANCHORAGE one fine glassy January morning, we were prepared to pull buoys, or replace deflated ones, which have become a



regular routine for those first to arrive at the course in the morning. What we saw, or did not see was SHOCKING. The turn buoys and all but 2 of the guide balls were gone! What would you do? Go home, or spend your ski time putting the course back in? Just 2 weeks before, over an hour was spent at high tide putting in 5 turn balls and 3 gate balls. BURR...that was some cold swimming for Tom Taurone. Two other boats came, then promptly left, not having the time or not being up to the task. I didn't ask.... Landing on the dock, we assessed the situation. The dock box did not contain enough supplies to replace the entire course. A work party was

organized, and the course was repaired in about two hours. Thanks to Dean Cherry & Malibu, along with swimmers Tom Taurone, John Anderson, and John Roden. Dean Cherry, Sean Canaday and Kay Goodfellow assisted from inside the boat.

Dealing with one of the ongoing dilemmas plaguing Hidden Anchorage is driving the regular slalom course users crazy! Can you imagine dog owners encouraging their dogs to swim out and chew the turn buoys until they are destroyed? That is exactly what is happening. Not only is it a great hazard to the dogs & skiers, but also replacement of the buoys on a daily basis has become very expensive. A Team member has designed a simple way to change out the inflated ball and replace it with a boat guide before leaving the area each time. Check it out at the meeting, we need your feedback.

Thanks also to Team MALIBU Dean Cherry along with AJ Hubner, Tom Taurone, Sean Canaday & Kay Goodfellow for rescuing the BREAKWATER. One end broke loose and it was meandering all over the entrance To



NEW BOARD BIO'S.....



President, AJ Hubner: I started skiing competitively four years ago when I first joined the U.C.S.D. water-ski team. While on the team, I attained my 3-Event judge and scoring ratings. I also sat on the Western Region Collegiate Water-ski Association board. During the past few years, I became very active in SDMBBS&T. Participation in the monthly tournaments, Rock the Docks, and just being on the dock has cemented my love of this sport. Now that I am out of school, I look forward to bringing the enthusiasm with which I captained the UCSD team to the leading our Mission Bay club.

Vice President Mark Buczek: Recreational ski as a kid, two handles, outboard ect.. Introduced to water-ski course in 1988 by Carlo Maglione. Purchased completion ski boat in 1990 . Club Member since at least 1990 . Became more involved in club as a result of Megan's interest starting around 1997 . Competed in club tournaments the last 4 years

Secretary, Robin Hodges: I skied for UCSD for 3 years, graduated in June...now I'm working on my PhD in clinical psychology at Alliant University. I'm 22, I've been skiing since I was about 7, but only doing the course for a few years now.

Treasurer, Megan Buczek: I am actually Canadian born but have lived in San Diego most of my life. I grew up in Del Mar when it was a little beach town and was all my University employee parents could afford. I started skiing when I was 35. I saw this guy on the train that always had a ski boat on Fridays. I offered to help to tow his boat when his truck broke down and here I am now married to him, with one child, 2 years old. To pay for all this skiing, I am a commodity administrator for FoodSalesWest, a food broker for the food service industry. I work with the USDA, school districts, and manufacturers, mostly Tyson Foods, to process excess agricultural goods into foods that schools can serve. Other than skiing, I enjoy gardening, bike riding, running, and hanging at the beach bodysurfing.

2003 EXECUTIVE BOARD AND VOLUNTEERS

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San Diego Mission Bay Boat & Ski Team Membership Application for 2003

Send form & payment to: SDMB&ST c/o Jan Cantor, 7930 Wetherly Street, La Mesa, CA 91941

Jan can be reached via phone at 619-337-9375 or email to gregandjancantor@cox.net Make checks payable to "San Diego Mission Bay Boat & Ski Team".

NOTE: Active membership in USAWaterski is required, please include proof of 2002 membership (copy of card or receipt) OR a completed USAWaterski application and a separate check made out to USAWaterski (you can get their membership form online at www.usawaterski.org or call 863-324-4341)

If you received a USAWaterski membership renewal form for 2003, they request that you use that form rather than the online form.

<p>Circle Membership Type 1. Student - \$25 2. Individual - \$45 3. Family - \$85 for 2 plus \$10 for each additional family member over 2</p>	Home phone	Work phone	Mobile phone
Street	City	State and ZIP	
Email addresses			
Member Names	Date of birth (mm/dd/yy)	Male or female (M/F)	If a current USAWaterski member, enter member # below (usually SSN)
Primary member			USAWaterski tournament division (i.e. Mens 3, etc)
Spouse			Have you been a USAWaterski member any of the past 5 years? Y/N
Child			Can we publish your contact info in our team roster? Y/N
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