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AUGUST 2004

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **AUGUST MEETING**

**Thursday, August 19, 7:30 pm**

Home of Amanda & Eric Dahlgren  
3765 Mactibby Street, 92117  
619-971-0386

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### **AUGUST TOURNAMENT**

**Sunday, August 22, 7:30 am**

2 Round Slalom, 1 Trick  
Hidden Anchorage

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### **BLIND SKI**

**Saturday, August 28, 9:00 am**

9:00 am, Hidden Anchorage

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### **SO CAL WAKEBOARD EVENT**

Sunday, August 29  
Hidden Anchorage

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### **SEPTEMBER MEETING**

September, 23, 7:30 pm  
Location to be announced

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### **SEPTEMBER TOURNAMENT**

**September, 26, 7:30 am**  
2 round slalom  
2 round trick

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### **BLIND SKI**

**Saturday, 25, 9:00 am,**  
Hidden Anchorage

## **As the Propeller Turns...**

Its August and we have a little something for everybody on the horizon. Sunday, August 22 we'll be hosting a two round slalom and one round of trick tournament at Hidden Anchorage. The skiing starts at 7:30, so arrive early to register and help get things rolling. Contact Geoff Schmid for more info.

On Saturday, August 28 plan on attending the Blind Ski at 9 am. Come early for a ski ride if you are planning to volunteer your morning away. We've had overwhelming response with the boats, but can always use more people to drive, spot, ski, help prepare the participants, etc. Contact Patti Torre or myself for more information. This is an extremely rewarding event so I hope to see you there.

And then on Sunday, August 29 Hidden Anchorage will play host to the third and final SoCal Wakeboard Event of the season. For info and registration, call Wakesports Unlimited at 858-277-5757 or Josh Cantor at 619-337-9392.

News and Notes:

There's a fantastic article in the current Waterski Magazine about Andy Mapple's career and retirement. Check it out.. Watch for the 2005 Malibu Response LXi and MasterCraft Prostar 197 promo boats this fall. We're very fortunate to feature these boats at our competitions.

It's never too early to sign up for the November 6-7 Class C & F tournament featuring two round of slalom and two rounds of trick.

Congrats to all of you hitting the slalom course this summer in new (or new to you) tournament boats. The list is getting longer and longer.

Last but not least, come on by my place for our club meeting Thursday, August 19 at 7:30 pm. Directions and details should be listed nearby in this newsletter. Hope to see you there. -ED

August Meeting Details: Thursday, August 19, 7:30 pm

Notes:

Bring a jacket as we'll be outdoors.

Directions: Try Yahoo maps or mapquest for more details.

Exit Clairemont Drive East

Left on Denver Street (first light)

Left on Gesner Street (first stop sign)

Right on Chicago Street (first right)

Left on Mactibby Street (seventh left)



### WATER SKI NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nearly 1,000 water ski athletes - ages 5 through 91 - from across the United States . competed for national titles in slalom, tricks, jumping and overall in 26 age divisions and two Open divisions during the five-day tournament. Advancement to the Water Ski National Championships - the world's largest 3-event water ski tournament - is earned through exceptional performances during the summer tournament season and by placement at regional championships held in the five USA Water Ski regions in late July. The Website - [www.WATERSKINATIONALS.com](http://www.WATERSKINATIONALS.com) - contains information, news and results.

The 62nd annual GOODE Water Ski National Championships took place Aug. 3-7 in West Palm Beach, Florida.

I was honored to be part of this event. Not only did I ski my EP in several tournaments, Class C and above to qualify, I also took 3rd place in the Western Regional Championships, held July 21—24 in Bakersfield, CA.

~ Kay Goodfellow



### PRO-AM CHALLENGE ~ OKEEHELEE PARK, WEST PALM BEACH, FL

Accepting an invitation from the **National Ski League** to attend the Pro-AM Challenge on August 7, 2004, John Morton & Kay Goodfellow represented the West coast. Teaming armature skiers with professional skiers made a very exciting format. Eight teams consisted of four 'AM' skiers and one 'PRO' skier and all were given a four pass minimum. I was thrilled to hang out all day with Scott Ellis, Tarah Benzel, Seth Stisher, Aaron Larkin, Jimmy Simers, Terry Winter, Michelle Simpson and Steve Cockeram. Check out

[www.usawaterski.org](http://www.usawaterski.org), click on the FUN link. ~Kay

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The Fossil and Kay were on the same team. The Fossil skied a 5+ year PB (practice or tournament) of 4 @ 28 off in the four pass minimum tournament. Going into the final round the bi-coastal team of John & Kay from San Diego and father/son Chapmans from Florida was in second, just one point out of first place. It was time for the PROs to ski. The first place team went out first and their pro scored -2 (2 buoys below his average). Jimmy Siemers was our pro, and although he was just coming back from an injury, he scored just one-half buoy below his average of 1.5 @ 38 off. That moved our team into first place by 1/2 point (temporarily). Next on the water was Tarah Benzel. She skied well above her average and catapulted her third place team past us and into first. I didn't see what her final score was - I may have already been (prematurely) celebrating our victory. By the way, 14 of the 31 skiers were from Kansas. I wasn't aware that Kansas had that many people. ~ Fossil



**Grand Prix Event #4 -- July 11th, 2004**

Fiesta Island sees a lot of action during the month of July. This month was no different. Over-the-line was the big draw, bringing in people from around the country for a 2 weekend tournament, but for us waterskiers, the party was on the water. Connor Torre continued to roll, getting 2 @ 34 mph in the non-shortline class. This is a PB for the year for Connor, who is in his first year in B2. Ron Smith ran into 38' on both his rounds and got 2 @ 38' to take top honors in Shortline. Congrats to Frank Glenn who ran though 34 mph and chopped rope to earn his way into the Shortline class. Thanks to the UCSD team for providing their '04 Mastercraft 197 for the event. It was also good to see a large college contingent participating.

Non-Shortline	Division	Old Avg	Total Buoys	New Avg	Score	Best Pass	Grand Prix Points	Place
AJ Hubner	M1	7.33	12	4.67	8.67	6 @ 32 MPH	105	1
Megan Buczek	W3	10.83	14.5	3.67	11.33	2.5 @ 30 MPH	95	2
Connor Torre	B2	30.66	32	1.34	32	2 @ 34 MPH	100	3
Blaine Marsa	M5	14.67	16	1.33	17.33	4 @ 32 MPH	85	4
Frank Glenn	M4	n/a	26.5		22.25	2.5 @ 22', 34 MPH	80	5
Kim Blackwell	W1	n/a	16		n/a	4 @ 30 MPH	80	6
Jen Tiefenthaler	W1	n/a	9		n/a	6 @ 28 MPH, NARROW	70	7
Katy Graham	W1	n/a	4		n/a	4 @ 26 MPH	65	8
Steve Johnson	M3	n/a	2		n/a	2 @ 28 MPH	60	9

Shortline	Division	Old Avg	Total Buoys	New Avg	Score	Best Pass	Grand Prix Points	Place
John Morton	M5	23.16	30	24.33	6.84	6 @ 22', 34 MPH	100	1
Mark Buczek	M3	27	31	28.83	4	1 @ 28', 34 MPH	95	2
Ron Smith	M3	48.25	50	48.83	1.75	2 @ 38', 34 MPH	90	3
Jeff Hinze	M3	26	27	26.67	1	3 @ 22', 34 MPH	85	4
Geoff Schmid	M2	42.5	42	43	-0.5	6 @ 32', 36 MPH	85	5
Bill Schneiderwind	M4	n/a	40.5	n/a		4.5 @ 32', 34 MPH	75	6
Phil Hayes	M1	n/a	24	n/a		6 @ 36 MPH	75	7



## *Perspective on the NATIONAL WATER SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS by Gordon Rathbun*

Hello skiers,

Gabriela and I just got back from another Nationals, my 24th in a row. They were held at the incredible Okeeheelee Park in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Okeeheelee Park has 4 slalom courses, a 5th with a jump ramp, tennis courts, jogging trails, a golf course, softball fields, and even a remote control boat course. There exists a great relationship between the park and the Ski Club of the Palm Beaches. This is probably the best public park in the USA, and it is a great place to have the U.S. Nationals.

At Okeeheelee the water seems easier to ski on. It seemed easier to run 38 in practice than here at my home site. I am not sure exactly why, but I will be going back next year to enjoy skiing on that great water again.

Results: Open 34 mph Division

There were several spectacular performances. Dr. Mike Morgan of Tampa, FL won the Open 34 division on Friday with a score of 3 buoys at 41 off (10.25 meters)!!! Mike snuffed his competition by 3 1/4 buoys! Scott Tinan was second with 5 1/4 buoys @ 39 (10.75 m) and last year's winner, Tim Huston, was third with 5 @ 39. Tim actually scored 5 1/4 also, but the judges did not see it that way and thought he had dropped the handle prior to getting to the buoy. I viewed the result on a friend's video camera (Harry Messler's) with 100% certainty, and he did get the 1/4 buoy with several feet to spare. It's a good thing the missed call wasn't for first place or it would have been a tragedy! [We need to use video cameras in the boat at the Nationals to judge with more accuracy, but the powers seem to be ignoring technology in this department. Video cameras are used in trick and jump but not slalom. Someday we'll look back and REALIZE HOW DUMB THIS IS!!!]

Congratulations to all the Open 34 mph skiers who did their personal bests in the Nationals like Rich Storlee (3 @ 39) and

Greg Badal (3 1/2 @ 39). Mike Morgan proved he is the best 34 mph skier in the world!

Open Men's Slalom (36 mph)

In the Open Men's division the top seeded skier, Chris Parrish, won with a score of 2 1/4 buoys at 41 off (10.25 m) Congratulations to Chris! Chris has had many second place finishes in this event, and it was nice to see him win!

The Runoff

I've seen a lot of great runoffs in my life, but this one was the runoff to end all runoffs. It could have only been better if it was for first place and in the near dark like Parrish and Rodgers in 1996 (or '97?) at Destin, Florida. However, this one had even more excitement. This runoff was between current World Champion and Co-World Record Holder Jeff Rodgers and Co-World Record Holder Jamie Beauchesne (pronounced beau shane).

They twice went off the dock at 39 off and tied with 1 1/2 @ 41 and 2 @ 41. Then they went out at 41 off and it looked like Jeff Rodgers had the victory as he raised his arm in triumph after scoring an incredible 4 buoys at 41 off!!!! Then Jamie, not to be outdone, went out and ran an identical score! This made three ties in a row in the runoff!!! The crowd was going crazy. Then Jeff went off the dock at 43 off (9.75 m) and got around two ball at 43 off. If this had been in the tournament in consecutive fashion, we would have witnessed a world record! A crowd like this has never seen any skier get around two ball at 43 off. Jeff had so much speed (probably close to 70 mph. as he rounded the buoy that he was heading right straight for the boat! What do you do? You want to score that whole buoy by getting to the imaginary boat guide line, which happens to be 6 inches from the side of the boat. In a maneuver that cannot be practiced, Jeff did a quick edge away from the boat and back in again in time

for the whole buoy score of 2 @ 43 off!!!

Then it was Jamie's turn. Jamie made it around one ball and was just inches away from a 4th runoff tie as he sped inside 2 ball at 43 off. Wow! What an incredible exhibition by two great athletes!

Men's 5 Slalom

In my division there were 4 of us skiers that were a notch above the other skiers (this was a quote from the #7 seeded skier). #4 seed and two time National Champion Steve Raphael of Dallas, Tx went out and outskied all the previous skiers by 3 1/4 buoys and ended up running 5 1/4 @ 38 off. Steve recently retired from flying for Delta Airlines, lost 25 lbs. and is skiing well again.

I was seeded #3 and went out and skied nicely through 35 off. My worst pass was my opening pass of 28 off. As I was sitting down in the water after 35 off I dedicated the 38 off pass to my dad who was watching from the shoreline. I ended up running my nicest 38 off pass ever and was never in trouble. There was a 4 mph headwind which helped keep the line tight.

At 39 off I figured that 2 @ 39 would either win or at least tie for first. There was also a tailwind, which makes things a little more difficult. The best score in the history of Mens 5 at the Nationals was Rich Lambert's 1/2 @ 39 last year in Houston. Rich was seeded #1 and Ed Neill of North Carolina was seeded #2. I knew that Ed had won the Southern Regionals with a score of 3.5 @ 38 off and Rich was in France winning the World Senior Trophy with the same score. At 39 off I never want to score 1.5 buoys and make it easier for my competitors to beat me by standing up and scoring two. I nailed my one ball and was in good shape at 2 ball (although I have to say I don't remember coming into two ball). I stood up and got the full score of 2 and was pretty happy with my skiing. With that tailwind I figured I had at least a tie for first.



## *Perspective (cont. . . .)*

Ed Neill went out and in the exact same situation as I was in (he's a left foot forward skier also) Ed turned two ball at 39 and made it safely around 3 ball and back to the wake for a score of 3 @ 39. I was in first place for a whopping 5 minutes of joy.

Then it was Rich Lambert's turn. Rich also skied right through 38 off and put the crowd on the edge of their seats. After a shaky two ball he made it around three ball and rather than go for the tie, he decided to go for 4 ball and fell, scoring 2 1/2 buoys at 39 off for second place. All he had to do was stand up and score three, and he would have had a tie for first and a runoff. Later I overheard him saying to himself that he should have stood up. However, these are the split second decisions we have to make out there in the heat of the competition.

As it was I skied conservatively and stopped at 2 ball. One never knows what strategy to use, and I have to admit

I hate having to use conservative strategy and not giving it a 100% all out effort. In fact, this is the last time I'll do this. Sometimes being conservative is the smart thing to do, and sometimes it comes back to haunt you. When you don't have the advantage of being the #1 seed, one doesn't know the score needed to win. Had there been a skier of the caliber of Mike Morgan in my division there would be no question as to go for the maximum number of buoys. However, I had the best score in the country in all the Mens 5 Regionals and thought scoring 2 @ 39 would do no worst then a tie for first.

As it was I came in third. Ed Neill went out under the exact same conditions as me, and he greatly deserved the victory. There are always tough decisions to make and Ed Neill made the right decision.

I enjoyed a moment with Ed a few seconds after his victory. That was a fun hug we had for each other. Those are some of the very nice moments in the

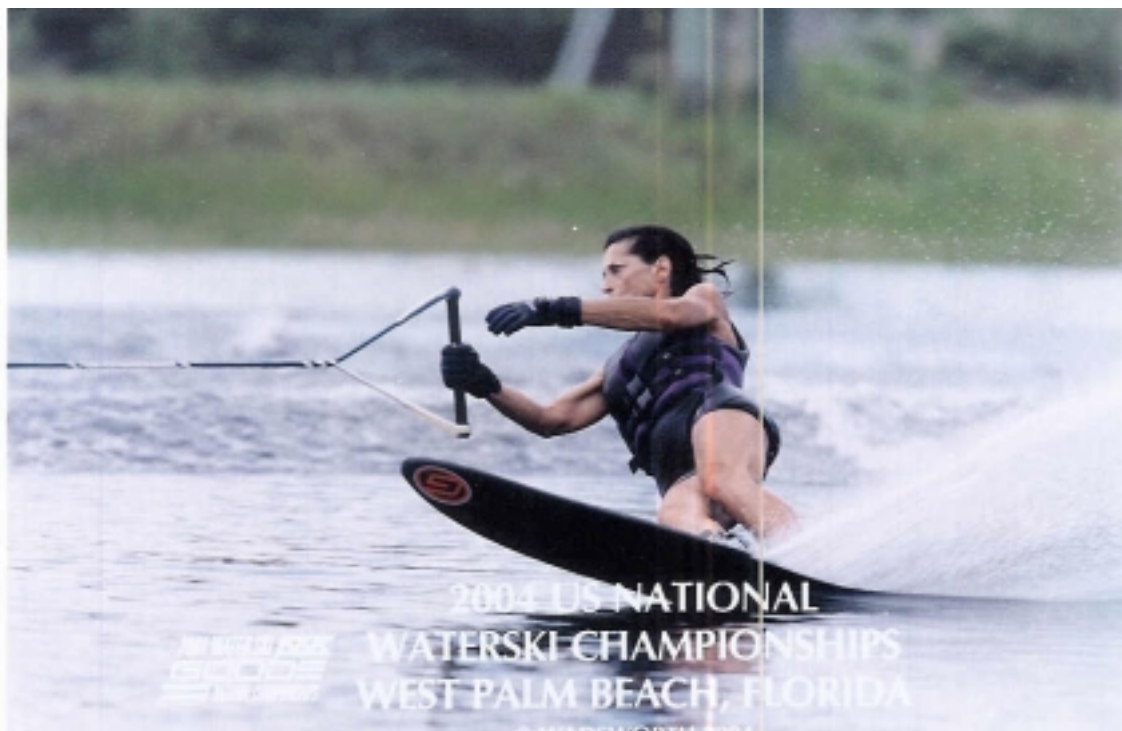
sport. I was happy for Ed.

I want to thank the Ski Club of the Palm Beaches for putting Mens 5 slalom on the main lake. Fortunately, we gave the fans a nice show.

### West Palm Beach

I used to live in West Palm 20 years ago. It was nice to see some of my old friends again who are members of the Ski Club of the Palm Beaches. The ski club and the city have a great relationship and realize the benefit to the community when 959 skiers come to spend several nights in hotels, rent cars and eat in the restaurants. In fact, they know that the National Water Ski Championship brings more money to the community than the PGA Golf Championship (one of the 4 Major tournaments). Anyway, West Palm is a turning into a very impressive town.

~ Gordon Rathbun





I'd like to introduce the latest member of the extended ski team family: Emily Renae Schmid. She was born on Friday July 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:45 am. Everything went smoothly, (at least as smooth as delivering a 9 pound baby can get), and Mommy and Emily are doing great. Now that Emily's arrived, Mommy's looking forward to dusting off her ski and getting back on the water. Daddy's



## Slalom Tip of the Month.

Everybody has stuff that they think about and visualize while skiing—and different things work for different people. With that said, I wanted to share a couple of things I've been thinking about lately that have significantly improved my consistency and buoy count. I hope others can benefit...

### 1) **Fully extend the reaching arm.**

When you release going into the buoy, smoothly extend your reach as far as you can. I'm talking about a full, locked-elbow, reach. By doing this, you maintain counter-rotation in the shoulders a little longer. This enables the ski to carve harder but still get back in front of you. You might say: "...what if I don't need a full reach to clear the buoy because I'm already wide enough?" That's fine, by fully extending you'll be 2' wider than necessary—maybe even a bit down course—but you'll finish strong. Being early doesn't help if you don't finish strong. As you figure out the timing, you can start your turn a little earlier. Once you maximize your reach you'll be shocked at how slow the course feels, and hopefully it means you can take that much more rope off!

### 2) **Put your non-reaching hand a your hip.**

When you release the handle, bring your non-reaching hand back to your hip as if you were a gunslinger in the old west—gettin' ready to draw that pistol. By bringing the non-reaching hand back and away from the handle, this helps keep your shoulders countered throughout the turn, and reduces your temptation to bring your non-reaching hand back to the handle. Remember, you don't want to bring your hand to the handle—this causes your shoulders to rotate inward—you want to ski back around and bring the handle to your hand and stay as countered as long as possible. This gives you a strong finish with a tight line.

~ Geoff Schmid

**Calendar for the remainder of the year.**

Keep it handy. It might save you a ride to the permit office to find the day you want is blocked.

**2004 Calendar of Events**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b><u>AUGUST</u></b>				
Meeting	Thurs	Aug 19	7:30 PM	Eric Dahlgren
<b><u>Saltwater</u></b>				
<b>Nationals 2S,1T</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Aug 22</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Geoff Schmid</b>
Blind Ski	Sat	Aug 28	9 am	Patti Torre
NWL #3	Sun	Aug 29		Josh Cantor
<b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b>				
Meeting	Thurs	Sept 23	7:30 PM	Eric Dahlgren
Blind Ski	Sat	Sept 25	9 am	Patti Torre
<b><u>Indian Summer Slalom and Trick, 2S, 2T</u></b>				
	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sept 26</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Geoff Schmid</b>
<b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>				
Great Lakes Trip	Sat-Sun,	Oct 2-3	All Day	Mike Garry
Meeting	Thurs	Oct 14	7:30 PM	Eric Dahlgren
<b>Ode to Autumn, 2S</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Oct 17</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Geoff Schmid</b>
<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>				
Meeting	Thurs	Nov 4	7:30 PM	Eric Dahlgren
<b><u>Harvest Moon Classic (Class C) 2S, 2T</u></b>				
	<b>Sat-Sun</b>	<b>Nov 6-7</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Robin Hodges</b>
<b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>				
Meeting	Thurs	Dec 2	7:30 PM	Eric Dahlgren
<b><u>Way too Cold to be Skiing, 2S</u></b>				
	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec 5</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Geoff Schmid</b>

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Michael Thiemann 9/14
- Al Torre 9/18
- Doug Hoffman 9/18
- David Berg 9/19
- John Anderson 9/21
- Jessa Carson 9/26
- Bill Litton 9/26
- Jim Pathman 9/29

**Hey Everybody,**  
**Just a reminder this is coming up and we need a lot of boats and people.**  
**Save the date!!**  
**Patti 858-523-0853**

Just a reminder that our next ski is the end of the month. This is going to be a huge ski - we need all of the people and boats out there that we can handle. In addition, JJ is not going to be there with Boat Rides - so we will need a boat ride person that can bring over the dock, etc.

We expect 50+ at this event - and it is going to be largely adults. The only young people attending will be from the SD Braille Institute which has usually been bringing down about 10 children.

I will keep everyone apprised as I get a better grip on the numbers and confirm the 50 people, but so far it is looking like it is going to be huge.

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### THANK YOU

Harley Wallace: For diving in the 2 missing narrow course balls, and moving one of the anchors back into place, in-between his Saturday afternoon sets.

Tom Taurone: For cleaning out and organizing the dock box. Seems it is being used as a trash can. And for repairing & covering the pegs we hang our skis on.

I would like to invite all the members of the Ski Team and their families to the **Labor Day** events at the boat club, see FULL DETAILS on the website <http://www.sdmbbsc.org/> .

Also, Please remember to keep the front gate of the boat yard closed at all times before 3pm Monday thru Friday.

Thanks....Commodore Glenn Gentile Cell 619-980-5423

### Note:

**The Boat Club** is in the process of blocking the ramp from trailer/boat launching. As requested by the city. It will prevent the jump ramp from being removed unless we move the barriers temporarily. I will have more details as things progress.  
 Glenn

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