Far West Water Ski Club

May 2025 Newsletter

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From the President

Hello FWWSC skiers

May is almost over and with Memorial Day weekend the official start of the summer Lake season just a few days away I am hoping everyone has been getting some ski rides in (whenever the weather allows). Good news, Monterey County has revised their Lake release schedules so there will be a little more water in the Lake midsummer. This should allow us to keep the ski course in Dip Creek through at least July and possibly into the first of August. We'll have to keep a close eye on water levels and hazards as the Lake level goes down. We'll be constantly making little tweaks to the ski course and will let everyone know when changes are made so you can remap your boats (or not, Mike Clinite..). We need to beef up our dock anchors so we'll have a discussion this Saturday morning before the tournament with suggestions. Hopefully the weather will be more cooperative for the May Tournament!!!

-Your Emperor, Dennis

From the Secretary

Membership Update and action item

We want to remind everyone that there are **two steps** to becoming a member of the Club. One is paying the appropriate fee (individual, family, student, etc.), which many of you have already and properly done for 2025 through the web store on the Club's website. But the second step is completing the *Annual Membership application*. Currently, only four families (Torgeson, Woods, Steiner, Chitty) have completed and submitted the annual membership form. This form includes an acceptance of the Liability Waiver and acknowledgment of having read the Safety… Affirmation and Release, critical components of becoming a member.

We've tried to make the process more convenient by using electronic methods (the web store has been working well) but the membership form adoption has been slow. Nearly 20 memberships were properly submitted for 2024 and the old hard-copy, paper print-out form to sign and deliver to the Club **has been retired**, so now is the time to get registered for 2025. Both the payment process and membership link are prominently displayed on the Far West Waterski Club website.

- Annual membership form
- Web store (to pay)

Thank you so much for completing **both steps** of the membership process.

-Lisa

From the Tournament Director

I hope you've been able to get some skiing in lately! It's looking like the weather for the upcoming weekend (May 24–25 at Lake Nacimiento) will be beautiful—quite a contrast to the fabulous rain and wind we had during our last tournament.

A huge thank you to the Staufer family—we'll be using their beautiful Nautique 200 this weekend. And thank you to Dennis as well; we'll be using his pontoon boat on **Saturday only**. On **Sunday**, we'll go with whatever boat is available—just like the good old days!

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Despite the weather challenges in April, some of you really skied well. Click here for Tournament results and standings. Special thanks to Troy for turning my fantasy of having a scoring program similar to WSTIMS (used by USA Waterski) into a reality.

He actually wrote a custom program for FWWSC! Going forward, this will make things much easier for anyone taking on the role of tournament director.

A few important notes:

- **Please let me know by end of day Thursday** if you plan on skiing. It takes a lot of time to put together the class running order and organize crews.
- I'll send a group text to all skiers on **Friday afternoon** with the tournament start time. This will depend on the number of participants and, of course, weather conditions.
- **The Oak Hill Gas Station will be closed on Tuesday and Friday of next week**. Please plan ahead and fuel up accordingly.
- We will be meeting *on the dock at 8 AM* sharp and the tournament will start shortly thereafter. We need to take care of some club business which Dennis will lead.

Looking ahead – August Tournament:

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. The vote was close, but the August tournament will be held **Labor Day Weekend (August 30–31)** at Jim & Susan's lake in Kerman. Due to current water levels at Naci, we'll likely need to move the course into the next cove—which isn't ideal until the lake drops further. That area sees heavy surf boat traffic and large rollers, which aren't safe for skiing.

Looking forward to a great weekend on the water.

-Lori

From the IT Desk

Did you know you that the Club has it's own Google Calendar? You can access it on the Club's website. Just click 'calendar' and you can see all the Tournament dates, events and Holidays, etc.

You can even *subscribe* to the Club Calendar on your device to stay up to date. This is the subscription link (Google Calendar):

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/1?cid=ZmFyd2VzdHdhdGVyc2tpY2x1YkBnbWFpbC5jb20

-Darrell