

FAR WEST WATER SKI CLUB

September 2023 Newsletter

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It's kind of exciting talking about the banquet but at the same time, it means our 2023 season is beginning to wind down. The water is

From the President

Greetings Skiers!

Hopefully you all are having a great summer! If you are, that must mean that you are also skiing well? It's time again to check your equipment if you haven't done it for a while. Check ALL the screws on your ski along with the buckles or ties on your bindings in addition to the amount of wear they have. Check the buckles or zippers on your vest and the physical condition of your vest as well. Do your gloves have holes in them? Is the rope on your handle getting frayed from your ski rubbing against it on your get up?

How about the carpet on the bunks on your boat trailer and the bunks themselves? Have you checked your trailer wheel bearings or the air in the tires lately? The hook that holds the bow of the boat or the strap the hook is attached to? Ready for an oil change or an impeller? Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simple things we take for granted when it comes to getting to the lake to take those precious ski rides. If only one of any of these were to fail, it could mean the end of your ski day or even your ski weekend. Please take the time to check your gear... all of it! I want to see all of you with smiles on your faces talking about how much fun your ski ride was and not about how you had a mishap with your equipment or trailer on the way to the lake.

The banquet is rapidly approaching! As Sheri mentions in her column, we need not only people to help put on this event, but for all of you to call in your favors and bring some cool raffle/auction items! We normally generate quite a bit of \$\$\$ from this event which enables us to not only have events like this but to buy supplies for the dock and course as well. If you are not interested in going out and finding/buying a raffle or auction item we will also accept cash donations if that is easier for you. Just like ski rides, this Club does not run on "thanks" alone.

already a bit cooler and the days shorter. I am sad when this time of year comes around, because I look forward to it each and every year! The weather and water temps are still really good out in Bako. If any of you would like to come out and take some rides please let me know.

See Y'all Soon!

Bob

From the Tournament Directors

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Hi All,

I thought August was going to be a small turnout but we had 23 skiers. We used both Charlie Widle's boat and Francey's new Nautique for the tournament.

It was a great tournament for class jumpers. Justin Fontecchio has been skiing great and made the course in practice before the August Tournament. Other class jumpers included Matt Jensen (class 1), Maddie Bentzel (class 3) and Dalton Hornor (class 5). The new Nautique performed well for many skiers.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the September tournament. We should have nice weather and great water conditions. Please be at the dock by 8:30 am Saturday (9/23) morning (the start time may change, depending on the # of skiers). We will be skiing behind Stauffer's amazing Nautique. Hopefully we will have many more class jumpers behind this great boat. We are

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in need of a pick-up boat. If one is not available, we will rotate boats on the dock as the pick-up boat.

Thanks so much,
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Please contact me if you have any questions and if you plan to be at the September tournament.

As you all know, the end of the season banquet is just around the corner and will be Saturday (October 14th), the Saturday night of the last tournament. The banquet will be held at the Senior Center on Heritage Ranch. This year the banquet will be offered for \$20 to paid Far West ski members. We are currently working through the list of paid members to confirm who has paid for individual or family membership. Please contact Lisa Chitty directly if you want confirmation that you are a paid member. The banquet will cost \$45 for non-paid members. Please send Bob Edie ((805) 440-7437/h2odowg@aol.com) or Sheri Francey ((805)689-6202/scoushay10@yahoo.com) a text or email if you will be attending the banquet. It is imperative to let us know who will be at the banquet so we can confirm the food order. We want to make sure we have enough food for everyone and not pay for a bunch of leftovers. .

We want to delegate as many duties as possible, so one person doesn't have the lion's share of work. We are looking for **volunteers**. We need someone to volunteer to handle the raffle prizes and set them up at the banquet. Please start considering donating a nice raffle prize. We are accepting both silent auction items and raffle ticket items. Bring items to the banquet or give it to someone who is going if you are not planning on attending. We are planning on having a pre-sale of raffle tickets. Bring your money to either the September or October ski tournament to buy your raffle tickets early. We are also looking for someone to handle **decorations**. There is not a theme, we just want something simple and maybe a nice centerpiece on each table. Please let me know if you are interested in helping.

2023 Tournament Dates

Sept 23 & 24 - Dave/Alli Stauffer

October 14 & 15 – Jim/Susan Kilsdonk