

FAR WEST WATER SKI CLUB

August 2022 Newsletter

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A Message from the President

Greetings Skiers!

Here we are coming into August tournament time already! I think Brian's format is making it really interesting for everyone! I am really missing skiing with all of you!

One quick note... the catered Santa Maria Style BBQ we are putting together for the banquet will be FREE to all PAID club members. I am attaching a list of those of you who are now current members. If for some reason you don't see your name on the list and are interested in coming to the banquet the cost will be \$45.00 per person. It's never too late to join the Club and take advantage of the great FREE banquet and ski some tournaments and use our great facility! Club memberships help pay for many things that the Club provides. Two of the most important of these is the dock and slalom course! If you find that you are using the facility regularly and are not a Club member, hopefully you will consider paying for a membership to show your support for such a wonderful place to ski!

Unfortunately, I don't get out to the dock as much as I would like to however, I do hear a lot about what goes on out there. It has been brought to my attention several times that when dropping skiers at the dock the tow boat is not staying far enough away and causing the boats that are tied up to bounce heavily against the dock. Please remember to keep your boats away from the dock during this scenario! If the skier can't make it to the dock in a reasonable amount of space without the boat getting close to the dock, then most times it's the skier's fault and not the drivers. You should probably take the skier in question out to open water and show them how to pull out efficiently. The other alternative is that they must swim a little bit further. Either way, let's respect the people on the dock (and their boats) and STAY AWAY FROM THE DOCK.

The next thing I should mention is dock etiquette. At times the rotation can be quite long. Please know when your boat is next up in the rotation and be ready to pull away from the dock when the skier, before you, returns. Even better, you could be out in position with your skier on the platform and ready to enter the course when the boat, before you, returns to the dock. If you choose the later, be sure you are out of the way of the returning boat so as not to get in the way of them dropping their skier.

Lastly, I know how frustrating it can be if you are not up for three more boats and the people in front of you are (in your opinion) moving too slowly getting ready. If this is the case, put yourself in their shoes. Maybe something happened that you are

unaware of or maybe they thought they were not up yet or maybe they are just slow! Either way, KINDLY remind them that it is their turn, offer to help them with whatever is holding them up if you can, offer to drive or observe if they are looking for a "third." Always remember to be RESPECTFUL and KIND to everyone on the dock. If you happen to be the "slow one" are reminded by someone that it's your turn and that everyone else is waiting for you, don't get offended! Be ready when (before) it's your turn. We are all here to have fun and enjoy each other's company.

All that being said, I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the dock tournament weekend! Hopefully all the things you have been working on up to this point are getting into your muscle memory! Keep at it! Time on the water (aka practice) is EVERYTHING!

Bob

From the Tournament Director

The kids stole the show in July.

For July we ended up with 28 skiers divided into 4 teams, with 11 of the 28 under the age of 25. The more the kids skied, the more the other kids wanted to ski, it was great. The wind monster prevented us from getting in 2 full rounds on Saturday, but we made it up on Sunday. Scores were handicapped for the July tournament based on class, and consequently the individual placements and team scores were based off the handicapped individual scores. Class 10 had 0 buoys added to their score, Class 8 got 12 buoys added to their score, Class 7 received 18 buoys, and so on. It was fun to see some new names on top of the leader board and it kept the scoring interesting. A big thank you to the Sue Houx for donating her Nautique!

With the scores handicapped, skiers that ran their max speed and skied into their never made pass scored well, so did skiers that jumped class like Mr. Robert Francey... welcome back to Class 4! Team Red was anchored by recent arrival to Class 5 Mrs. Kathy Carney, and she showed us why she deserves to be in that class. Great skiing Kathy. Class 3 is clearing out, who will be next? Kaz and Ella Womack decided to not let dad and the other kids have all the fun, so they jumped right in and showed they've got dad's strong pull. Parker Woods and Kinley Livesey both rocked the popsicle ski. This was the first tournament for all 4. Not to be outdone, Austin, Mr. Birthday Boy, skied his best ever, running 23 mph for the first time ever. It was great watching all the

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kids and seeing a lot of great scores, but in the end, Team Red (Kathy, Brian, Susan, Doug, Leslee, Lisa, and Parker) took the lead and never let it go.

Details for July's scores are at the end of the newsletter along with the updated results for the whole season. Please review your scores and let me know if there are any questions. It's easier to back check these things sooner than later.

Next tournament will be 13-14 August at Naci, and scores will be handicapped based on your best score from this year at a FWWSC Tournament. If you don't have a score from this year, I will reach back into my data from previous years. If I still can't find a score for you, I will make one up. The advantage will go to skiers that are improving as the season progresses and especially class jumpers. We'll be skiing the whole tournament behind the Soden's Malibu TXI. Same starting, please be on the dock no later than 8 am on Saturday, August 13th. Please let me know, by text, email, smoke signal or carrier pigeon if you'll be skiing in the tournament.

Mr. TD, not PB

From The Secretary

Hey All – Can you all help a little!

As the season progresses, we have started the basic planning for the year-end banquet. The banquet will be Saturday night of the last tournament (October 8th) at the Senior Center at Heritage Ranch. 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** to handle **the raffle** (we will take care purchasing raffle tickets). This person would handle receiving all raffle items and organizing them for raffling them off. We are also looking for someone to handle **decorations**. There is not a theme, so you are free to decorate with what ever feels good to you. The President does not want to wear a costume! Please let me know if you are interested in helping. You can either email me at lani.woods@att.net or text at (760) 310-8551.

Thanks,
Lani

2022 Tournament Dates

April 29 - May 1

May 21-22

June 25-26

July 16-17

August 13-14

September 3-4

October 8-9

Current Paid Members

First	Last	First	Last
Joan	Alpen	Susan	Kilsdonk
Stephanie	Austin	Ethan	Livesey
Mark	Baker	Karen	Marsden
Bill	Barrett	Leslee	Nance
Doug	Belmont	Fritz	Neuhaus
Madeline	Bentzel	Troy	Richman
Russell	Burney	Darrell	Ringman
Kathy	Carney	Diana	Robinson
			Salamach
Lisa	Chitty	Jeremy	a
Caroline	Cole	Robert	Soden
Lori	Craig	William	Stauffer
Debbi &	Crosslan		
Steve	d	Allison	Stauffer
Bob	Edie	Kyle	Vaughn
		Dougla	
Sheri	Francey	s	Walters
Craig	Frazier	Charlie	Widle
William	Galli	Jim	Williams
Sue	Houx	Scott	Womack
Stephanie	Austin	Brian	Woods
Dennis	IBA	Lani	Woods
Carter	Josef		

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