



# Newsletter

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April 2016

Hello Skiers!

Welcome to the April edition of the San Diego Water Ski Team Newsletter. The executive board and committee members met on March 23rd to finalize plans for the Grand Prix party and the 2016 tournaments. A lot of time and planning goes into these events; please thank your elected officials and committee members when you see them.

There is some exciting news regarding the online permit process on Page 4. Dave Dewey is our current liason with the city and is working hard to include the teams input.

Mike Tart highlights the 2016 Great Lakes desert trips on Page 3.

The club is thinking of putting together a driver clinic for those interested in learning to become a trained boat driver. Please see Page 4 for more information.

We will have three open club meetings for all members in 2016. The first will be held April 17th at the Grand Prix Party. The second will be held August 13th and the final meeting will be held November 5th. We will hold an open vote at the November meeting to elect our 2017 officials.

We hope to see you in person at the Grand Prix party Sunday April 17th at 5pm! Please RSVP to Jodi at [mrs.tart@hotmail.com](mailto:mrs.tart@hotmail.com) if you plan to attend so that we can get a head count for food and beverages.

## 2016 Elected Officials

**President:** Chris Blay  
[blay.christopher@gmail.com](mailto:blay.christopher@gmail.com)  
(expires end of 2016)

**Vice President:** John Roden  
[rodenj@gmail.com](mailto:rodenj@gmail.com)

**Treasurer:** Eric Dahlgren  
[eric.dahlgren@outlook.com](mailto:eric.dahlgren@outlook.com)

**Secretary:** Laura Harwood  
[LMH86@hotmail.com](mailto:LMH86@hotmail.com)

## Volunteer Positions

**Course Maintenance/Breakwater:**  
Dave Dewey  
[dave.dewey@gmail.com](mailto:dave.dewey@gmail.com)

**Jump Ramp:**  
Ashleigh & Harley Wallace  
[adgrant1459@gmail.com](mailto:adgrant1459@gmail.com)

**Social:** Robin Harwood  
[robin911@aol.com](mailto:robin911@aol.com)

**Tournaments:**  
Class C - Ben Harwood  
[benharwood@hotmail.com](mailto:benharwood@hotmail.com)

Class F - Jodi Tart  
[mrs.tart@hotmail.com](mailto:mrs.tart@hotmail.com)

**Website:** Karen Dewey  
[kldewey@gmail.com](mailto:kldewey@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Dates

**Sunday April 17th 5PM**

Grand Prix Party  
RSVP Needed to Attend

**Sunday April 24th 7AM**

Class F Tournament

**Saturday May 14th 7AM**

Class C Tournament  
(Must Register in Advance)

**Sunday May 15th 7AM**

Class C Tournament  
(Must Register in Advance)  
Class F Tournament

**Sunday June 12th 7AM**

Class F Tournament

**Sunday July 24th 7AM**

Class F Tournament

# What is a Class F Tournament? How is it Different than a Class C?

by Ben Harwood

The 2016 tournament Season is nearly here and I wanted to write a quick article to discuss the details.

We will have our Grand Prix series on the following dates:

April 24th - Class F

May 14th - Class C only

May 15th - Class F to follow Class C

June 12th - Class F

July 24th - Class F

August 7th - Class F

September 11th - Class F

October 23rd - Class F

November 6th - Class F

Each Class F is run in a USA Waterski sanctioned Class F/ Grassroots format. These tournaments are meant to be **FUN** and open to skiers of all abilities and ages. We allow for 4 passes during each of the two rounds. Skiers do not need to be able to run the course and the narrow/ novice course is available for those learning to ski around buoys. This format allows for novices and more advanced skiers to compete fairly.

Points are awarded for improving on your previous scores and the more events you attend, the better you will do in the overall standings. Grand Prix scores are accumulated throughout the year based upon prior tournament bests. No pre-registration is needed. All skiers should show up onsite prior to the 7 AM start.

Skier order is determined on a first-come, first-served basis with exceptions made for drivers, judges, and the boat owner.

USA Waterski membership (annual or day option) is required. The cost for each Class F event is a suggested donation of \$20 for adults (SDWST members) \$25 for non members, \$10 for college students and kids. Skiers are encouraged to help with a variety of tasks...just ask and we'll find something for you to do!

On May 14th and 15th we will host a Class C tournament. Each day will consist of 2 rounds of slalom and 2 rounds of trick skiing. Class C formats differ from our Grand Prix/ Class F rules.

Class C Tournaments are best for skiers who are comfortable running a few passes in the course. There are no "mulligans" and no set minimum number of passes. Each skier's score will be determined by their buoy count according to AWSA age-division scoring rules. These scores contribute towards national rankings and can qualify for entry into Regionals or Nationals. Rated drivers and official tow boats are utilized.

Registration is required prior to the entry deadline of May 13th or when the skier limit is met. There is a hard limit of 25 skiers each day and last year we filled up several weeks prior to the event. If you are interested in participating in the Class C, see the attached tournament entry form/waiver. The cost is \$40 each day. Each day is its own unique event, so if you would like to ski both days, you must complete an entry form for each day.

Entry forms, waivers, and checks should be mailed to Ben Harwood at 5001 Gardena Ave. San Diego, CA 92110. Checks can be made out to San Diego Waterski Team and won't be cashed until after the event.

I encourage you to come down to Fiesta Island and check out the tournaments if you have never participated. If you have participated in a Class F tournament, consider signing up for the Class C this year!



# Great Lakes

by Mike Tart

Do you like lakes that are warm, fresh and stay glassy all day? Well you're in luck, the 2016 SDWST Great Lakes trips are fast approaching!

Great Lakes, or The Great, is located in the high desert just east of Barstow in Newberry Springs, CA halfway between San Diego & Las Vegas.

Dates are locked for three weekends this year; June 25-26, Aug 20-21 & Sept 24-25. Trips are full with waiting lists at this point but spots may open if anyone cancels. For those of you who already signed up and paid, thank you!

Great Lakes is actually two man made lakes side by side; a homeowner lake and a practice/tournament lake connected by a small channel. With new water restrictions being imposed by the Mojave water district, the cost has been going up each year. We don't know if they will have enough water rights to keep both lakes full for 2017. We are glad to have a few trips planned for this season and we hope for the best in 2017.

If you are new to the desert trips; here is how it works. We drive up Friday afternoon to setup our camping spot on the lake. Camping is included with the lake rental. There is a nice dock area, and large grass area along the lake to setup tents. I bring propane for everyone to use on the grill. The bathrooms there have semi-private outdoor showers, plus another shower area



by the dock to rinse off. RV's are welcome as long as you use your generator. The lake is not really setup for RV's though so if you need to plug in, there is a fee and limitations on usage during peak times of the day.

We launch the boats on Friday afternoon to have the boats ready to go at sunrise Saturday morning. We run a 12 spot ski rotation, and try to keep things moving to maximize the number of runs per day.

It's okay to split spots in the rotation between multiple skiers (max two skiers per spot), we just ask that you are ready when it's your turn to go. We always need ample drivers too so there are not delays with the rotation.

We ski Saturday and Sunday from sunrise to sunset, although by Sunday afternoon most of us are fairly beat! On average, we should get through a 12 spot rotation about 4 times in a day.

Also, dogs are welcome but please make sure to pick up after them.

At night it's pretty simple. We typically barbecue or some folks go to town for dinner. We try to get some live music going, maybe a night boat cruise to the other lake or just sit by the lake!

We bring two inboard boats on each trip and after lake rental cost is covered, the rest of the cash is split between boat owners to cover fuel. Each person bringing a boat also receives 1 free spot in the rotation. Please note, active members of our club will be considered first before allowing any non-members to join.

Also, any skier must at least have current USA Waterski membership, (no exceptions) since a valid USA waterski number is needed to fill out an annual waiver.

Boat owners need to make sure their boat is "ship shape" and will need to have Great Lakes (WLRS) additionally insure as well with \$1MM min liability.

If you are interested in learning more about these trips, please contact Mike at [mike.tart@hotmail.com](mailto:mike.tart@hotmail.com).

## Trained Driver Clinic

We are looking to hold a Trained Driver Clinic, Sunday April 24th following the first Class F Tournament.

Trained Drivers are needed to drive the boats during both the Class F and Class C Tournaments. This is a huge need for the club so please consider signing up if you plan to attend any tournaments.

Please contact Ben Harwood at BenHarwood@hotmail.com if you are interested in attending.

We will also have a sign up sheet at the Grand Prix party on Sunday April 17th.

## Online Permits

The City of San Diego is working to create an online system to reserve permits for Hidden Anchorage.

The SDWST learned of this initiative back in 2016 and Dave Dewey has graciously volunteered to represent the team and act as a liaison with Lifeguard HQ.

Dave was given access to test the preliminary website the first week of April.

Before using the system for the first time, users will need

to obtain a Member ID from Lifeguard HQ using a photo ID.

Once the Member ID is created, users may use their email to log in to the system and obtain permits.

We are still working through the details of when permits will be available and if users will have the ability to cancel a permit.

We don't know the exact development schedule or roll out but as more information becomes available, we will share it.



Did you know the San Diego Waterski Team has a Facebook page? Like us for updates!

## 2016 Member List & Committees

### Course Maintenance/Breakwater

Main Contact: Dave Dewey

Robert Bates  
Chris Blay  
Eric Dahlgren  
Dave Fisher  
Dave Florence  
Greg Foerster  
Mark Gray  
Bill Helliwell  
Bryce Lewis  
Anthony O'Connell  
John Opsal  
John Roden  
John Ryan  
Geoff Schmid  
Robert Thurman  
Reese Wolff

### Desert Trips

Main Contact: Mike Tart

### Dock

Main Contact: Open Position

John Anderson  
Kathleen Falls  
Bob Hillstrom  
Brent Hurley  
Nancy Rubinstein  
Dave Walker

### Tournament

Main Contact:

Ben Harwood - Class C  
Jodi Tart - Class F  
  
Jeff Castleberry  
John Lynch

### Website

Main Contact: Karen Dewey

### Jump Ramp

Main Contact: Ashleigh & Harley  
Wallace  
Michael Thiemann

### Social

Main Contact: Robin Harwood  
Ernest Anderson  
Sean Flaherty  
Enrique Gorodezky  
Troy Hirsch  
Anthony Hubner  
Douglas Kincart  
Marge Lorang  
Larry Parker  
Steven Trudgen

### Publicity and Promotions

Main Contact: Laura Harwood  
Dawn Bollmann-DeBever  
Mike DeBever

Please fill out this entry form if you plan to participate in the Class C Tournament on May 14th or May 15th.  
 Mail Form, Waiver and Check (\$40 made out to SDWST) to Ben Harwood at 5001 Gardena Ave. San Diego, CA 92110.  
 Email Ben if you have questions: [benharwood@hotmail.com](mailto:benharwood@hotmail.com)



## American Water Ski Association Official Entry Form

*(not valid for National Championships)*

- Entry Fee enclosed \_\_\_\_\_
- Late Fee enclosed \_\_\_\_\_
- Copy of USA Water Ski membership card enclosed

Tournament \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

USA-WS Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Current Officials Rating: Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Driver \_\_\_\_\_ Scorer \_\_\_\_\_ Safety \_\_\_\_\_

First Tournament? \_\_\_\_\_ Tricks Boat Preference \_\_\_\_\_ Ramp Height \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

**Check ( X ) Events and Division You Intend to Enter**  
*(See Official Rules and Tournament Announcement for entry qualifications)*

AGE DIVISION	SLALOM	TRICK	JUMP
BOYS 1			
BOYS 2			
BOYS 3			
MENS 1			
MENS 2			
MENS 3			
MENS 4			
MENS 5			
MENS 6			
MENS 7			
MENS 8			
MENS 9			
MENS 10			
MENS 11			
OPEN MEN			
MASTERS MEN 55K			

AGE DIVISION	SLALOM	TRICK	JUMP
GIRLS 1			
GIRLS 2			
GIRLS 3			
WOMENS 1			
WOMENS 2			
WOMENS 3			
WOMENS 4			
WOMENS 5			
WOMENS 6			
WOMENS 7			
WOMENS 8			
WOMENS 9			
WOMENS 10			
WOMENS 11			
OPEN WOMEN			

ADULT - MINOR EVENT WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION .

WAIVERS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.USAWATERSKI.ORG](http://WWW.USAWATERSKI.ORG)



**PARTICIPANT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY,  
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**  
**Specific EVENT Waiver Form for ADULTS (Age 18 or older)**  
*(Minor Waiver on Reverse Side)*

Event Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Event Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Sanction #: \_\_\_\_\_

For and in consideration of USA Water Ski, Inc. ("**USA Water Ski**") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in the USA Water Ski sanctioned tournament, clinic, show, exhibition, race, competition, practice or other event described above (**the "Event" or "Events"**); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, guardians, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement (**the "Agreement"**);

1. I hereby represent that (i) I am at least eighteen (18) years of age or older; (ii) I am in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in the Event; and (iii) I am not under the influence of alcohol or any illicit or prescription drugs which would in any way impair my ability to safely participate in the Event. I agree that it is my sole responsibility to determine whether I am sufficiently fit and healthy enough to participate in the Event, that I am responsible for my own safety and well being at all times and under all circumstances while at the Event site.
2. I understand and acknowledge the risks and dangers associated with participation in the sport of water skiing and related water sport disciplines, including without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, sickness and disease, permanent disability, paralysis and loss of life; loss of or damage to equipment/property; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; contact with other participants, spectators, boats, animals or other natural or manmade objects; dangers arising from adverse weather conditions; imperfect ski course conditions; water and surface hazards; equipment failure; inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the Event Organizers; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("**Risks**"). I understand that these Risks may be caused in whole or in part by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Event, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby expressly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses or expenses which I incur as a result of my participation in any Event.
3. I agree to be familiar with and to abide by the Rules and Regulations established for the Event, including but not limited to the Competitive Rules adopted by USA Water Ski and any safety regulations established for the benefit of all participants. I accept sole responsibility for my own conduct and actions while participating in the Event, and the condition and adequacy of my equipment. I understand that the Event Organizers have the right to control or prohibit advertising material used, worn, or displayed by a participant at the site during the Event, and that they have also reserved the right to disqualify anyone or deny participation in the Event for any reason they deem just and proper in their sole discretion.
4. I hereby Release, Waive and Covenant Not to Sue, and further agree to Indemnify, Defend and Hold Harmless the following parties: USA Water Ski, Inc., its members, clubs, associations, sport disciplines and divisions, including but not limited to American Water Ski Educational Foundation (AWSEF), American Water Ski Association (AWSA), American Barefoot Club (ABC), American Kneeboard Association (AKA), National Collegiate Water Ski Association (NCWSA), National Show Ski Association (NSSA), National Water Ski Racing Association (NWSRA), United States Hydrofoil Association (USHA), USA Wakeboard (USW) and Water Skiers with Disabilities Association (WSDA); International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation (IWWF); United States Olympic Committee (USOC); the Event Organizers and Promoters, Sponsors, Advertisers, Coaches and Officials; Lake, Venue and Property Owners or Operators upon which the Event takes place; Boat Owners and Operators; Law Enforcement Agencies and other Public Entities providing support for the Event; and each of their respective parent, subsidiary and affiliated companies, officers, directors, partners, shareholders, members, agents, employees and volunteers (**Individually and Collectively, the "Released Parties" or "Event Organizers"**), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s) of action, damage(s), loss or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorneys fees) of any kind or nature ("**Liability**") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the Event, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties. I further agree that if, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities which any may be incurred as the result of such claim.

I hereby warrant that I am of legal age and competent to enter into this Agreement, that I have read this Agreement carefully, understand its terms and conditions, acknowledge that I will be giving up substantial legal rights by signing it (including the rights of my spouse, children, guardians, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors and assigns), acknowledge that I have signed this Agreement without any inducement, assurance or guarantee, and intend for my signature to serve as confirmation of my complete and unconditional acceptance of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Tel.: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed



**PARTICIPANT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY,  
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**  
**Specific EVENT Waiver Form for MINORS (Under Age 18)**  
*(Adult Waiver on Reverse Side)*

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Sanction #: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. I hereby represent that (i) I am the parent or legal guardian of the Minor; (ii) the Minor is in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in the Event; and (iii) the Minor is not under the influence of alcohol or any illicit or prescription drugs which would in any way impair the Minor’s ability to safely participate in the Event, and that I am responsible for the Minor’s safety and well being at all times and under all circumstances while at the Event.
2. I understand and acknowledge the risks and dangers associated with the Minor’s participation in the sport of water skiing and related water sport disciplines, including without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, sickness and disease, permanent disability, paralysis and loss of life; loss of or damage to equipment/property; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; contact with other participants, spectators, boats, animals or other natural or manmade objects; dangers arising from adverse weather conditions; imperfect ski course conditions; water and surface hazards; equipment failure; inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the Event Organizers; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers (“**Risks**”). I understand that these Risks may be caused in whole or in part by the Minor’s own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Event, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and on behalf of the Minor, I hereby expressly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses or expenses which I incur as a result of the Minor’s participation in any Event.
3. I understand that the Minor is required to be familiar with and to abide by the Rules and Regulations established for the Event, including but not limited to the Competitive Rules adopted by USA Water Ski and any safety regulations established for the benefit of all participants. I accept sole responsibility for the conduct and actions of the Minor while he or she is participating in the Event, and the condition and adequacy of the Minor’s equipment. I understand that the Event Organizers have the right to control or prohibit advertising material used, worn, or displayed by a participant at the site during the Event, and that they have also reserved the right to disqualify anyone or deny participation in the Event for any reason they deem just and proper in their sole discretion.
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MINOR #1: Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

MINOR #2: Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

X \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian for Minor(s)*

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date Signed*