



Newsletter

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Welcome to the first issue of the SDWST Newsletter for 2016! We hope to keep all of our members up to date on what's going on behind the scenes in the club.

As I've mentioned in previous emails, my goal this year is to get more of our membership actively involved beyond our Class F Tournaments. As a start, we're bringing back our membership committees, which are listed on the last page of this newsletter. We're still in need of a dock committee leader, so if you're interested, please let me know.

That being said, with the season start just around the corner, now is a great time to renew your membership for 2016 if you haven't already. Your dues are

critical to the success of arguably the best public ski site in Southern California. You can renew your membership through the website.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the water!

Chris Blay
President

Junior Development

The American Water Ski Association's Junior Development Program is a nationwide program for water ski athletes of all levels under the age of 17. The goals of the program are to attract new junior skiers, promote junior skiers and provide junior skiers with opportunities for assistance in improving their skiing skills.

Junior Development will be held at Imperial Lakes this year on June 15th and 16th.

Please contact Dean Cherry if your son/daughter is interested in attending this year or next. Dean can be reached at DeanCherry21@gmail.com or 619-857-1986.

Upcoming Dates

Sunday April 17th 5PM
Grand Prix Party

Sunday April 24th 7AM
Class F Tournament

Saturday May 14th 7AM
Class C Tournament

Sunday May 15th 7AM
Class C Tournament
Class F Tournament

2016 Elected Officials

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

Vice President: John Roden
rodenj@gmail.com

Treasurer: Eric Dahlgren
eric.dahlgren@outlook.com

Secretary: Laura Harwood
LMH86@hotmail.com

Volunteer Positions

Course Maintenance/Breakwater:
Dave Dewey
dave.dewey@gmail.com

Jump Ramp:
Ashleigh & Harley Wallace
adgrant1459@gmail.com

Social: Robin Harwood
robin911@aol.com

Tournaments:
Class C - Ben Harwood
benharwood@hotmail.com

Class F - Mike Tart
miketart@hotmail.com

Website: Karen Dewey

Tournaments

The board and tournament committee has been busy organizing the Tournament Calendar for 2016. We did our best to pick dates with low tides, and avoid holiday weekends. USA Waterski requires tournament dates to be submitted by 12/24/15 in order to be properly sanctioned and included on their website. We did our best to avoid dates with races and special events.

If you learn of road closures or events that may impact our tournaments, would you kindly email Mike Tart or Ben Harwood to inform them. We will do our best to share information with everyone if we learn of a conflict.

Please note the Class C Tournaments are run slightly

different than the Class F's. Participation in the Class C events is limited to 25 skiers each day. Registration and payment is required in advance and is filled on a first come first serve basis. The tournament sold out in 2015.

To register please visit USAWaterski.org and click on the Events and Registration tab. Then click on Event Search and Water Skiing. Class C questions can be directed to Ben Harwood.

Class F Tournaments are less formal. Skier order is determined by a first come first serve basis the day of the tournament. No pre-registration is required. Please direct any Class F questions to Mike Tart.

2016 Tournament Calendar

Sunday April 24th 7AM
Class F Tournament

Saturday May 14th 7AM
Class C Tournament

Sunday May 15th 7AM
Class C Tournament
Class F Tournament
(will follow the Class C event)

Sunday June 12th 7AM
Class F Tournament

Sunday July 24th 7AM
Class F Tournament

Sunday August 7th 7AM
Class F Tournament

Sunday September 11th 7AM
Class F Tournament

Sunday October 23rd 7AM
Class F Tournament

Sunday November 6th 7AM
Class F Tournament

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Cost:

Class F Tournaments
Adults: \$20 SDWST members
\$25 non members
Students: \$10
Kids: \$10

Class C Tournaments
Adults/Students/Kids: \$40

Grand Prix Party

We are excited to kick off the 2016 ski season on April 17th, 5PM with our Grand Prix Party. The party is open to SDWST members, their families and friends. Cost is \$10 per person and can be paid at the party.

Marge Lorang has graciously offered to host this year's party which will include her famous paella. We will announce and celebrate the Grand Prix winners from 2015 as well as discuss the upcoming 2016 tournament calendar.

In addition, the committee would

like to plan 2-3 social events for the members in 2016. Ideas include a kids/family learn to ski day, ladies only ski day or a social at a local brewery. We would love your input on what you would like to see in 2016.

If you are new to the club please consider attending. The party is a great way to meet other members and connect for rides.

Please RSVP to Jodi Tart at mrs.tart@hotmail.com if you plan to attend, so that we can get a head count for food and beverages.

Breakwater

In December, we were notified of damage to the shed on the Sea World fireworks barge. Upon further inspection, we learned the breakwater had been damaged as well. Three barrels in the middle of the breakwater are cracked and the steel cable connecting the barrels is spliced. The committee met to discuss repair options as well as determine a plan for future maintenance.

A big thank you to Bill Helliwell and Bryce Lewis for diving and spending time trying to relocate the anchor on the east end. In addition, Harley Wallace tried diving last week to re-attach the anchor in anticipation of the coming storms.

We are aware the breakwater is not secured on the east end and are doing our best to fix it.

John Roden has researched some new end barrels and has a quote from a company in Long Beach. The board has approved the purchase of two new end anchors and the purchase order will be submitted soon.

We will need help removing the old end barrels and the broken plastic barrels when the new anchors arrive. We do not have an arrival date yet as we are hoping to coordinate a member pick up of the anchors rather than pay for shipping.

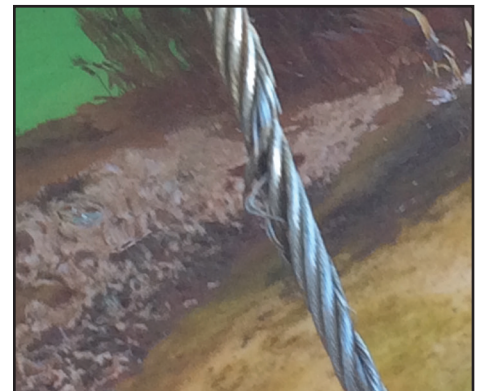
If you are willing to help, would you please contact Dave Dewey. We are looking to put together a crew of 6-8 people to take on this task.



Broken Barrels



End anchor that will need to be removed and replaced



Cable Damage

Jump Ramp

We have currently raised \$32,000 and are looking to secure an additional \$5,000.

The Silent Auction was well received. Money has been donated by members of the San Diego, Imperial Lakes and Canyon Lake Ski Clubs. In addition, families of current

college skiers and alumni from the SDSU, USD, and UCSD have contributed.

A committee is finalizing the design and components for the new ramp. The current plan is to start construction on the new ramp next month.



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

Recognition

In January, USA Waterski recognized the San Diego Waterski team as a winner of their 2015 Membership & Club Growth Challenge.

The challenge encouraged clubs to get more people on the water. SDWST was recognized for hosting six stand alone grassroots tournaments during 2015.

As a reward, the club will receive a \$100 check.

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Congratulations to Eric Lee and Newt Cutcliffe for being recognized at the USA Waterski 2015 Awards banquet held on Saturday, January 30th in Florida.

Eric was named USA Water Ski's Volunteer Coach of the year. Lee has coached collegiate water ski athletes throughout Southern California, including students at

UC San Diego, San Diego State, University of San Diego and UCLA, for more than 20 years.

Lee was a key figure in ensuring the success of the inaugural Western Regional Alumni tournament last August.

Newt Cutcliffe of San Diego State University was named the Male Outstanding Leader by the National Collegiate Water Ski Association.



Do you know we have a weather station located on top of the dock? Check out the current wind speed, direction and temps before you head out the door.

You can access this information through the Weather Link and Weather Underground apps on your phone. See the separate attachment for download instructions. Be sure to thank John Roden for maintaining this!

2016 Member List & Committees

Course Maintenance/Breakwater

Main Contact: Dave Dewey
Robert Bates
Chris Blay
Eric Dahlgren
Dave Florence
Greg Foerster
Mark Gray
Bill Helliwell
Bryce Lewis
John Opsal
John Roden
John Ryan
Geoff Schmid
Reese Wolff

Publicity and Promotions

Main Contact: Laura Harwood
Mike DeBever

Dock

Main Contact: Open Position
John Anderson
Kathleen Falls
Bob Hillstrom
Brent Hurley
Nancy Rubinstein
Dave Walker

Tournament

Main Contact:
Ben Harwood - Class C
Mike 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