



Newsletter

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May 2016

Hello Skiers!

A big thank you to Marge and John for hosting the Grand Prix/Season Kick off Party at their house. About 30 members attended and enjoyed each others company.

At the party we celebrated the top five winners from the 2015 Grand Prix series. Congratulations to:

Dave Dewey - 1st Place

490 Points

Mark Gray - 2nd Place

475 Points

John Lynch - 3rd Place

470 Points

Mike Tart - 4th Place

465.5 Points

Jodi Tart - 5th Place

453 Points

13 Skiers joined in on the fun for our first Class F tournament in April. Skier results and a recap

Online Permits

We are still waiting for the launch of the online permit system. Once we have a confirmed date from the city we will be sure to communicate the details on how to sign up.

can be found on Page 3. Thank you for everyone's support and cooperation with the closure of Fiesta Island.

On May 14th and 15th we hosted the Class C tournament. The recap and results can be found on Page 4.

Next up is our Class F tournament on Sunday June 12th. Please consider joining us!

We are planning a Ladies Rock the Dock date this summer. If you are interested in joining (ladies only!) please email Laura at LMH86@hotmail.com. A separate email will be sent out to those interested in attending.

We hope to see you on the water!

Upcoming Dates

Sunday June 12th 7AM

Class F Tournament

Sunday July 24th 7AM

Class F Tournament

Sunday August 7th 7AM

Class F Tournament

Saturday August 13th

Open Meeting for all Members
Location TBD

2016 Elected Officials

President: Chris Blay
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(expires end of 2016)

Vice President: John Roden
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Treasurer: Eric Dahlgren
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Secretary: Laura Harwood
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Volunteer Positions

Course Maintenance/Breakwater:
Dave Dewey
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Jump Ramp:
Ashleigh & Harley Wallace
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Social: Robin Harwood
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Tournaments:
Class C - Ben Harwood
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Class F - Jodi Tart
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Website: Karen Dewey
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Grand Prix - Season Kick Off Party

Photos by Anthony O'Connell



April 24th Class F Tournament - Recap and Results

Photos by Bob Bates

by Jodi Tart

We kicked off our Grand Prix season with a successful first tournament. A **BIG THANKS** to Ben Harwood for bringing out the boat and running the Driver's Clinic post tourney. I would like to acknowledge the great response for shuttle boats as well. A particular shout out to Dave Walker who brought his shuttle boat bright and early at 6:00am and stayed through a portion of the Driver's Clinic.

Despite the wind picking up at the end of the first round we had some good scores coming out of the first tournament. I think we only had one or two sand baggers (hahaha!). We also welcomed two Stephanie's to the Grand Prix Series!

Everyone receives 100 points for the first 2 tournaments they attend. Then points are distributed based on how many buoys you beat your best score.

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| Brent Hurley | 6@34/-15 |
| Bryce Lewis | 2.5@36/-22 |
| Chris Blay | 5@36/-22 |
| Dave Dewey | 2@34/-28 |
| Jodi Tart | 1@34/-28 |
| John Lynch | 2@32/-15 |
| Ben Harwood | 1.5@34/-38 |
| Laura Harwood | 2@34/-28 |
| Mark Gray | 5@34/-22 |
| Mike Tart | 2@34/-32 |
| Stephanie Merhof | 6@26/-15 |
| Stephanie Millard | 6@30/-15 |
| Thomas Bruno | 4@28/-15 |
| Bob Bates | 2@34/-22 |

Thanks to Chris Blay, Laura Harwood, Stephanie Millard and Jodi Tart for staying after the tournament to attain their trained driver rating. We completed the classroom based activity on the dock and all 4 passed the driving portion. We look forward to having them help drive future tournaments!

If you are interested in obtaining your driver rating please contact Ben Harwood or Dave Dewey.



May 14 and 15 Class C Tournaments

Recap and Results

by Ben Harwood

Although smaller than our 2015 tournament, we had a successful tournament weekend. We had 15 skiers join us for Saturday and 8 skiers who survived blustery south wind conditions on Sunday.

A big thank you to our chief officials: Harley Wallace (Chief Judge), Jay Fitzpatrick (Chief Driver), Joe Perez (Chief Scorer), Chief Safety (Harley/Ashleigh Wallace) as well as a big thank you to Greg Foerster (Nautique) and Harley/Ashleigh (Malibu) for allowing us to utilize their boats for the weekend.

Also, there were a number of officials and volunteers who helped throughout the weekend- thank you for making our Class C happen.

One skier who attended the Class C mentioned the importance and legitimacy of the tournaments. We are blessed to have a local, public site that we are able to use.

These tournaments involving the greater ski community are important to maintain the legacy of our club and 3 event skiing as a whole. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

- Unofficial Results -

Please visit USA Waterski for Actual Scores

Saturday

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| Geoff Schmidt | 2@34/-38 |
| Ben Harwood | 1@34/-38 |
| Jay Fitzpatrick | 2@34/-35 |
| Harley Wallace | 3.5@34/-32 |
| Dave Dewey | 3@34/-32 |
| Mike Tart | 3@34/-32 |
| John Roden | 3@34/-28 |
| Marge Lorang | 3@34/-28 |
| Jodi Tart | 1@34/-28 |
| Bryce Lewis | 5@36/-22 |
| Sabrina Bargar | 3@34/-15 |
| Laura Harwood | 5@34/-15 |
| Eric Lee | 3.5@34/-15 |
| Ashleigh Wallace | 5@30/-15 |
| Joe Perez | 4.5@30/-15 |

Sunday

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| Ben Harwood | 2@34/-35 |
| Jay Fitzpatrick | 5@34/-28 |
| Dave Dewey | 5@34/-22 |
| Joe Perez | .5@30/-15 |
| Ashleigh Wallace | 4@30/-15 |
| Harley Wallace | 4@34/-22 |
| Mark Gray | 4@34/-22 |
| Sabrina Bargar | 2@30/-15 |



Congratulations to Erik Lee who was featured in the May/June edition of *The Water Skier* magazine for his contribution and dedication to skiing.

Scott N. Atkinson



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



Course Update

by Dave Dewey

Remember when we used to adjust each buoy in the slalom course for the changing tide? Anyone who did this appreciates the self-adjusting course that Bill Helliwell invented and has maintained for the past several years.

Bill has improved on his original design with a system that uses three sections of PVC pipe — the white pipe used for lawn sprinkler systems — that telescopes up and down with the varying tide. Not only is this setup far less expensive, it's far simpler, more robust, easier to repair, and is practically maintenance-free.

As good as the current system has

been, it has its weak points. There are a lot of moving parts. The anchor bolts are rusting through. When a buoy is hit by a boat, the whole sub-system usually has to be replaced, and there are only a few people who know how to do this.

And we only have one person — Bill himself — who knows how to build and repair these systems. Bill's been repairing systems roughly 2 - 3 times each month, and each repair takes an hour.

Bill installed a prototype of the new system on the right-hand green "55" marker at the dock end of the course. You've probably noticed the two green buoys right next to each other. It's been in place for over a year, and Bill has

worked out most of the kinks. About a month ago, Bill and crew installed a new system for the right-hand 55 at the breakwater end of the course (because the anchor bolt has rusted through).

The board will be presented the details and a cost analysis to make a decision, so we can keep one of our most important assets in good working order for years to come.

Next time you see Bill, be sure to thank him for all his hard work!

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
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Enrique Gorodezky
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Anthony Hubner
Douglas Kincart
Marge Lorang
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