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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE 2010 WSWC AWARD WINNERS

Womens Water Ski Athlete of the Year
 Mens Water Ski Athlete of the Year
 Jr Water Ski Athlete of the Year
Womens Wakeboard Athlete of the Year
 Mens Wakeboard Athlete of the Year
 Jr Wakeboard Athlete of the Year
Barefooter of the Year
 Jr. Barefooter of the Year
 Adaptive Athlete of the Year
 Official of the Year
 Coach of the Year
Volunteer of the Year
 Province of the Year

Whitney McClintock, Cambridge, ON
 Ryan Dodd, Olds, AB
 Taryn Grant, Winnipeg, MB
Erika Langman, Orangeville, ON
 Olivier Derome, Coteau-du-Lac, QC
 Raphael Derome, Coteau-du-Lac, QC
Becky Moynes, Belleville, ON
 Caitlyn Rowland, Calgary, AB
 Ryan Riehl, Regina, SK
 Jo-Anne Moore, Edmonton, AB
 Sarah Moore, Edmonton, AB
Spence Family, Aurora, ON
 Alberta

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Paul Roberts, President

I would like to start by thanking David Brandstetter, now Past-President, for all of his hard work throughout his presidency, it was great to have Dave share his knowledge with the organization this past year and we appreciate his efforts. Thanks to Eric Snidal for his support over the years on the Board of Directors, you have been a true asset for the wakeboard community. Also, thanks to Chris Evans for all his contributions on the Board over the many years as the previous V.P. Camps. We wish you all the best and good luck to you and your family. These three individuals have been an integral part of WSWO for several years, and I am confident they will continue to support our organization in the future. Their assistance will always be welcomed and valued. On behalf of the Board and office, a sincere thank you to David Brandstetter, Eric Snidal and Chris Evans.

We welcome to the Board our new member, Blake Rowsell as VP Marketing / Coaching. Blake brings many years of experience with the Instructors Course, operating his own wakeboard school and extensive water ski show experience to the table. In addition, due to Blake's expertise in the education field and his personal interest in teaching students of our sport, the board has requested that he add the coaching portfolio to his marketing responsibilities.

2010 brought us some great weather and

significant developments for WSWO. The most significant development was the resurrection of a wakeboard series. The Roots series organized by Erika Langman was a huge success. Plans are already underway to improve the series for 2011. A wakeboard committee has been formed consisting of Jay Poole, Erika Langman, Sean Fleming and Dave Tsuyuki to provide greater organizational support to the wakeboard community.

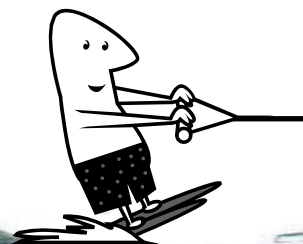
The fall of 2010 was a very dark season due to the fact that we lost two very significant life long WSWO volunteers. Dave Kovak passed away October 17 and then Warren Hing passed away shortly after that on November 4. Both of these individuals dedicated many years of their time to supporting the development of sites and the organizing of tournaments all over Ontario. Please look for articles on these gentlemen in this issue.

At the national level, there are WSWC initiatives underway that will result in major changes to the coaching qualifications and certifications. We are still not completely sure of the impact of these changes but it might require that all instructors are going to need to recertify themselves by at least writing a multiple choice exam and a boat driving test. All instructors should watch our website over the next couple of months for up-

dates on this situation, especially those who run operations that are insured through the WSWC club and school liability insurance program. These new certifications may be required to renew your insurance policies. The existing CWSWIC will be held as usual but there may be some new coaching courses launched this year that will offer new levels of certification. Once again, keep an eye on our website for announcements.

One notable thing that occurred last summer was the start of multi-discipline events. Two events were held, one at Bush's Sports Centre in June and one at Summerski in September. The September event at Summerski involved an award for the most versatile overall athlete for the participant that completed in all three events and achieved the highest combined score. This generated a great deal of interest in participating in all of the disciplines and even saw two athletes that competed in every event of all disciplines – that included barefoot slalom and trick, wakeboard, classic slalom, trick and jump. The event atmosphere was very relaxed and promoted enthusiasm over performance. These events were extremely successful and we look forward to their continued development in 2011.

Here's hoping that the weather this year is as good as last year.



Let me introduce myself to you...



Meet your new WSWO Director

BLAKE ROWSELL: V.P. MARKETING / COACHING

To begin I would like to thank everyone who attended the AGM in October. It was great to see so many people at the meeting to make their voices heard about the direction of the sport in this province. I would also like to thank David Brandstetter for all of the great initiatives and new ideas he brought forward during his short term as president. I would also like to thank Eric Snidal for his years of service on the board of directors and wish him all the best in his new ventures.

I am excited about my new position of VP Marketing on the WSWO Board of Directors. Since the election, the board of directors has added coaching to my list of responsibilities. The major role of this new position will be running the water ski and

wakeboard instructors' course. This course is the largest in Canada and we are responsible for training and certifying more than 60 new instructors each year. David Brandstetter has done a great job with the course over the last 6 years. I will be taking over for him and working to fill his very large shoes! Please see more details about the 2011 course on page 6.

I also look forward to continuing to support the organization through increased funds and increased membership. Please stop by our booth at the Toronto International Boat show to renew your membership for 2011. The WSWO booth will again be conveniently located directly across from the MasterCraft booth.



MY VIEWS: Geordie Newlands: V.P. Schools/Camps

WOW what a difference a year can make. Hot weather made for an amazing summer on the water for camps and schools in Ontario. Our sport is continuing to grow, although we still face many challenges in trying to keep our sport affordable and accessible to all. It was great to see 10 new schools pop up in Ontario this year, as this is the heart of our sport where our participating starts. Because of this, our sport continues to grow. We need to encourage more growth at the grassroots level to ensure our ski schools and camp programs are healthy. Without these camps and schools, we would not have new people getting into our sport. We need to find new areas where we can add participation. Without strong schools and camps, our participation at the grassroots level will suffer and this will become a ripple effect throughout the sport. By merging the Camps and Schools portfolios together, this will give me the opportunity

to focus on the grassroots level where the majority of our participation takes place. We need to encourage more camps in Ontario to join the WSWO to take advantage of the wonderful programs we offer. I encourage all the camps in Ontario that offer water skiing and wakeboarding to contact me to see how they can get involved with the WSWO. Getting more camps, their instructors and participants involved with the WSWO will help grow our membership base, allow us to get more funding from the government to help fund our grassroots activities and provide better services to our members. We need to ensure that all instructors in the province are trained to a standard and the WSWO course offers this. We need to encourage camps to take advantage of the programs that we offer, like rip and ride and the instructor's course. I will try to bring these camps into our associa-

tion. I want to focus on growing our sport and expanding the membership base for the WSWO. We need to focus on getting our sport out to the people who have not been exposed or who haven't had the opportunity to participate, in order to keep growing. As was done with Summer Water Sports, Paul Roberts at the Extreme Wake Series at Ontario Place opened up water skiing and wakeboarding to a whole new demographic with their shows. It was great to see the first cable system in Ontario with the Boarder Pass system down in Sarnia. Summer Water Sports Urban Rail Jam on the streets of Toronto, showcasing wakeboarding in the heart of the city. The Roots wakeboard series getting young wakeboards involved in the sport all across Ontario. Also, Throw It Down, the girls only wakeboard clinics trying to encourage woman to get into the sport.





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WSWC 2010 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDED TO THE SPENCE FAMILY

Mike, Deb, Michelle and Melissa Spence

It is a great pleasure to announce that the Spence family has been recognized for their long service as dedicated volunteers to our sport locally as well as nationally. It is also wonderful that the award recognizes a whole family. Mike and his family have been the cornerstone of barefooting in Ontario for over 10 years. Mike is an active

competitor, coach, official and event organizer. Mike has been the chief organizer of ALL sanctioned provincial barefoot events during the last decade. In addition, he has organized two National Championships in 2006 and 2009 and he has assisted in the organizing of other numerous national events in other provinces. As a family, they host an annual barefoot training clinic and tournament at their cottage in Muskoka with world class coaches such as Ron Scarpa, Paul Macdonald and Don Baker. All the Spence family members officiate at local as well as national events and Mike trains and mentors new officials. Mike has been a member of the WSWO Board for over ten years making a significant contribution to all organizational activities in Ontario and specifically in quarterbacking the annual Quest for Gold athlete training funding. Every year

Mike and members of his family can be counted on to support the WSWO booth at the Toronto International Boat Show. Mike and his family have actively assisted in organizing and volunteering other WSWO events such as traditional Water Ski Nationals in 2001 and 2008 and the multidiscipline tournaments in 2010. When we moved the WSWO office in 2008, Mike was there to help. Mike also assists the Board with guidance on administration issues and can always be counted on to help in what ever our organization needs to be done.

Mike's commitment to the sport is definitely shared by his whole family. The most important thing that this award signifies is their contribution to the family community of our sport.

Congratulations Mike, Deb, Michelle and Melissa and thank you for your dedication to Barefoot Ontario, WSWO and WSWC.



GETTING EXTREME AT ONTARIO PLACE

Blake Rowsell, V.P. Marketing/Coaching

For watersports enthusiasts who grew up in Toronto, the idea of waterskiing or wakeboarding in the city is something special. This dream became a reality again at Ontario Place with the Ontario Place Extreme Wake Series (OPX).

There was a water ski show at Ontario Place during the CNE from 1950 to 1997. The Ontario Place Wake Series is the new school version of this waterski show. The new school was a celebration of the "Extreme." High speed barefooting, high flying wakeboarding, technical wakeskating, freestyle jumping and spectacular hydrofoiling. All of these put together formed an action packed 20 minute show.

This is an exciting time for waterskiers and wakeboarders in Ontario, as these events are the beginning of a new movement in professional show skiing. There has only been one company in Canada running professional shows since 1997; *Summer Water Sports* has been the only company continuing the show skiing legacy in Canada. OPX is so important to this movement because it is the beginning of new school show skiing. This new school is the "Extreme" aspect of the event. This aspect gets away from traditional ballet style show skiing and moves towards high flying action and excitement. This event was open to all waterskiers and wakeboarders in Ontario, as it was meant to be a showcase of everyone's abilities.

Thank you to all the athletes who made the 2010 shows a success. In particular, we were very fortunate to have the number one show skier in Canada, Charlie Newlands as part of the show this year. Charlie is not only the most well rounded show skier in the country, he is also the premier hydrofoiler in Canada. His presence and skills helped make the Ontario Wake Series a success.

This event would not have been possible without the support of Summer Water Sports, Summerski, Buckeye Marine, and Quicksilver.



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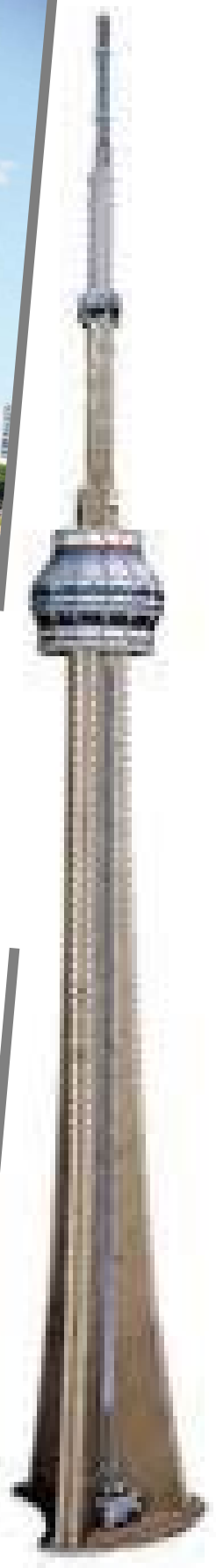
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2011 INSTRUCTORS' COURSE

Blake Rowsell, V.P. Marketing/Coaching

We are excited to announce that the Canadian Waterski Instructors Course is back for 2011 with some improvements. The curriculum is currently undergoing some updating. For 2011 every province in Canada will be required to meet the same curriculum requirements. In Ontario we have offered the most intensive course in Canada for many years. The new national curriculum will be based from the great program we have been offering in Ontario for years. Many of our past examiners are on the curriculum writing committee for the new material.

The date for the 2011 Instructors Course will be June 17-20th with a new location. The course has run for close to 15 years at Hockey Opportunity Camp in Sundridge. The staff at HOC have been absolutely awesome and we thank them for all of their assistance. However, in an attempt to move the course closer, the 2011 course will be held at Muskoka Woods. Registration packages will be ready for the Boat Show. Please come by the WSWO booth for updated information and registration for the 2011 course!



2010 Instructor's Course Graduates!

TEAM THINK

Jay Poole, V.P. Wakeboard

Wakeboarding is often thought of as an individual sport. Over the last few years I have been fortunate enough to work with Buckeye Marine, a handful of talented coaches from the Wake Institute and a select group of young riders. Our experiment isn't anything revolutionary or groundbreaking; however, our focus was to take wakeboarding and wakeboard training from the typical one on one individual private coaching, to a team sport approach. Our results have been staggering.

Our intention in developing the program was never to create a team that always appeared on podiums; in fact, strong attendance at tournaments wasn't even a requirement to be on the team. What we recruited were team members who were enthusiastic, loved being on the water and were eager to improve. Learning tricks, perfecting routines was all approached as a team where riders worked as a community to share ideas and encourage each other to progress and try new things. This constant state of encouragement kept confidence levels sky high and created a progressive environment that I have rarely seen in all my years of coaching. As the summer went

on, team members branched out beyond our typical one night a week "team night" and pushed and rode together all the time. Team night became a showcase to show us coaches what they had learned with each other and get some direction on where to head for the next week.

Team members were never nervous on the start dock of major contests because they knew they weren't there alone they had a whole team of encouragement



Photo Credit: Ally Boothroyd

behind them. Even members who competed in the same class were encouraging and congratulatory to each other after every ride; often gladly sharing a podium together with huge smiles. To me, as the lead coach, the podium spots

were cool, however nowhere near as rewarding as how much everyone grew not only as riders, learning new tricks every week but also as individuals. Each and every team member can be proud to be an excellent ambassador of the sport of wakeboarding. By working together they were an integral part of teaching each other; where one rider struggled, a team member who excelled would share their tips and tricks for getting that grab or sticking that invert, which in turn allowed them to better analyze their own riding. In closing, my lesson is: when you are learning to wakeboard and get better, don't hold your cards so close to your chest. Push your friends, be positive, cheer on your fellow riders at contests. Help them get that trick that might make them better than you. Trust me they will return the favour. Whether you call it a team, a crew, or a posse... get out there and work together to get better. Focus on fun first and the results will come, I promise.

Special thanks to my Buckeye teammates Jamie, Kaleigh, Jen, Michael, Harry, Will, and Mitch and our awesome crew of coaches Ally, Jer, Erika, and Adam.



In Our Fondest Memories & Where You'll Always Be

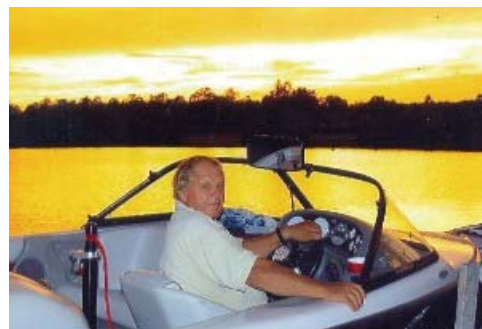


DAVE KOVAK 1945 – 2010

Dave Kovak began water skiing during the 1960's and quickly grew passionate about the sport. Self taught, he became highly competitive in all three events and took particular interest in the technical aspects of competitive skiing. His involvement in local and regional tournaments lead him to become a regular tournament driver and a keen behind the scenes volunteer. Dave was rated an RC TC by Water Ski Canada and had become a much sought after driver, earning an INT rating. Dave became a staple at virtually all Ontario and most major Canadian events, and in 2000 was even invited to drive the Pan Am Championships in Destin Florida - much to the delight of many world top skiers.

Dave was very technologically-savvy and his computer expertise benefited the development in water sports and the technology behind it. He used his home site, Safari Lake, as a test facility for many of his ideas; including the video jump measurement system (since 1997, all sanctioned jump events staged in Ontario have been

judged with video). He upgraded software and equipment and introduced new programs such as video gates for slalom (first used in Canada at the 2003 National's) and video trick timing. Over the years Dave hosted many water ski events at his Safari Lake home, including a combined judges/technical clinic where officials were instructed in the set-up and operation of video jump and video trick systems. It was the first time that equipment operation was included at a WSWO officials clinic. Dave Kovak also served on the executive board of the Ontario Water Ski Association as chairman of the three-event committee from 1995 until his "official" retirement after the 2001 Canadian Water Ski Championships. However, he continued to contribute as a primary resource and passionate mentor to many Ontario event organizers, providing technical advice, tournament support and officiating service. Water skiing, and everything about it, remained a



pivotal part of his life.

Dave Kovak's contributions to Canadian water skiing are unequalled. A true fan of our sport, he was an exceptional athlete, builder, official, coach and friend. Dave's love for the sport was exceeded only by his love for his family. To those who knew him, we may never know a man more generous and giving of his spirit, enthusiasm, energy, expertise and time. His selfless commitment and devotion to water skiing, his friends, and his family was unparalleled. He lives on in our hearts. Dave Kovak will be missed but never forgotten.

DR. WARREN HING 1956 – 2010

Warren was a true skiing enthusiast. He lived to ski – water or snow. He spent many years supporting the development of the Welland and Claireville water ski centres in the 80's and he also assisted with the organizing of the Bond Lake Water Ski Club in the 90's. Warren was also an enthusiastic overall competitor in classic tournaments for over 20 years. One of Warren's personal objectives was to be the first skier of the year in Ontario on the water every New Year's Day. He would launch his boat in Lake Simcoe, gather (force) a couple of close friends to assist him and proceed to brave the icy cold water to get in his first ski of the season, no matter what the weather. He even performed this stunt several times on the

Toronto waterfront during the January Toronto International Boat Show to get publicity for water skiing during the show. Nothing would prevent Warren from getting his ski time. In the days of the Bond Lake Water Ski Club, he was recognized every year with the iron man and most enthusiastic skier awards. Nobody else came close. Warren unfortunately suffered a serious neck injury in 2001 which left him a quadriplegic. Even this didn't prevent Warren from volunteering. Over the last 9 years Warren regularly attended classic tournaments to officiate. The advent of video and computer judging systems allowed Warren to continue to make a contribution to the sport he



dearly loved. Warren will be sincerely missed by his family and all of his many friends - may his waters always be calm. If desired, donations in Warren's name to the Spinal Cord Research at the Toronto University Health Network would be appreciated by the family.

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START TIME: 9:00 AM

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SEASON OPENER, ALL DISCIPLINES: JUNE

START TIME: 9:00 AM

A MIXED DISCIPLINE EVENT FOR TRADITIONAL, BAREFOOT & WAKEBOARD ATHLETES. SKI YOUR USUAL EVENTS & TEST YOUR SKILLS IN ANOTHER DISCIPLINE. SPECIAL AWARDS FOR THE MOST VERSATILE ATHLETES.

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START TIME: 7:00 AM

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SEASON FINALE, ALL DISCIPLINES: SEPT

SUMMERSKI, NEWMARKET

START TIME: 9:00 AM

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*DATES & START TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK www.wswow.ca FOR ANY UPDATES

2011 BAREFOOT NATIONALS ANNOUNCED

Mike Spence, V.P. Barefoot

The 2011 Barefoot Nationals will be held on Canal Soulanges in the city of Les Cedres, Quebec August 18th to 21st. This site was the location of the 2008 Barefoot Nationals and guarantees good water conditions with great spectator views. The Chief Organizer and President of the Quebec Barefoot Commission Jean Lafrance has already been working hard with the Les Cedres City Council to obtain the necessary permits. Jean has also been busy recruiting the Ontario Barefoot Council to assist in organizing and officiating. This venue has been one of the favourites of the barefooting community and promises to be a great time.





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Event Member _____ \$10.00 Active Single _____ \$30.00 Active Family _____ \$75.00

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