



Webster Ski Bees

Winter Newsletter 2009

Enthusiasm is already building for the 2009 Season. We have set the show schedule and the DNR permits are in process. Following is the show and practice schedule for 2009:

Date	Practice Time	Show Time
Saturday, June 6 – SIGN UP DAY, TEAM MEETING AND PRACTICE SESSION	9:00 AM	No Show
Saturday, June 13	9:00 AM	6:00 PM
Saturday, June 20 (Mermaid Festival Parade Day)	9:00 AM	6:00 PM
Saturday, July 4 (4 th of July Show)	9:00 AM	6:00 PM
Saturday July 18	9:00 AM	6:00 PM
Saturday, August 1	9:00 AM	6:00 PM
Saturday, August 15	9:00 AM	6:00 PM
Saturday, September 5 (Labor Day Show)	9:00 AM	6:00 PM
Monday September 7 (Picnic/Ski Around the Lake)		Noon

All of our shows will be starting at 6:00 this year since the Dixie has changed its schedule. It will be leaving the dock at 6:00, 7:30 and 9:00 each evening. One of the reasons for the change in the Dixie schedule is to give us more time for our show since it is hard for people in the park to see the show when the Dixie is docked. The trade-off for this is our starting our show with the Dixie Flyer at 6:00.

The Show Directors will be putting together a format for our show that will reflect this change in schedule.

Another big change for this year is that we will have a practice and sign-up day on June 6 but no show that day. Everyone will need to be at the June 6 practice to sign up, attend a team meeting and practice. By getting all of this done on June 6, the practice sessions on Show Days will be more productive and shorter. The focus this year is to have organized and fast-paced practices.

At the meeting on June 6, we would like to put together a duty roster for the season and will include more information on that in the spring newsletter.

Dues for this year are \$35 per family and \$20 for single member. A newsletter will come out in May with the sign-up forms attached. If you want to send in your dues early, please make your check payable to Webster Ski Bees and mail to Wanda Wyrick at 24485 Belmar Drive, Elkhart, IN 46517. Dues can be paid at the first practice.

This is our first e-mail newsletter and copies are only being mailed to members for whom we do not have an e-mail address. If you receive a copy in the mail and have an e-mail address, please e-mail your address to wyricks2@verizon.net. E mail is quicker and cheaper! As many of you know, we have recently been confirming e-mail addresses and testing this system. Attached is the current membership list from the 2008 season. No e-mail. That's ok. We'll keep sending information to you by mail.

There will be a park clean up day this spring, and it is hoped that many Ski Bee families will be in the area that day and able to help out. This should only take a couple of hours. Mike Jones will find out the date and time, and an e-mail will be sent out.

Please e-mail suggestions for music you would like to have played while you are performing to Wanda at wyricks2@verizon.net. Please remember that fast, upbeat music works the best and that our (older) audience in the park hears the music more than the skiers. **WE WOULD REALLY LIKE YOUR SUGGESTIONS!** Wanda has been collecting some new music this winter and will try some of it out this season.

FUNDRAISERS. The Bingo Night last fall was a great success. Kim Jones did a fantastic job in putting the event together for the Club. Thank you, Kim. We received \$925 from Bingo Night plus \$20 from someone who could not attend but wanted to contribute. Not only was the night a financial success, it was a lot of fun!

Another Bingo Night is planned for May 2, 2009, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Syracuse beginning at 7:00 PM. Plan on being there by 6:30 to get seats together. For that night to be a success, we need Ski Bees to attend and we need door prizes. **We are requesting that each family send a check to Kim Jones for \$10 by April 15 and Kim will purchase the prizes.** The Club gets back cash for every prize contributed and providing prizes is a requirement

for us to participate in Bingo Night. For any of you who cannot attend, this is a great way to support our fundraiser—but we hope to see a lot of members there as it was a lot of fun last fall. Kim’s mailing address is 829 Willis Park Drive, North Webster, IN 46555. After the Labor Day meeting last year, we found out that the Club owed \$258.20 for boat gas leaving our end-of-the year balance at \$589.18 with the Club still owing \$1,000 for the sound system. The Bingo Nights, together with the increase in dues, are to help finish paying for that system and to make sure that we have enough money to operate the Club, maintain the jump and purchase needed equipment and show materials. We are looking at purchasing some yellow and black flags to be used during the show and possibly some other items to jazz up the show. At the Labor Day picnic we put together a “wish list” for the Club, and Bingo Nights are a way to make those wishes come true.

T-Shirts will again be available for purchase in two designs, including toddler sizes with the “Bee” this year.

EAGLE WET SUITS. Mike Jones has offered to put together an order for Eagle wetsuits. Information attached. Orders and money will need to be turned in to Mike by April 15, 2009. His address, phone number and e mail contact info is on the 2008 membership list. He will need a minimum order of five suits.

WEB SITE & FACE BOOK. Check out websterskibeas.com. It is a fantastic web site which has been put together and is maintained for the Club by Doug Jones and his company, Master Mind Computers in Leesburg. Also, Mike Jones created a Face Book page for the Webster Ski Bees as a group. Check these sites out.

SPONSORS. Special thanks to our sponsors for 2008: Fisherman’s Cove (Chuck and Peg Lawrance) for assisting with boat gas; Bart’s Water Sports for equipment; Jones Grocery for some of the food and supplies for the picnic; Bell Marine for help with the jump and supplying boats; Webster Lakeshore Marine (Deano) for help with and storing the jump; Mastermind Computers (Doug and Tina Jones) for the web site; Brick Street Embroidery (Leesburg); and Holmes Insurance Agency (Mike and Wanda Wyrick) for the prizes at the picnic. We could not do it without these great sponsors!

Also, special thanks to all of the people who work so hard to put the shows on each year including the boat drivers, ropers, dock starters, safety people, announcer, sound person, show directors, club officers, and, especially, all of the Performers and their families.

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS. Mark Wyrick competed as a distance jumper with the Purdue Water Ski Club at the National Collegiate Water Ski Association tournament in Arizona last October. Purdue placed seventh. Also, Brittany and Lindsay Sokol and David Hanover who summer at Tippecanoe Lake are members of the Purdue Club and competed at Nationals. Several members of the Purdue Team are going to ski school in Florida over spring break. These college teams compete in trick, slalom and distance jumping.

Please e-mail “news” to Wanda @ wyricks2@verizon.net for inclusion in newsletters or group e-mails to members.

Officers/Directors/Dock Starters for 2009

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