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Sincerely,

*Kelly Ferber*

Kelly Ferber, Mayor

On behalf of the Upper Midwest Barefoot Water Skiing Association, and the World Barefoot Water Ski Championships Tournament Organizing Committee, we wish to extend a warm welcome to spectators, skiers and their families and friends, IWSF World Council Members, tournament Officials and members of the media. It is truly an honor to once again host this premiere event. We hope you will enjoy all that our city has to offer. We also ask that you take opportunities to support the businesses recognized in this program, and through tournament announcements. Without their support, this event would not be possible. And, finally, we wish all the competitors the best of luck!

Sincerely,

Doug Koch & Pete Beithon, Tournament Coordinators



# Participating Countries



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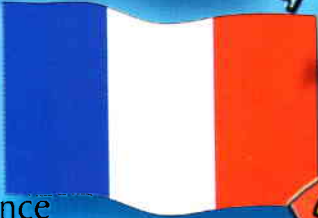
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Austria



United States

**TUESDAY  
August 22**

7:00 PM - OPENING  
CEREMONIES

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**WEDNESDAY  
August 23**

8:00-10:30 am Site Familiarization  
11:00am-6:00pm Elimination Round  
Group D Male Tricks  
Group C Male Slalom  
Group B Female Jump  
Group D Male Jump

**THURSDAY  
August 24**

8:00 am-6:00 pm Elimination Round  
Group B Male Slalom  
Group D Male Slalom  
Group B Male Tricks  
Group C Male Jumps  
Group B Female Slalom  
Group C Male Tricks  
Group A Female Jump

**FRIDAY  
August 25**

8:00 am-6:00 pm Elimination Round  
Group A Female Tricks  
Group B Male Slalom  
Group B Male Jump  
Group A Male Tricks  
Group B Female Tricks  
Group A Male Jump

**SATURDAY  
August 26**

8:00 am-5:00 pm Semi-Final Round  
Female Slalom  
Male Slalom  
Female Tricks  
Male Tricks  
Female Jump  
Male Jump  
7:00 pm Little Crow Ski Show

**SUNDAY  
August 27**

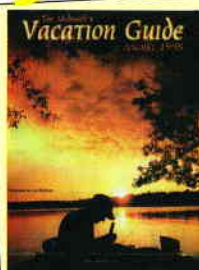
8:00 am-6:00 pm Final Round  
Female Slalom  
Male Slalom  
Female Tricks  
Male Tricks  
Female Jump  
Male Jump



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1982 TEAM USA



## CANBERRA

AUSTRALIA

8 MEN

WOMEN

SLALOM	Brett Wing	Colleen Wilkinson
STARTS	Brett Wing	Colleen Wilkinson
TRICKS	John Stekelenberg	Gillian Shipp
JUMP	Greg Adams	NA
OVERALL	Brett Wing	Colleen Wilkinson



## CANBERRA

AUSTRALIA

4 MEN

WOMEN

SLALOM	Ron Scarpa	Kim Lampard
STARTS	Gavin O'Mahoney	Kim Lampard
TRICKS	Mike Seipel	Debbie Pugh
JUMP	Peter Wellham	NA
OVERALL	Mike Seipel	Kim Lampard



UNITED STATES

8 MEN  
8 WOMEN

MEN

WOMEN

SLALOM	Ron Scarpa	Jennifer Calleri
TRICKS	Rick Powell	Lori Powell
JUMP	Rod Trevillian	Steffi Herman
OVERALL	Rick Powell	Lori Powell



UNITED STATES

## SYDNEY

9

4 MEN

WOMEN

SLALOM	Brian Fuchs	Jennifer Calleri
TRICKS	John Pennay	Jennifer Calleri
JUMP	Brett Fritsch	Sharon Stekelenberg
OVERALL	John Pennay	Jennifer Calleri



UNITED STATES

9

8 MEN

WOMEN

SLALOM	Keith St. Onge	Nadine DeVilliers
TRICKS	Ron Scarpa	Sharon Dodgson
JUMP	Brett New	Nadine DeVilliers
OVERALL	Ron Scarpa	Sharon Dodgson



JENNIFER CALLERI

LOOK BACK AT

# ... TO THE WEST

## REDWOOD CITY

**MEN**

**SLALOM** Brett Wing  
**STARTS** Brett Wing  
**TRICKS** Brett Wing  
**JUMP** Brett Wing  
**OVERALL** Brett Wing

**WOMEN**

Kim Lampard  
 Debbie Pugh  
 Kim Lampard  
 NA  
 Kim Lampard

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AUSTRALIA

8  
2



AUSTRALIA

## ACAPULCO

**MEN**

**SLALOM** Mike Seipel  
**STARTS** Brett Wing  
**TRICKS** Brett Wing  
**JUMP** Ron Scarpa  
**OVERALL** Brett Wing

**WOMEN**

Kim Lampard  
 Lori Powell  
 Debbie Pugh  
 NA  
 Kim Lampard

8  
6



UNITED STATES

## KELHEIM

**MEN**

**SLALOM** Ron Scarpa  
**TRICKS** Mike Seipel  
**JUMP** Gavin O'Mahoney  
**OVERALL** Mike Seipel

**WOMEN**

Kim Lampard  
 Kim Lampard  
 Michelle Dougherty  
 Kim Lampard



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UNITED STATES

## JACKSONVILLE

**MEN**

**SLALOM** Brett Sands  
**TRICKS** Ron Scarpa  
**JUMP** Mike Seipel  
**OVERALL** Rick Powell

**WOMEN**

Jennifer Calleri  
 Jennifer Calleri  
 Amy Lawler  
 Jennifer Calleri



9  
2



UNITED STATES

## THURROCK

**MEN**

**SLALOM** Ron Scarpa  
**TRICKS** Ron Scarpa  
**JUMP** Lane Bowers  
**OVERALL** Ron Scarpa

**WOMEN**

Jennifer Calleri  
 Jennifer Calleri  
 Beth Leboff  
 Jennifer Calleri



LORI POWELL

9  
6



UNITED STATES

## FERGUS FALLS

**MEN**

**SLALOM** Brett Sands  
**TRICKS** Ron Scarpa  
**JUMP** Mario Moser  
**OVERALL** Ron Scarpa

**WOMEN**

Jennifer Calleri  
 Jennifer Calleri  
 Sharon Dodgson  
 Jennifer Calleri



# THE BEST!

\* Photographs on these pages from the Water Ski Museum/Hall of Fame Archives 2000 World Barefoot Competition

# Water Ski Hall of Fame Inducts BAREFOOT WORLD CHAMPION MIKE SEIPEL

On April 20, 2000, at a banquet in Winter Haven, Florida, the American Water Ski Educational Foundation made Mike Seipel the 44th inductee into the Water Ski Hall of Fame.

For fans of water skiing, Mike Seipel's name is synonymous with barefoot water skiing. The Wisconsin native played a major role in transforming barefooting from a curiosity into today's sophisticated sport. While recreational barefooting was still relatively unknown, Seipel foresaw its potential. He gave the young sport the spark it needed, pioneering as competitors, promoter, instructor, and product developer.

**Skier:** The Seipel story contains many firsts. His meteoric rise to the top of the barefoot world began in 1970, when he learned to barefoot at the age of 10. Barefooting then was a stunt performed by daredevils in ski shows. During the 70's, Seipel honed his footing skills as he performed in a Wisconsin show ski club, the Waterbugs. Although many people ridiculed Seipel's relentless effort to learn then unheard-of maneuvers, he persisted, exhibiting the determination that became his trademark.

Competitive barefooting was in its infancy in the late nineteen seventies. Seipel's youthful exuberance, dedication and skill could not have come at a better time for the growth and development of the sport. In 1978, Seipel, with 41 other athletes, attended the first U.S. National Barefoot Championship in Waco, Texas. Seipel joined the United States Barefoot Team and competed at the first world barefoot championships ad Canberra, Australia, in November 1978.

**Promoter:** Seipel made his debut on the national media stage in 1980, when he made two appearances on the popular ABC television show, *That's*

*Incredible.* His demonstrations of sophisticated maneuvers such as toe turns and barefoot jumping showed the public, for the first time, barefooting's best moves. Seipel went on to demonstrate high-level barefooting on other national programs, including *PM Magazine*, *You Asked For It*, and *MTV Sports*.

**Competitor:** In the early 80's, when barefoot tricks were often done in a rough-and-tumble way, Seipel gave the sport needed elegance as he perfected many maneuvers in a clean, upright style. This

sophisticated technique allowed him to set world records in the trick event. He was the first footer to do the one-foot 360 turn and a stepover back-to-front feet-to-feet in competition. He was the first U.S. footer to accomplish the toe turn.

Seipel destroyed the competition in jumping when he pioneered the inverted style. Before Seipel developed the arresting style - in 1990, every competitor jumped in the "chair" position. The only one to use the laid-out position, he easily won the 1990 national

and world jump titles along with setting national and world jump records.

When Seipel retired from competition in 1995, after 17 years on the grueling circuit, he had accumulated 11 national titles, four event world titles, two overall world titles, and none world records. An omnipotent competitor, Seipel had been named to the U.S. team nine times.

**Instructor:** In the early 80's, when specialized schools for barefooting did not exist, Seipel began the first year-round school for barefoot water skiing. The school, in Lantana, Florida, drew both first-time learners and a "Who's Who" from the competitive scene. Students trekked to Seipel's

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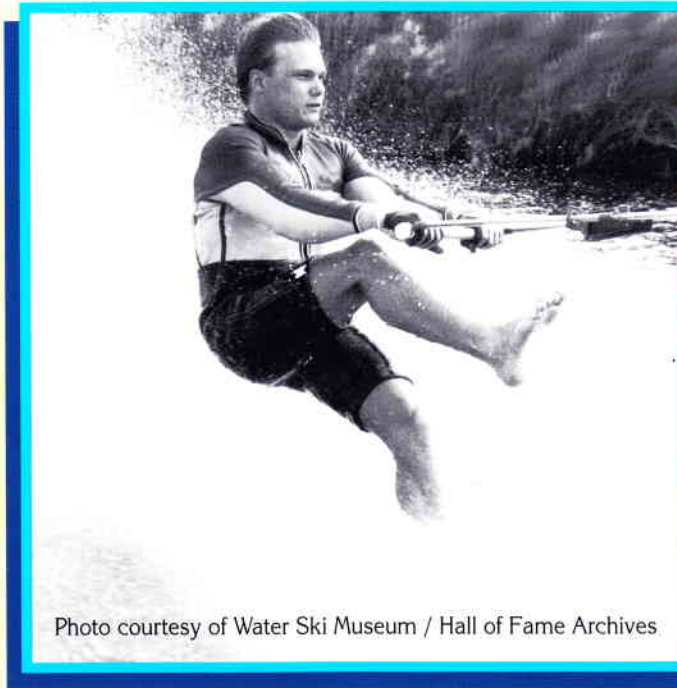


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## SEIPEL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

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school from every corner of the planet. To spread his knowledge throughout the country, he set up branches of his Barefoot International school in Byron, California, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, seizing the moment, Seipel hit the road, conducting coaching clinics for eager students throughout North America, Europe, Australia, Africa and Asia.

**Product Developer:** Without argument, the tool most responsible for taking barefooting from a stunt to a mainstream activity is the horizontal boom. Though a few skiers used makeshift booms in earlier years, Seipel became the first, in 1981, to manufacture and market a boom for consumers. The aircraft-aluminum bar, which dramatically reduces the time needed to learn barefooting, became the cornerstone product of his family-run company in Milwaukee, Barefoot International, Ltd. Other products quickly followed.

**Today:** Following retirement from competition, Seipel has continued his zeal and focus on instructing students at his south Florida school, as well as developing and promoting his product line.

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# WORLD'S TOP 20 - MEN

as of 4/22/00

## MEN'S SLALOM

1 Keith St.Onge-USA	21.2
2 Brett Sands-AUS	20.0
3 Joe Valenti-USA	19.0
4 Jason Lee-USA	18.8
4 Ron Scarpa-USA	18.8
6 Warren Fine-RSA	18.6
7 Jon Kretchman-USA	18.5
8 Lane Bowers-USA	18.4
8 William Farrell-USA	18.4
10 Paul Stokes-USA	18.2
11 Nicola Saracco-ITA	18.0
12 Patrick Wehner-FRA	17.9
12 Philippe Renoux-FRA	17.9
14 Greg Meyer-USA	17.8
15 Peter Fleck-USA	17.7
16 Evan Berger-AUS	17.6
16 Terry Gregory-GER	17.6
18 Massimo Mastelli-ITA	17.5
19 Grahm Ransom-RSA	17.4
20 Brett New-AUS	17.2

## MEN'S TRICKS

1 Lane Bowers-USA	7290
2 Keith St.Onge-USA	7140
3 Ron Scarpa-USA	6970
4 Patrick Wehner-FRA	6590
5 Warren Fine-RSA	6500
6 Jon Kretchman-USA	6340
7 Jason Lee-USA	5790
8 Brett Sands-AUS	5740
9 Jan Baillien-BEL	5440
10 William Farrell-USA	5190
11 Evan Berger-AUS	5140
12 Paul Stokes-USA	4920
13 Massimiliano Colosio-ITA	4860
14 John Stekelenburg-AUS	4830
15 David Small-GER	4490
16 Brett New-AUS	4460
17 Ross Astrup-RSA	4390
18 Philippe Renoux-FRA	4090
19 Bevan Kelly-NZL	4020
20 Jerry Kanawyer-USA	3820

## MEN'S JUMP

1 Brett New-AUS	92.9
2 Massimiliano Colosio-ITA	90.6
3 Patrick Wehner-FRA	90.3
4 Keith St.Onge-USA	89.3
5 Paul Stokes-USA	89.0
6 John Stekelenbrug-AUS	86.7
7 Evert Aartsen-NED	86.0
7 Jan Baillien-BEL	86.0
9 Don Baker-CAN	83.4
10 Jon Kretchman-USA	82.4
11 Matt Wright-USA	81.1
12 Jason Lee-USA	80.8
12 Peter Fleck-USA	80.8
14 Evan Berger-AUS	79.8
15 Peter Oniell	79.4
16 Land Bowers-USA	78.8
16 Ron Scarpa-USA	78.8
18 Jaco Dittmar-RSA	78.5
19 Brett Sands-AUS	78.1
19 Terry Gregory-GER	78.1



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# KRETCHMAN HONORED AT U.S. NATIONALS

## Local Boy Named "Barefooter of the Year"

When Jon Kretchman hit the road to head for Houston and the U.S. Barefoot Nationals two weeks ago, he could never have known how rewarding his trip would turn out to be. Not only did he better 84 feet to capture the jumping title, but he was also named National "Barefooter of the Year."

When asked how he felt about the reception of such a significant honor, an award which recognizes the complete scope of one's contributions to the barefoot community, Jon was, again, humbled. "My acceptance speech was oriented around my support system," he said. "I told those in attendance I would not accept the award myself, but that I *would* accept it on behalf of that support system.

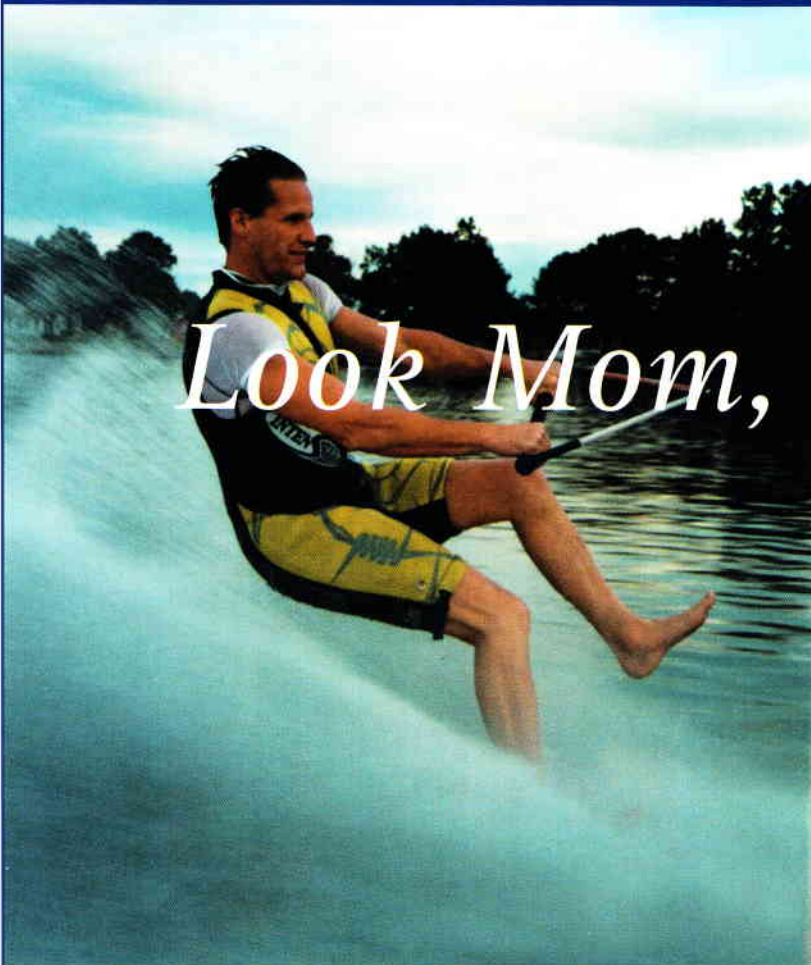


Without those people, I would not be here."

Jon referred to a number of people as he considered the significant influences in his life. He thanked the barefoot fraternity in general for the comradery and support they

have provided throughout the years. He mentioned several of the sponsors who have afforded both opportunities and assistance as he has pursued his goals in the sport. Jon also shared his gratitude for the many members of the Upper Midwest Barefoot Water Ski Association who have been such an important part of his life, and for the late Ed Buhr, a long time advocate of barefooting in the state of Minnesota.

Those who know Jon understand the overwhelming importance his family; those present, such as his Dad, his wife and his daughter, and those "no longer present," holds in his life. Last but not least, Jon cited His thankfulness to God, "the source of my strength."



Look Mom,

Todd Fisher Fargo, ND



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# OUT OF SITE!

Fantastic, isn't it! Take a look around. The site for the 2000 World Barefoot Championships is a beautiful setting. It wasn't always this functional, of course, as this photo suggests. This is what the site used to look like, before guys like Mark Cory (left - a Shoremaster employee who was actually one of the original members of the Upper Midwest Barefoot Water Ski Association), Otter Tail Power's Jason Westholter (center), Craig Wilberts (right), and countless others toiled long and hard to make this a comfortable, clean place to watch this exciting event. Sit back and enjoy the fruits of their labor. They did this for you!



Westholter, Steve Ness and Jim Fish chaired the Venue Committee which has coordinated all of the site preparations. Westholter said the site has "almost doubled in size from '96 to make it more comfortable for the spectators." He also said workers have created "new on-site parking" for footin' fans, as well. Jim Fish is an active member of the Fergus Falls City Council and his assistance in this process has been invaluable. He has done a great service to the event by maintaining clear lines of communication between the city and the committee. Steve Ness (along with Target and Walmart!) is the guy responsible for the monitors. Thanks, Venue Crew!



# Great Britain



Team Manager: ROB McGLENNON

## GREGG MEEHAN

Great Britain - Age 16



Gregg, a 16 year old competitor, calls Lichfield, England his home. He has been skiing since he was 12 years old, and began competing at age 13. "Paul Rivers, of the Fairford Water-ski Club in England is the person I give credit for introducing me to this sport," recalls Meehan, and he goes on to say his

parents are his greatest support as he continues to compete. Just two of Gregg's accomplishments include being the British Junior Champion as well as bronze medalist at the Junior Europeans. His hobbies include water skiing, rugby and football and he plans to continue his education.

## DAVID SMALL

Great Britain - Age 16



David is now in his 4th year of competitive skiing, getting his start at age 13. His interest in the sport began with the help of his parents, and he quickly had a number of titles to his credit, including World and European Junior Barefoot Champion as well as a 2nd place honor in Open Men at the

2000 European Championships. David gives credit not only to his parents, but to Clive Wilsdon, as well. "They all gave me their time..and the training advice," said Small. While David is only in grade 12, his future ambitions are to become an airline pilot. His hobbies include water skiing, and rugby. He makes his home in Burntwood, England.

## CLIVE WILSDON

Great Britain - Age 38



Clive, who makes his home in Walton-On-Thames, England, is a stunt rider by trade and a barefoot skier since the age of 25. He credits his partner, and soon to be his wife, Lesley, for being his biggest supporter. "She gives me lots of time out to barefoot," said Wilsdon. Clive and Lesley have actually chosen the Otter Tail River banks as the site for their wedding, which will take place during this tournament!

When asked about his first visit to Fergus Falls in 1996, he responded, "I remember what a warm welcome the local people gave us!" Clive lists his hobbies as motorcycling and high diving, and his future plans are to become a millionaire! Clive and Lesley have one child, Charlotte.

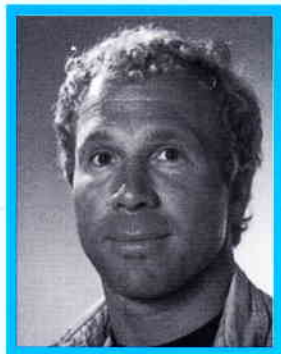


# Netherlands



## PETER HAMMINK

Holland - Age 40



Peter has been skiing since the age of 24 and skiing competitively since age 25. He credits his girlfriend, Natalie for being the person who has been the most supportive of his career, and lists tricks as his greatest challenge in the sport. Peter, a sports instructor, enjoys tennis, traveling, and people and says his future career plans are to enjoy life as much as possible. One of the things Peter has enjoyed is a previous visit to Fergus Falls during the World Competition in 1996. "I remember the non-stop hospitality," said Hammink."

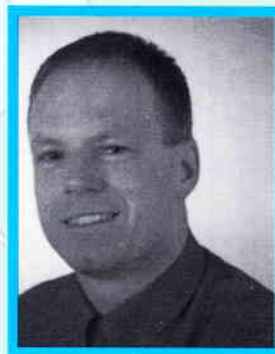
## IRENE STAAL-BOVEN

Holland - Age 38

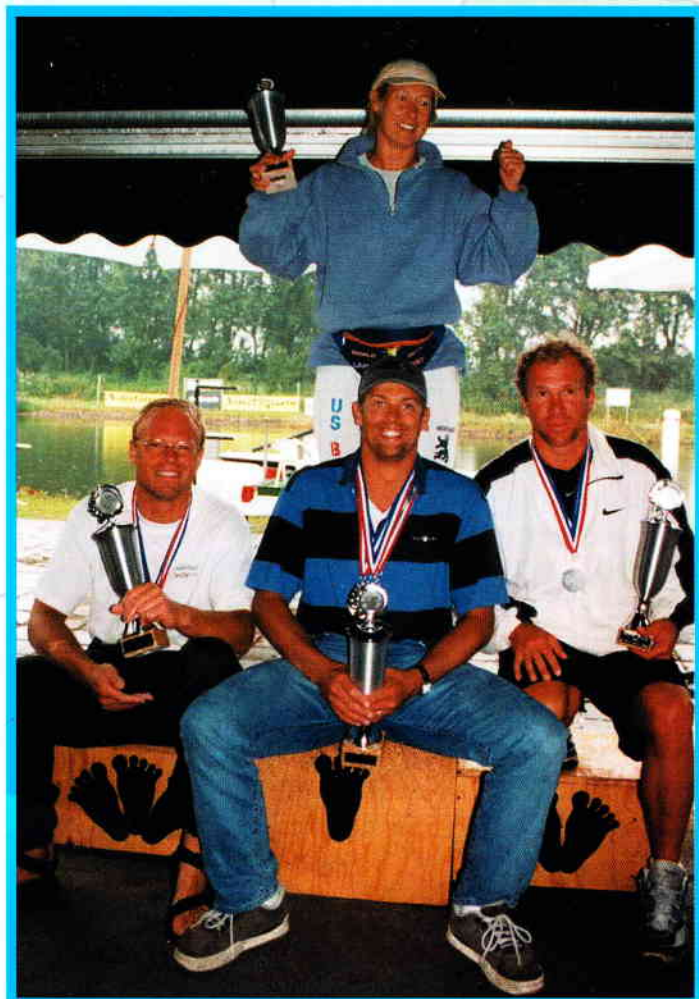
Irene, the mother of one child, Sebastiaan, has been skiing since age 27, and competitively, since age 28. She gives credit to Michel Staal and teammate, Peter Hammink, as the people who have been most supportive of her skiing career. She participated in the world competition in Australia in 1998. Irene enjoys tennis as a hobby and she, too, looks forward to a return visit to Fergus Falls.

## EDDIE SMIT

Holland - Age 38



Eddie, also known as "Steady Eddie," has been skiing since the age of 28, and skiing competitively, since age 30. Eddie's wife, Adriana is the person who has been most supportive of his career as a skier. "She's the best boat driver around," said Smit. When he's not skiing, he enjoys mountain biking as a hobby. He looks forward to his visit to Fergus Falls, hearing the tournament was well organized, and the hospitality was second to none! Eddie has previously appeared in a world tournament in 1998 in Australia, and is also the Dutch Trick Champion.



## EVERT AARTSEN

Finland - Age 32

Evert, known to many as "The Flying Dutchman," has been skiing since age 14, competitively, since age 15. Evert gives credit to his parents and his wife for their continued support of his sport. "I give credit to my parents for their support and financial help, and to my wife for letting me travel the world, and never complaining," explains Aartsen. Evert is a boat builder and Water-skier by trade and has future career plans of event organization and foreign trade. Like many other skiers, Aartsen participated in the 1996 World competition in Fergus Falls. "The great hospitality, I will never forget," says Aartsen, "it's one of the reasons I'm still skiing!" Evert and his wife, Akki have two children, Chantal and Evert Jr.



# South Africa



Team Manager: ANDRE DE VILLIERS

## WARREN BRADLEY FINE

South Africa - Age 26



Warren took up the great sport of bare-foot skiing at the age of 13, also the age at which he began to compete. He credits his friend, Rael Nurik for the introduction the the sport and his family and friends for their continued support. The greatest challenge for Warren? "The inverted jump," he says, and

future career plans? "To get married!" Warren makes his home in Bedfordview, South Africa.

## GRAHAM RANSOM

South Africa - Age 17

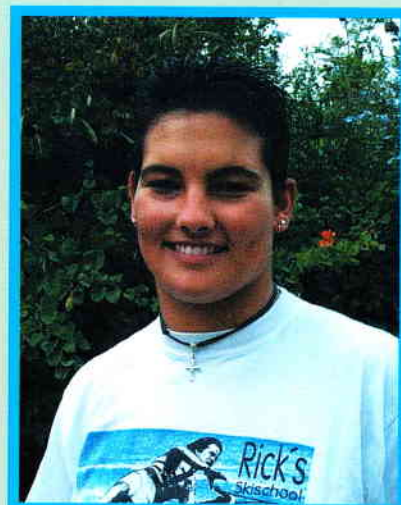


Graham began his barefooting career at the early age of 11, and one year later at age 12, began to ski competitively. Like Nadine, Graham credits his father with having introduced him to barefooting. He, too, says his family his a huge part of the support it takes to train and compete. When asked

about other accomplishments, this is how Graham responded: "White water rafting down the Zambezi river and skiing with hippos!" He is currently a student, and makes his home in Bedfordview, South Africa.

## NADINE DE VILLIERS

South Africa - Age 18



Nadine, also known in the skiing world as "Spikes," has been a competitor since age 12. "My Dad is the one who got me started...and my family is the one who shows me the support to continue," said Nadine. There are so many awards and records behind Nadine's name...so we'll highlight just a few: Junior Girls

World Champion in 1997 & 1999. European (EAME) Open Women's Champion in 1997 & 2000. and 2 Time World Championships Event Champion in 1998. Fergus Falls will be happy to have Nadine visit again, and she says she looks forward to that, too. "I remember the friendly community support," says De Villiers, "It will be nice to make a return trip." In addition to skiing, Nadine also plays hockey and has future plans of a career in marketing.

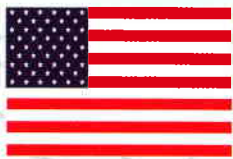


# Greece

## THEODOROS LEONTIADIS

Greece - Age 28

Theodoros, known as "Theo," is making his first World Championships appearance in Fergus Falls. He's been skiing since age 24, but only as a competitive skier for the last year. Theo says it was his coach who originally got him interested in the sport of barefoot skiing, and credits him with supporting his career. That career has included appearances in the Green Nationals and other Competitions. His hobbies include water skiing and alpine skiing. Theo is an alpine ski instructor and lives in Athens, Greece.



# United State

Coach: DR. JOHN BROWNRIGG Team Manager: D

**RON SCARPA**  
USA - Age 37



Scarpa, probably better known as "The Raging Bull," has been skiing competitively since the age of 12. "I was introduced to barefooting at a ski show at Cypress Gardens," recalls Scarpa, "and then later by Jim Grew at McCormicks Ski School." While Ron enjoys hobbies that include all sports, plus gardening and cooking, his first love is also his occupation. Ron is the owner/operator of Ron Scarpa's Barefoot Training Center. Ron has stacked up many honors over his

skiing career, including these World Titles: 1st Overall in 1992, 1996 and 1998...2nd Overall in 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990 and 1994...plus 3rd Overall in 1980. "My wife has been my biggest supporter over the years," says Scarpa, "even when just motivating myself to remain dedicated to training seems to be a real challenge." Many will remember Scarpa from his previous visit to Fergus Falls, and he remembers it fondly, as well. "I'll never forget winning the Overall title and the awesome community support," recalls Scarpa, "That's what I remember about Fergus Falls." Ron and his wife have two children, Sydney and Alessandra, and make their home in Winter Haven, Florida.

**JON KRETCHMAN**  
USA - Age 28

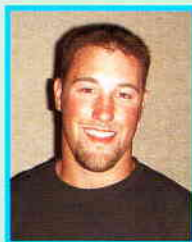


Jon, otherwise known as "The Bear," has been skiing since the age of 8 when his brother, Len first introduced him to the sport. He began to ski competitively at age 13. Jon has many honors to his credit, including being a part of the USA team as they won the World Titles in 1992, 1994, 1996, and 1998. Jon was also recently named "National Barefooter of the Year." Even though that's quite an honor, Jon feels strongly about one other accomplishment...being a Dad. "My

family is very important, and my wife, Amanda is a great support," says Jon, "she happily gives up her vacation time to travel with me

to tournaments." While Jon enjoys a career in banking, his hobbies include hunting, fishing and all sports. He and his wife, Amanda, have one daughter, Alya Janet and make their home on the Otter Tail River in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

**KEITH ST. ONGE**  
USA - Age 22



Keith St. Onge is yet another skier making a return visit to Fergus Falls. He has been skiing since age 9, competitively, since age 10 and makes his home in Clermont, Florida. Keith has received a long list of honors over his years of skiing, including being the 1997 National Overall Champion and the 1999 National and U.S. Open Champion. Keith also participated in world competitions in both 1996 and 1998. "What do I remember about my visit to Fergus Falls?" asked

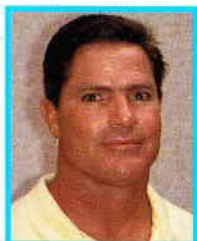
St. Onge, "I remember the great water conditions, great support from the community and the TV monitors in the trees!" Keith says his parents, Claude and Jackie, are the ones who introduced him to the sport, along with help from Gary "Swampy" Bouchard. Who has been most supportive to him? "There are too many to name," says St. Onge, "So many people have supported me by pulling me up and down the lakes and rivers!" Other accomplishments of Keith include holding the World Tricks Record and being named athlete of the year in 1999. Keith is self employed for now, but has dreams of owning the "best barefootin' school ever!"

**LANE BOWERS**  
USA - Age 36



Lane, perhaps better known as "Lane Dawg," is from Winter Haven, Florida, where he is a Barefoot Ski Instructor and Entrepreneur. Lane has been skiing since age 21 and was introduced to the sport by Lou "Dawg" Mansell. Support for Lane has come from a variety of people including Richard Gray. "He taught me how to train to be a winner," says Bowers. Lane participated in the 1998 Worlds in Australia and was also a visi-

**WILLIAM FARRELL**  
USA Independent - Age 45



Best known as "Willie P., or West Coast Willie" William Farrell has been skiing since the age of 18, and competitively, since age 22. He gives credit to Ed Finley, John Hacker and Mike Seipel for his start in the sport. "And...It's my wife and Mike Seipel and their continuous constructive criticism of performances that serves as support for me in this sport," explains Farrell. Willie has participated in the last three World Competitions, Western Regionals, and many other competitions.

His hobbies include cross-training, and spectator sports, while his career is in sales. His goal in the future? "To become a P.T.A. parent," says Willie. Willie is married to another well known barefooter, Dawn Hartman Farrell, and they, along with their two children, Byron (5) and Graeme (10weeks), live in West Sacramento, California.



## USA Individual

**PETER FLECK**  
USA Independent - Age 36

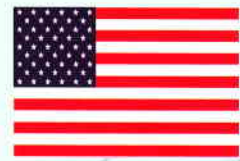


Peter is another skier who began at an early age. While he started skiing at 10, his competitive career began at age 11 with help and encouragement from his uncle. He appeared in the 1998 World Competition where he holds a world record in the jump event and was also a two-time X-Games Gold Medalist in 1997 and 1998. Peter and his wife, Kari, have three children and make their home in Windermere, Florida.

Other Individual Event(s) Qualifiers  
Joe Valenti  
Greg Meyer  
Kay Wiser



# s of America



**DARLENE LEE** Team Physician: **DR. JERRY SMITH**

...to Fergus Falls for the Worlds in 1996. Bowers, like many other skiers, remembers the overwhelming support of the community when asked about his first trip to Fergus Falls. Lane's hobbies include alligator and snake wrangling and snowboarding and his future career plans are investing and real estate or to "stay home with my wife, Cindy and our dogs!"

...sport, and to his family for supporting him as he continues to train and compete. What does Jason remember about his 1996 visit to Fergus Falls? "I remember a LOT of people...and huge water fights," recalls Lee. Hobbies for Jason include tennis and golf and his future career plans are to become an Electrical Engineer.

**PAUL STOKES**  
USA - Age 28

**MATT WRIGHT**  
USA - Age 18



Paul is another skier who began at a relatively early age. Footin' fever began for Paul at age 9 and he began skiing competitively at age 14. He credits his friend Chad Baxter for having introduced him to the sport and says his parents and his wife have been most supportive of that career. "They've all been a great source of motivation for me, and have supported me financially, too," says Stokes. Paul was a competitor in the 1996 and 1998 World Competitions and holds



Matt has been a competitive barefoot skier since age 8, and his Dad is the one who shared the sport with him. Matt "Madd Dawg" Wright was a participant in the Junior World Competition in 1999, taking a 1st place in the Jump event. "I've skied with Jon Kretchman in Fergus Falls, so I'm looking forward to the World Competition there," said Wright. Matt graduated from high school this past June and has future career plans to be a private business owner. Matt lives in Green Cove, Florida.

the title of Overall Champion from the 1994 Nationals. "I'm looking forward to coming back to Fergus Falls," says Stokes, "the Worlds in '96 made quite an impression...the friendly people is what I really remember." When he's not on the water, Paul makes his living as a Designer/Drafter and has an educational background in graphic design and business. His hobbies include hunting and mountain biking, and he and his wife, Heather, make their home in Cleburne, Texas.

**RACHEL GEORGE**



Rachel George learned the art of barefoot skiing at age 10, and began skiing competitively at that age. "My Dad, Richard George, is the one who introduced me to barefooting," said George, "and my Parents along with Lane "Dawg" Bowers are the ones who keep me going by being my ski partners." Rachel has previously skied in Fergus Falls in the Midwest Regionals and the 1996 Worlds. Currently, Rachel is a senior at Florida Southern College, majoring in Athletic Training. Her hobbies include ballet, snow skiing, and swing dancing. While Florida is home while in school, her real home is located in Alliance, Ohio.

**JASON LEE**  
USA - Age 19



Jason has made a career of skiing since he was 12 years old. After just one year of the sport, he began to ski competitively and has a number of honors to his credit. Including being the 1997 Jr. Worlds Champion. He also has participated in the Jr. World Competition in 1995 and the Elite World Competition in 1998. Jason gives credit to his friend, "Boomer," for having introduced him to the



Team Manager:  
**DARLENE LEE**

## Events Qualifiers



Nickole Soubliere



Katie Begell



Ashley Shewmaker



Dawn Farrell



Jerry Kanawyer



Sherri Morse



Andrea Eggert



# New Zealand



Team Manager: CLIVE STEPHENS

## ANTHONY HAWES

New Zealand - Age 25



Anthony has been a barefooter since the age of 17, and credits his family with the support needed to compete in this sport. Anthony was a competitor in the 1991 AA Tournament and looks

forward to participating in the 2000 World Competition in Fergus Falls. He and his wife, Rachelle, make their home in New Zealand.

## BEVAN KELLY

New Zealand - Age 27



Bevan, a barefooter since the age of 8, is making a return trip to Fergus Falls, and remembers his 1996 visit fondly. "It's a great place," recalls Kelly, "I look forward to another world competition

in your community." Bevan has also been a competitor in the 1992, 1994, and 1998 world competitions, and the New Zealand Nationals, where he was the New Zealand Open Champion in 1999 and 2000. In addition to skiing, Bevan enjoys mountain biking. He and his wife, Jodie, make their home in Wellington, New Zealand.

## FRED GROEN

New Zealand - Age 38



Fred, who comes from Wellington, New Zealand has been skiing since age 14, competitively, since age 15. Fred says his family is responsible for introducing him to this great sport, but Clive

Stephen is the person who has been most supportive. "Without him," Fred explains, "I would never have accomplished the inverted jumping style." He has quite a list of records, including being the New Zealand Champion in 1982, 1985 and 1988. He has also participated in world competitions since 1982. Fred enjoys mountain biking and water sports. He makes his living as a company director, and eventually hopes to carry on the family business. Fred and his wife, Brenda, have four children.

## TONY CARNE

New Zealand - Age 27



Tony has been skiing competitively since the age of 8 and was introduced to the sport by his parents. "My Dad has been the most supportive person of my career," said Carne. That career has included appearances in every world competition since 1992, and the title of New Zealand Champion in 1998. When he's not on the water,

Tony makes his living as a Policeman in New Zealand.



## Australia

Evan Berger  
Brett New  
Peter O'Neill  
Brett Sands  
Gizella Halasz  
Nicole Wood  
Clare Angilley  
Gordon Angilley, Team Manager

## Independent Qualifiers

John Stekelenberg  
Desmene Fielding  
Charise Hassey



## Belgium

Jan Baillien  
Peter Mous  
Mrs. Inez Vandewinkel, Team Manager



## France

Alban Gouillart  
Florent Pigeat  
Philippe Renoux  
Christian Trannoy  
Patrick Wehner  
Alexandra Vigoureaux



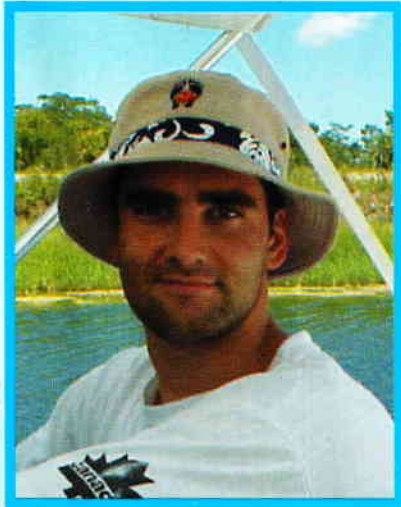
# Canada



Team Manager: BIRTE HOLTER

## DON BAKER

Canada - Age 25



Don began a career in barefooting at age 10 when he started skiing competitively. He actually took to the sport two years earlier at age 8, when friend Neil Wilson introduced him to barefooting. Since that time, Don has added many honors to his list of accomplishments. Included, are the following:

3-time Canadian Overall Champion and national record holder in slalom and jump events. He is also a six-time National Team Member. Perhaps those credits could be the reason for his nickname, "The Legend." His career is in film and he makes his home in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

## RICHARD GRAY

Canada - Age 35

"I've been to 8 Worlds Competitions...and the best ever was in Fergus Falls, MN," recalls Richard Grey, "I really look forward to coming back!" Richard has been involved in barefoot skiing since age 18, and began skiing competitively at age 21. While his uncle was the one to introduce him to the sport, first at age 7, he credits his Mom with having provided the necessary support over the years. "She's always packing me a lunch," says Grey. Richard is the Owner of The Barefoot Company and makes his home in Winter Haven, Florida.

## MIKE TERRY

Canada - Age 31

It all began at summer camp for Mike Terry. That's where he was introduced to barefooting...and he began his competitive career at age 18. "My wife, Don Baker and Richard Gray are the people that support me in this sport," says Terry. He also adds to his list of accomplishments this record: A high school basketball coaching record of 76 wins and only 11 losses, plus winning the State title in 1999. Mike and his wife, Ronnalee live in West Palm Beach, Florida, and await the birth of their first child, whom they expect to arrive around September 21st.



## Germany

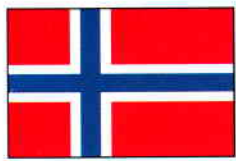
Terry Gregory  
Christian Kurz  
Dirk Neimeyer  
Dirk Siekmann  
Frank Zinn  
Svenja Hempelmann  
Julia Nette  
Chris Lappe, Team Manager

## Italy

Massimiliano Colosio  
Massimo Mastelli  
Nicola Saracco  
Simone Zucchetti  
Elisa Valerio  
Massimo Crespi, Team Manager

### Other Canadian Participants

Gordie Croteau  
Paul MacDonald  
Danny Kolasko  
Kim Hall  
Karyn Scarpa  
Mike Terry, Team Manager



# Norway



Team Manager: **BIRTE HOLTER**

## TOBBEN MAERDE

Norway - Age 30



Tobben has been skiing for 10 years, beginning his competitive career at age 24. A well known figure in the sport is responsible for Tobben's love of barefooting, and his name is Banana George Blair. Yet another well known name is the person he credits for offering support as he trains and competes

and that person is Ron Scarpa. "I train with Ron every winter...and have since 1994," said Maerde, and it's obviously paid off. He is the Norwegian Nationals Champion in 2000 and also participated in the World Competition in Australia in 1998. Tobben's list of hobbies include snowboarding and snow skiing in addition to building his house. He is an electrician by trade and makes his home in Brummunddal, Norway. What does Tobben say about his upcoming trip to Fergus Falls? "Lots of Scandinavians make a good world competition!"

## KIRSTEN GROENVIK

Norway - Age 22



While snowboarding and snow skiing seem to be hobbies the Norwegians enjoy, barefooting is fast becoming a favorite, too! Kirsten picked up this sport at the age of 17 and began to ski competitively one year later. "Hogne Furuseth is the person who got me started," recalls Groenvik, "and

many have helped coach me and see that I am entered in competitions." Although this will be Kirsten's first visit to Fergus Falls, MN, she is eager to make the trip. "I've heard great things about the competition there in 1996," said Groenvik. Credits to her name include being the European Overall Champion in 1999 and the Norwegian Champion in 2000. Kirsten, too was a competitor in the 1998 Worlds in Australia. Although she is currently a student, her career plans include a future in marketing.



# Sweden



Team Manager: **DENNIS ANDERSSON**

**JIM NYBERG**  
Sweden - Age 24



Jim is making his second trip to Fergus Falls, after having participated in the World Competition in 1996. He has held the honor of being the Swedish National Champion and Swedish National record holder in a number of events. Jim began his skiing career at age 10, and entered competition at age 16. He enjoys climbing, snow skiing and sky surfing...and of course, trips to Fergus Falls.


### OTHER COMPETITORS FROM SWEDEN

Dennis Andersson  
Nicklas Hedstrom  
Dennis Andersson, Team Manager

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# WORLD'S TOP 20 - WOMEN

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## WOMEN'S SLALOM

1	Nadine DeVilliers-RSA	17.8
2	Ashley Shewmaker-USA	14.0
2	Sherri Morse-USA	14.0
4	Charise Hassey-AUS	13.8
5	Donna Schmidt-AUS	13.6
6	Gizella Halasz-AUS	13.2
7	Rachel George-USA	13.0
8	Katie Begell-USA	12.3
9	Christine Winslow-USA	12.1
10	Desmene Fielding-AUS	11.1
11	Dawn Farrell-USA	11.0
12	Nikole Soubliere-USA	10.8
13	Maryne Van Wyk-RSA	9.7
14	Natasha Reid-USA	9.6
15	Andrea Eggert-USA	8.9
15	Irene Staal-Boven-NED	8.9
17	Francoise Dunod-FRA	8.8
17	Gina McKee-USA	8.8
19	Kellie Stumbles-AUS	8.7
20	Elisa Scarpa-USA	8.5

## WOMEN'S TRICKS

1	Nadine DeVilliers-RSA	3490
2	Gizella Halasz-AUS	3020
3	Rachel George-USA	2020
4	Charise Hassey-AUS	2010
5	Ashley Shewmaker-USA	1970
6	Christine Winslow-USA	1880
7	Katie Begell-USA	1640
8	Lorraine Piskura-USA	1590
9	Sherri Morse-USA	1580
10	Donna Schmidt-AUS	1540
10	Maryne Van Wyk-RSA	1540
12	Andrea Eggert-USA	1490
13	Dawn Farrell-USA	1480
14	Karyn Scarpa-CAN	1460
15	Kellie Stumbles-AUS	1440
16	Natasha Reid-USA	1420
17	Kay Wisner-USA	1390
18	Gina McKee-USA	1320
19	Isabelle Verreault-CAN	1290
20	Kirsten Gronvik-NOR	1280

## WOMEN'S JUMP

1	Nadine DeVilliers-RSA	67.6
2	Natasha Reid-USA	41.0
3	Alexandra Vigoureaux-FRA	40.4
3	Rachel George-USA	40.4
5	Kirsten Gronvik-NOR	39.7
6	Nikole Soubliere-USA	39.1
7	Irene Staal-Boven-NED	38.7
8	Ashley Shewmaker-USA	37.1
9	Donna Schmidt-AUS	36.4
10	Maryne Van Wyk-RSA	36.1
11	Gizella Halasz-AUS	35.1
12	Andrea Eggert-USA	33.2
13	Karyn Scarpa-CAN	32.5
14	Claire Angilley-AUS	32.2
15	Nicole Wood-AUS	30.9
16	Francoise Dunod-FRA	30.2
17	Sherri Morse-USA	29.9
18	Jan Honsinger-USA	28.9
18	Kellie Stumbles-AUS	28.9
20	Lorraine Piskura-USA	28.2

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She has won a total of twenty-one medals at world championships since 1995, yet she is genuinely humble. She is the number-one ranked female barefooter in the world

in tricks, slalom *and* jumping, yet she still displays a daily drive to be better. She is favored to win the overall title at the 12th World Barefoot Water Skiing Championships in Fergus Falls, yet her first priority is to make a "contribution to possibly put our team into the medals." She is Nadine De Villiers.

De Villiers, a seasoned veteran at the youthful age of 18, is from South Africa, and her list of activities and accomplishments leads one to believe she is fond of precious "medals" ... primarily those cast in gold and silver. 18 of the medals Nadine has accumulated in world competitions are either gold or silver. For those who did not get a chance to see her display her considerable talents when she was in Fergus Falls for the '96 Worlds, prepare to be amazed. For those who have valiantly embraced the unenviable task of "doing battle" with De Villiers, you had better be amazingly prepared! She appears to be confident and comfortable in her quest for more gold.

"I am very excited to return to Fergus Falls," De Villiers shared in an e-interview. "I had a memorable stay in 1996. I experienced brilliant water ski conditions, and the hospitality of America and the Fergus Falls community was unforgettable. My Mom and Dad joined me and shared the joy of my achieving third place in my first appearance at a world championships." de Villiers did not win any individual event golds at the '96 tournament, but the experience she gained has led to stunning levels of success. At the Sydney Worlds in '98, Nadine won both the slalom and jump portions of the competition, and her tricks passes re-

sulted in a strong second in that discipline. In her pursuit of the overall title, however, de Villiers settled with silver for second, as Sharon Dodgson prevailed by a very narrow margin. Will we see this sensation wearing shiny gold after the 12th Worlds? Could be. Nadine De Villiers is definitely driven.

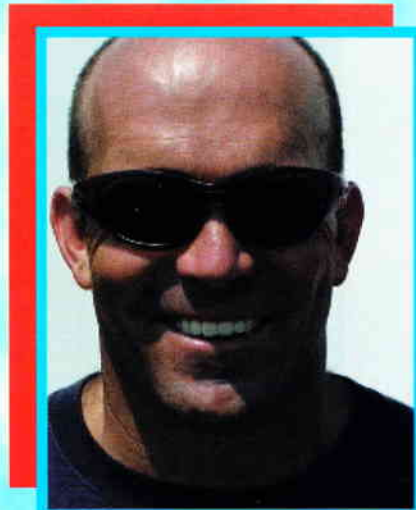


Speaking of exceptional athletes who continue to pursue excellence at every turn, here comes Ron Scarpa! The two-time defending world overall champion (and let us not forget his title in '92) is 37 years old, but he is coming off a sensational U.S. Barefoot Open performance in Houston. After a rather "unscarpalike" performance in the U.S. Nationals, Scarpa went wild in the Open and set a pending world tricks record with 7,540 points. A number



like that suggests the steady, salty Scarpa, already the most competitive, battle-tested warrior on the water, will be more than ready for Fergus Falls. It has been 20 years since the "Raging Bull" finished lower than second overall at a world championships (1980-3rd). What do you think?

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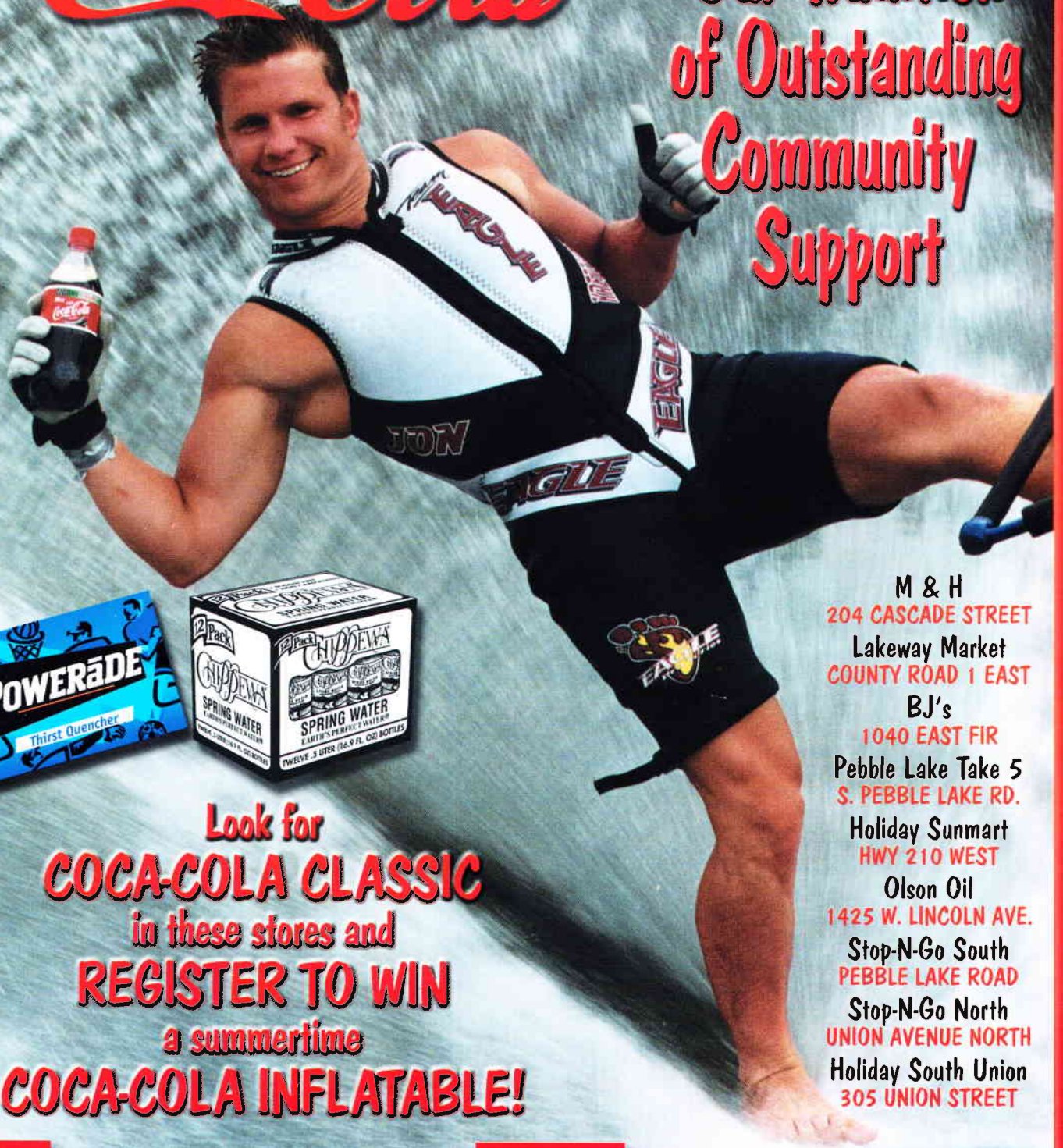
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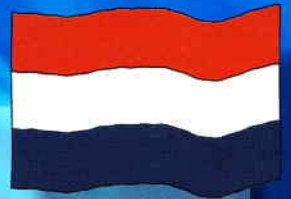
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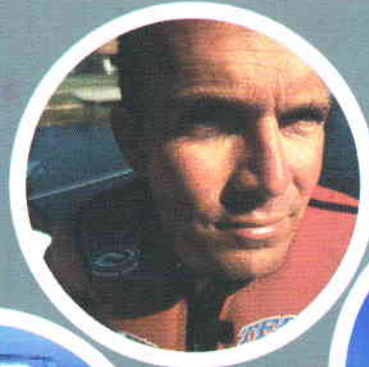


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### COMMON RULES FOR EVENTS

- \*Two 15-second passes for both wake slalom and tricks events
- \*Timing buoys at each end of course - skier must start pass or a penalty is incurred
- \*3 judges in boat - each judge times pass and writes shorthand codes of what skier is doing
- \*Skiers choose own boat speeds - 40-47 mph range
- \*All skiers use the same boat and driver is assigned

### TEAM SCORING

- \*Maximum 6 members on a team plus 2 reserve skiers
- \*A full team must have both a male and female competitor
- \*The best 3 scores out of a possible 6 will be used to compute team scores in all 3 events

### WAKE SLALOM EVENT

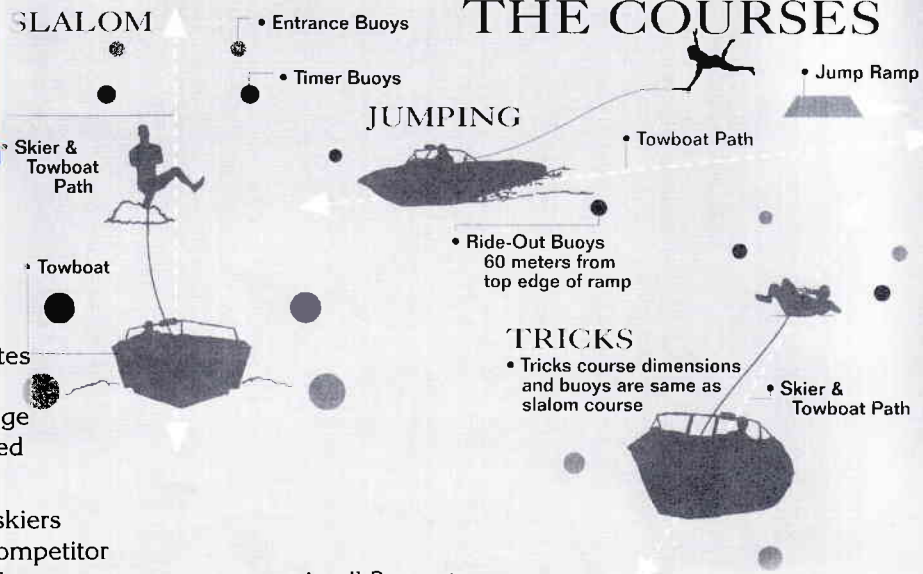
- \*Object is to cross back and forth across the boat wake as many time possible in time allowed
- \*Most commonly see 1 forwards skiing pass and 1 backwards pass to maximize points
- \*A cross on 1 foot is worth more on 2 feet, all skiers use the same handle and a 75 foot rope

### TRICKS

- \*Skiers choose tricks to perform with assigned point values and different degrees of difficulty
- \*Skiers package combinations of tricks to get the most points possible during their tricks run
- \*Skiers provide their own equipment and chose their rope length

### JUMP

- \*18" high ramp for both male and female competitors and all wear safety helmets and other safety equipment
- \*No style points - purely for distance only - and jumper must ski past designated marker for the jump to credit



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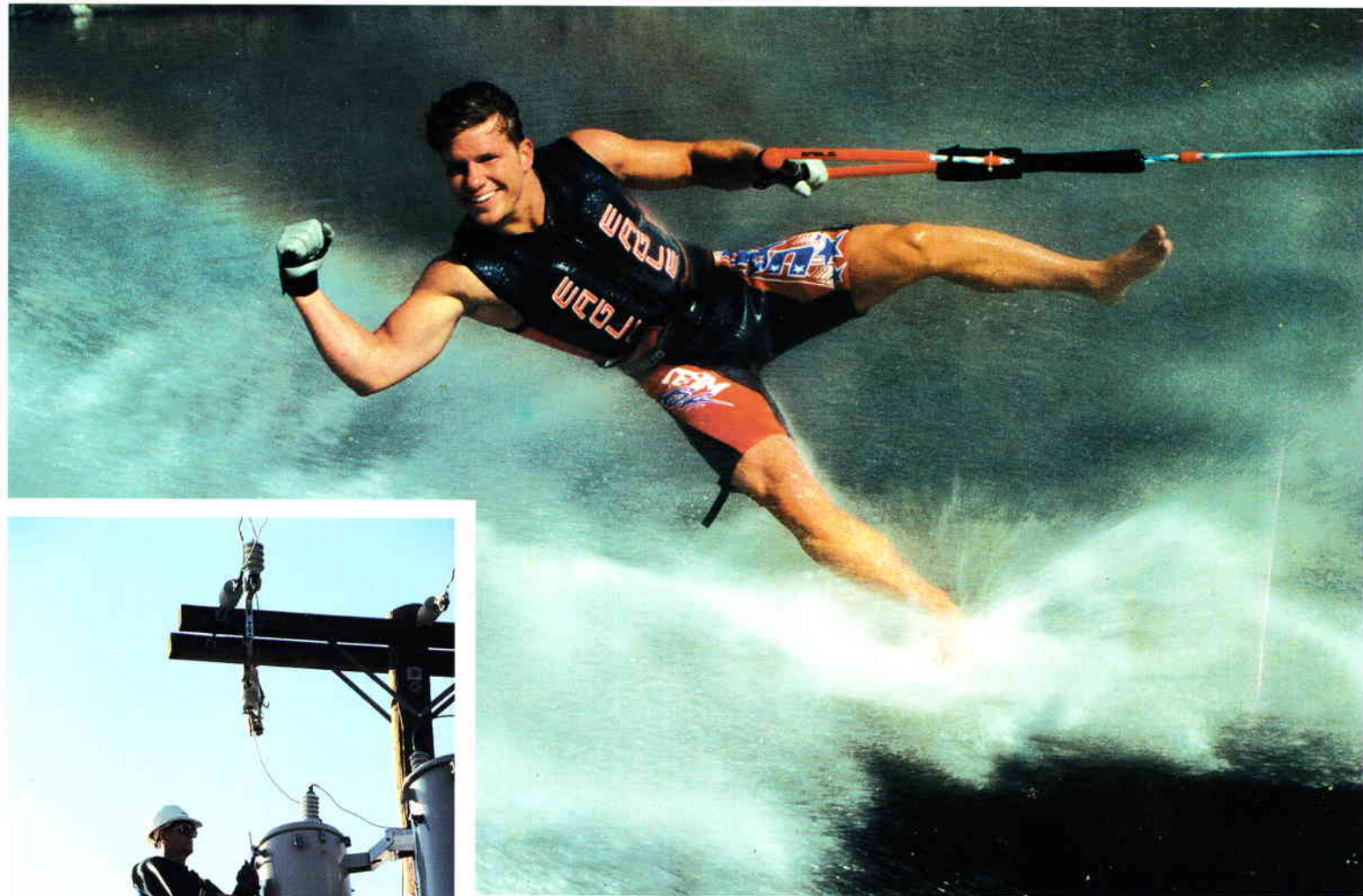
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