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**NEWS
LETTERS**

MEMBERS

HOTLINES

972-601-1831

MEMBERSHIP FEES

SINGLE

\$60 Initiation \$125 Annual

FAMILY

\$100 Initiation (per couple)

\$10 for each additional member

\$180 Annual (per couple)

\$25 for each additional member

**USA Waterski Membership
Required**

**Membership Information
1-800-533-2972**

Spring 2004

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Letter to Members

Please read and respond to the letter ASAP

Market Place

Club Mailing Address

We have changed our mailing address so be sure to use it when sending in your membership renewals. The club's new mailing address is:

Metroplex Ski Club

PO Box 151001

Ft. Worth, TX 76108

Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be May 18, 2004 at 7:30 PM at the Coors Distributorship located in Fort Worth on the east side of I-35W at Meacham Blvd.



2004 Calendar

May

- 8th Metroplex Mavericks Show Ski Practice starts @ Marine Creek
 18th MSC Meeting
 19th – 23rd Van's Triple Crown Wake Board Tournament @ Marine Creek
 22nd – 23rd Spring Fling at Paradise Lake
 30th MSC Tournament

June

- 2nd Ski League begins @ Marine Creek
 15th MSC Meeting
 16th - 20th Drag Boat Races @ Marine Creek

July

- 20th MSC Meeting

August

- 17th MSC Meeting
 28th Metroplex Maverick Show Ski last Saturday practice

September

- 21st MSC Meeting
 27th Metroplex Class C Slalom plus NSL @ Marine Creek

October

- 19th MSC Meeting

November

- 16th MSC Meeting—Officer Elections

December

- ?th MSC Christmas Party – ?

Metroplex Mavericks Show Ski Team Update

The Metroplex Mavericks Show Ski Team began practice at Marine Creek on May 8th. Please remember the Show Ski Team practices every Saturday from 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. at Marine Creek. The Mavericks are always looking for new show ski team members. All ages and abilities are welcome. Please contact Mike Spence @ 817-427-5206 if you are interested.

MSC ON THE WEB

Check it out at:

<http://WWW.MetroPlexSkiClub.com>



Annual Workday

Thanks to everyone that helped out at the Annual Workday. The following items were accomplished:

New Ski Racks installed
 Controlled Area signs set
 Primary dock edging re-attached
 Clean up of entire site
 New edging installed on Jump
 Boat certification

Thanks for your help.

It takes a lot of work to keep Marine Creek maintained!

2004 Officers

President – Tacey Stone – (817) 514-4088

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VP Marine Creek – Larry Leonard – (817) 498-9804

Treasurer – Paul Meister – (972) 304-9001

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Show Ski Director – Mike Spence – (817) 427-5206

Ski League

WHAT IS SKI LEAGUE: Ski League is eight nights of tournament style water skiing for all levels of skiers. If you are a beginner, ski league is a great way to learn the course and meet new people. If you are an advanced skier, it's an opportunity to test yourself with a "Perfect Pass" pull. The club provides the boat, driver, and a little destruction, or instruction!

Ski League consists of four warm-up passes and as many tournament passes as you can ski before falling or missing a buoy.

Warm-ups consist of four passes through the course at whatever speeds you desire. You can fall up to three times. Warm-ups are from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM.

In a tournament style pass you ski until you fall or miss a buoy. If you do not fall, but miss a buoy, we will give you one more pass to improve your score. Your tournament passes will be scored with a handicap in favor of the novice skiers. Tournament passes begin at 7:00 PM. Join Ski League and have lots of fun, meet fellow club members, and improve your slalom skills.

WHO CAN SKI: MSC members and or prospective members that have an AWSA full membership or a AWSA day membership. Skiers of all levels are encouraged to attend.

WHERE IS SKI LEAGUE: MSC Ski Site on Marine Creek Lake.

WHEN IS SKI LEAGUE: Starting Wednesday, May 7 for the next eight Wednesdays (excluding any holidays).

HOW MUCH IS SKI LEAGUE: Ski League is \$45.00 for eight nights of skiing (paid in advance) or \$8.00 per night. Checks payable to MSC, No Refunds. Ski League will be canceled for poor conditions or bad weather. We will try to makeup canceled nights at the end of the season.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Joe McCreary at (817) 269-3569

Marine Creek News

Please help keep Marine Creek clean, please pick up any trash or debris when you are at the lake.

Trinity River News

Bruce Carr upgraded the launch ramp at the Trinity River last Winter. The ramp has been dramatically improved and now provides easier boat launching. Please thank Bruce for his hard work when you see him.

Spring Fling

Spring Fling is May 22-23, 2004 at Paradise Lake in Ferris (formally Ken White's Ski School). The lake will be available at 1:00 PM Friday afternoon. Please park just off the road on the top of the hill (do not drive on the grass down the hill toward the lake). The walk is a very short one. Also, there is no smoking anywhere on property. Paul Meister will be coordinating our time on the lake and be contacted at 214-808-8756. Come join us for a fun weekend of skiing 'til you drop. Spring Fling is open to non-members this year.

Cost:

- \$25 per person (member skiing)
- \$35 per person (non-member skiing)
- \$10 per non-skiing person
- \$60 family cap for members
- \$75 family cap for non-members

The cost covers the Saturday evening meal and all the skiing you can handle.

Directions: Take I45 south from downtown Dallas toward Houston (approximately 20 miles). Exit 266 (FM 660 / 5th Street) just north of Ferris. Take the access road to the second stop sign and go left on FM 660. The lake is exactly 6.0 miles from the stop sign at the intersection of I-45 & FM 660 on the left hand side. This place is easy to find.

Tips while traveling to the lake: While traveling on I-45 south of downtown Dallas observe the speed limit. This section of road is very heavily patrolled by Dallas, Dallas Sheriff, Ferris and several other small town police departments along the way.

While traveling on FM 660 the road will "Y" at approx 2 miles, stay to the right.

Before turning left into onto the lake property from FM 660 be sure to come to a complete stop. The turn is at the top of a hill and it is impossible to see oncoming traffic before turning unless you come to a complete stop first.

Currently there is a temporary traffic light at the intersection of FM 660 and the lake property due to construction on the bridge past the lake. If the light is still there on Spring Fling weekend this will make the property even easier to find but it may be removed by that time depending on the progress of the construction.

Open Letter to MSC Members

Over the past several years, the public use of Marine Creek Lake has increased dramatically. On weekday evenings and almost anytime on weekends, there seems to be an endless supply of boat wakes making their way into our ski site. Of course, these high use times of the lake correspond to the high use times for the club as well. With the ongoing development of the northwest part of Ft Worth in general and the opening of the subdivision adjoining Marine Creek Lake (with a 32 slip boat house) in particular, the public use of Marine Creek Lake is certainly going to increase further. At some point not too far off, the water conditions could be unskiable much of the time.

Over the last year or two, much dockside and club meeting conversation has revolved around the possibility of closing off our ski site to the main body of the lake. John Hughes and I have undertaken a feasibility study of installing a floating breakwater barrier at the open end of our cove. The purpose of the breakwater being to block boat wakes (and wind driven waves) from entering our ski site while still allowing boats to easily enter and leave the cove.

John and I have visited several floating breakwater installations in the DFW area and have interviewed the people who have built these breakwaters. With this information, we have concluded that a floating tire breakwater would be the most effective and affordable design. All the installations we found used the floating tire system. Indications from observing the breakwater and comments from the marina operators suggest that the breakwater reduces the boat wakes to a minimal level.

With this in mind, we obtained quotes for materials and have estimated labor costs to assemble an 800 foot long floating tire breakwater. The 800 foot breakwater would be the minimum length possible to effectively block the incoming boat wakes. The cost of material and labor to assemble the breakwater in preparation for anchoring in the lake would be in the \$22,000 to \$26,000 range. Actual costs of placement and anchoring of the breakwater in the lake has **not** been established. Placement and anchoring will require renting or borrowing some type of floating work platform primarily to transport and place forty anchors weighing about 1200 lb. each. A crucial part of this undertaking will be the willingness of many club members to commit their time and boats to tow, transport, and generally help out as required.

At this point, John and I have gone as far as we can go with this project until we, as a club, decide what to do from here. The next step is to get a consensus from the MSC membership whether or not to pursue this project and if so, how to pay for it. A large majority of the club membership must support this project to make it viable. As we do not have near enough money in the club savings, we would have to generate funds elsewhere. A loan from a bank is pretty much out of the question as the club does not have collateral to secure a loan. Other financing options are a private loan (any volunteers?) or generating funds from within the club by a cash assessment from each member, raising dues or a combination of both.

The main point of this letter is to get feedback from **ALL** club members with your thoughts on this project. Do you like the idea? Are you willing to pay for it? Any suggestions? It is very important for each individual and family to respond. If we should decide to go forward, this project will affect each member where it hurts, in the check book. Please respond with your opinions by regular mail, e-mail, telephone the officers, call the hotline, use the forum on the MSC web site or come to the next club meeting.

The following possible funding scenario is submitted for illustration only. Other ideas would be appreciated.

Assume total cost to build and install breakwater: \$30,000.

1. Commit \$10,000 from existing savings.
2. Assess each individual member membership and family membership a one time charge to make up the \$20,000 balance. Single memberships would pay a fixed amount and family memberships would pay a somewhat larger sum dependant upon the number of family members in fashion similar to the current annual dues structure. For example: With 60 single memberships paying \$200 and 28 family memberships paying an average of \$300, this would raise \$20,400. Of course, the actual amount of the assessment would depend upon the actual number of memberships at the time.
3. In addition to the one time payment above, raise dues maybe \$50-\$60 per year to rebuild the club savings and provide funds for maintenance.
4. Future new member initiation fees would go up by the amount of the assessment in order for new members to share in the cost and circumvent the possibility of a current member dropping out for a year thus avoiding the assessment.

With the installation of a breakwater, our site would approach the consistent water quality of a private lake. Currently, dues at local private sites for individuals are about \$2000 per year. It is up to the membership to decide if the additional costs are warranted and acceptable.

A tentative schedule of events is:

Gather input, both positive and negative, from the membership to determine the level of commitment to this project.

Discuss input from members at the following two regular monthly club meetings.

Conduct a formal binding vote from the entire membership.

If a significant majority of the membership agrees to proceed, then a formal proposal would be prepared and presented to our land lord, the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD). At this time the TRWD has not been involved with this study. My thinking is that we must first decide amongst ourselves if this project has the backing and commitment of the club before bringing it before the TRWD.

If the TRWD approves, fund raising details will be finalized. Any assessment, dues increase, etc. would be effective next year.

When funding is in place, material procurement and construction would begin.

Bruce Carr
MSC member

Metroplex Ski Marketplace

67" Goode 9300 220 amp with large double boots and Goode bag- like new \$600.
Two wakeboard blanks: HO Perez, \$30 and Neptune Gambler \$40. Sky Ski – 1 year old \$800. Kirk Kozy cell (817) 247-0719

PerfectPass Cruise Control, Non-paddle wheel, purchased in 2001, \$700, (817)528-2667, Bryan

Old school Air Chair-Good Shape-Rides Well-Foil Stripped w/Double Locking Cinch Strap-\$450. Contact mspence@tarrantcounty.com

MB Sports Boss 210 Tournament Openbow Skiboat for sale, Engine, 310, H.P. Multi-port EFI PCM Ford V-8, Fabric Storage/Towing Cover, Limited Lifetime Warranty, Transferable, Front End Breakaway Trailer with Spare, DHM Single Axle W/Brakes, Only 47 Hours of Use - Great Condition - Asking Price is \$20,000, For more details call 972-429-5674.

1993 Prostar 205, 351 Indmar, 285 HP, 525 hours, PerfectPass 6.3, 100 Watt Stereo-MP3 Player, bimini top, boat has been babied since i bought it in 1998 and is in GREAT shape. \$16,000. Contact Mark Cohen at mark@metroplexskiclub.com
Pictures:

Clint Moore's Ski Ranch 1 acre lot for sale. Common boathouse, dock, ski course, boat ramp and park land for owners. Locked electric gates. 100% wind protection. Always glass water and no crowds.Ski rights for two families included. \$7500 or \$4000 for 1 ski rights. Contact Clay Dobson 972 253-7331 claydo2000@yahoo.com

Ads are free for members.
To place an ad or change a current ad in the Metroplex Ski Marketplace contact Keith Macedo at (817) 292-3881 or preferably e-mail at kjmacedo@hotmail.com

