

NEWSLETTER

The NZ Footer

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Tournament Dates

Wellington Regionals 27th/28th January 2018
Lake Inspiration – Otaki

Waikato Regionals 10th/11th February 2018
Lake Karapiro – Cambridge

BOP Regionals 10th/11th March 2018
Lake Okaro – Rotorua

Nationals Championships
Easter Weekend – 30th March to 1st April 2018
Piarere Ski Club, Lake Karapiro – Cambridge

IWWF World Waterski Championships
11th - 18th August 2018
Dream Lake – Napanee, Ontario Canada



Check out Bulletin #1

<http://iwwfed.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/2018-IWWF-World-Barefoot-Championships-Bulletin-1.pdf>

We also have some camp dates set. If you are interested in improving your skiing Craig Scott (Atiamuri) will be hosting some Grassroots camps. Please contact Craig on 027 490 6687 or camc@xtra.co.nz, to confirm dates and available places.

If you are interested in going to the World's in Canada as an independent skier or a NZ team skier, there will be two camps – 9th and 10th December at Atiamuri. 12th-14th January at Mine Lake.

It is a great chance to get together and encourage each other along, learn new skills and make new friends.

2018 World Championships Officials Lineup

Lead Officials			
Chief Judge	Ashley Stebbeings	AO	AUS
Ass Chief Judge	Mike Sodequist	EA	SE
Chief Scorer	Claire Mowday	AO	NZ
Ass Chief Judge	Brian Price	AO	AUS
Chief Driver	Peter Knaggs	AO	AUS
Chief Video	Andrew marin	PANAM	USA
Homologator	Rob Groen	AO	NZ
LOC Chairman	Dwight Williams	PANAM	CAN
Tournament Director	Allan Moynes	PANAM	CAN
Safety Director	Mike Spence	PANAM	CAN
Appointed Officials			
Driver	Davide Gandola	EA	IT
	Sam Groen	AO	NZ
Judge	Peter Norberg	EA	SE
	Andy Harris	EA	GB
	Ludo Vranxc	EA	BE
	John Boyd	PANAM	USA
	Andrea Formella	PANAM	USA
	Mike Molepske	PANAM	USA
	Tim Hall	AO	AUS
	Lyn Blaauw	AO	AUS
	Peter Franks	AO	AUS
Scorer	Tina McCauley	PANAM	USA
Reserve Driver	Bruce Hutcheon	AO	AUS
Reserve Judge/Scorer	Kathy O'Donnell	AO	NZ

A Little Bit of History by BC.

I guess it all started in Mangakino in the early 1970's. We (that is Brian, Trish, Tim and Dean Carroll) used to go up there for Christmas for a couple of weeks holiday and do a lot of skiing on glass water. We met Gill Beadle up there and he was telling us about this barefoot thing – skiing with no skis. Richard Faisandier was up with us this Christmas and we all had a go and managed to "Foot". That was how it all started.

At a later date a few of us got together and formed the NZBWSC. Gill Beadle was President and badge number 1; Jenny Young was Secretary badge number 2; Barry Randerson Treasurer badge 3 and I was badge number 4 and Membership Secretary. . I was 35 years of age when I got my badge.

At this stage we made contact with the Aussies. Marg and Harry Byron came over and ran a coaching school showing us how to do beach and deep water starts and a few tricks. This was run by the Wellington Waterski Club and was held at a small lake up near Otaki. It was at this time that some of us did our minute and joined the Australian Barefoot Club. The Australian Club was already 10 years old by then and my Australian badge is number 2301In 1973 (hope the year is correct) Barry, Richard and I footed in the first ever Group 3 Championships held in Shaperton, Victoria, Australia. We were each presented with a commemorative plaque for having represented New Zealand against Australia, for the first time ever, in Barefoot Waterskiing.

At our first ever Nationals I came first in Senior Mens and I did a summersault. In those days we had a special handle for this trick.

One of my greatest memories in barefooting is when the New Zealand Team came second in the first Worlds, which were held in Canberra. Glen Ireland and I worked hard with that team and they showed real sacrifice and dedication, training in the team of winter at Mangakino in the bitter cold. It was tough and we were so proud of them.

Barefooting has been great to me. I gave me a new confidence, opened up many lifetime friendships all over the world and gave me a better understanding of other cultures and lifestyles. It changed my life for the better.

Brian Carroll is a life member of the NZBWSC. He served on the New Zealand Barefoot Club executive for 10 years; he was New Zealand Team

Skier Profile: William Leigh

Age: 16 years

School: just completed Year 12 at St Peters School in Cambridge

Ski Club: Piarere

I first learnt to waterski when I was 4 years and I learned to barefoot ski when I was 9. I was taught by my cousin Tom Mathis when our families were on an annual camping trip to Lake Arapuni, on the Waikato River. I first learned to barefoot sitting on a wakeboard that had the bindings taken off. I was towed behind my uncle's fishing boat.

I did my minute whilst attending a Barefoot Camp with Craig Scott but I can't remember who took me for my minute.

My Personal Bests are 5900 in Tricks; 14.2 in Slalom and 22.0metres in Jump.

The people who have had the greatest influence on my skiing are the folks from the World Barefoot Centre. The facilities there, the coaches, the skiers and the atmosphere are second to none. Almost everything I have learnt on water I learnt there.

The greatest thrill I have had in Barefoot Waterskiing is my first ever invert jump. It felt like I was in the air forever. Truly it feels like you are flying.

The person I look up to in Barefooting is David Small. I admire his can do attitude and his ability to perform under pressure is incredible.

My one piece of advice I have for new skiers is this – ski without fear. A comfort zone is a nice place, but nothing ever grows there.

Where are all our Old Members?

How many people do you know who are previous members of NZBWSC? We would like to have them back. Strength for our club is in numbers, the more members we have the more clout we have nationally and the more support we have within the club.

When you read this newsletter forward it on to anyone you know that was an old member and try to encourage them to rejoin. The instructions for doing this are here in the newsletter and it is a very simple process. Let's see if we can build our membership. Follow up your email with a phone call to personally invite them back into the club and see how we go.

Connect to the World

Your starting point for all things barefooting:

<http://www.nzbwsc.co.nz>

<http://www.worldbarefootcenter.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/WorldBarefootCenter>

... for those all important scores from home and abroad:
<http://www.nzbwsc.co.nz/page.php?3>

• Barefoot Halloween shoot

<https://www.groupon.com/coupons-blog/halloween-costume-fashion-show>

• USA Nationals

<https://www.groupon.com/coupons-blog/halloween-costume-fashion-show>

• Calendar

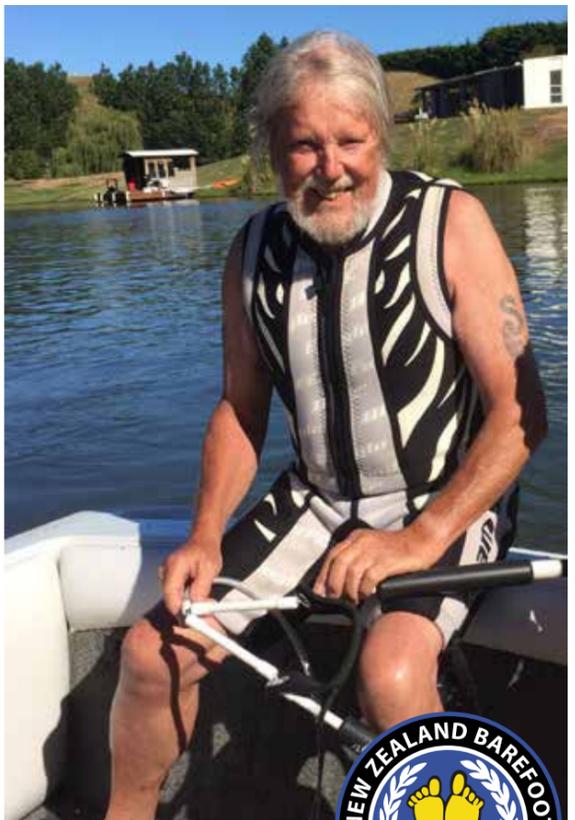
<http://iwwfed.com/calendar/world-championships/barefoot-2018/>

You know you want to be there - start planning now!!



Joanne Leigh, Claire Mowday and Eddie Wilson

Manager for 16 years; he served on the Group 3 Council (now AO) for 20 years and on the World Barefoot Council as a Group 3 Representative for 21 years. In 2006 Brian was awarded an Outstanding Service award by the World Barefoot Council in recognition of his services to barefooting. A well-deserved award I am sure you will all agree.



MEMBERSHIP OF THE NZBWSC

New season memberships are due from 1st November 2017. To rejoin please go onto our website

<http://www.nzbwsc.co.nz> and click on the membership tab, then Renew Here. This will take you to the NZ

Waterski Association website and the Barefoot Subscription page, click on the membership appropriate for you.