

Barefoot Bandit

February Weekend

Well, another weekend has passed us by and what a good one it was. The weather was fabulous and the water was flat, flat, flat! We had a great bunch of keen skiers, three new ones and a couple we just can't seem to get rid of! One young skier by the name of Sam Mathis managed to become the newest member the NZ Barefoot Waterski Club by doing his 30 seconds, let's hope he follows Toms lead and starts to get into competitive skiing.

It is good to see some young ones coming along, Sam's young cousin William also turned up and made it look easy for his first time. He should have done his 30 seconds but he ran out of gas – maybe these Waikato boys need to harden up a bit! Thanks to Anj for the great food over the weekend, it must be good not to have me around to get in your way.

A very BIG thank you to Graham for bringing his boat down for us to use. David and Michael coached over the weekend so I know all the skiers appreciated their time and effort – thank you! Maddie, I know you will get your badge very soon and I am definitely going to be in the boat when it happens - you are looking really good out there. Tom, I am sure you skied a lot better after I gave some seriously needed attention to the back of your hair- good skiing once again. Chad - you pulled off some mean moves while sitting in the handle, I think it's time you ditched it. Margi - you skied really well too, I love the great attitude - good girl. Graham, you need to give up the backwards and get out on the long rope and get into some good wake slalom. If you don't like crossing your wake you are more than welcome to come and ski with me. Doug once again put in a mean day, if these young guys can learn anything from you it is most certainly your gutsy attitude and great love of bare footing. It was great to catch up, maybe you might even manage to bring Anita, your better half next time. Matt did a ski school with Shelly May 20 years ago, she must have done a good job. Apart from his sore feet we would have had another new member.

To anyone that gets these E-mails the Waikato regional's are on this weekend, so if you have never skied competitively here is your chance - it is a lot of fun and you also get the chance to watch the best we have in NZ – who knows, you might even get to see some of the coaches that have kindly passed on their wisdom out there doing their stuff!