

SCR JD NEWSLETTER



JR DEVELOPMENT TOURNEY

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 13-14 @ SKI TEXAS

Jim Thompson and Ski Texas have graciously offered to host the 2020 Susan Thompson Memorial Jr Development Tournament the weekend of June 13-14. The event will be held in Rosharon, TX 2 RD and is a Class C or L, 3 Event tournament. Officials and parents can also enter, so plan on joining in the fun!



**THANK
YOU**

Huge Shout Out goes to Jennifer Parker for her years of service as SCR JD Chairman and to retiring members Roger Boskus and Jennifer Stockstill.



WELCOME

NEW CHAIRMAN Lauren Malitz, and new committee members, Kim Kacprowicz and Toni Bondonzi are joining Lynda Jones, Lori Covington, Julie Krueger, and Kathy Ives on the JD Committee.



Congratulations Zach Butterfield & Alana Jones

For being selected to the American Water Ski Association's National Junior Water Ski Team for 2020. To learn more about Zach and Alana, check out the new Skier Spotlight in this newsletter.



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Based on the recent recommendations from the CDC, USA Water Ski & Wake Sports has made the decision to suspend all sanctioned competition and activities until May 17, 2020.



JD SKI SCHOOL

The JD Select teams will be headed to Pickos Ski School and Bennett's Ski School in June for team building and to receive elite level coaching.

The team selection changed last year. To read about about regional and national team selection, go to awsasouthcentral.com. Click juniors tab and then team information. The ski school week for JD Select Teams is

partially funded by the Kay Nichols & Friends of JD Fund. If you or someone that you know would like to donate to that fund to continue Kay's passion for teaching junior waterskiers, please donate via Paypal to southcentralregionjd@gmail.com or contact Lauren Malitz. Additionally, if any parents have businesses interested in being a sponsor (t-shirts, junior awards, etc), please let Lauren know.

“Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life forever.” -Amy Poehler

NEW AGE DIVISIONS

USA Waterski board voted to implement the new Boys/Girls 5 divisions retroactive to 2019 Nationals.

B1/G1 remains 9 and under

B2/G2 ages 10-11

B3/G3 ages 12-13

B4/G4 ages 14-15

B5/G5 ages 16-17



SKIER SPOTLIGHTS

ZACH BUTTERFIELD- AGE 18

Middle name? Bronson

"Good" ski birthday? Yes, March 14

Hobbies? Play guitar, watch sports, chill

Favorite bands? Eagles or Lynyrd Skynyrd

Favorite Ski Songs: Hysteria - Def Leppard and Hooked on a Feeling - Blue Swede

Favorite cartoon? original Looney Toons from the 30s and 40s. More specifically, the ones involving Roadrunner & Wile E. Coyote, and Bugs & Yosemite Sam.

Favorite candy? Jelly Beans & Left Twix. And there is absolutely a difference between Left and Right Twix

Favorite flavor ice cream? Raspberry or Cinnamon (don't knock it til you try it)

Best waterski memory? Running 35 off at my first Jr. Worlds (2018), the only time I ran it in tournament for the entire season

Best scores? 2 @ 38 off (Tournament - 1@38) 4990, and 163 feet

Placements? 1st Boys 3 Overall 2017 Nationals, 2nd U17 Jump and Overall 2019 Jr. US Open, 13th Jump at 2018 Jr. World Championships

Shout outs to those who have helped you: Mom, Dad, and sister Krista, Kevin Jack, Dylan Schaffer, Mark Lane, Trent Finlayson, and Just about everyone else in the SCR

Favorite quote: "Set your goals high, and don't stop til you get there." - Bo Jackson

"If you can't fix it with duct tape, then you ain't using enough duct tape."-Will Sawyer, Skyscraper (2018)



Ski sponsors? Yes please



ALANA JONES- AGE 14

Middle name? Dayle

"Good" ski birthday? Definitely not :) Nov. 9

Favorite cartoon? Scooby Doo and Tom & Jerry

Favorite band? Zac Brown Band

Favorite flavor ice cream? Cookie two step

Favorite candy? Chocolate or Starburst jellybeans. I know it sounds weird but trust me.

Best waterski memory? I have two: Skiing in Chile in the U14 Pan American Championships. I had a PB in tricks and placed third in slalom. But I was there for my 13th birthday, so that was cool! My second was running 35 off the first time and running 2 @ 38 at Cedar Ridge (in Girls 2 last year).

Best scores? 2@ 35 off @34mph, 4070, and 63 ft

Placements? 2019 G2 National Champion in Overall and Tricks, and 2nd Place in slalom and 3rd in jump

Ski sponsors? Goode Jr. Team

Shout outs to those who have helped you: My dad and siblings, my mom (who had to learn tricks with me because she did not know anything about them at first). Jaimee Bull, Bailey Austin, Mr. Cory Pickos, Mr. Dave Goode. These are just a few who have helped make me a better skier, but there are so many more.

What do you do when you aren't skiing? I love singing and sing in the Youth Band at church. I do CrossFit. I go to work. I do school and play with my animals (I have a lot).... and I spend a lot of time with them:)

