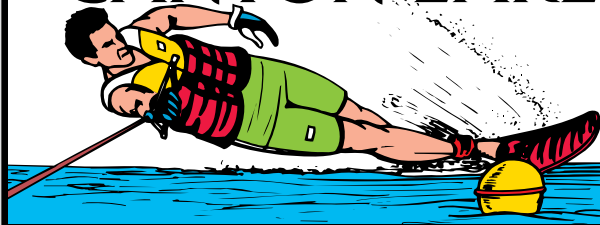


# CANYON LAKE

# SKI CLUB NEWS



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## COMING EVENTS

**April 16**

Ski Club Banquet  
at Country Club

**May 7**

Canyon Lake  
Clean-up Day

**May 28**

Fiesta Days Ski Show  
Memorial Day Weekend  
(Volunteers Needed)

**June, July, August**

(Dates TBD)

Learn To Ski & Advancing  
on the Ski Course

**May 14-15**

Big Al's Favorite  
(slalom, trick and jump)

**July 16-17**

July Workers  
(slalom, trick and jump)

**August 20**

Bob Barton Memorial  
(slalom only)

**October 1-2**

Personal Best  
Team Challenge  
(Slalom Only)

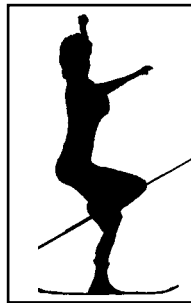
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**Joe  
Perez**  
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## WELCOME TO THE DOCK

Twins Nate and Garrett Gazon are two years and nine months old. They gave snow skiing a try a couple times last winter and will be going to Mammoth soon for another snow ski outing.

The boys were active last summer; they rode in the boat with Debbie Sacks while mommy skied, took out the paddle board

with daddy, rode on mommy's old windsurfer, drove Rick Heil's mini boat, rode their scooter's, went to the Colorado River with mommy and daddy and this winter sand surfed while posing for their Christmas photo. They are planning to take up water skiing this summer.

I've been water skiing since I was little but had never gone through the course until 2003. It's a blast and I'm totally addicted. I'm an affordable-housing attorney with Robinson & Cole and graduated from Michigan Law School in 1988.



**Nate and Garrett**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wanted to let everyone know that there are changes to the Ski Club Board for 2011. Your new Ski Club Board is on the cover of this Newsletter.

I want to thank President Tom Nathan and Treasurer Jim Brooks for all of their tireless work on the board. After five years on the job, they certainly deserve a break! Thank you both for your leadership!

The new board met this past weekend to discuss plans, events and goals for the upcoming year. Our Canyon Lake Ski Club is one of the most reknowned and respected ski clubs in the country. We have a tremendous array of talent; from International competitors and National Champions to people that are learning or just looking to have fun at one of the greatest sports ever invented (I might be a little biased). We want to continue to make our Canyon Lake ski club a place where people want to get involved, have



**Scott Larson**

fun and improve their abilities, in all the events.

Our club has already been busy within the Canyon Lake community this winter. Thanks to all who helped to make Breakfast with Santa and Polar Bear Day a success!

But, there is still much more planned. Check activities and tournament dates on front page. This is the return of the Canyon Lake Ski Club Newsletter. It will help keep everyone up to date with all the goings on in the Club!

Did you know, we also have the [canyonlakeskiclub.com](http://canyonlakeskiclub.com) web site? This site provides news, links and information about our club.

We look forward to a Great 2011! We value your input, ideas and participation! We hope to see everyone at the Banquet in April!

*Sincerely,  
Scott Larson*

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## MOST IMPROVED SKIER OF 2010

It just didn't happen! Joe Quinn had to work at being the most-improved skier of 2010. He had the ability; he had the equipment but he also had the bulk (about 40 pounds too much) for his 70-inch HO Phantom. So he went to several exercises and other enjoyable activities: tennis, dirt bikes, snowboarding, camping, hiking and probably diet comes into play as well. That 15-off opener started coming back and then practice led him to being a 32-off skier now! A quote from previous tournament director Paul Helbock: "When you are a 32-off skier you are where the competition is biggest and best!"

Before moving to Canyon Lake in 1998 Joe skied at Lake Piru, CA and Walker Lake, NV. That got him ready to ski for San Diego State University in 1988-91. Even though he has been skiing for decades he and his wife Linda have settled in Canyon Lake and now have two daughters, Ally, 8 and

Tori, 6. The girls participated in our Club's Learn-to-Ski Day and have other community activities.

We took advantage of his teaching skills at Canyon Lake Middle School and combined those with his skiing expertise and applied them to our Learn-to-Ski Day. His red and white 2002 Mastercraft with a horizontal boom was an asset for the event.



**The new Joe Quinn at -32**

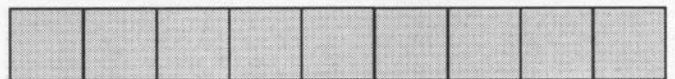
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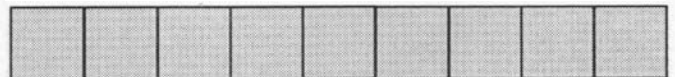
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# WHO DO YA KNOW?

Loralyn Willis can be seen on the tennis courts as well as the slalom course. She was just elevated to a 3.5 level player by the United States Tennis Association (USTA).

She enjoys water skiing, surfing, snow skiing and maintaining her home in Solana Beach where she loves those sunset strolls.

After graduating from Arcadia High School in 1974 she went to court reporting school. This al-



lowed her to work as a freelance stenographer specializing in depositions for attorneys throughout San Diego county.

Loralyn knew Fred Willis in high school but knew better than to get involved with him at that time! But at their 30-year high school reunion they connected. Although as Fred puts it, "I'm a workaholic but would try to fit her into his life as much as possible." Yeah, that makes sense because they both had two children pursuing their personal future.



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## WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Dale Gilbert has been skiing since dirt. His parents, Chuck and Nalene took Dale skiing with them where Dale started playing in the dirt. Hey, he was only four years old. He saw a lot of dirt while learning to ski....Colorado River, Shasta Lake, Black Butte Lake in Northern California, and the California Delta. He even skied in salt water in the Newport Beach Back Bay years ago.

One year when Dale was around ten years old or so, his family was vacationing on Lake Shasta, and went to see Mike Syderhoud's ski show at Bridge Bay. Dale was so fascinated that he wanted to do those tricks and go over a jump ramp. Guess what; he now has a Mastercraft stunt boat that he's renovating so he can do some of those stunts that they did with the boats in that show.

Dale joined the Golden West Tournament Wa-



ter Ski Club in 1986 after meeting Joyce Phelps (formerly of Canyon Lake) at the LA boat show. He's been a three-event skier since 1988 and got his judge's rating that same year; got his driver's rating in 1989.

On June 5 of last year he and Rose were married

in Canyon Lake Community Church. Dale's son, Geoffrey, took time off from his duties as a drummer in Pacific High School's Drumline to be in the wedding.

Rose was very instrumental in creating the bare-foot design for the BvZ footer shirts. Those shirts were sold out at the second BvZ tournament last year.

Geoffrey was very helpful coaching in our Learn-to-Ski days. Dale's older son Jason lives and skis here with his Malibu.

***Welcome to the neighborhood.***



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## NEWS = NORTH, EAST, WEST, SOUTH

The NEWS needs to be covered and the Ski Club does its share. NEWS could stand for North, East, West, South. Some might think that the Ski Club only uses the slalom ski course.

**N** for North Causeway where the Club pays for and maintains slalom course, trick course on tournament days and assists Operations during clean-up and repair. One of the last events of 2010 in the North Causeway was the AWSA slalom tournament PB Team Challenge. The tournament officials divided up the competitors into teams and had to match or beat their personal best as a team. The team with the highest number of buoys over their personal best won. The winning team is at right, Imre Weil, Fred Willis and Joe Quinn



**E** for East Gate basketball courts where Larry Nordell and others shoot baskets, run their dogs, etc. Larry always shoots the basketball there before skiing tournaments or practice. I have seen him shooting at all sites where he has participated in tournaments. He knows how to find a basketball court to limber up in the most remote areas. Every area does not have a LA Fitness like near his home in La Mesa. At Imperial and Newberry Springs he pretty well has it down,



where they are and when to shoot without bothering anyone. I have witnessed him scoping the Arvin community to find a school or park with open courts. When out of state he cruises in a rent-a-car and, sure enough, he can find a court. When he gets a little mojo going he has a medium-range jump shot that is equivalent and more consistent than many collegiate or pro players. He doesn't search out pick-up games; just has a life and routine before skiing.

**W** for the West area of the Lake is the Jump Lagoon. Most of the land around the Lagoon is Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and we need to take care of it and appreciate what access we have to it. Betsy and Imre graciously open part of their property and are hospitable to Club personnel installing easy-ups, computerized scoring equipment, lunch tables etc. for jumping officials. Shown is Willy Bertotto wearing a smooth white rubberized jump suit and soaring to a record jump of over 139 feet.



**S** for Sunset Beach where our Club hosts annual Polar Bear Day and ski show for Fiesta Day. With permission from POA and Marine Patrol several records have been attempted and set on the Main Lake and using Sunset Beach as common meeting place. Bill von Zabern set world record on his Sky Ski. Tony Klarich set personal goal of 40-40-400 (40 years old, 40 different stunts, 400 lake miles) for his 40th birthday (planning 50th now). Darin Hinkle was assisted by Mike Murphy and other members to accomplish a similar 30-30-300 for his 30th birthday.



## SKI CLUB'S NEW MONEY MAN

Joe Perez grew up in Palm Desert, California. At the age of five his father taught him to water ski in the Salton Sea and he immediately fell in love with the sport. While a sophomore in high school his family went on a trip to Lake Havasu and found "fresh water". Joe took a two-year break after high school to work construction and spend as much time as he could at the Colorado River.

In July 1979 he sent himself to Mike Suyderhoud's Water Ski School on beautiful Lake Shasta. There, he met Mike and Willie Ellermeyer. He will also tell you it was there that he "found religion". He saw for the first time the slalom course and jump ramp. He also learned to barefoot and trick ski, purchasing from Mike his first pair of Stinger Trick skis. When he returned home from Suyderhoud's his father thought he had gone nuts. He tossed out all of the old family equipment, including; the junk ropes and wood skis. He ripped out the fold down seats in the family 16 foot Glastron boat and installed a used captain's chair for the driver. He fashioned a rear facing bench from a 2x12 and installed a Casad pylon, which also scared Dad because he had to drill holes in the deck and sides of the boat for the support struts.

That same September, he went to his first sanctioned tournament at Marine Stadium sponsored by the Long Beach Golden West Tournament Water Ski Club. There he met Fred Willis, Steve & Joyce Phelps, Charlie Hatch, Herb Wexler, Phil Adams, to name a few. The most standout memory from that weekend was that members of the Australian Ski Team were competing that weekend apparently using that tournament to select members for their National Team. Joe remembers being the dock starter for Open Men Jump and meeting Glen Thurlow and Wayne Grimditch, then the jump world record holder at 180 feet.

About two weeks later, Joe went to his second tournament at Wet Set Village for their annual Cold Water Open. There, he found what would be his "ski home" for the next 20 years as a member of the Wet Set Ski Club. Joe went on to ski for Long Beach State graduating in 1984.

As the first college graduate in his father and mother's respective families, Joe was always driven from a business standpoint – today he is one of 28 partners in the San Diego office of a 200 person CPA firm.

His love for water skiing has kept him involved, but has yet to achieve scores of any stature above appearances in jump and trick in various Regional tournaments. His best is 1 @ 28 off, 1,350 trick points and 107 feet jumping. But he'll tell you, "there's still plenty of time to better those scores". His love for the sport has also pulled him to the technical side where he is an Assistant Driver, Regular Judge and Senior Scorer.

Joe says we will see more of his son Danny this coming season, when he graduates in June from UC Berkeley. Danny is already quite the jumper, besting "Dear ole Dad" with 118 feet and is looking to try his hand at wakeboarding. Joe likes to say Danny's "favorite position is upside down".

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## **Evan Morton**

Evan wasn't too happy to see Santa with all the people, fire trucks and everyone asking him to smile. But he did for this brief moment because his dog wanted in on the action too.