



Waynoka WaterSports Club

History & Goals



In March 2004 Steve Johnson posted an article in the Lake Waynoka Newsletter asking if anyone was interested in starting a Lake Waynoka Water Ski Club. The following is the article:



From this article, the Lake Waynoka Water Ski Club was formed. The founding members of the club were: Steve Johnson, Tom and Doris Kitchen, Steve Meese, Ryan Pollard, Scott and Bobbi Steele, Frank Tamanko, Vernon Taylor, Chris Wilks, and Teri Wright,.

There were quite a few interested individuals and families with kids that wanted to join from inside and outside of the lake however, the name caused some hesitation for people to join. Some kids and adults wanted to wakeboard, kneeboard and of course ski. To make sure everyone would be included, it was decided within the first year of the club's existence, to change the name to Waynoka Watersports Club.

The first officers of the Club were President: Steve Johnson, Vice President Vern Taylor, Secretary Teri Wright, Treasurer Tom Kitchen.

The Club wanted to become an official club of the lake and in order to do so they submitted a letter to the WPOA Board in 2006 stating the following information:

GOALS AND PURPOSE OF THE WATERSPORTS CLUB

- *Promote water skiing and boating safety in our community.*
- *Provide more opportunities for children and adults in the community to participate in organized recreational and competitive water ski activities.*
- *Teach kids and adults how to ski, wakeboard, kneeboard, and slalom ski.*
- *Meet and develop better relationships between skiers, water sports groups and boaters on the lake.*
- *Introduce our ski club and community to other lake communities and organized competitions.*
- *Host a water ski show before the Labor Day fireworks.*
- *Provide a first-class lake in our community to conduct organized recreational and competitive water sports activities and events.*
- *Promote club and lake activities for the betterment of the community and Lake Waynoka.*

The official Waynoka Watersports Club was established in the Spring of 2006 after approval from the WPOA Board and Trustees. The Club would meet the first Sunday of the month in March, June, September, and December at 12 noon in the Lodge. Special meetings were called throughout the year to plan club events.

The Officers of the Club were President: Shawna Faul, Vice President Steve Meese, Treasurer/Secretary: Steve Johnson. The Club collected its first dues on April 15, 2006, established and EIN with the IRS on May 1, 2006 and made its first deposit at the bank on May 8, 2006. The Club was fully functional!! Club membership dues were \$10/yr. for single person and \$20/yr. for families and were due annually in March. Dues were collected until 2010 when the Club decided there was enough money in the account and dues were no longer necessary.

The Club logo we use today was designed by American Identity Inc. The company Vern Taylor worked for used American Identity for advertising and Vern commissioned them to create the Watersports Club logo. This logo was used in the first Watersports Club brochures printed in 2006, 2007 and 2008. The Club eventually bought the logo rights from American Identity to ensure the logo could be used for future Club publications.

The first Club money making event was held in 2006. It was a Yard Sale/SwapMeet on the grassy area at the beach. All sales were private, but the Club made \$125 by selling food and beverages quite by accident. Vern was making hot dogs and hamburgers on his personal grill from food out of his and Steve Johnsons refrigerators. People attending the event asked if there was food for sale, so they made more food and sold it. Other people who helped with this event were Ryan Pollard and Steve Meese. This event continued until 2008. The Club also began selling T-Shirts and Koozies at this time.

Also in 2006, the Club participated in Waynoka Days for the first time and made \$225 from selling food, T-Shirts and koozies. The first New Year's Eve Party was held in the Lodge with a live band and the cost was \$10 or \$20 per couple and continued until 2012. A Beach Day/Ski Show was hosted by the Club on Labor Day at the beach to let the community just hang out and have fun. There was a DJ, food was sold in the pavilion, glow bracelets/necklaces and koozies were sold as well. The Ski Show continues to be held every Labor Day before the Fireworks. Beach Day now has its own fun filled day.

In the early years, to help promote the club, there were many membership drive cookouts and Meet & Greets held at Little Turtle. Banners were purchased at this time as well. Many of the kids that joined the club were gymnasts who wanted to do tricks on skis. This led to the ski shows that presented pyramids, flips and other exciting tricks.

In 2007 the first OBEC (Ohio Boating Education Class) was conducted by Steve Johnson and Tom Kitchen. This service to the Lake Waynoka Community is still conducted every year by the Club. Laurie Gardner started the Needy Kid Fund in 2007 and continued to chair this fundraising event until 2010 when the Chapel took it over.

To advertise in the greater Brown County area in 2008, the Club attended and participated in the Sardinia's Founders Day Parade where they won Best in Show and Best Organization for the Waynoka Watersports Club Float. The Club also attended the Clairmont County Fair and Brown County Fair. Ads were also placed in the local newspapers. From one of these ads Steve Johnson received a call requesting the Club put on a ski show at New Richmond River Days. Vern Taylors mother made the sequined costumes and the show was a huge success.

The Club began giving back to the Lake Waynoka Community in 2007 and going forward. The Club funded the gas dock repair, boat ramp repair, purchased buoys for the lake, gave \$2K to the New Chapel Fund, gave \$2K to the Playground Fund, purchased outdoor heaters for the lounge, conducted waterski clinics, gave donations to the Campground and the Lake Waynoka Tribe for their events. They also sponsored Sardinia Soccer teams from 2007-2010 donating over \$400.

In 2008 the Club hosted the Waynoka Day Festival and Laurie Gardner was the Committee Chair. The event was a huge success with pony rides, a dunking booth, hot air balloon rides, bingo, poker, kids' games and of course the beer truck. The club made \$225 that year from selling food. That year a grill and chest freezer were purchased for Club to use at events. The WaterSports Club also published the first Waynoka Calendar with photos compliments of Vince Devol. The calendars and WaterSports Club T-Shirts were sold at the Lake Waynoka Craft Fair. The Club continued to publish the calendar until 2009 when the Civic Club took it over.

The first WaterSports Club Poker Run was held in 2008. Steve Johnson, Vern Taylor, Laurie and Chuck Gardner organized the event. There were 60 entries that year. The poker hands were all recorded on paper (no computers were used at that time). It took many hours on Johnson's porch to compile the results. Everyone else congregated at the beach where they listened to a DJ play music and wait for the announcement of the winners. It was a great day and Poker Run has continued to be held every year since 2008.

The Ohio Veterans Home in Georgetown Ohio became the focus of charitable giving in 2009. Bobbi Steele along with Teri Wright coordinated a Christmas Giving Program for 4-6 Veterans at the home who had no family. Items/gifts were purchased and brought to the veterans in their rooms or in the common area of the Ohio Veterans Home. This continued until 2017 when HIPA rules would not allow for this one on one giving. After that, the Club sent Holiday/Christmas cards to the Ohio Veterans Home until 2019. Over the years the Club donated over \$3000 to this Program.

The first WaterSports Club Veterans Day Celebration, chaired by Charlie Beard, was held at the Lounge in November 2014 where the Club "picked up the tab" for all Veterans food and drinks. The entire lake was invited. Each branch of service and the veterans attending were recognized and pictures were taken. This event has become an annual celebration for our Veterans.

A huge give back to the lake, in 2015, was when the Club refurbished the beach umbrellas for a cost of \$8,400. The umbrellas were originally installed in 1970 and had been painted many times. The new finish would last for many more years and provide shade for our beach goers.

Over the next few years, the Club continued to host the Labor Day Ski Show and Beach Party, participate in Marina Day and Waynoka Day Festival, Poker Run, Veterans Day Celebration and hold ski clinics. Beginning in 2012 new events were initiated by the membership.

The first "A Day at the Beach" was held in 2012 and included a 5K Run chaired by Charlie Beard (proceeds from the 5K Run went to an Eastern High School Scholarship Fund), dragon boat demonstration, corn hole tournament, 50/50 split the pot, a Cardboard Regatta and more. A "Day at the Beach" took on a new name in 2017, Family Beach Day, chaired by Sandy Beard. Sandy introduced the first Color Run where 175 kids and adults got blasted with colored powder. The Cardboard Regatta was moved from Marina Day to this event and there were 16 entries. Family Beach Day has become one of the Clubs biggest annual events.

In April 2017 Michelle Golden chaired the first Earth Day Clean Up and invited everyone to pick up trash around the lake. Gloves and trash bags were donated for the event and distributed at the Lounge parking lot. The main focus for the Club was the "Back Gate" road into the lake. Bags and bags of trash were collected. This event is held annually.

Also in 2017 The Classic Car Show was hosted by the Club after the Lions Club could no longer sponsor it. It was held at Little Turtle. Charlie Beard and Eric Watson chaired this event where 44 cars participated in the show. Plaques were given to the top cars. The first 4th of July Boat Parade was chaired by Sue Levermore. Twelve boats were decorated in patriotic fashion for the event. Awards were presented to the top three boats who showed

patriotism and originality. The parade launched from the Marina proceeded to "Power line cove" and back to the Marina being escorted by the Waynoka Boat Patrol.

Giving back to the community continued in 2017 when repairs to the docks at the Marina were done and \$800 worth of boat bumpers were installed. The Club also paid the additional cost of \$1,500, for sand used to extend the beach. Picnic tables were purchased for the beach and installed under the umbrellas at a cost of \$16,218. Donations over the past years were made to the American Cancer Society \$250, Eastern High School Track Scholarship Fund, Russellville Fire Department, Georgetown Veterans Home \$3,117, and Christmas for Needy Kids fund. The Club also supported the Annual Labor Day Fireworks \$1600, coats for security \$300, Campground activities \$1,100 and no wake buoys \$1,800.

A trip to the Keeneland Racetrack in 2017, chaired by Pat McDulin, became an annual event for club members. The bus trip includes food and a lot of fun. The New Year's Eve Party in the Lodge came back in 2017 hosted by Charlie and Sandy Beard. It continues to be a major celebration for the Club every year.


In 2017 the Club was looking for another charity or charities to support going forward. It was decided the Club would now support Joseph House of Cincinnati and Kathy Sewell chaired this program. Joseph House is committed to serving veterans suffering from addiction through treatment and recovery programs designed to promote healthy, sustainable lifestyles and reintegration into the community. Since 2017 the Club and the lake community has provided sheets, towels, pillows, and over \$2000 in cash donations as well as hosting fishing outings for the veterans.

Trivia Night was co-hosted with the Sardinia Library in 2018 and then hosted by the Club in 2019. The event is held in the Lodge and all are invited to attend. It has become a welcome event in the dead of winter.

In September 2019, the Club continued to renovate the beach by cleaning and painting the beach umbrellas and tables which were damaged by mud and debris. Two swinging benches were purchased and installed at the beach and the point near the Marina at a cost of \$2,170. Two more benches at a cost of \$2,170 were ordered and are to be installed in 2020.

The Waynoka WaterSports is proud of its history and is looking forward too many more years of promoting water and boating safety and supporting/providing community activities in an effort to promote Lake Waynoka. We are always looking for new members who are interested in furthering this effort.

First Waynoka WaterSports Brochure in 2006



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JOIN US FOR

**FAMILY,
FRIENDS,
& FUN**

WITH

**WAYNOKA
WATERSPORTS**

LAKE WAYNOKA WATERSPORTS
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SARDINIA, OHIO 45171


MEETING
TIMES

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ACTIVITIES
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**LAKE WAYNOKA
WATERSPORTS
CLUB
2006**

**COME SEE WHAT
THE FUN IS ALL
ABOUT!!!!**



PURPOSE OF THE CLUB

TO PROMOTE THE SPORT OF BOATING AND WATER SKIING THROUGH GROUP PARTICIPATION, EXHIBITIONS, SHOWS, TOURNAMENTS AND ASSOCIATED RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES; DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE LAKE AND FACILITIES FOR SAFE WATER SKIING, WAKEBOARDING, KNEEBOARDING, BAREFOOTING, SLALOM SKIING AND TUBING; STIMULATE INTEREST IN THE COMMUNITY AND PROMOTE EDUCATION AND BOATERS SAFETY ON THE LAKE.

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ALL TYPES OF WATER SPORTS AND PRACTICE SAFE BOATING OPERATIONS.

MEMBERSHIP COST IS \$10 FOR INDIVIDUAL AND \$20 FOR A

FAMILY. DUES ARE RENEWED ANNUALLY IN MARCH. ALL MEMBERS NEED TO SIGN A RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM, WHICH THE CLUB WILL MAINTAIN YEARLY. ALL MEMBERS USING THEIR BOATS FOR CLUB EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, PRACTICES, SHOWS, ETC. NEED TO SHOW CURRENT PROOF OF BOAT INSURANCE.

MEETING TIMES

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10:00 AM AT THE LODGE. MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE BEACH. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE CLUB MEETINGS AND EVENTS.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

THE CLUB PLANS TO HOST A SKI SHOW AT THE BEACH ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND THE DAY OF THE FIREWORKS AS WELL AS LEARN TO SKI CLINICS FOR ALL AGES, DEMO DAYS, SWAP MEETS, BOATERS SAFETY COURSES, SKIING WITH OTHER SKI CLUBS AT OTHER LAKES, HOSTING AND PARTICIPATION IN SKI AND WAKEBOARD TOURNAMENTS AND A NEW YEARS EVE PARTY AT THE LODGE. WATCH YOUR NEWSLETTERS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!!!!

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2006 Brochure with new Waynoka WaterSports Club logo

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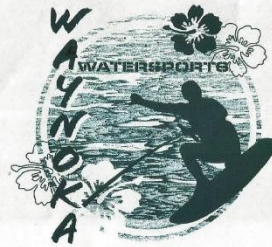
MEETINGS

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MEMBERSHIP

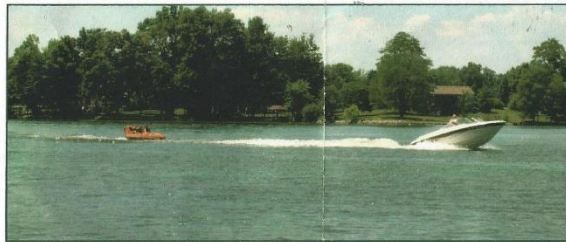
Membership is open to all individuals who are interested in all types of water sports and practice safe boating operations.

Membership cost \$10 for an individual or \$20 for a family. Dues are renewed annually in March. All members need to sign a release of liability form, which the club will maintain yearly. All members using their own boats for club events, activities, practices and shows need to show current proof of boat insurance.



*Age 5 or 75,
come see what all
the fun is about!*

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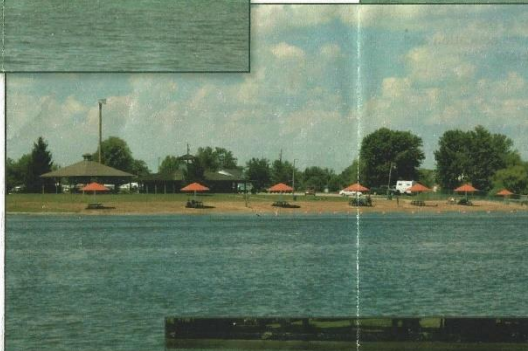


ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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Numerous 'Learn to Ski' clinics and boating safety course are held throughout the boating season.

As other events are created and planned, they will be posted in 'Waynoka News' and around the community.



2008 Waynoka WaterSports Brochure



SARDINIA FOUNDERS DAY



ANNUAL SKI SHOW



WAYNOKA DAY

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Lake Waynoka



Watersports Club

Learn to Ski clinics
Private Lessons
Boating Safety Course
Community Activities

WATER SKIING



WAKE BOARDING



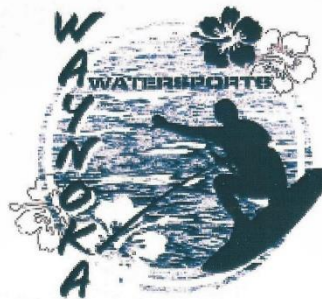
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SLALOM SKIING



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MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM at the lodge. Everyone is welcome to attend the club meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

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Waynoka watersports holds water ski show

The Waynoka Watersports Club held their first ever Water Ski Show with overwhelming support on Sept. 2 at the Beach Party.

An estimated 600+ people turned out to see the ski show under less than perfect weather conditions. The ski show consisted of kids aging from four-years-old to 67.

The youngest skier was Kelley Kossanyi, and the oldest was Jim Deitschel.

The show opened with nine skiers being pulled behind one boat, two people barefoot skiing, a wake boarder that did wake jumps and flips, one skier actually skied on a five foot ladder, and the finale was a five person pyramid.

Along with the more advanced skiers there were kids that participated aging from four to 13 years of age, multi skiing and wake boarding.

Many thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and boats to make this event a great success.

The Ski Show will definitely

become an annual Labor Day Weekend event.

Throughout the day people enjoyed playing sand volleyball, cornhole, putt-putt golf, sipping on a Slush Puppie or hot chocolate and yes, there were a few in the water swimming.

Hamburgers and hotdogs were served up around 6 p.m., followed by the Ski Show.

After the show, Waynoka's very own Scott Steele sang and performed Elvis and the day ended with the Fireworks.

The Ski Club was formed in March of 2006 and has 27 members and 12 kids. Anyone who would like to join the club and participate in next year's show, please come to one of our monthly meetings held on the third Saturday of each month, at 10 a.m. in the lodge. You do not have to live or be a member of Lake Waynoka to be involved with the club.

For information or questions contact Steve Johnson at 937-446-1585 or email smjohnson44@peoplepc.com.



The Waynoka Waterskiers Club waves to the crowd after the watersport show.



A Waynoka waterskier glides on a pedestal during the watersport show Sept. 2.



Waynoka waterskiers show off with a pyramid display during the watersport show Sept. 2.



Waynoka waterskiers give a group effort during the watersport show Sept. 2.