

# Oregon State Water Ski Meet Opens Saturday At Gardener Lake

## Tournament Draws Top Coast Skiers

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**  
(Saturday)  
9 to 10 a.m.—Junior boys slalom;  
10 to 11 a.m.—Junior girls slalom;  
11 to 12:30 p.m.—Pee wee slalom;  
12:30 to 1:45 p.m.—Women's slalom;  
1 to 1:30 p.m.—Veterans slalom;  
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.—Men's slalom;  
2:30 to 4:30 p.m.—Junior boys tricks;  
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.—Junior girls tricks.

(Sunday)  
9 to 10 a.m.—Veterans tricks;  
10 to 11 a.m.—Women's tricks;  
11 to 11:30 a.m.—Pee wee tricks;  
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Men's tricks;  
1:30 to 2:15 p.m.—Junior boys jump;  
2:30 to 3 p.m.—Junior girls jump;  
3 to 3:30 p.m.—Women's jump;  
3:30 to 4 p.m.—Pee wee jump;  
4 to 4:30 p.m.—Veterans jump;  
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.—Men's jump.

Little Gardener lake east of Medford hummed with activity today as water skiers from numerous Pacific coast localities got in their final practices for the first annual Oregon State championships.

The tournament, aimed at building interest in the sport in the state as well as determining championships, opens on Saturday morning and continues through Sunday. More than 80 entries are expected.

Held under sanction of the American Water Ski association, the meet is a combined one with both AWSA events and novice rivalry in slalom, trick riding and jumping contests. Since the meet is "open," out-of-staters can contend for the crowns. Many top skiers from the west coast will compete. A particularly large delegation from Sacramento, Calif., is to enter.

Entry probably will include more than 50 in the AWSA competition among the more experienced slat artists and some 30 novices from the southern Oregon area. Exact total of entrants won't be known until the tournament is just about underway.

**Starts at 8 a.m.**  
There will be men's, women's, veterans, boys, girls and pee wee classes. Tourney events each day begin at 9 a.m. Slalom contention opens the meet and trick riding will start about 3:30 p.m. Saturday, carrying over into Sunday. Jumping, said to be the most thrilling part of the tournament from a spectator's standpoint, concludes the meet. It starts about 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

In the slalom the tow boat goes straight down the course and entrants swing back and forth to round six buoys. Sixteen points are possible for a successful run over the course. To carry on eliminations, boat speeds are increased on successive runs. If no winner is yet decided, the rope is shortened, making the rounding of buoys more difficult. Men's class tow speeds start at 26 miles per hour and other classes at 24 and range up to 34 mph.

In trick riding contestants are awarded points on the tricks they do in a 20-second pass over the course. There are some 34 types of tricks listed in the rule book and grading depends on the degree of skill required and the difficulty to perform the stunt. In the jump entries are judged on both distance and form.

Men's class entrants will include John Godfrey, Vancouver, B. C., Canadian champion of 1956, Lon Skinner, Medford, recent Sodabay tourney winner; Bill Barlow, Piedmont, Calif., first in tricks at the 1957 Sodabay meet and in the 1956 Golden State championships; Bill Wall, Medford, first in jumping at Sodabay in 1955.

Veterans entries include those of Dr. Lew West, Seattle, 1951 coast champ; Al Eames, Antioch, Calif., 1953 national slalom champion; and Floyd Vance, Sacramento, Calif., world jump record holder and coast overall winner last year.

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West's wife, Florence, and Eames' wife and two sons and daughter, are among participants as is Gloria Abben, Sacramento, third in overall and second in tricks in the 1956 Pacific Coast tourney. Among girls entered are Vickie Vance, 13, second in tricks and third in overall in her class in the coast meet last year; and Martha Ann Williams, 10, winner this year in major girls competition at Cypress Gardens, Fla.

Crater Lions club of Medford is sponsor.  
Gardener lake is some 15 miles from Medford and is a small private man-made body of water owned by the Victor Gardener family. It is in the Yankee creek district. Motorists may reach it by driving out Antelope road east from Crater Lake highway and then following Yankee creek road to the lake.

There will be a nominal charge for admission for adults and a lesser one for children. There will be concessions stands in operation.

**Ray Robinson, Basilio Matched**  
New York — Middleweight Champion Ray Robinson and welterweight champion Carmen Basilio were matched today for a middleweight title fight at New York some time in September.

# MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS



**WHIZ KID ON WATER SKIS** — Martha Ann Williams, Long Beach, Calif., (above) 10 years old and already a newsreel and movie performer, is one of the outstanding young water skiers who'll compete Saturday and Sunday in the first annual Oregon State championships on Gardener lake east of Medford. This stellar youngster has picked up two major honors so far this year competing in the junior girls class, the trick championship in the All-American and the first overall in the Dixie tourney, both held at Cypress Gardens, Fla. She was filmed for water ski portion of a movie, "Funarami," a complete movie made at Cypress Gardens, featuring Martha Ann as star of the show, will be released in the near future. A rugged competitor, she has won 118 trophies in the United States and Mexico. In the junior girls class she vies against entrants up to 17 years of age. Miss Williams was trick champ last year in her class in the Mexican International tournament.

## Quarter-Final Spots Eyed By Netters at Wimbledon

Wimbledon, England — Four of the six American survivors in the women's singles division hoped to clinch quarter-final berths today in the Wimbledon tennis championships.

Althea Gibson of New York, who is favored to become the first Negro champion in the 80-year history of the tournament, faced Gene Hoaching of Britain, while four-time champion Louise Brough of Beverly Hills, Calif., met Heather Brewer of Bermuda.

## Pat O'Connor Has Fast Time

Monza, Italy — Pat O'Connor, a veteran speed demon from North Vernon, Ind., is expected to wind up with the pole position when American and European drivers roar off Saturday in the Monza 500 auto race.

O'Connor turned in the best time during the first day of the official qualification tests Thursday, driving his Sumer Special around the 2.64-mile high-speed course in 55.7 seconds at an average speed of 170.689 miles per hour.

## Sue Encounters Gracie in OGA Tournament Semi-Final Tiff

Oswego — The Oregon Amateur Golf championships enter the semi-finals today with Don Krieger, Dick Yost, Ad Huycke and Tom Shaw left in the field.

Yost, the 1950 champ and favorite to win the title this year, shot four under par golf in the morning Thursday to drop Jay Block 7 and 6 and then came back in the afternoon to trip Lou Stafford, 1 up.

Shaw, the 18-year-old from Milwaukie high school, turned in two upsets to gain the berth. In the morning round he knocked off 1951 champ Bob Atkinson Jr., 1 up. He defeated Lou Tobin 5 and 4, in the afternoon.

**Defending Champ Wins**  
Huycke, one of the co-medalists, turned in two 3 and 2 victories. He dropped Ken Leonard in the morning round and came back in the afternoon to down Virgil Mitchell.

## Fords, Chevvs Score Wins In Softball

Crater Lake Motors racked up its fifth Jackson County Softball association victory without a loss last night.

The Fordmen blanked Morse Motors 13 to 0.

Courtesy Chevrolet reestablished itself in a second place tie with a 15 to 10 decision over the Rogue Valley Dairy Maids.

Ron Weatherford threw a one-hitter for the Crater Lake crew. Courtesy had two innings of five runs each and made the difference in the outcome with five more tallies spread over the last three frames. The girls had a couple of good innings with three runs in the fourth and four in the fifth in their third try of the loop against men's competition.

**LINESCORES:**  
Morse 000 00—0  
Crater Lake 343 3x—13  
Weatherford and Hale, Robertson and Egan.  
Courtesy 055 021 2—15  
Dairy Maids 111 340 0—10  
Collins, Hall (6) and Tusow; Hickson, Barron (3) and Maine.

## Golfers Tour By Helicopter

Portland — Golfers Fred Alsop and Ed Wheelock have found a new way to tour the golf course. The went around the Columbia-Eggewater course Thursday via helicopter.

"Ed and I figured we were just volunteering to participate in a stunt for our club's stag day, but after playing golf with the aid of a helicopter, we can see that using a 'copter has some definite advantages," said Alsop.

Ernie Helms of Skyways, who furnished the 'copter, said the day might come when golfers would be able to rent little helicopters as they now do carts.

## YMCA Women Trip Butte Falls

YMCA women defeated Butte Falls 13 to 8 last night in a softball game on the McLoughlin Junior high field. The game was halted after four innings because of darkness.

**LINESCORE:**  
Butte Falls 413 6—8  
YMCA 265 8x—13  
Joffite and Davies; Lewis, Kidd and McCall; L. Hess.

Defending champ Krieger nosed out Matt Hatala on the 21st hole. In the morning round he whipped Jerry Smythe 6 and 5, one putting six consecutive greens.

In today's semi-finals, Huycke played Shaw and Yost was matched with Krieger. The final 36 holes will be played Saturday.

At Tualatin the women's tourney will pit defending champion Gracie DeMoss against Sue DeVoe, Medford, and medalist Carole Jo Kabler, Sutherlin, will play Mrs. R. L. Borst of Portland. The women were idle Thursday.

## Floyd, Hurricane Slated to Sign

New York — Champion Floyd Patterson and Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson were scheduled to sign formally today for their heavyweight title fight at the Polo Grounds, July 29. This signing of commission contracts was a formality because private documents for the 15-rounder had been signed by the managers and promoter Emil Lence on May 24.

## Tom Holmes Royal Pilot

Montreal — Tommy Holmes has been named the new manager of the Montreal Royals and will take over the International league club Saturday. Holmes, who once managed the Boston Braves, replaces Greg Mulleavy, who resigned June 14. Maine consistently is a leading state in the production of potatoes.

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