



# WATER SKI BOOSTER CLUB

Newsletter  
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*The Best is On the Bayou*

## LETTER FROM THE BOOSTER CLUB PRESIDENT

Happy New Year, and *WELCOME* to the first ULM Water Ski Boosters' newsletter. A group of past skiers got together two years ago to create this platform to give back to our beloved university and ski team. This group has two simple goals: 1) regain the ULM Ski Team's former national dominance, and 2) maintain lifelong connections between skiers, friends, and the university. In the future, we expect to have a quarterly newsletter that will profile skiers, both current and past, while keeping you up to date on upcoming events. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or other information we should include.

The Booster Club is off to a great start, with our membership approaching fifty members, we have raised over twenty thousand dollars in the first six months. Our board has a monthly call to ensure we are advancing our agenda. In October 2023, we had our first in-person meeting at the collegiate nationals and had a great turnout. Our ULM skiers came in second to ULL, but they had an excellent showing, beating the University of Alabama by five points. Danny Sheedy is heading up the charge in membership and has done a great job, while Scott Greenwood is leading the recruitment efforts. They are always looking for helping hands.

We will keep you informed as we progress with new developments regarding the University and the Ski team. We encourage you to get involved in one of our committees or events. We are working closely with President Berry at the University, and are excited about his interest and eagerness to be involved. As with most state agencies, the University does not move very fast, and so it's been a learning curve for me, requiring a lot of patience.

On a personal note, reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones has been fulfilling. Giving back to the University that helped me prepare for my professional career provides a sense of gratitude for me that is enriching. I would encourage you to consider getting involved at any level and reach out to others and encourage them to join this great group.



Sincerely,  
Perry Cox

## 2023 NATIONALS



See details on page 2.

## Collegiate Hall of Fame 2 ULM Alums Inducted:



See details on page 3.



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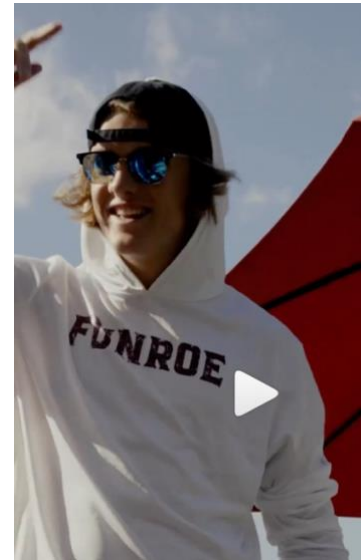
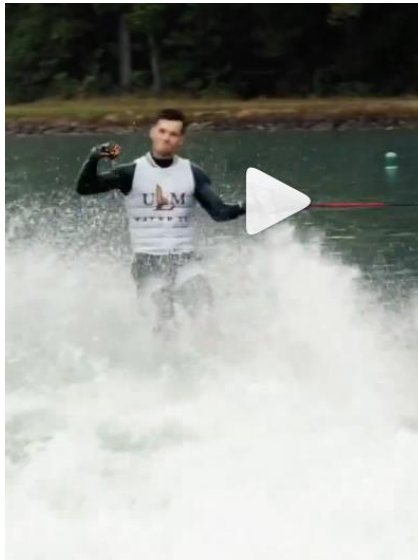
## 2023 COLLEGIATE NATIONALS



The 2023-2024 ULM Water Ski Team: (Back Row L-R): Coach Zane Nicholson, Jake Chambers, Aatu Virta, Stefan Piatrenka, Jacob Duffy, Viktor Motov, Sondre Stalheim, Ryan Schipper (Front Row L-R): Connor Pauley, Nellie Allard, Eline Vang, Lea Miermont, Valeryia Trubskaya, Stanislava Prosvietova, Carter Lucas, Damir Filaretov

Our ULM Water Ski team placed second at the 44th Collegiate Water Ski National Championships held Oct 26-28, 2023 in Zachary, LA. Water Ski Team Alums from across the country and Canada came to Zachary to cheer the team on as the Warhawks gave it their all. The ULM Water Ski Booster Club hosted a social gathering Friday night for ski team members and alums. During the tournament, the Boosters provided a tent with food, drinks and shade, lots of cheering, comradery and team support.

Ski Team Alums had the opportunity to reunite with old friends as they cheered on our team: "We're a hell-of-a-crew from NLU..."! ULM skiers are a great group, full of the same team spirit that we alumni remember so well!

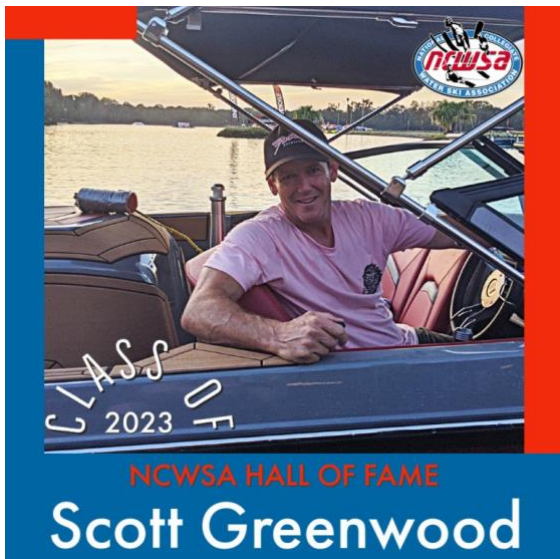


"Click" each photo above to experience moments at the nationals. Below: team photo at Fri. night boosters social. See below, current team and alum at Friday night social.



**2023 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS**

Congratulations to two of our very own, ULM Water Ski Team alums Scott “Greenie” Greenwood (1988-1992) and Zack Worden (2009-2011) were inducted into the National Collegiate Water Ski Association Hall of Fame, Class of 2023. These two men have been iconic in the sport of waterskiing, and we are honored to have them represent ULM as the newest members of the hall of fame. What a great example of dedication and character.



Scott Greenwood’s involvement with collegiate water skiing began in 1980s when the young skier from Arkansas enrolled at Northeastern Louisiana University to ski for the Indians. When Scott joined he was a decent skier, but certainly far from the best NLU had to offer. During his time at NLU Greeny worked hard to elevate his level of performance and began to hone his driving skills pulling teammates on the bayou. Through hard work and dedication Greeny was able to earn a spot on the powerhouse NLU ski team helping the team win a couple National Titles.

While Greeny took a hiatus from collegiate skiing to begin his career and start a family, he returned to the collegiate scene in the late 2000s as a driver. Since getting behind the wheel Greeny has driven five NCWSA National Championships, multiple NCWSA All-Star Tournaments, and countless other NCWSA tournaments. He was the recipient of the Bill Stevenson Outstanding Driver Award in 2013, 2016, and 2018 and has driven the past five NCWSA jump records.

Greeny’s attitude is contagious, always there to pump people up and invite new skiers into the fold. Greeny is more than just a great

skier or driver, he is a great ambassador for the sport of collegiate water skiing.



Few people embody the spirit of Collegiate Water Skiing like Zack Worden, a jovial and lighthearted individual at heart. Zack was dominant on the water but encouraged skiers of all levels, always ready to help welcome others into the sport. Zack also served as a guest speaker at numerous Midwest Winter Conferences after completing his collegiate career.

The atmosphere at Tri-Lakes was electric as the Nautique 200 turned to bring the top seed in men’s jump into the course for his final attempt at the 2011 NCWSA National Championships. A familiar voice boomed through the air... “Trying to exceed a jump record – the Holy Grail – which has been in existence since 1999. Let’s have a look and see what Zack Worden can do with one final jump...” While many are aware of this extraordinary feat that took place during the final set of Zack’s collegiate career, this performance simply capped off a dominate career for the Warhawks.

Credit for articles: National Collegiate Water Ski Association website: [thencwsa.org](http://thencwsa.org).

## REFURBISHING THE RAMP



**ALUMS FACILITATING:** Carl Bantle, Jere Spence, Scott Greenwood, and Terra (Hancock Taylor) & Ken Taylor  
**TEAM MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:** Viktor Motov, Lera Trubskaya, Stasya Prosvientova, Dodo Allard, Nellie Allard, Eline Vang, Aatu Birta, Carter Lucas, and Stefan Piatrenka

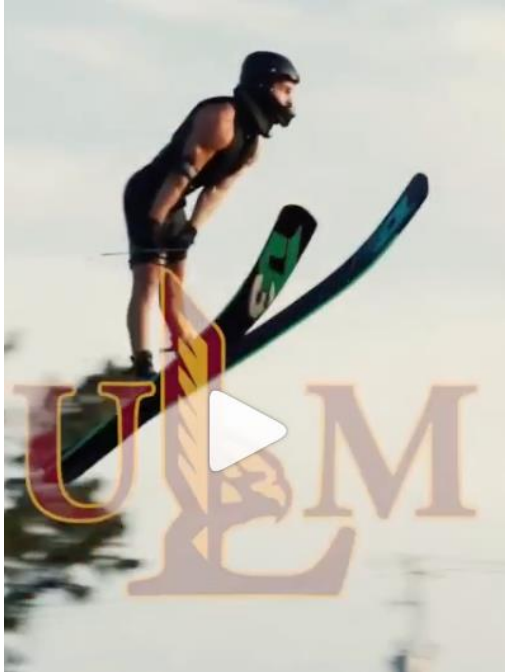
The Booster Club recently helped plan and facilitate refurbishing of the jump. Alums got involved, reconnected and gave back! Local ski legend and lake owner Jimmy Griffin graciously loaned his trailer and re-purposed it so the jump could be loaded and pulled out of the water. Alumni Scott Greenwood and Carl Bantle used their construction and engineering skills to conduct structural and mechanical repairs. The old wax was scraped off, team members power-washed and gave the aprons a fresh coat of paint, and Scott completed the renovations by applying a fresh coat of hot wax.

Join the Boosters and volunteer to help with future events – It's a great opportunity to be a part of the legacy that helped make each of us who we are.



## GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING ON THE BAYOU!!!

Click each photo to share in the fun times and great skiing happening on the bayou that are sure to bring back great memories.



If you haven't joined the ULM Water Ski Booster Club, take the plunge today. Click the link below to join!! You will receive some great gifts for joining (bumper stickers, hats, tumblers, backpacks...) to remind you daily of your contribution, our priceless memories, and the legacy of our ski team. [CLICK HERE](#) to join!!

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**ALUMS/BOOSTERS @ 2023 NATIONALS AT BENNETT'S  
IF YOU are not in these photos, come join the fun!! You are missed!!**





In memory of and dedicated to our forever mentor:  
Dean Thomas Murphy.

