

BROKEN SKI AWARD RECIPIENTS

The dubious honor of receiving the *Broken Ski* is bestowed on a Metroplex Ski Club member each year for some blunderous action they have been given credit for - whether deserved or not! The recipient adds an item to the ski to signify the act that earned this distinction.

Year/ Winner	Story and Contribution
1984 - JOHN WILSON	<p>Lake Texoma - John and two friends borrowed a ski from a stranger to show off by building a pyramid. After the ski was kicked off to build the pyramid, John ran over the borrowed ski with the borrowed boat. Thereby creating the broken ski for this award!</p> <p>Contribution: The Broken Ski</p>
1985 - BILL COLP	<p>North Lake - Bill totaled his Nissan 280ZX while speeding to the lake to get in "his sets" for the day.</p> <p>Contribution: Nissan written on the bottom of the ski</p>
1986 - MIKE WARNER	<p>Duck Hill Mississippi - Mike partied all night with a girl he had met and missed his turn at regionals - by 60 seconds!</p> <p>Contribution: Cold pack</p>
1987 - CHAD BAKER	<p>North Lake - Chad dropped Mike Warner's new camcorder in the lake while video taping him bare footing.</p> <p>Contribution: Picture of camcorder</p>
1988 - TONY WATKINS	<p>Tri-Lakes - Tony totally missed his ride at regionals by oversleeping.</p> <p>Contribution: Alarm clock</p>
1989 - GARY OWEN	<p>Marine Creek - Gary tied off his boat to the dock using the pylon with the rope stretched across the drivers seat. The boat was still running. And according to Murphy's Law, some wakes hit the boat. The rope moved up against the throttle and pushed it into gear. And of course the boat went on shore.</p> <p>Contribution: Prop (dinged prop)</p>
1990 - JANE ABEL	<p>Marine Creek - Jane lost control of her boat in the turn-a-round when her steering cable broke and she wound up in the willow trees. They had to "cut" the boat out.</p> <p>Contribution: Willow leaves and saw blade</p>
1991 - FONDA HALFACRE (PETERSON)	<p>Marine Creek - Fonda attempted to sink one of Jim Buxton's promo boats, (which he was not too happy about and told her so), but then she had to go and try again.</p> <p>Contribution: Boat plug</p>
1992 - BARRY HESS	<p>Barry was having a fabulous year jumping but one day decided to go in-line skating, in an empty swimming pool. His season was cut short by a broken ankle.</p> <p>Contribution: In-line skate wheels</p>
1993 - ROBIN PHILLIPS	<p>Willow Bend - Robin was driving at a tournament when in the turn-a-round the steering cable broke and the boat ran <i>completely</i> on shore.</p> <p>Contribution: Barney boat</p>
1994 - MARK PETERSON	<p>Cypress Hills - Mark had a wonderful year jumping and finished the year off nicely at regionals when after completing his first two jumps, passed his third. He skied around the jump, did a 180 turn with one hand in the water for style, and completed his performance by landing on his back on shore at the feet of spectators.</p>

	Contribution: Rocks in the binding
1995 - DAVID DERASAUGH	<p>Marine Creek - David made a splash at boat certification - literally. Bruce Carr was on the platform in dress clothes attempting to replace a buoy when David accidentally hit the throttle throwing Bruce into the water with the Coast Guard present and performing their task of boat and water safety instruction.</p> <p>Contribution: Wallet, play money, and life jacket.</p>
1996-BILL STEARNS & MELINDA HICKMAN	<p>Tri-Lakes - While vacationing in Louisiana, Bill and Melinda decided to attend regionals. Melinda left for a few hours unbeknown to Bill. Once Bill realized her lack of presence he began looking for Melinda but to no avail. The day of competition was drawing to an end as well as the sun setting, and Bill began to be a little concerned about Melinda's whereabouts since she had taken their rental car, his wallet, clothes, airline tickets, pretty much everything he had with him! Bill could not understand where she would have gone for such a long time without letting him know and he was "pretty sure" that they had not gotten in a fight! All did eventually end well, Melinda did not run away with a hunk skier after all but instead did return to pick up Bill at the end of the day</p> <p>Contribution: A Toy Car.</p>
1997-TERRI STOKER	<p>Marine Creek Lake - This is the BIG One!!! The CAR!!! Terri arrived at Marine Creek Lake for a leisurely afternoon by the water. She pulled up to the combination gate, got out, unlocked the gate, returned to her car and pulled through, and then... got out of her car to close the gate... turned around to return to her car only to see it rolling down the hill, dodging trees, and clipping a jump meter stand before its entry into the water with the windshield wipers a flappin'! It floated for a while... maybe thinking it could become a boat?</p> <p>Contribution: A photograph of the half sunk car.</p>
1998-CHUCK COMPHER	<p>Marine Creek Lake – Upon the completion of an after work ski set, Chuck Compber headed up the hill at Marine Creek Lake to go home. He stopped at the gate to chat with Bill Stearns for a few moments and then commenced to continue pulling out through the gate. But, he decided to do some re-work on the gate and his boat in a not to favorable way...He caught the gate with his boat and platform.</p> <p>Contribution: A platform clip.</p>
1999-RONNIE MARTIN	<p>Cypress Hills – At Regionals, Ronnie fell and broke his ankle in his slalom event. This prevented him from attending Nationals in Bakersfield, CA. To most of us this would just be a 'missed' year but to Ronnie this was earth shattering! You see, Ronnie has not missed Nationals in almost 20 years and has NEVER missed a Regionals Competition.</p> <p>Contribution: His Ankle Brace</p>
2000-CHUCK COMPHER	<p>THE FIRST REPEAT RECEIPT The New Trinity River Site and Somewhere along the way on his Annual Water Ski Trip to Maine. First, at the new Trinity River site...Chuck lost a ski in the water and did not find that day, well...the rains came, and when the rain comes the river flows and the water flows over the dam and over the dam with the water was the ski...lost ski down the river. Then this past summer on his annual trip to Maine, Chuck got in a bind while attempting to turn around with his boat trailered behind him. He ends up running into a house with his boat and trailer! The house he runs into is a celebrity, the host of the television show "The Antique Road Show"</p> <p>Contribution: TBA</p>
2001-CHUCK COMPHER	<p>Chuck now stands as the ONLY three time recipient of this ominous award. He slipped and fell down on the boat ramp during a huge rainstorm at Spring Fling, broke his finger and got a big cut on his head. He had a slight concussion and was acting a little dinky for awhile too.</p> <p>Contribution: TBA</p>
2002-JOE McCREARY	Joe was skiing at MC when a large mouth bass flew up out of the water on his way to two ball.

	<p>Joe wiped out and while killing the fish and cutting his knee. Rumor has it that fish was cleaned and eaten by another MSC member.</p> <p>Contribution: TBA</p>
2003-KIRK LARSON	<p>Kirk was skiing at MC when his prosthetic leg broke off in his binding. He wiped out, but was not injured. He simply went to his truck and pulled out another leg and continued skiing!</p> <p>Contribution: TBA</p>
2004—KEVIN HATLEY	<p>The competition for this award was stiff in 2004, but Kevin Hatley narrowly won it. Kevin was wakeboarding at MC and was going towards the dock. He jumped the wake and then saw he faced a few grim options: 1 – slam into the dock, 2 – slam into the tree next to the dock, or 3 – ski between them, jump the cable that connects the dock to the tree and slam into shore. He chose option 3, and hit shore hard enough to break the wakeboard and do a few cartwheels onto shore. Nice roadrash on both forearms. Honorable mentions for 2004 included Kyle Mayer for missing his regionals even for over-sleeping, Chuck Compher (surprised?) for losing a trailer tire on the freeway, and Mark Cohen for doing a yard sale when his slalom fin broke under pressure.</p> <p>Contribution: TBA</p>
2005 – MARK COHEN	<p>Mark could have won the award for more than one thing that year... One, for the broken trailer axle, or for having the boat trailer at Ski haven fall on his foot and break all his toes! Since he could not attach the broken axle to the BSA, he chose the broken toe. He was helping former member Joe McCreary hook up the trailer to the truck in November, and when the jack gave way, hit his foot and broke his foot. Mark had to wear a sandal to work for 6-8 weeks during the recovery, and skied on a kneeboard on Polar Bear 2006.</p> <p>Contribution: The Teva sandal he was wearing that day</p>
2006 – MIKE OLESON / MIKE SPENCE	<p>The day of the Jump Clinic 2006, Mike Spence served as the instructor. It was finally the moment Mike Oleson was waiting for – his turn on the jump... The Mikes went over the jump together and Oleson wiped out... Into Spence... ACL and MCL both torn, Spence was off the water for the year and suffered several re-injuries.</p> <p>Contribution: A picture of the two of them going over the jump</p>
2007 – REID LANCASTER	<p>Reid Lancaster ran out of gas in the course at the original Trinity River site. As we all know, the course was three miles down from the boat ramp, so he had to paddle his way all the way back.</p> <p>Contribution: TBA</p>
2008 -	No History available
2009 – SID WISINGER	<p>Sid Wisinger got the award in 2009. As he was pulling off the boat ramp at Marine Creek, his trailer tongue snapped like a pencil and he had to rush over to Texas Mastercraft for a loaner.</p> <p>Contribution: TBA</p>
2010 – LARRY LEONARD	<p>Larry wins the award for a broken toe. Details are sketchy, I will investigate further as to the how/why.</p> <p>Contribution: TBA</p>
2011 – TIM DEAK	<p>Longtime member Tim Deak won the award in 2011. Tim was pulling Sid Wisinger on trick at Marine Creek. Sid finished his set, drops in the water. Sid's boat had the throttle adjusted so that instead of 12:00 being neutral, it was slightly back, at around the 2:00 position. As he approached the dock, Tim put the throttle at the 12:00 position, and thinking it was in neutral, pulls the rope in. The boat idled into another member's boat – Scott Smith, who let's just say was a little less than pleased and let Tim know.</p> <p>Contribution: None, but the last time I drove Sid's boat, the throttle was in neutral at the 12:00 position.</p>
2012 – Glenn Sperry/Rob	There is no doubt, no matter how careful you are, or how good of a skier you are, you will at

Kadansky	<p>some point to something to get yourself on this list. Some of us, I won't mention any names (Chuck Sr.) enjoy taking this beautiful trophy home year after year. The award was co-awarded because it was not completely Glenn's fault. In fact, it may have been more Rob's fault. Anyways, the award goes to them because they were responsible for the portable jump sinking to the bottom of Eagle Mountain Lake after a show. Glenn was on the jump working on pulling the anchor and Rob came aboard to assist... Glenn pulled the anchor up, and the jump flipped immediately. Luckily, Bella Panganiban had a camera handy and began taking pictures of the entire event.</p> <p>Contribution: TBA</p>
2013 – Robert Fulcher	<p>Robert Fulcher – Where do we begin? Injured shoulder, ankle, knee... This legendary member of the group of MSC's founding fathers miraculously avoided winning this prestigious for 30 years. Maybe it was due to his absence from MSC while a member at Mustang, but his injury prone self was surely at some point on a crash course with destiny. Robert thought he was being funny by nominating his tricks coach Marty Gray who actually broke his trick ski, but the MSC Board had other plans for the award. Robert realized he was winning it last minute, and refused to announce himself as the winner at the annual Christmas party.</p> <p>Contribution: Broken trick ski binding</p>
2014 – Cy Goudge	<p>1st year rookie Cy Goudge – broken wheel on 76 Mastercraft Trailer. There was a larger than normal crowd at the lake that day. At sundown, everyone packed up and headed out. As several MSCers made the u-turn at 820/Azle Avenue, there sat Cy and his boat in front of Hansom Hanks sitting on the hub. It looked to be a routine flat until further inspection... Turns out it was that the entire hug sheared off and the trailer came crashing down. Not sure, but this might be the 1st time a rookie wins the BSA and was in the running for rookie of the year.</p> <p>Contribution: TBA</p>
2015 – Jim Potts	<p>Hard crash on the last day of Ski League resulting in a concussion. Had to be driven home by Robert Fulcher and Cy Goudge</p>
2016 – Weather/Ramp	<p>An unusual strong wind lifted up the Jump Ramp on Marine Creek causing the float buoys to be disconnected. The Ramp subsequently sunk to the bottom of the lake and took many man hours and Metroplex funds to resurrect.</p>