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Message from the Board by Jerry Baxter, 2023 Board Member

What in the World is Hydrofoiling?

In the early 1960s, the first "water ski" hydrofoil was developed by Walter Woodward, an aeronautical engineer from Upper Newton Falls, Massachusetts. The first person to test and fly Woodward's invention was Frazer Sinclair. Frazer attached two skis to a hydrofoil. This was the beginning of towed hydrofoiling!

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Delta Tunnels Update: savethedelta.org



When the 1980's rolled around, **Bob Woolley** and **Mike Murphy** joined forces to develop the first single strut hydrofoil which also had no seat belt or binding heel straps (Air Chair, Sky Ski). This led to disastrous falls with the rider becoming disconnected from the hydrofoil. With the addition of binding heel straps and a seat belt, the rider does not become disconnected from the hydrofoil.

As hydrofoil designs continued to improve, hydrofoiling has transitioned to an exciting sport that has things to offer for all levels of expertise, from riding and enjoying a smooth ride in rough water to performing aerial tricks anywhere behind the tow boat. A tow boat with a tower is preferred as it provides more lift on pullups and performing aerial tricks.

A hydrofoil is made up of three major assemblies:

Seat Tower - This is where you sit on the ski. Typically made of aluminum, there are models with a shock and without a shock. These are called "Shock Towers" and "Rock Towers." The seat comes with a safety belt that keeps the rider from being released from the seat/ski.

Board - The board is typically made of **fiberglass or carbon fiber resin** molded into a ski. There are two bindings with safety straps that keep the rider's feet from being released from the board. These bindings can be adjusted to fit different feet sizes.

Foil Assembly - The foil assembly consists of three major parts: the **strut/fuselage** which acts as a rudder to guide the rider in the direction they turn their knees/body; the **front wing** which provides the lift and enables the rider to rise/jump the ski off the surface of the water; and lastly, there is the **rear wing** which stabilizes/counterbalances the lift from the front wing. There are many different kinds of foil configurations, and these configurations are critical for how the ski reacts and rides in the water. The foil assemblies are typically **made from cast or billet aluminum** and are sold by many different vendors.

A hydrofoil is towed behind a watercraft at **speeds usually 18 to 25 mph.** The rider straps into the hydrofoil and secures the safety straps on the seat tower and the bindings Starting in deep water, they lean back to keep the tip of the board out of the water, and then once the board begins to plane, the rider leans forward to keep the hydrofoil from leaving the water. Once the rider is at a speed high enough to provide lift from the foil assembly, they will bring the board off the surface of the water at which time "flight" begins. This is when the "balancing" act begins.

To bring the board off the water, the rider leans back. When the board starts to plane, they lean forward. The rider steers the hydrofoil by moving their knees in the direction they want to go.

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There are a couple of benefits of riding a hydrofoil. The rider can ride above the waves which make it a great water sport in rough water. In fact, the rider is usually limited by the speed the boat can go. If the water is too rough, the boat may not be able to go fast enough for the rider to get enough lift from the foil to rise above the surface of the waves. Another benefit is the ease of riding. There is far less strength needed to ride on a hydrofoil than a water ski or a wakeboard.

Hydrofoils actually ride underneath the water, reducing the amount of friction on the riding surface which in turn reduces the tension in the rope. On the other hand, a water ski rides on the surface of the water where the friction is much greater (surface tension). This effect can be demonstrated when watching a rider release from the rope. A hydrofoil will "coast" for a longer distance than a water skier or wakeboarder going at the same speed.

Give it a try and get hooked on a sport that draws a lot of attention and applauses on every waterway or lake.



Jerry Baxter 2023 Board Member

2023 Officers and Directors



Elected Officers



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Chris Feduniw Webmaster



Jerry Baxter



Monica Fitzgerald New board member



Eric Johnson



Karl Smith

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Flat Water Times Editor: Lynette Wong

Webmaster: Chris Feduniw



Lynette Wong Newsletter Editor

Past Events

Watersports Day, August 6, 2023

By Karl Smith and Dianne Rust

On August 6 we had our first Sunday ski event of the year. Three boats were provided by Jerry Baxter, Ralph Rast and Pam and Keith Epstein. Twelve participants left Orwood at 9:30 am and returned about 4 in the afternoon. Unlike some events, all three boats went to different sloughs in search of good water. Ralph and crew spent the day cruising around the Holland marina area after one run down Railroad. Jerry and skiers hung out in a surprisingly uncrowded Victoria Slough (until the afternoon surfers showed up). Keith and Pam motored down to **Grant Line** and found glass and no crowds! It was exciting to see **Keith** ripping it up, looking relaxed and like a pro. **Stephanie** got to try out her new O'Brien double skis for the first time. Getting up right away, she crossed the wake effortlessly. And yours truly had fun practicing harder cuts while enjoying some coaching from Pam!



Alison, "The Trickster!"

Everyone had a great day on the water, with **Karen** having fun on her wakeboard! Those on Ralph's boat got to see **Alison** do some amazing tricks like 360 turns on the wake using her trick ski. Being the good samaritans, **Pam and Keith** helped out a stranded fisherman by towing him back to the dock at River's End. It took them about a little over an hour to tow the fishing boat (8 knots equals 9.2mph which is the recommended max mph).



Ralph making a nice spray.

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Watersports Day, August 6, 2023 (con't)
By Karl Smith and Dianne Rust

Near Holland Marina, skiers in Ralph's boat spotted a car in the water about 10 feet off shore. Karl scrambled on top of the car to look into the sunroof and side windows to make sure that no one was inside which thankfully, there was not. Fortunately, a local sheriff took over so we moved on. Rounding out the day, Monica and Kristin got in some good driving practice.



Pam, Keith and crew



Tracy on edge!

Many thanks to boat owners, Jerry Baxter, Pam and Keith Epstein and Ralph Rast and to Dianne for being an excellent co-chair of this event.

Past Events

Watersports Day, August 16, 2023
Photos provided by Karl Smith and Dianne Rust



Keith Epstein tearin' it up!



Pam Epstein staying focused

Dave, Steve, Eric, and Debbie kickin' back after a long, fun watersports day!



Ordering your BAWSC T-shirts!

By Debbie De Sousa, 2023 BAWSC President



How to order BAWSC Logo T-shirts:

- 1. Make your own BAWSC Logo T-shirts by going to www.bawsc.org
 - Click on "Get Club Apparel & Gear" (far right link on top navigation bar)
 - Click on BAWSC Gear Order Instructions.docx
 - Click on the do-it-yourself link, www.zazzle.com
 - * Follow the instructions for applying the logo on the shirt
- 2. Order BAWSC Logo Heat Transfers that can be ironed on any fabric.

Cost: \$5.00 plus shipping two logo transfers 5.5" x 5.5" for the front.

7.5" x 9.75" for the back

To order, contact Debbie DeSousa at 925-672-9598 or email her at barterbucks1@yahoo.com

3. Have Debbie DeSousa make your T-shirt

Cost: \$20.00 plus shipping shirt with logo

To order, contact Debbie DeSousa at 925-672-9598 or email her at \barterbucks1@yahoo.com

BAWSC Covid-19 Safety Protocol (updated 2/1/23)

By Chris Feduniw, Webmaster/Board Member



In an effort to keep all BAWSC members and guests safe and to align the club policies with current County Public Health Department recommendations to minimize the spread of Covid-19, all event participants attending club-sponsored Calendar Events in 2023 are required to be fully vaccinated with a booster shot or show proof (picture) of a negative Antigen Home Test kit result the day of the event if not fully vaccinated.



Members: Please update your profile on the club website to record your vaccination status.

All event participants regardless of vaccination status are strongly encouraged to take an Antigen Home

Test ideally the morning of an event, or at a minimum, the night before an event to validate they are currently Covid-19 negative.

Most insurance providers will cover 100% of the cost to obtain eight home test kits per month from your local pharmacy.

Please note: several boat owners may request only participants who can show proof of a negative test that day to be assigned to their boats. You may be asked to be placed on one of these boats.



Please be prepared to show a picture of your negative test strip if requested by a boat owner that day.

Update: Delta Tunnels

By Chris Feduniw, Webmaster/Board Member

BAWSC Contacts:

The Board of Directors would like to inform you that the **Department of Water Resources** released its Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) in late July 2022 for the Delta Conveyance Project (tunnels). Documents for federal review of the project will be provided later this fall. This plan will directly impact the Delta where we hold most of our club events.



We encourage you to stay informed of the project and take any action you feel is appropriate. A good resource to stay informed that has links to the various groups, letter templates and contact information for government officials is https://www.restorethedelta.org/

Please **stay informed** and **reach out to your government representatives** with your opinion about this project while they are collecting public opinion.

Thank you, BAWSC Board of Directors



Wanted for the BAWSC

Duties include:

- ⇒ Download photos from facebook keeping date and notes from originator.
- ⇒ Collect photos directly from people who know how to send them via email in a compressed format.
- ⇒ After downloading photos, upload them to flickr and create an album for the month of the event of the photos you are trying to upload

If you're interested, please contact Lynette at: lynette.wong25@gmail.com

Ski Tips: Online Coaching Videos

Brought to you by Chris Feduniw, BAWSC Webmaster/Board Member

Hey Skiers,

As a reminder, we have a members-only forum with links to skier tips and training videos.

Check out: https://www.bawsc.org/water-sport-resources which can help you improve your skiing and also provide you with opportunities to get in-person and video coaching.

You also get to see how the pros execute great form!



Please add content to the forum if you have found resources that have helped you improve your watersport of choice e.g. water skiing/wakeboard/wakesurfing, etc.

Exciting Changes to the Website

By Chris Feduniw, BAWSC Webmaster/Board Member

Over the past several months our website vendor Personify Wild Apricot

has introduced **several new functions and features** that the Bay Area Waterski club (BAWSC) has decided to take advantage of and we have



recently redesigned and upgraded the clubs website <u>www.bawsc.org</u> to a new look and feel so please check it out.

Key Changes that have been made:



Entire Site is now mobile friendly meaning you can now easily fill out forms and read content on any device as it will scale automatically

o **Note:** On cell your phone, the menus are under the hamburger bars on the left and you log-in by clicking the right icon on top of the page

Clicking the "Add to my calendar" button on a cell phone and then clicking on the .ics file link pop-up will allow you to easily add the event to your personal calendar on your phone.

Menu Bar has moved to the top of the page and content has been consolidated under fewer menu items and sorted in alphabetical order making it easer to find things

Menu Bars and Sub-menu's/Content changes when you log into the site e.g. member-only content menu bars and content show up once you log into the system. board members see more than members and members see more than non-members. However, everything is all under the same top menu bar e.g. all documents are under documents the list just increases what you see based on your log-in credentials

All Main pages and Sub-pages have a friendly URL e.g. bawsc.org/calendar or bawsc.org/ newsletter or bawsc.org/documents, etc. so if you want to get to something quickly you can just enter in the full URL

Every Page has a bread crumb trail so you know exactly where in the site you are at and can move up the bread crumb trail to any level you want

A Site Map https://www.bawsc.org/Site-Map/ has been created that list every page and document available on the site that you can directly click the link to reach that page

A Search Bar has been added that will allow you to search for anything in the site to easily find it without having to know what page it is on e.g. enter "reimbursement request" in the search bar and it will immediately return the clubs Reimbursement Request Form

If you discover any issues or have suggestions how the site could further be improved, please provide your feedback at: https://www.bawsc.org/feedback or send an email to bawsc.webmaster@gmail.com



This year the Bay Area Water-Ski Club Board of Directors will require that anyone driving a boat at a club event must not only be a club-certified driver but also have a **California Boater Card License Number** registered with the club in your membership profile or provide proof of age that you are over the current age restriction which is currently

- ⇒ 2022: Individuals who are 45 years old or younger
- ⇒ 2023 Individuals who are 50 years old or younger

Information on how to obtain a California Boater Card including options for how to complete the course are available at: https://californiaboatercard.com/

Several members of the club of attended the Coast Guard Auxillary Course http://www.cgaux.org/boatinged/classes/2011/abs.php found the instructors to be very good and a good use of time as they guarantee you will pass the course and get your card.

Others have taken the **free on-line course offered by BoatUS** http://www.boatus.org/california/ that lets you take the course at your own pace through multiple sessions if needed.

Once you have your California Boaters Card, please go the club website and update your membership profile https://www.bawsc.org/Sys/Profile to include your card number. If you are old enough to not require a card, please send proof of age to our Membership Chair Gwen Cauthren.

Note: Anyone who does not have a card number on file in the website or has not provided proof of age for an exception by 5/31/2021 will not be able to drive at club events until you have met the criteria.

Safety Comes First!

By Debbie DeSousa, 2023 BAWSC President



Safety Reminder



- 1. **Skiing:** Never ski without a 3rd. Never!
- 2. **Ski:** Do not leave your ski on the swim platform. This can result in your ski being run over by another

boat. Your ski will get chopped up and you might get a big bill for the other boat.





3. **Vest:** As of 2001 anyone being pulled by a boat must wear Coast Guard-approved flotation devise. *Check the print on the inside of your ski vest* to see if your vest is approved.

Failure to wear a proper vest can result in the boat owner being fined by the Coast Guard.



4. **Ski Rope:** Remember to use a shock tube (goes over your rope). This tube will *prevent a rope from snapping back (like a rubber band)* and hitting the boat driver or passenger in the head.

A ski handle can knock your teeth out, wrap around your neck or worse!

Always be safe!

THINK SAFE ACT SAFE BE SAFE

How to Use our BAWSC Page on Facebook

By Debbie DeSousa, 2023 BAWSC President



This is a great tool for sharing and for finding new members!

We converted our Facebook page to a Group so everyone can have fun posting photos of events and use it as another communications tool. It's also open to the public so they can see our fun photos. We hope this will attract new members. (Note: Only approved members can post on our group page). If anyone makes a post that is not ski-related then the admin can remove them!

This is how you can post to our Facebook page.

- 1. Open a personal Facebook account.
- 2. Go to Facebook.com groups Bay Area Waterski Club https://www.facebook.com/groups/717319205056101/

To find our group, type Bay Area Waterski Club on the search line (see top of your personal Facebook page). When you find our group then "Join" this group (admin must approve you, it might take a few days).

- 3. Now you can have fun posting event photos, events, boats & equipment for sale, etc.
- 4. If you have a smart phone you can send photos from your phone directly to Facebook. Because there are many phones I cannot tell you how to use your phone here.
- 5. To post on our Facebook group see **top of the Facebook page** see where it says "Write Something." This is where you type your message. Above it you will see the button for photos/videos and events. The main thing to remember is you will have two accounts:
- 1. Your personal Facebook account and
- 2. You will also have an account with our BAWSC Group.

When you post on our BAWSC group page it will appear on **your** personal Facebook wall (**Note:** your friends will **not** see these post). If you want to share any of these posts with family or friends, click "Like" (see below each post). When you click "Like," the post will appear on **all** your friends' personal Facebook page. If you click "Share" you can select **one** person to send the post to (instead of **all** your friends).

Blowing Out the Candles in September

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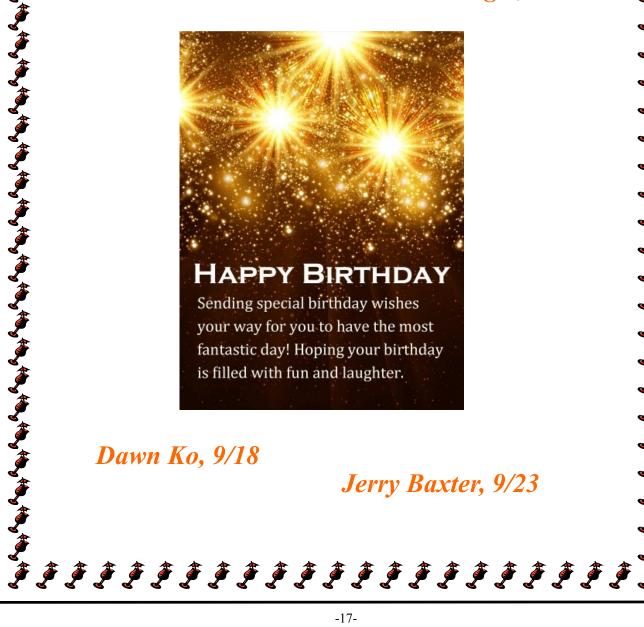


Wishing all a very



Cynthia Atherton, 9/1

David Vogel, 9/12



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Wishing all a very



Joe Perkins, 9/25

Mary Wood, 9/27



Indie Feduniw, 9/29

Lew Cresci, 9/30

BAWSC 2023 Event Calendar of Events

Start date	End date	Event title	Event location	Event Chair	Event Co-Chair
Sat 04/15	Sat 04/15	BAWSC Day Hike & Picnic	Brushy Peak Regional Preserve in Livermore	Chris Feduniw	n/a
Sat 04/29	Sat 04/29	BAWSC Spring Social/ Season Opener & General	Susan & Karl's House	Susan Schmidt	Karl Smith
Fri 05/19	Fri 05/19	Boat Driver & Crew Clinic	Ligon Home Disco Bay	Larry Ligon	Gwen Cauthren
Sat 06/17	Sat 06/17	BAWSC Water-Ski Skills Building	Holland Riverside Marina	Chris Feduniw	Paul Wesolowski
Thu 06/29	Thu 06/29	BAWSC Water-Sports Day	Orwood Resort & Marina	Eric Johnson	Debbie DeSousa
Sat 07/15	Sat 07/15	BAWSC Water-Sports Day	Orwood Resort & Marina	Lynette Wong	Kristin Thornquist
Mon 07/24	Mon 07/24	BAWSC Water-Sports Day	Orwood Resort & Marina	Debbie DeSousa	Steve Monroe
Fri 07/28	Fri 07/28	Board Meeting, Lunch & Ski Day (for 2023 Board of	Ligon Home Disco Bay	n/a	n/a
Sun 08/06	Sun 08/06	BAWSC Water-Sports Day	Orwood Resort & Marina	Karl Smith	Diane Rust
Wed 08/16	Wed 08/16	BAWSC Water-Sports Day	Orwood Resort & Marina	Debbie DeSousa	Steve Monroe
Fri 08/25	Sun 08/27	Calif ProAm Slalom Ski Tournament (Not a BAWSC-sponsored event)	Shortline Lake Elk Grove, CA	Larry Ligon	Gwen Cauthren
Fri 08/25	Fri 08/25	BAWSC Water-Sports Day	Orwood Resort & Marina	Lynette Wong	Marji McGinnes
Fri 09/15	Fri 09/15	BAWSC Water-Sports Day	Discovery Bay Marina	Larry Ligon	Gwen Cauthren
Tue 09/26	Tue 09/26	BAWSC Water-Sports Day	Orwood Resort & Marina	Debbie DeSousa	Steve Monroe
Fri 09/29	Sun 10/01	Water Sports Weekend in Copperopolis (Member	Casa Copperopolis	Jerry Baxter	Lynette Wong
Sat 10/07	Sat 10/07	BAWSC Water-Sports Day	Holland Riverside Marina	Chris Feduniw	Paul Wesolowski
Sat 12/02	Sat 12/02	BAWSC Holiday Party & Club Updates	Feduniw Home	TBD	TBD

BAWSC On-line Membership Application

By Larry Ligon, Vice President

If you need help you may click on "Help/FAQ, How To's, Member/Non-member Subscription & Forms" in the lower left hand corner of the navigation bar on the Web site's Home Page or don't hesitate to contact our membership chair Gwen Cauthren at 707-322-1157 or e-mail at gwen_cauthren@sbcglobal.net or our webmaster Chris Feduniw at 925-413-3421 for assistance.

- -The BAWSC website address is: www.bawsc.org
- -Your **user-id** for the website is always your e-mail address.

Step 1. Create or reset your password:

- A) Go to the new website www.bawsc.org & click on the "Forgot Password" link in the upper right hand corner of the home page and enter your e-mail address in the "e-mail (user-id)" field and then the six digit anti-spam characters into the "code" field and finally click on the "Submit" button which will then send an e-mail to that address with a link to create or reset your password.
- B) Open the e-mail and click on the e-mail link and enter & confirm your chosen password then click "Submit".

(Note: The first time you actually log into the new site you will be asked by Wild Apricot to accept their use policy.)

Step 2. Initiate your new-member on-line application:

Note: BAWSC offers members the option to include one significant other as a co-member under one membership fee called a "Membership Bundle*". Dependents under 12 years of age can also be added to your membership at no additional cost. Dependents aged 12-18 can be added to your membership for a small additional fee each year. Children over 18 and not living at home will have their own unique membership.

- A) Click on the "Become A BAWSC Member (New member application Only)" link found in the left hand navigation bar on the web site home page www.bawsc.org.
- B) Fill-out the requested information for yourself Note: If you will be adding a co-member/membership bundle to your account you will do this after you initiate the membership application and your account has been activated.*
- C) Make sure you click on the "<u>I ACCEPT I HAVE READ THE WAIVER AND RELEASE</u>" link to read the club waiver and then click on the check box to accept.
- D) If you will be adding dependents to your account beyond a single co-member, you will enter them in the "Additional Information" area of the Membership form. For each dependent you have between 12 to 18 please check the box for each person. If you have any dependents under 12 you want to associate with your membership enter the total number of children under 12 in the "Number of Children Under 12" field.

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By Larry Ligon, Vice President

- E) If you are a **boat owner**, please enter in the information requested for your boat and **send proof of insurance** as requested on the form to the Membership Chair.
- F) Enter what water-sports you and your dependents participate in.
- G) Click "Next" to review your completed membership form and Total Membership Fees that will be owed.
- H) If everything looks correct, click on the "Confirm and Proceed with Payment" button to initiate your registration. This step will automatically send a confirmation e-mail titled "Membership initiated at Bay Area Water Ski Club" to you.
- I) Check your e-mail for that confirmation that your account has been successfully initiated and an invoice with instructions how to submit your membership dues payment.

Step 3. Send your membership dues to the Membership Chair (*payable to BAWSC*):

To: BAWSC c/o Gwen Cauthren 4835 Cottsberry Ct. Santa Rosa, Ca. 95405

Step 4. Complete your membership application/setup (ONLY after receipt of dues payment):

Once your membership dues have been received, you will get an e-mail confirmation from the BAWSC Membership Chair verifying your account is active, at which time you can then complete your membership application & setup by choosing your **privacy** and **e-mail subscriptions** an well as set-up yourself as a Bundle Administrator to **add a co-member** to your account bundle.

- A) Log onto the web site with your e-mail (user-id) and password. www.bawsc.org
- B) Click "View Profile" in the upper right hand corner of the home page.
- C) Click "Edit profile"
- D) Review and modify your **privacy settings**, click "**Privacy**" and edit any field you don't want visi ble to other BAWSC members and then click "**Save**".
- E) To insure you are subscribed to receive e-mail notifications from the *forum based message* boards when someone posts they are looking for a pull, crew, etc.
 - a) Click on "Members Only Content" link found on the left hand navigation bar
 - b) Click on "Member Forums"

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- c) In the **Message Board** forums' section, individually click on each forum you want to re ceive e-mail (e.g. –"Looking for a Car Pool, Crew or a Pull") *and individually* click on each forum's "Subscribe to Forum" link.
- d) Then go back to the **Home Page** and click on "**View Profile**" again, click "**Edit profile**" and click "**e-mail subscriptions**" and adjust how you want to receive e-mails; *immediately, daily* or weekly when someone posts to the forum. The default is daily. **CLICK "Save**" at the very bottom of the "**Edit Profile**" page and you are done.

F) Setup a Co-Member Bundle*

Each paid member is allowed to add a spouse/significant other to their account as a "Bundled" co-member. The following steps can be performed to add another person to your account once your membership fee has been received and your account has been activated by the Membership Chair.

- a) Log into the web site with your e-mail (user-id) and password. www.bawsc.org
- b) Click on the "View Profile" button found in the upper right hand corner of the home page
- c) In the "My profile" screen scroll down to the "Bundle summary" section and then click "Add member"
- d) You will then be presented with the membership application page where you will then fill out the form on behalf of your co-member.
- e) Click "SAVE" and the co-member will be added to your account and they will receive their user-id (their e-mail address) and password setup link at the e-mail address you entered on the form. You will become the "Bundle Administrator*" for your bundled co-member.

CONGRATULATIONS, YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR BAWSC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND SETUP. We look forward to you joining us at BAWSC Events.

Note: If you receive an error message when clicking "SAVE" that states "This e-mail is already in use" you will then need to contact the BAWSC Membership Chair listed on the <u>Contacts</u> Page to manually associate that e-mail address with your account as Wild Apricot currently does not allow a member to add an existing Contact or Member to their bundle themselves. A member can only add a new Contact or new Member to their account themselves.

*The way Wild Apricot handles multiple people under one membership is called a <u>Membership Bundle</u>. A membership bundle is a group of members who are linked together and managed by one of their members – the bundle administrator. Bundle members share the same renewal date, status, and membership level. You can learn more about bundles including a short, how-to video at: http://help.wildapricot.com/display/DOC/Membership+bundles