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Father Gives Trophy to Water Ski Club for Saving Son's Life

A tall perpetual trophy, expressing the thankfulness of a grateful Stockton father toward two Stockton Water Ski Club members who saved his son's life April 22, will be presented tomorrow to the water skimmer in the club's water ski marathon.

The trophy commemorates two cousins, John, 28, and Joe Balcao, 24, both of Stockton, who formed a human chain to pull an 11-year-old boy, Crane Zumwalt, of 1744 N. Hunter, from a 28-foot deep hole into which he slipped while walking along the banks of the Calaveras River, a mile west of the Lower Sacramento Road.

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The marathon caps regatta activities for the young, 100-member club, formed just two years ago. Members participated in Saturday's parade and presented a series of novel ski acts, including jumping, clown and trick skimming events, both Saturday and yesterday afternoons.

Charles Besotes is club president, George Besotes, vice-president, and Joe Balcao, secretary. The last, a public accountant, is a charter member of the club. Johnny, 24, works in the Carando Machine Shop.