Reminders!

The Merit Fund Application form is now open! The criteria for requests was sent out with the October newsletter, and the form to request is found on WIN. Check it out! Be on the lookout for ways your club can get involved and serve the community, and plan your fundraisers as soon as possible. The Gymnastics club has already raised over $1,330 this semester!

WANT EXTRA PRIORITY POINTS? Be featured in our newsletter! We have a new form on WIN called the Newsletter Spotlight Entry. Clubs can submit articles, and if selected to be used in the newsletter your club will receive a priority point—up to 9 points total!

Deadlines:

Don’t forget to submit your Spring Practice Facility and Exam Week/Winter Break Facility Requests by November 7th at 5pm!

Remember to start your End of Semester Reports now. There are a lot of components to this, and we need it to be as accurate as possible.
The Fastpitch Softball Club has had a very successful fall semester! Check out their season recap:

With 14 returning players and 9 new players, the Fastpitch Softball team has just finished up a very successful fall season. For the fourth year in a row, they began the season by attending Eastern Illinois University’s Fall Frenzy Tournament in Mattoon, IL. The team played 4 very competitive games, with 3 of those games going into extra innings. Throughout September and October, the team defeated Marquette University, Loyola University, and Michigan Tech University in the conference series to put them in first place in the Great Lakes West Conference heading towards the spring season for the second year in a row! They hope to defeat UW-Whitewater and Northern Illinois University in the spring to remain 1st in their conference and head to regionals in the end of April.

With their fall season coming to an end, they will be looking into doing some fundraising and community service events throughout the rest of this semester and into next semester. They have a bake sale planned for November 13th and 14th on State Street starting at 10pm. They are also looking into setting up a letter drive to raise funds to attend Eastern Illinois University’s spring tournament April 10-12th where they will face teams from all across the Midwest. The club has enjoyed their fall season, and they look forward to the rest of the year!
**Figure Skating**

During the months of November and December, members of the Figure Skating Club will be volunteering at Madison Ice Arena. They will be helping young skaters with disabilities learn how to skate once a week. The Figure Skating Club of Madison has launched an Adaptive Learn to Skate program this season and is excited to have Figure Skating Club members from the University of Wisconsin community come and help out! This will be a great experience for the club, and they look forward to having the opportunity to work with these young skaters!

**Cycling**

The Cycling Club pedaled their way through the 2014 Homecoming Parade on October 24th. The club was featured on the University of Wisconsin News front page for their outreach at the event. Pictured below: one of Cycling’s members riding along the parade route. He was still able to hand out candy to the children!

**Men’s Lacrosse**

For the month of November, the Men’s Lacrosse Club is taking part in Movember, a campaign to raise money for men’s health. The team members will each compete to grow and groom the best mustache, all while creating a conversation about men’s health and raising funds for prostate and testicular cancer.

Support the team's efforts to change the face of men's health by making a donation! [http://us.movember.com/team/1794373](http://us.movember.com/team/1794373)
ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT:

Ian J.

Water Ski and Wakeboard

Year in school: Freshman
Years in the club: 1
Position in club: Tournament team skier

Background in the sport: I learned to ski at my grandparents’ cottage when I was five years old. I began show skiing with my cousin and my uncle when I was 14, and also learned to barefoot that summer. For a long time, barefooting was my passion, and I even got a few lessons from the former world champion Mike Seipel. I eventually learned to barefoot backwards and do toeholds both forward and backwards. After switching to a different show ski team when I was 16, my friends and I got a lot more involved in 3-event skiing. I started skiing slalom courses through some connections with my ski team, and I started trick skiing last fall. This summer, I practiced slalom, trick, and jump at a friend’s private ski lake in order to prepare for the ski team at UW-Madison.

Major accomplishments: I set a new personal best in the trick and jump events, scoring 570 points and jumping 47 feet. I also got a tournament personal best in slalom with a score of 2 buoys at 36 mph and rope length of 15’ off. In addition to my tournament accomplishments, I have perfected some of my barefooting skills during our morning practices. Another accomplishment for the UW-Madison team is making it to nationals and getting 5th place.

Favorite thing about being part of the club: I love being able to ski whenever I want to at school. I also love going to ski tournaments because we get to be at the lake all day with all of my friends.

Goals for the year: My goals for the next ski season are to score over 750 points on trick, jump over 60 feet, and run the entire slalom course at 36 mph and 15’ off rope length.

“Since I joined the ski team, my skiing abilities have gotten much better because we get to spend a lot of time on the water and there are several people on the team who are great teachers. Without them, I wouldn’t be as good of a skier as I am today.”
The Wisconsin Water Ski and Wakeboard Club wrapped up their season with a 5th place combined overall finish at the USA Water Ski Division II National Championships held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. That means the team is currently ranked as the 14th best collegiate water ski team in the United States! The road to Louisiana was challenging but filled with personal accomplishment and major team achievements.

The Women's team took 1st in Women's Overall at the National Tournament, led by April S. who secured 5th in Jump and in overall points against her Division II female competitors. This fantastic finish comes after a 2nd place finish at Conference and a 3rd place finish at the Midwest Regionals against 4 Division I Collegiate teams. The achievements of the Women's team this fall carried the Wisconsin Water Ski Club and they epitomize the hard work, determination and enjoyment that this sport requires to succeed!

The Men's team was up against steep competition this year, rounding out their season with an 8th overall finish at Nationals! They were led by Felipe G., the team's captain, also considered one of Columbia's greatest exports. The men took 6th at the Conference Championships and 11th at Regionals against an intimidating collection of Division I collegiate skiers from around the Midwest.

The Water Ski team is excited by their accomplishments and accolades this year and seek to repeat, if not improve, by next season. With a strong showing by young Freshman, Ian J., and continued performances by April S., Emily G., Erin M., Tyler A., Raefel G. and Sean H., the team is confident that next year will be another successful season of personal bests and team triumphs!

On October 25th and 26th the UW Club Tennis White Team competed in the Cyclone Invitational hosted by Iowa State in Ames, Iowa.

Eight incredible players displayed a high level of performance and were ready to compete with the best of them. Players in the tournament were: Nick D., Jon S., Alex D., Andrew D., Sherry G., Olivia L., Allison B., and Kelly J.

The team found early success when they won three matches on the first day of play. Their first round win was against Drake with a score of 28-17. Bucky went on to win the next round against Gustavus, with another score of 28-17. Consistency is key! Their final match on Saturday was a decisive win against Iowa State 25-15.

On Sunday the Badgers were hungry for more victory, a hunger that only a Championship could satisfy! They first had to take on Saint Louis, defeating them 25-22. The Championship was a nail biter. With the team down by one going into mixed doubles, it was anyone’s game. It all came down to the final doubles pairing of Andrew D. and Oliva L. The pair won the set 6-2 to amount to an overall victory for the Badgers! The team defeated Illinois State 25-22 and took home the Gold!

Ladies and gentlemen, your 2014 Cyclone Invitational Champions: UW Club Tennis White Team!
Badgers ADAPT is a Rec Sports initiative to provide adaptive and Paralympic sports, events, and activities. Athletes of all abilities are encouraged to attend and participate in Badgers ADAPT events. Past activities include Sitting Volleyball, Goalball, Adapted Biathlon, guest speakers, and an adaptive obstacle course.

On Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 10am - 2pm at the SERF, join Rec Sports and the Kinesiology Adapted Fitness Program for the following activities!

- Cross-Country Skiing Paralympic Time Trials
- Power Soccer
- Sitting Volleyball Tournament - Register on IMLeagues.
- Guest Speaker: Steve Baskis, a biathlete and adventurist who became blind while serving in the US Army
- Presentation by Rewalk, a company that is building robotics to allow wheelchair users the ability to walk
## Dates, Deadlines, & Upcoming Events

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