



Beaver Tales

Beaver Canoe Club Newsletter

February 2018

Next Meeting February 14, 2018 – Valentines Day! ♥

Featured Entertainment: “Paddling in Costa Rica”

The temptation of exciting paddling in a tropical paradise lured a group of intrepid Beavers to Costa Rica in 2004. The remarkable paddling you’ll see and the captivating stories you’ll hear continued to lure Beavers down south for fun filled adventure trips for multiple years. Come share the adventure of paddling through jungles, by vultures, below monkeys and beside enormous butterflies as well as the other remarkable places visited when Carey Robson presents “Costa Rica!”



Location: Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West, 3677 Kensington Ave,
Burnaby, BC V5B 4Z6

Time: = 7:45 p.m.

Introducing Your 2018 Executive:

President:	Phil Rankin
Vice President:	Dan Burnett
Treasurer:	John Gardiner
Secretary:	Christine Lambert
Trips Director:	David Westell
Training Director:	Carey Robson
Membership Director:	Bob Podesta
Social Director:	April Watson
Entertainment Director:	Greg Scutt
Newsletter Editor:	Madeline Waring
Web Master:	Ryan George

*Members can
access Executive
contact information
thru the “Contacts”
section or in the
“Membership List”
after logging in.*

Message from El Presidente and the New Regime 2018

Greetings and Salutations to My Subjects:

I have been asked to express something on behalf of myself as your President. I thought I would lead in with a **MAKE CANOEING GREAT AGAIN!**

I know. I know. I hear there are voices of dissent against this slogan. There are some elements in the club - dissenters, malcontents and

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such. My spies tell me they are mostly marginal groups like kayakers, rafters, rubber duckers, and even fishermen. The unrest seems to have spread here and there and my job is to seek out these dissenters and deal with them decisively. I will return to that subject in another newsletter.

I have a few other points I wish to make to my subjects. As you know, my regime has announced that we will not be renewing our insurance policy in June 2018. There has been much discussion to and fro. But after soliciting and receiving an independent legal opinion from Ellen Bond that our insurance is, bluntly, no good and after that position was ratified at our AGM, our club will not renew the useless insurance in 2018-2019 during my reign. See arm's length opinion on Beaver members site.

Well, you may ask, how can we get by without insurance? Well we did for 20 years and we have been paying, according to the opinion, for nothing, as our club executive and trip leaders have never been mentioned in the contract to begin with, nor are activities such as leading trips or paddling.

What is to be done? Essentially nothing new. According to statistics 80% of adults have third party liability in their homeowners or tenants insurance package - usually for 1 million dollars.

For those of you who don't have homeowners insurance or a tenants package - consider getting one.

What is third party liability insurance? The third party is the person who sues one for one's negligence and third party insurance pays the third party if they are successful in establishing their claim.

When we hear suing many of us will be filled with dread. But people (3rd parties) don't just sue because they are hurt. They have to have a good case. A good case in voluntary clubs is not easy to establish and with proper waivers impossible. That's why when you go skiing and rafting you sign waivers. Companies operating recreational activities like Whistler and Chilliwack are not sued because of waivers. Every year hundreds of people on local ski hills fall, break ankles, legs or worse, yet don't sue. Why not? Because they sign waivers.

I myself broke my ankle skiing with my son. Did I sue the ski hill? No. I had with my lift ticket agreed to a waiver. Anyway, I couldn't think of what they did wrong that caused me to fall. Did I sue my son for taking his elderly diabetic father out after not skiing for 20 years? No I didn't - there was no case to sue him. I had gone with him voluntarily and I had assumed the risk voluntarily. In hindsight an old cacker like me in my condition should never have gone skiing. My ankle will never heal and I will never ski again. Too bad for me but there is no one to blame but me.

This year my priority will be to see that our waiver policy is reviewed. I have also decided to recommend to my executive that we also produce a "guest waiver" for trip leaders.

As a former, mere trip leader, I am aware that from time to time non Beaver members, who have not signed waivers on joining the club, come out to paddle with us. That's fine, but it may be a good practice to have such guests sign a waiver clearly stating that the "guest paddler" voluntarily assumes risks and waive their right to sue the Beavers and the named trip leader.

Once we have reviewed our proposed "guest waiver" it will be available online and will be given out to trip leaders at the May 23, 2018 trip leaders clinic by he who must be obeyed - Carey.

2018 is the year we bring in new members, get former members to return, heal wounds, prop up newbies, and give more paddling opportunities and get more people out. Wishing you all well and expect to see you all paddling. Your President



Executive Report:

The Executive met on the January 17th and makes the following recommendations.

1. The Beaver Canoe Club Executive recommends adoption of the proposed 2018 Trips Calendar (as printed on page 5).
2. After four months of extensive consultation and input from the forty Beaver Members that have also been Lakewater, Moving Water or Master Instructors the Beaver Canoe Club Executive recommends to the membership adoption of the following policy:

Whereas In the spring of 2017 the Recreational Canoeing Association of British Columbia, (RCABC), published revised Standards of Lakewater Instructor Certification and proficiencies in its "Instruction Manual — 7th edition," and

Whereas these standards diminish the proficiencies associated with the designation of Lakewater Instructor.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Beaver Canoe Club:

1. Continue its policy of only utilizing currently certified RCABC Lakewater Instructors for Lakewater paddling instruction within the Club, and
2. Only recognize a RCABC Lakewater 2 Instructor certification if the holder can provide reasonable proof that they have successfully completed a solo, unassisted canoe-over-canoe rescue, and
3. Only recognize those Lakewater Instructors that have passed an exam that met the RCABC Standards of Instruction as published from 1980 through 2015. See appendix A on page 6.

Advocating for Local Pools and Paddling Sessions!

Our illustrious President Phil has been busy advocating to keep Lord Byng and Templeton pools afloat and to continue to schedule pool paddling sessions for kayakers and canoers. The potential shift to destination pools threatens the existence of smaller pools which have hosted rolling sessions for paddlers. Phil has been writing letters, appearing before the Park Board, and working with the Byng pool committee so that these local pools are maintained. On January 29th the park board met to vote on what is known as the VanSplash Aquatics Strategy. Apparently, it is being reconsidered. Keep up the great work Phil!

Editors Note:

As the new Editor of your newsletter, I have already had positive experiences! One being, perusing the members only section on our web site. I had thought the section had disappeared as it doesn't appear until after logging in and I usually can't be bothered logging in as it means I need to remember another password. But, after resetting my password, several times, I examined the various sections and had a much-needed reminder that this is where the club directory is, the members list and the "important club documents"; boring things like policies, that are good to remind ourselves of now and then. There are also instructions for adding news, trip reports, events, pictures, ads etc. If you haven't checked out this section recently, I suggest logging on and looking at it and contributing to our web site this year. If resetting your password, you will see some strange conglomeration of figures in the password box. Be sure to change it to something you remember before clicking "log-in". As you can tell, I am not very web site savvy and thought I'd share my experience with you in case there are others like me!

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22nd Paddle Expo
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28th Basic Paddlers

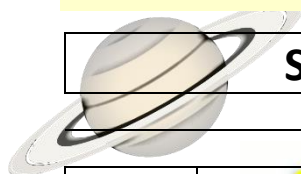
May 2018

3rd Weekday Paddle
5th Basic Paddlers
9th Beaver CC Meeting
16th Executive Meeting
23rd Trip Leaders Clinic
30th Intro Moving Water

June 2018

2nd Intro Moving Water
13th Beaver CC Meeting
20th Executive Meeting
23rd River Week Begins

Beaver Canoe Club 2018 Trip Plan



Saturday

Mar 24	Burrard Inlet North Arm
Mar 31	Easter Weekend
Apr 7	Seymour River
Apr 14	Squamish River
Apr 21	Lower Chilliwack River
Apr 28	Basic Paddlers (Training)
May 5	Basic Paddlers (Training)
May 12	Upper Seymour River
May 19	May Long Weekend Rivers Campout
Jun 2	Intro to Moving Water (Training)
Jun 16	Mamquam Weekend
Jun 23	Rivers Week
Jun 30	Rivers Week
Jul 7	Merritt Encore Campout
Jul 21	Beaver Picnic
Aug 4	Wenatchee Weekend
Aug 11	Newcastle Island Family Trip
Aug 18	Dease Island / Ladner
Aug 25	Adams River Weekend
Sep 1	Labour Day Weekend Campout
Sep 8	Chilliwack River
Sep 15	Lighthouse Point
Oct 6	Thanksgiving Campout

Sunday

Mar 18	Widgeon Creek
Mar 25	Chilliwack River
Apr 1	Easter Weekend
Apr 8	Buntzen Lake
Apr 15	Cheakamus River
Apr 22	Cultus Lake
Apr 29	Alouette Slough
May 6	South Nooksack River
May 13	Fraser North Arm
May 20	May Long Weekend Rivers Campout
May 27	River of Golden Dreams
Jun 3	Fraser R Stave to Kanaka
Jun 10	Salmon R
Jun 17	Mamquam Weekend
Jun 24	Rivers Week
Jun 31	Rivers Week
Jul 8	Merritt Encore Campout
Jul 15	Lower Coquitlam
Jul 22	Cheakamus River
July 29	Serpentine Delta
Aug 5	Wenatchee Weekend
Aug 12	Newcastle Island Family Trip
Aug 19	Lower Chilliwack River
Aug 26	Adams River Weekend
Sep 2	Labour Day Weekend Campout
Sep 9	
Sep 16	Cheakamus River
Sep 23	Harrison River
Sep 30	BC Rivers Day Cleanup
Oct 7	Thanksgiving Campout
Oct 14	Fraser River Yale to Hope
Oct 21	Widgeon Creek



**Weekday
Paddles**

Mar 22nd
April 5th & 19th
May 3rd
&
every second
Thursday
thereafter...

This trip list was written in January 2018 for planning purposes and may change in the ensuing months according to, water levels, weather conditions, member participation, volunteer availability or new opportunities. For up to date information about coming trips, please consult **Trip Page** in the most recent edition of **Beaver Tales**.

If you have a suggestion for a trip, we would like to know and will do our best to support you in organizing it.

Appendix A: Reference Information regarding Executive Recommendation 2 (page 3)

RCABC Standards of Instruction as published from 1980 through 2015

THE RCABC INSTRUCTOR EXAM

PADDLING SKILLS:

Solo Paddling

Candidates must be able to paddle the RCA solo course in a smooth and efficient manner on both left and right sides. Paddlers cannot switch paddling sides to complete manoeuvres, but offside strokes are permitted. A maximum of 4 minutes is allowed for each side, but competent instructor candidates should be able to complete the course in 3 minutes in calm conditions.

Tandem Paddling

Candidates must complete the RCA tandem course in both bow and stern positions. This is accomplished by paddling the course once, switching ends and then paddling the course again. During the tandem course the stern paddler gives commands and the bow paddler must follow them. The stern paddler must call out the name of each stroke required, not give descriptions of the manoeuvre to be performed. The bow paddler must only perform strokes called by the stern paddler and not correct mistakes unless directed to do so. During the tandem course the candidate is only evaluated in the stern position. The evaluation is based on:

- giving commands (clear and appropriate)
- stroke mechanics (choice of stroke and efficiency of application).

Rescue

Candidates not recommended by an RCA Course Conductor must demonstrate a solo, unassisted canoe-over-canoe rescue, to be completed within 90 seconds of first contacting the canoe.

TEACHING

Each candidate is required to teach 3 items from the topics in the RCA Instruction Manual. Two items will be strokes or manoeuvres and the third will be a theory or dry land topic. Most examiners give candidates one basic and one advanced stroke to teach. Candidates are expected to:

- ☐ Briefly describe the stroke and its purpose or when it would be used.
- ☐ Give an effective demonstration.
- ☐ Have students attempt the stroke.
- ☐ Give general corrections or point out "keys to efficiency".
- ☐ Have students perform the item.
- ☐ Give individual correction as required.

THEORY EXAM

Brief written answers to questions in the following areas:

History 10

Equipment 10

Strokes and Paddling 25

Rescue and Safety 25

Terminology 18

Leadership 4

Environmental Ethics 8

TOTAL 100%



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Next Beaver Canoe Club Meeting is March 14, 2018 !

Featured Entertainment: "I Dream the Stikine !"



North western B.C. offers several incredible canoe trips! Travel down one of these gems as Greg presents a slide show of his 2015 trip down the Spatsizi/Stikine rivers in Northern BC. It includes a 4-day backpacking trip on Spatsizi Plateau!

Location: Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West, 3677 Kensington Ave, Burnaby, BC V5B 4Z6

Time: = 7:45 p.m.

Welcome New Members!

Brian and Sue McKinley
Jeffery Ferrier

Special Announcements:

☞ **P**addling Film Festival 2018 World Tour - March 9th Details p 4.

☞ **F**irst official 2018 Beaver trip March 18th is at Widgeon Creek. Details p 5.

☞ **F**irst mid week paddle March 22nd. Details p 5.

☞ **B**asic paddlers registration starts April 1st.

☞ **R**iver week starts June 23rd. Optional 2nd week in the Kettle Valleys. Contact = Carey@CanoeBC.ca

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Widgeon Creek Paddle on March 18



Have You Renewed Your Membership for 2018?

Executive Report

- The two motions in the February 2018 BCC Newsletter were passed on February 14th at the general Club meeting. One was the proposed trips calendar as printed in the February newsletter and the other was instructor certification requirements for Beavers teaching BCC lake water paddling. The written motions are in the February 2018 edition of Beaver Tales.
 - The members at the February meeting also approved a motion not to renew the insurance policy in June 2018. The February presidents message and documents on the web site provide background information on this. The executive is discussing the creation of a new waiver for guests separate from the members waiver.
 - One of the February executive meeting focuses was strengthening our membership. Bob has drafted a membership plan compiling a variety of approaches to consider. His ideas are captured in his report below.
 - The executive moved/seconded and carried that the Beaver Canoe Club apply to join the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC (ORCBC) at an annual cost of approximately \$96/year. For info see <http://orc.bc.ca/>
 - The President wrote the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority expressing concerns that the proposed amendments to the Practices and Procedures in the Port Information Guide could prohibit canoes and kayaks from paddling on the South Arm of the Fraser River. He requested the proposal to be reworded to allow human powered vessels operate on the waters, to establish a free use corridor and to consider the needs of canoeists and kayakers when finalizing their amendments.
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Message from the Membership Director

It's that time again when winter weary paddlers begin looking for windows of weather that allow us to sneak a few early paddles in before the onset of the full paddling season. For the BCC it's planning time and that includes membership initiatives aimed at growing sustained memberships. The regular poster campaign will continue this year and there is expected to be some media releases to promote the club as well. We are also planning to have a kiosk at the Paddle Expo being held this year at Cultus Lake on April 22nd. Other opportunities for raising the club profile and attracting new membership groups are also under consideration.



Membership surveys done by previous BCC executive members show that "word-of-mouth" communications led to the largest number of sustained memberships. This is excellent information because it tells us where strong focus needs to be, namely positive communications. "Word-of-mouth" in the current era of communications includes a robust element of social media so this is an area the BCC needs to examine for improvements. A current, diverse and active social media campaign could be a significant boost for the BCC membership so the executive will be looking for help with this from the regular membership.

Historically the BCC gets an infusion of new interest from the basic paddler's course in the spring. This is a terrific opportunity to engage these new members and help them feel welcome. Likewise helping new members feel welcome at regular BCC meetings and paddling trips will be critical to building sustained memberships. I strongly encourage all club members to take an interest in new people, engage them and be sure their experience with the club is a positive one. Feeling part of a welcoming community is one of the things that will keep people coming back to the club.

Finally, membership promotion must continue for the entire year. New ideas and sustained efforts by members to draw new people in and make them feel welcome must occur and this takes effort on everyone's part. Trip Leaders and the club Executive volunteer to lead activities of the club but they need regular members to support those efforts through club participation and helping make the club better with

whatever efforts you are able to contribute. I strongly believe that club membership is about participation and personal investment in your club; you get out of it what you put into it.

I will leave you with an article from Canoe Roots brought forward by Madeline Waring. It predicts a strong resurgence in canoeing, so the future appears bright!

<https://www.rapidmedia.com/canoeroots/categories/skills/8901-the-new-future-of-canoeing>

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2018 by March 31st and happy paddling!

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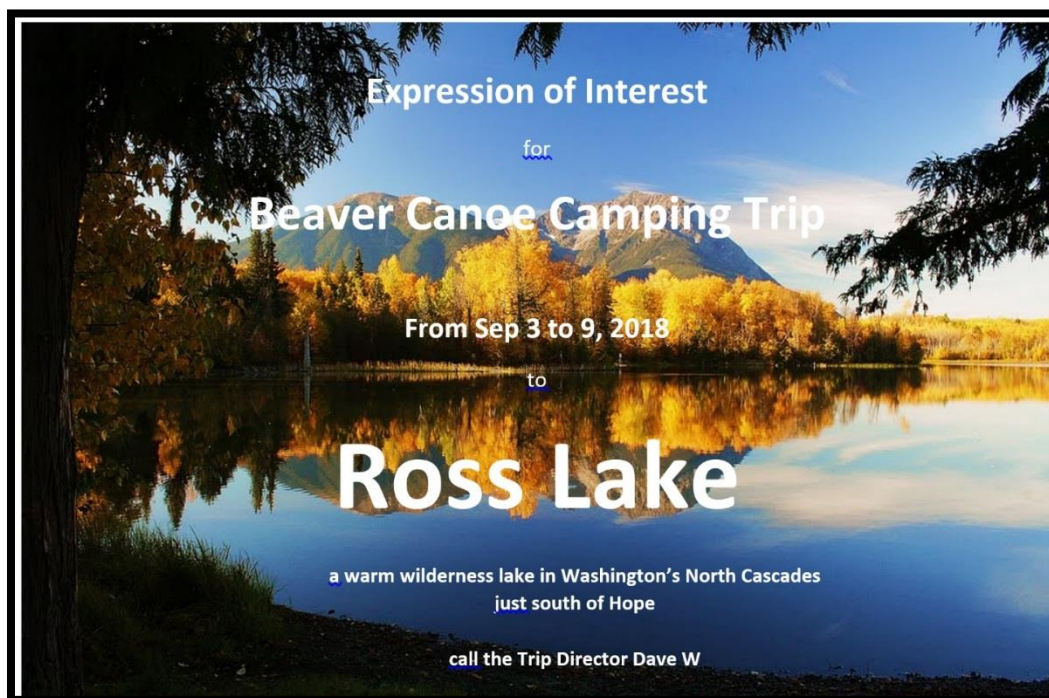
Place: Langara College – Theatre A130
100 W 49th Avenue, Vancouver

Time: 07:00 PM

Tickets: \$17.00 in advance from www.skabc.org
\$20.00 at the door.

Hosted By: Sea Kayak Association of BC
Proceeds to Benefit: BC Marine Trails Network Howe Sound Sites

Canoe Tripping Opportunity!



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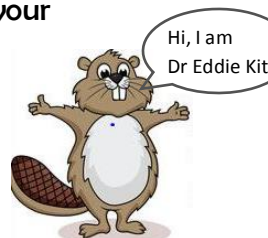
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Editors Note:

I am excited to see the notice about the Ross Lake canoe camping trip! The newsletter is everyone's and welcomes notices or invitations to join members trips. Send your notices to the editor@beavercanooclub.org. Several trips are being planned by the 20 Beavers at the January extended trip meeting so if you are looking for participants let members know through your newsletter.

Speaking of Beavers, I want to introduce Dr. Eddie Kit who will host a column in the upcoming Beaver Tales. The dictionary says "Kit" is a young beaver, or a set of articles or equipment needed for a specific purpose or activity such as a sport. Eddy as we know in the paddling world is a circular movement of water counter to a main current. Put them together, and we have etiquette which is the code of polite behavior among members of a particular group or conventional requirements as to social behavior. So, if you have any questions about canoeing equipment, how beavers do things (eg how trips are run), or paddling send a note to Dr. Eddie Kit c/o the editor and I will forward it to Dr. E Kit who keeps names anonymous. Let's see what youthful ideas Dr Eddie Kit comes up with. Don't be concerned if you think it may be common knowledge or asked before as eddy's recirculate and so do questions.



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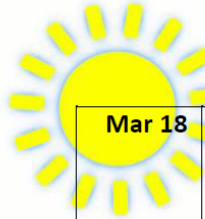
Thursday Paddles

With Gord B

Mar 22nd: Widgeon Creek: An encore Lake trip from tidal waters to mountain and back.

April 5th: Barnet to Belcarra: Burnaby and beyond. A short passage from a busy Ocean port to a local marine playground.

gcb1209467@gmail.com 778-865-0409



Pre-Season Warm-up

For Seasoned White-water Paddlers!

Sat Mar 10 Upper Coquitlam Gr II & III

Contact: Bryan G

bgormann@sfu.ca 778-999-3037

Sunday

Mar 18

Widgeon Creek

Lake Water

We launch our season at Grant Narrows on Pitt Lake and paddle over to Widgeon Landing – and maybe hike to the falls!

Contact:: Leigh B

cat-canoe@shaw.ca 604-583-2246

Mar 25

Chilliwack River

Gr II & III

This icy, effervescent section requires full outfitting and advanced skills.

Contact: Dave W

westell@shaw.ca 604-467-8623

Apr 1

Easter Weekend

An early Easter spells opportunity for anyone hoping for a Beaver paddling getaway. Call if you have an idea, or to check on what's happening.

westell@shaw.ca 604-467-8623

Apr 8

Buntzen Lake:

Lake Water

A family friendly, placid Lake in the mountains behind port Moody.

Contact: Mike D

mike2166@hotmail.com 604-836-3670

Apr 15

Cheakamus River

Gr II & III

The Squamish River's angry older brother.

More Information:

Wanna make it a whole weekend? Call the trip director if you can lead it, check in April *Beaver Tales* to come along.

Saturday

Mar 24

Burrard Inlet North Arm

Ocean

This trip criss-crosses from Deep Cove along the paddle trail up the inlet to Twin Islands, the Buntzen powerhouse or where-have-you.

Contact: Don S

doninwoodlands@shaw.ca 604-929-5798

Mar 31

Easter Weekend:

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westell@shaw.ca 604-467-8623

Apr 7

Seymour River

Gr II

A shoulder season favorite for a range of skills. A turn at every stroke, a rock at every turn. For every rock an eddy, and every eddy a place to play.

More Information:

Check back in April *Beaver Tales*

Apr 14

Squamish River

Gr I & II

A long, scenic paddle on a long, wide river.

Contact: Bryan G

bgormann@sfu.ca 778-999-3037

For any trips without a contact, please call Trips Director Dave W

westell@shaw.ca 604-467-8623



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Time to Renew Your Membership!



Message from El Presidente:

To members, ex-members, new members, renew membership now - don't make us hunt you down! Go to beaver site log in pay with pay pal. If you're a luddite* write a cheque, bring money to the monthly beaver social. it's \$25.00 -no excuses!

We don't care that your knees are bad, that you dragon boat race, that your sea kayaking, your now a climber, you partner's afraid of water, your in the middle of divorce, your kids are young or old, you can't stand x or y, your taking a break, your canoe is broken, you don't have a canoe, you paddle with another club, your moving - so what. Keep your membership. Stay in the loop - renew!

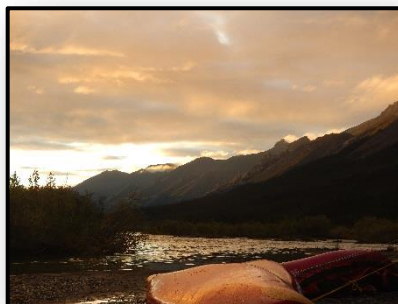
Members who have not renewed by the end of the month will lose privileges and be removed from the membership list.

Next Beaver Canoe Club Social Evening is April 11th, 2018!

Featured Entertainment: The Snake River, Yukon

Ken Murray will present on his trip down the Snake River in the Yukon.

Kate and Ken co-MC'd a wedding in Whitehorse in August 2016. The morning after the wedding, 12 friends and 6 boats found their way from Whitehorse to Mayo to catch a float plane for the Snake River. Two weeks of paddling, hiking, and more paddling got them safely down to Taco Bar where the float plane picked them up for the trip back to Mayo. Come see some amazing photos and hear about their adventures.



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Location: Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West, 3677 Kensington Ave, Burnaby, BC V5B 4Z6

Time: = 7:45 p.m.

Beaver Canoe Club 2018 Training and Teaching Opportunities!

Basic Paddlers:

✧ **Register Now!** Basic paddler registration starts April 1st. contact Carey at training@beavercanoecub.org to register.

✧ **Instructors Needed!** Certified Lake Water Instructor members wanting an opportunity to teach Basic Paddlers, contact Carey at training@beavercanoecub.org to volunteer.

Basic Paddlers April 25, 28 & May 5 Learn the basic canoeing strokes and maneuvers from Certified Lake Water Instructors. Feeling rusty, come out and ask to take it again as a refresher! Registration starts April 1, 2018. For more information <http://beavercanoecub.org/training-2/basic-paddlers-2/>

Become a trip Leader!

Trip Leaders Clinic May 23rd. Was a club trip you wanted to go on cancelled because there wasn't a trip leader? Let's make all trips happen! Become comfortable leading trips by participating in this clinic and then volunteer to lead a trip you are comfortable with. For more information:

<http://beavercanoecub.org/training-2/trip-leaders-clinic-2/>

Try Paddling Moving Water!

Introduction to Moving Water May 30 & June 2nd. Want to try paddling on a river, but not sure what to do? Come gain some skills and comfort by participating in this clinic that is guided by experienced river paddlers. For more information: <http://beavercanoecub.org/training-2/intro-to-moving-water-2/>

✧ Registration starts May 1st! Contact Carey at training@beavercanoecub.org

Private Training Opportunity:

Lake Water 1 to 4 and Lake Water Instructors' Course Starts April 6th. Last Chance to register for either this paddler or instructor training opportunity. Learn more strokes than you know exist and how to make your canoe go exactly where you want it to go. It provides a great foundation for paddlers wanting to paddle moving water. Taught by Carey Robson, Master Instructor. Details at www.learn2canoe.ca

* **From Page 1** A Luddite is a person who dislikes technology, especially technological devices that threaten existing jobs or interfere with personal privacy. 2. A Luddite is someone who is incompetent when using new technology. The word Luddite has an interesting origin in pop culture of the early 1800's.

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1 st	Register for Basic Paddlers
5 th	Weekday Paddle
11 th	Beaver CC Meeting
18 th	Executive Meeting
19 th	Weekday Paddle
20 th -22 nd	RCABC Paddle Conference
22 nd	Paddle Expo
25 th	Basic Paddlers
28 th	Basic Paddlers

May 2018

1 st	Register for Intro to Moving Water
3 rd	Weekday Paddle
5 th	Basic Paddlers
5 th	Pub Night
9 th	Beaver CC Meeting
16 th	Executive Meeting
23 rd	Trip Leaders Clinic
30 th	Intro Moving Water

June 2018

2 nd	Intro Moving Water
13 th	Beaver CC Meeting
20 th	Executive Meeting
23 rd	River Week Begins
30 th	Ultimate Happy Hr.

July 2018

3 rd	Kettle River "Week"
22 nd	BCC Picnic

Announcements

Welcome New Members!

Aleksandar Sulaver of Burnaby
 Mark Guerin of Vancouver
 Alex Taylor of Vancouver
 Annette Kuhn of Burnaby
 Zenaide Correia of Port Coquitlam
 Yakov and Tanya Finkelshtein of Port Coquitlam
 Fiona Mould

Cheryl Whiting of Vancouver
 Peter Brodnan of Vancouver
 Rachael Tuttle
 Annelise Jacky of Coquitlam
 Greg Burroughs of Abbotsford

✧ **New Podcast** on BeaverCanoeClub.org featuring Phil Rankin.
 Look for a new podcast every Friday!

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 July 3rd to 8th. Members interested in paddling on grade 1 – 3 day trip excursions contact Carey@CanoeBC.ca
 There may be a meeting of interested participants arranged.

Beaver Canoe Club Pub Night

Saturday May 5th, 2018 @5:30PM

Great Bear Pub

[5665 Kingsway](#)
[Burnaby, BC V5H 2G4](#)

\$20 includes a burger and a beer
 Tickets available from Greg Scutt
gregscutt@gmail.com



Paddle Expo is a celebration of all things paddlesports! With canoes, kayaks, paddle-boards, and fishing... there is something for everyone. Presented by Western Canoeing & Kayaking at beautiful Cultus Lake, in BC, Paddle Expo features informative clinics from paddling pros, with the newest, coolest gear on display- and the hottest boats and boards on the market to test paddle and compare on the water! For More information see: <https://www.paddleexpo.org/>

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david@middletonsboats.com

By appointment at 252 West 5th Street, North Vancouver (1-1/2 blocks west of Lonsdale Ave)

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BC Canoe Festival

Meet other paddlers and build your skills

April 20-22, 2018 | Kawkawa Lake, Hope, BC

Early Bird – Adult \$155 - \$175
 After March 20 – Adult \$175 - \$195
 Subsidies for children and students
 Includes food and accommodation

On the water workshops | Trip presentations | Nature paddles and hikes

For details & registration: bccanoe.com

Announcements cont'd.....

✧ **Chilliwack River Trip Report** from March 25th. Read this trip report and find out who was the first to capsize. The report is posted on the website <http://beavercanoecub.org/chilliwack-river-march-25-2018-tamahi/>



Chilliwack River Photo by Anne Gingras

✧ **Widgeon Creek Trip Report** from March 18th paddle by Marie Bremner

Attention", the sign said. "Due to very hazardous conditions, the Widgeon Falls trail is closed beyond this point. Any travel beyond this sign is not recommended and at your own risk. Visitors to the falls should use the newly constructed and marked re-route (orange markers)." That sounded pretty clear. The only problem was..... Find out what the problem is by reading the full report on the web site. <http://beavercanoecub.org/widgeon-creek-paddle-march-18-2018/>



✧ **Hold the Date! July 22nd, Beaver Canoe Club Picnic.** Watch future newsletters for details on this fun annual event!

✧ **Volunteer Opportunity!** The Beaver Canoe Club has a booth at Paddle Expo April 22 and needs volunteers to chat with other paddlers about our club. Come on out and see what is happening and spend a couple hours helping at the booth. Contact Bob Podesta membership@beavercanoecub.org to volunteer.

✧ **Wanted – a tandem canoe** We are new members looking to buy a tandem canoe that we can use for whitewater paddling this season. We're not too particular, but we would hope to find a 15 or 16 foot boat made of royalet or similar material with some rocker. We would also be open to renting for the season if you're not ready to let go of your old boat - and we're interested in storage options for rent if any members happen to have space. Thank you, Kristen and Sebastian Contact: seb.merz@gmail.com

✧ **Editors new email address** newsletter@beavercanoecub.org

Request from Bob Podesta Our Membership Director

For those who attend the social meetings on the second

Wednesday of the month you will have heard discussions about having snacks and refreshments for the group. In Feb there were cookies, squares and fruit snacks provided and all were very popular.

To date snacks have been provided by volunteers on an ad-hoc basis but it has not been coordinated and is unpredictable. Let's try a new coordinated initiative to have volunteers provide a selection of snacks at each meeting for an estimated 40 people. It will work like this;

1. If you are interested in providing some kind of snack for a meeting send your name to me at ubiquitousb7@gmail.com . I will put you on an email list.
2. A week or so before the meeting I will send out an email to the list asking who is planning to attend the meeting and who is interested in bringing something? I'll include who brought items recently so people can see that is not always the same people.
3. When the responses are back I'll select 2-3 people for each meeting and clarify what sort of item is being brought to avoid duplication.

This process is to get started and we can adjust as needed or adopt better ideas. Refreshments may take a bit more doing so we will leave that for now.

Looking forward to adding a little extra to the social meetings. Thanks in advance!

Posting Trip Reports, Ads, Pictures and Information on the Web – Editors Note

Members can now post information directly on the web! The instructions are in the Members Only section which you can access after you login. The “Login” icon is in the top dark brown bar on the right side of the web site <http://beavercanoecub.org/>. The “For Members” icon only appears after you log in. The first 3 drop down menu items in this section have instructions on how to post a trip report, news, ads, events and other information. The instructions are quite easy to follow. To add text, you must copy and paste the formatted text into the box. To add photo's to your trip report, click on the “Add Media” box under the title box. You will need to have the photo's in a file on your computer and upload from the file. Cutting and pasting photo's did not work for me. I encourage you to post information directly on the web. If you have trouble or need more information to post, contact Ryan George at mr.ryan.c.george@icloud.com. As Editor, I like to receive copies of the trip reports and photo's too. There can be more than one version of a trip report, so if you have a different version of what happened on a trip share it too. Only appropriate materials should be posted on the Beaver Site.

Dr. Eddy Kit – Suggestion of the Month

Dear Dr. Eddy, Can you suggest where we can test paddle canoes to help us decide which one to purchase?



One great place is at Basic Paddler lessons. There are usually many different canoes at the lessons as everyone brings their own boats. You can talk to owners and instructors about the canoes and ask the owners if you could try paddling theirs at lunch.

Another option is to rent a canoe you are interested in from one of the canoe rental places.

Each year Western Canoeing has Demo days where you can test paddle their boats. I have included a list of the Demo days for you.

When you go on Beaver Trips different canoes are brought and owners may be willing to let you to try theirs at lunch. Please ask first.



Canoes at a put-in on a Beaver trip

Western Canoeing Demo Days

April 7 - Mill Lake (1st 2018 Demo)

April 22 - Paddle Expo, Cultus Lake

May 12 - Jericho Sailing Center, Van.

May 19 - Mill Lake, Abbotsford

June 2 - Mill Lake

June 16 - Mill Lake

June 30 - Mill Lake

July 14 - Mill Lake

July 28 - Mill Lake

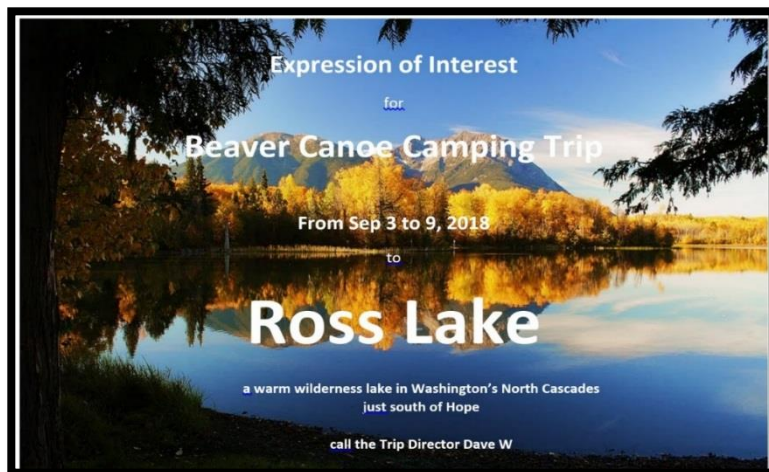
August 11 - Mill Lake

September 15 - Mill Lake

<https://westerncanoeekayak.com/services/demo-days/>

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April Trips Page

Weekdays

Sat

Sun

Thur Apr 5

Weekday Trip

Burnaby to Belcarra
Contact Gord B
gcb1209467@gmail.com
778-865-0409

Sat Apr 7

Seymour River: Gr 2

A busy, rocky river you can paddle straight down, or work every play spot.

Contact Denise W
dwrathall@ualberta.net 604-871-1070

Sun Apr 8

Buntzen Lake

A family friendly paddle high in the mountains yet close to home.

Contact Mike D
mike2166@hotmail.com 604-836-3670

Wed Apr 11

Club Meeting

7:45 pm

Sat Apr 14

Squamish River: Gr 1 & 2

A long, smoothish ride on a wide, fast river with a few bumps along the way.

Contact Bryan G bgormann@sfu.ca 778-999-3037

Sun April 22

Lower Chilliwack: Gr 1 & 2

As full of twists and turns as the stories you'll tell later. Best to outfit your boat for this one.

Contact Claude G
chinookenterprises@yahoo.ca 604-530-3380

Wed Apr 25 (eve), Sat Apr 28 all day, Sat May 5 all day

Basic Paddlers

The training event of the year! A certified course over 2 ¼ days!
Register early with Carey R Carey@CanoeBC.ca 604-603-5569

April 29

Alouette Slough: Lake Water

A place for practice between training sessions. We'll start later in the day for the full moon.

Contact Dave W westell@shaw.ca (604) 467-8623

Thur May 3

Weekday Trip

with Gord B
gcb1209467@gmail.com
778-865-0409

Sat May 5

Pub Night

After the exam, celebrate a job well done with teachers and alumni from years past. Find April and Greg S for tickets

Sun May 6

South Nooksack River: Gr 1

Did you finish Basic Paddlers? Try your new skills on a gentle stream near Sumas Wa. – and don't forget the travel insurance!

Contact Bryan G bgormann@sfu.ca 778-999-3037

Wed May 9

Club Meeting

7:45 pm

Sat May 12

Fraser River North Arm: Gr 1

Floating along the backside of a humming metropolis, you'll see log booms, working boats and rusty relics.

Contact Jim S jslade01@shaw.ca 604-322-1979

Sun May 13

Upper Seymour River: Gr 2 & 3

Contact: Check back in May.

Thur May 17

Weekday Trip

Details in May

May 19 – 21

May Long Weekend

A wild weekend of whitewater. Check back in May for details.

Wed May 23

Trip Leaders Clinic

Register Early with
Carey R Carey@CanoeBC.ca
604-603-5569

Sun May 27

River of Golden Dreams: Gr 1

A sinuous paddle through the Whistler snowmelt.

Contact Dave M ldavidmiddleton@gmail.com 604-240-0503

Water levels change and so do trips. Please check current month's trip page to stay up to date. Please call trip contact at least 2 days in advance (or 1 week for campouts). If you cannot find the trip contact, please call or email trip director Dave W westell@shaw.ca (604) 467-8623



Beaver Tales

Beaver Canoe Club Newsletter

May 2018

Next Beaver Canoe Club Social/Meeting is May 9th, 2018!

Featured Entertainment: Camp Cooking for Canoe Trips!

Visit Madeline's canoe camp kitchen and experience a "day" of camp cooking including options for breakfast, lunch, snacks, dinner and desert.

Snippets of information on food preparation, dehydrating, packaging, equipment, cooking, food safety and menu planning will be blended together to provide ingredients of a recipe for happy healthy paddlers on your next canoe camping trip.



Location: Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West, 3677 Kensington Ave,
Burnaby, BC V5B 4Z6

Time: = 7:45 p.m.

Welcome New Members!

Dennis Hill of Vancouver
Angie Chan of Vancouver
Ivana Svadlenova of Burnaby
Katie Graham of Vancouver
Jackie Matsyk of Vancouver
Laura Poulsen of Burnaby
Adrienne Gruber of Vancouver
Rodney Scott of Maple Ridge
Crystal Cook of Vancouver
Lisa McQuitty of N. Vancouver
Brian Han of Langley

Salina Nakano of Richmond
Glen & Charlene Sakamoto of Surrey
Tommy & Rainbow Lam of Vancouver
Leslie Curtis of Vancouver
Nick Zukanovic of Richmond
Anne-Marie Whittaker of Vancouver
John Bastiaanssen of Maple Ridge
Michelle Simister of Coquitlam
Sharon & Ross Prichard of N. Vancouver
John Leung of Coquitlam
Clive Rogers of Chilliwack



Congratulations!

The Beaver Canoe Club has two more RCA Certified Lakewater Instructors and another paddler with levels I – IV Lakewater certification!

(L-R) Alain, (assistant examiner), David, Instructor graduate, Jen, Paddler levels I-IV, Carey, & Bob, Instructor graduate.

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El Presidente Message

Greetings to my subjects. What is up in the club? At the April 18 executive meeting we

continued the discussion of the executive decision to join the Outdoor Recreational Council (ORC). At the last executive meeting a motion was passed for El Presidente to seek a nomination for the ORC Annual General meeting on June 16, 2018; I have submitted my nomination. We will also submit a motion (p.4) on Chilliwack Valley & other areas we paddle. We are asking BC Parks to provide primitive toilets, better clean up and supervision & the unblocking of access roads such as Cold Water Park on the Coquihalla.

The Western Canoe Paddle Expo took place on April 22, 2018 at Cultus Lake as of this newsletter. Many thanks especially to April and Christine for “manning”, I mean “womening”, our booth and to Madeline and Bob for arranging our table, tent, banners and promotional materials.

There was also some frustration on registering or renewing membership on line. It is a 2 step process; some people pay but some miss the second step of registering with the release of liability so you aren't counted yet a members even if you pay.

Entertainment director Greg Scutt has expressed frustration at poor turn out at club social/meetings once a month its getting personal he feels like he's failed you. I disagree the entertainment was very good last meeting - thanks to Ken and Kate Murray. Bob Podesta has started to organize food volunteer's to bring cookies cake etc. to lure you. Madeline is planning to give entertainment on food drying and preparation at the up coming social meeting. We are wondering why and what is to be done to get you there? So, start coming, call Bob and bring snacks to donate and participate! Where the hell is Don Smith and Richard Howard who I have noted as missing?

By the time you read this Basic Paddlers will be well underway. There is a pub night May 5, 2018 on the last day of basic paddlers. See the details in this newsletter. See you all there.

Keep in mind Introduction to moving water comes after basic paddlers - assuming you pass. Don't forget to take trip leaders course; see details in newsletter. This years Rivers week promises to be one of the best -snow pack 160% of normal. Following River week we have another additional rivers week on the Kettle River with runs suitable for all levels of paddlers. So, block the week after river week ends July 1, 2018 to come to the Kettle.

So participate, paddle & get on Mikes email for spontaneous lake and flatwater trips, read Facebook, plan to come out to Pub night, Rivers Week, Kettle Week, Christmas party, River Clean up, and check the last page of the newsletter for weekend trips.

Basic Paddlers April 25th, 2018

54 people at theory, 51 students & 8 instructors at Deer Lake in the rain.

Final Day May 5th! Come Play!





Burnaby Thanks Beaver's!

Each year the City of Burnaby thanks organizations such as the Beaver Canoe Club that, through volunteering, make Burnaby a better place. Leigh Burton & Madeline Waring had the honor of representing the Beavers at a special recognition dinner April 20th, 2018. Great food & few speeches! Special thanks to all Beaver volunteers!

IMPORTANT DATES

May 2018

- 1st Register for Intro to Moving Water
- 3rd Weekday Paddle
- 5th Basic Paddlers
- 5th Pub Night
- 5th Voyageur Paddling
- 9th Beaver CC Meeting
- 10 – 13 Wooden Boat Assoc
- 16th Executive Meeting
- 23rd Trip Leaders Clinic
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Parking Passes for Riverside Drive. Anyone wanting a 2018 parking pass for Riverside Drive needs to send a copy of their vehicle registration to Prankin@telus.net **Before May 4th.**

Wooden Canoe Heritage Association Northwest Chapter 25th Anniversary Celebration May 10 – 13th, 2018 Shelton, Washington. A weekend on wooden canoes! Details at www.nwoodencanoe.org

For Rent: Old Town Tripper canoe with spray skirt. Contact Carey@CanoeBC.ca

Beaver Canoe Club Library of Paddling Books is not going to be maintained. Members can select books they want at the May Social/Meeting.



Opportunity to try a Voyageur Canoe. Fort Langley Canoe Club is hosting a Voyageur Open House Saturday May 5th from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. For More information contact voyrep@fortlangleycanoeclub.ca

Beaver Canoe Club Picnic. July 22nd

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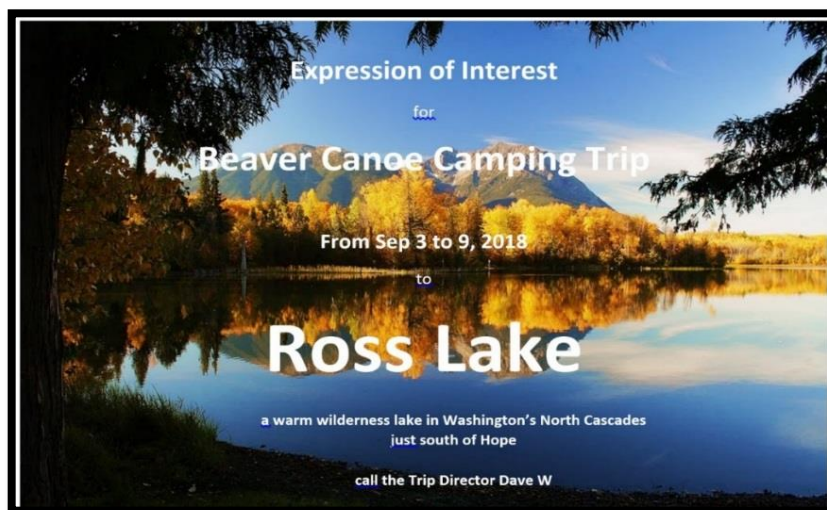
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Resolution Sent to the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC from the Beaver Canoe Club

Whereas there has been insufficient expansion of outdoor recreational opportunities for the rapidly growing population of greater Vancouver,
And whereas many people are now overnight camping on unregulated and unserved Crown land,

And whereas people are leaving toilet waste all over the place,

And whereas previous governments answer to this was to try blockading access routes that has failed miserably.

Therefore be it resolved the Outdoor Recreation Council of British Columbia Directors do the following:

1. Make representation to the Provincial Government to reopen Coldwater Provincial Park with primitive toilet facilities and primitive overnight camping,
2. Evaluate and implement primitive toilet facilities and camping opportunities in the Coquihalla, Coldwater, Squamish and Mamquam Valleys,
3. Ungate the accesses in the Chilliwack Valley and provide more primitive toilets.
4. Evaluate, including public consultation, the performance of private contractors in the Chilliwack valley for performance of their contracted mandates.

Trip and Event Reports:

Paddle Expo attracted hundreds of paddlers and potential paddlers to Cultus Lake Sunday April 22nd. Christine and April staffed the Beaver Booth that Rick Bryant helped set up. Meanwhile Madeline presented clinics to people interested in camp cooking. This Western Canoe and Kayak event provided an opportunity to tell paddlers about our club and gain a few more members.



← See the trip report and pictures from the April 14th Squamish River trip on the web site!

Unofficial Paddle evening of April 26th on the South Allouette River →

The Beaver Canoe Club is a great place

to meet friends to paddle with on club trips or on non-club trips. One such non-club trip was this evening paddle consisting of Mike and his harem! Here is Leighs story... Jen was in the stern of her Discovery 164 with Pam in the bow. Rose paddled with Mike, and I was solo. We put in at the park on 232nd St and took out on 224th, so it was a short paddle. Mike asked me to lead to show Pam and Jen the route. It was quite rocky at the top and visibility was terrible, but I managed to find reasonably good lines down. At one point, Mike and Rose were lead, Jen and Pam followed and I was stern. Mike ended up sideways stuck in the centre of the channel. The deeper water was RR, so I caught up to Pam and Jen and yelled to go RR. I was on RL and could see no easy way through, but I could still manage to get to RR. Pam and Jen started RR then changed their minds and went RL. Now I was stuck having to go RL, so I bumped my boat over the rocks to the bottom of the riffle. We paddled a little bit further and found a nice rocky beach on RL, so stopped and relaxed for a few minutes before completing the paddle. It was a glorious evening and I was home before 9:00!



Dr. Eddy Kit's Column!

Dear Dr. Eddy Kit,
Can I bring my dog on Beaver canoe trips? He is very well behaved.



Dogs are great companions and many Beaver Canoe Club members have dogs. They are great pets. Nevertheless, Dogs are not allowed on Beaver Canoe Club day trips. Dogs are allowed on overnight trips provided they are under the strict control of the owner. For example, several dogs have come to river week. It is always a good idea to talk to the trip leader. For those of you who want to paddle with dogs, there are some very good articles on the internet. For eg.

<https://paddling.com/learn/dog-paddling-taking-your-dog->

<https://community.nrs.com/duct-tape/2017/09/30/on-boating-and-dogs-with-emerald-and-hank/canoeing/>



← Temperatures are Rising, Snow is Melting, and Rivers are also Rising. Be sure to check the water flow and levels before venturing onto a river as they can be very dangerous when in flood.

BCC May Trips Page

Thur May 3	Port Moody Ocean Paddle - with Gord B on this midweek daytime paddle. Contact: gcb1209467@gmail.com 778-865-0409
Sat May 5	Pub Night after <i>Basic Paddlers</i> - for new graduates, old alumni, family & friends See webpage, this newsletter Contact: April W aprilwatson@telus.net or Greg S gregscutt@gmail.com
Sun May 6	South Nooksack River: Grade 1 A gentle river near Sumas WA that's just right for Basic Paddlers graduates. Don't forget your passport – and your travel insurance! * Contact: bgormann@sfu.ca (778) 999-3037
Wed May 9	Club Meeting and Social - And slide show. All welcome See website or front page, this newsletter
Sat May 12	Fraser River North Arm: Grade 1 Slip by with the working boats, log booms and rusty relics along the watery underside side of our city Contact: Jim S jslade01@shaw.ca (604) 322-1979
Sun May 13	Upper Seymour River: Grade 2 & 3 An exciting day of white water in Vancouver's backyard. Solid river skills and outfitting required. Contact: Alain P alain.p.prince@gmail.com (778)875-3514
Sat May 19 to Mon May 21	May Long Weekend: Grades 2 & 3 A three day white water campout in the spring melt of the Nicola Valley or the Squamish corridor. As plans can evolve with the water levels, call the trip contact early and stay in touch. Contact: Dave W westell@shaw.ca (604) 467-8623
Wed May 23	Trip Leaders Clinic Methods to keep your paddling trips safe yet fun at this evening training event. Contact: Carey R Carey@CanoeBC.ca (604) 603-5569
Sun May 27	River of Golden Dreams: Grade 1 A sinuous river winds through the Whistler spring Contact: Dave M ldavidmittleton@gmail.com (604) 240-0503
Wed May 30 & Sat Jun 2	Introduction to Moving Water Want to put you lake water skills to work in a current? Learn some moves and methods to navigate a river safely and effectively. Contact: Carey R Carey@CanoeBC.ca (604) 603-5569
Sun Jun 3	Fraser River in the Valley: Grade 1 A paddle down the mighty Fraser from Stave Dam to Kanaka Creek Contact: Dave W westell@shaw.ca (604) 467-8623
Sun Jun 10	Salmon River: Grade 1 A gentle stream through the Langley countryside Contact: Madeline W John.Onderdonk@telus.net (604) 888-5814

Water levels change and so do trips. Check latest Trips Page to stay up to date.

Please call trip contact 2 days in advance (or 1 week in advance for campouts)

If you cannot find a trip contact, please call or email trips director Dave W westell@shaw.ca (604) 467-8623

* For a trip in the US, even the most innocuous of mishaps can incur costly medical bills. Bring travel insurance!



Beaver Tales

Beaver Canoe Club Newsletter

June 2018

Next Beaver Canoe Club Social/Meeting is June 13, 2018!

Featured Entertainment: Desolation Canyon, Utah.

Ten beavers, seven days and one boat wrecking rapid.

Come and hear the real story.

Presenter: James Wakeling

Location: Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West, 3677 Kensington Ave,
Burnaby, BC V5B 4Z6

Time: = 7:45 p.m.



Reminder!

There will be **no monthly meetings** in July and August. There will be a June Meeting and there are many paddles all summer. See you on the water!

Welcome New Members!

Max Paterson of Vancouver

Kessa Wills of N. Vancouver

Darren Krell of Port Coquitlam

Thomas Ulanowski of Abbotsford

Keane Gruending of Vancouver

Laura Jane of Vancouver

Eric Dagenais of Vancouver

Alexander Nosrat of N. Vancouver

Land Grether of Vancouver

Ruby Ewens of Vancouver

Tara Despault of Abbotsford

Fionna Chong of Vancouver

Kristian Sigvardsen of Ladner

Marc & Colleen Guimond of Vancouver

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Executive Report

● The final version of the resolution our club put forward to the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC (ORCBC) is:

Whereas the steadily growing population of greater Vancouver is putting pressure on outdoor recreational possibilities,

And whereas many people who recreate and overnight camp on unregulated and un-serviced Crown lands defecate and leave human waste throughout these areas,

And whereas human waste is a human health and environment hazard,

Therefore, be it resolved the Outdoor Recreational Council of British Columbia make the government agencies responsible for these areas aware of our concerns and request wilderness toilets facilities be established and maintained within high use areas such as Coquihalla, Coldwater, Squamish, Mamquam, and Chilliwack River valleys.

● Seven Beavers attended the successful Trip Leader Clinic on May 23rd, 2018.



● Basic Paddlers was a great success with 56 participants and many club volunteers.

● The Pub night on May 5th was a perfect ending to Basic Paddlers. Thirty-seven Beavers enjoyed the burgers, beverages and Beaver camaraderie while watching Basic Paddler Graduates receive their certificates.

● The gate to access to the Lower Seymour River is now locked until fall. The executive has obtained a key for the lock. Information on accessing the Lower Seymour River is in the "Members Only" section of the web site.



A HUGE thank you to Basic Paddler Instructors: Alain, Bob, David, Greg, Jim, Phil & Scott; Admin assistants Pam, Jen & Christine; Madeline for examining & Carey for making it happen!

Announcements!

River Week Extended to include paddling on the Kettle River July 3rd to 8th. Members interested in paddling on grade 1 – 3 day trip excursions contact Carey@CanoeBC.ca

Lost at Basic Paddlers dark charcoal grey sweatshirt with a big collar/hood. Contact Crystalcdc13@hotmail.com

Canoe Tripping Opportunity! Beavers are planning a canoe camping trip to Ross Lake September 3rd – 9th, 2018. For more information contact the trips director trips@beavercanoecub.org and see the ad in the May newsletter.

Beaver Canoe Club Summer Barbeque Mark **July 22nd** on your calendar! The annual barbeque will be at Hayward Lake. Watch for details in the July newsletter and on the website.

Places to Rent Canoes:

Middleton's Specialty Boats 604-240-0503 or david@middletonsboats.com

Deer Lake Boats 604-521-3183 <https://deerlakeboatrentals.com/> 604-521-3183

Old Town Tripper canoe with spray skirt. Contact Carey@CanoeBC.ca

Western Canoe and Kayak 1-866-644-8111 <https://westerncanoeandkayak.com/>

Pitt Lake Canoe Adventures 604-836-7117

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Beaver Canoe Club members are invited to participate in the second David Thompson Paddlesport Classic. It is scheduled for August 17 - 19, 2018 on Lake Revelstoke. The event involves paddling and portaging 125 kilometres from Mica Creek to the 5-mile boat launch near Revelstoke Dam over the 3-days.

There are 7 mandatory portages for a total of almost 6 km. There is a non-competitive open class in addition to competitive classes. The registration deadline is July 31, 2018. All entries include t-shirts, snacks, post-race BBQ. For more information go to: <http://paddlerevelstoke.ca/david-thompson-paddlesport-classic/>

IMPORTANT DATES

June 2018

2nd Intro Moving Water
13th Beaver CC Meeting
20th Executive Meeting
23rd River Week Begins
30th Ultimate Happy Hr.

July 2018

3rd Kettle River "Week"
22nd BCC Picnic

September 2018

3-9 Ross Lake Trip

December 2018

1st Christmas Party

Trip Reports:

Lower Seymour May 13th, 2018 by Madeline Waring

This was a special paddle for me! After not being able to river paddle for almost 2 years, I nervously decided to join this trip on the Lower Seymour. It was a perfect day, sunshine, warm, a comfortable water level and great supportive paddling friends. My boat was excited and magically got to the water before I embarked down the staircase! Phil stayed nearby the whole run enabling me to gain my confidence again. Paddlers eddy hopped as they danced down the river but were always nearby in case of a spill that did not happen! I was rusty, but by the end of the trip I happily knew that I could still paddle! 😊 Thanks to everyone on the trip. It was great being on the water again and paddling with my beaver buddies!



The River of Golden Dreams May 27th, 2018 by Leigh Burton

Ahhh! The name says it all. The May 27th trip on the River of Golden Dreams Was a real treat for the participants, Sue and Brian McKinley, Leigh Burton, and Pam Farish with our trip leader, David Middleton.

We met at 10:00 in Whistler and drove to Lakeside Park. What could be better than an easy put in, short shuttle, sunny skies and Alta Lake. We decided early on not to paddle on Green Lake as there was a wind blowing and it would be a tough slog after a paddle of twists and turns.

Once off the lake, we saw lots of the yellow water lilies just starting to bloom. The river was a bit high but judging from the number of groups paddling, it shouldn't be a challenge. Before you knew it, we'd reached the "weir" and stopped for lunch. Lots of people going through the little picnic area. There are new wooden boat launches for both the take out and the put in. Most of the groups were on a "tour" and dollies were used to move their kayaks around to avoid the put in at the lunch spot. We checked out the put-in and it



looked fine to us, so we put in there.

David and Pam were the first boat, and from around the first corner, although we couldn't see them, we could hear, "River right! River right"! There was a tree down and only a narrow passage between where we were and where we wanted to be. Everyone made it without any problems and the rest of the little straight stretch was uneventful.

Where we join 21 Mile Creek, the gauge was showing white, which means you don't have to haul your boats around the rail road bridge. The water level between Alta Lake and 21 Mile Creek was up a bit, and 21 Mile Creek was the high side of average. We ferried out into in and started the adventure. With the increased water level, the corners seemed to come up very quickly. In order to avoid logs and debris in the outside of the corners (almost every one!) you had to cut your corners to the inside. Even so, there were some that tried to catch our boats. It was fun, and a perfect warm up for the paddling season.

At Meadow Park (just above our take-out at the Rec Centre) Sue decided to try out the solo Outrage. She'd never been in a solo white-water boat before, so had fun figuring out how and where to do her strokes in order to move the boat, but she enjoyed it and wants to try again. Look out moving water paddlers! We may have a new addict!

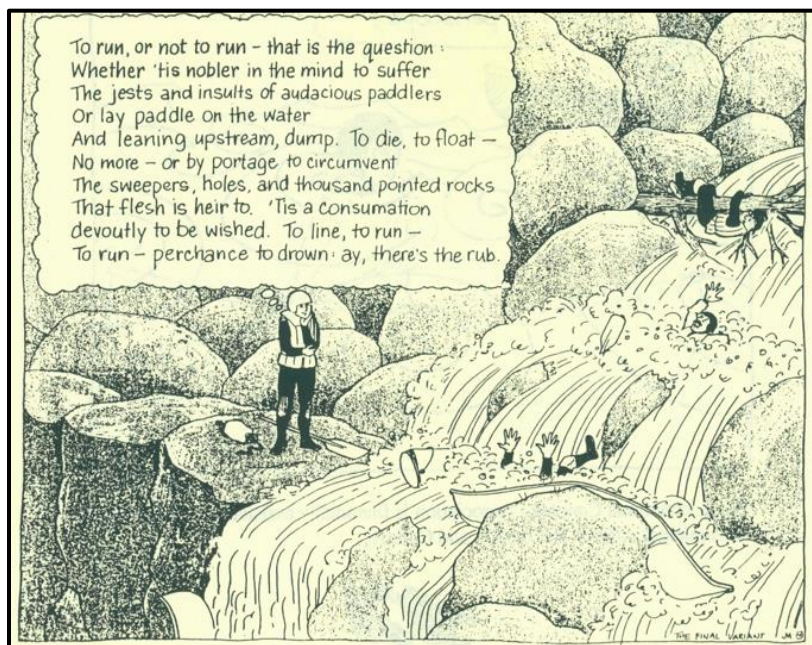
It was a great day – good company, good weather, good water. It just doesn't get any better.

Editors Note: To Run or Not to Run?

With intro to moving water just over, more river trips on the horizon & river week fast approaching I

thought I'd share this diagram depicting the famous question: "To run or not to run?" Nola Johnson a graphic artist (previous member) drew this picture that appeared in Beaver Tales years ago. This is a question every paddler is challenged with, whether it be a river, a rapid or a drop. Having asked myself this numerous time, I want to share some things I consider when arriving at a decision.

I consider the river. What am I getting myself into? How difficult is it? What are the hazards? And how long is it? Length affects whether I paddle tandem instead of solo. Or if it is too long for me based on my energy level that day. Also whether the hazards are at the end of a tiring day. On extended trips my possessions are in the canoe so that also



affects what I will run. The difficulty is often described via river classification system, class 1 – 6.

Another very important fact is the water flow the paddling day. Water flow is typically referred to in cms. Will it be too pushy for me? Will there be more hazards; can a rescue be done in good timing? Tied with everything is my skill and experience level. Am I capable of paddling this level? Have I paddled it before at this water level? Am I capable of rescuing myself or someone else under these conditions? Am I putting others at risk? Do I enjoy this water level? There is a fine line between pushing yourself and ending up "over your head". Pushing yourself can be good. Being "Pig Headed" can get you in trouble.

I always consider who else is paddling that day; what is their skill level and the group rescue capability for the river being paddled and anticipated river conditions. If in trouble, will there be paddlers in the group who are capable of and willing to rescue me. Some good it does if I float by while being watched by others. Or, if I get hurt and can't rescue myself. I consider rescue different from recovery (after the fact). I have bailed or cancelled trips when I am not comfortable with the rescue capabilities. They ended up being good decisions.

Weather is very important too. If the river is on the high side and the rain has just started with a forecast of heavy rain, the water level may become hazardous before finishing the run. If it is a hot sunny day, It is easier to warm up after a swim. If strong winds are expected an early start may be better, or skip it.

This may seem complicated but as experience increases, it's easier to make decisions on familiar rivers. It is also important to consider how you feel that day and your gut intuition. Listen to yourself and don't let peer pressure get you into trouble. There is nothing wrong with bailing or cancelling a trip. I have done this.

Because all the variables can change, your decision may be different every time, even for the same river. Since memories can fade and each paddler has their own idea of what they are comfortable paddling, I like to keep my records to help me with future decisions. After a run I print off the hydrometric data graph that shows the water level and discharge for the river I just paddled. I note on it the day/year I paddled and record my thoughts about the run; too low, too high or just right; challenging or easy; whether I liked it or not, hazards, whether it was a good tandem or solo run, if it's pushy for me, and so on. This way, I don't have to rely on another's view who may like much pushier or higher or lower or more difficult water than I am comfortable with. The records also show how my paddling skills improve. Runs I indicate were challenging one year often become comfortable fun another. I keep my records in a binder for future reference. There are many ways to keep your records, this is just one way. And yes, I have referred to them many times.

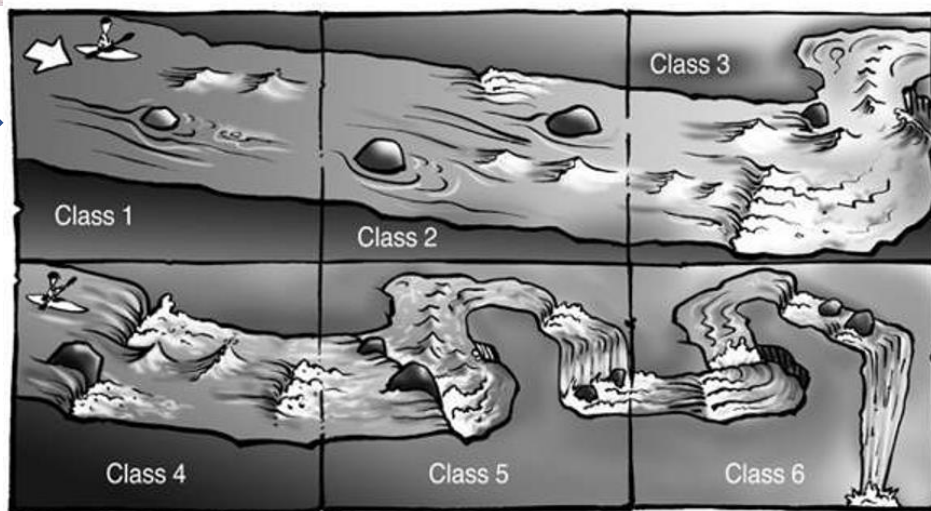
Dr. Eddy Kit's Corner

An article by Ken Whiting included a drawing depicting the six classes of white water. These diagrams are on the right. His complete article with Class descriptions is at:

<https://paddling.com/learn/river-classifications/> Note, it is written from a kayak perspective



Paddlers wonder what do river classifications really mean? I found different descriptions, diagrams and explanations. I am sharing a couple with you. Perhaps they will help you understand river classifications (grades) 1 to 6. Enjoy them!



My favorite explanation is below and considers the river from the swimmers' perspective. The first time I saw this was in 2003; I believe it appeared on the CanoeBC site. Sorry for small type.

CLASS 1. Easy fast moving water with riffles and small waves. Swimming is pleasant, shore easily reached. A nice break from paddling. Almost all gear and equipment are recovered. Boat is just slightly scratched.

CLASS 2. Novice straightforward rapids with wide, clear channels which are evident without scouting. Swimming to eddies requires moderate effort. Climbing out of river may involve slippery rocks and shrub induced lacerations. Paddles travel great distance downstream requiring lengthy walk. Something unimportant is missing. Boat hits submerged rock leaving visible dent on frame or new gash in plastic.

CLASS 3. Intermediate Rapids with moderate, irregular waves which may be difficult to avoid. Water is swallowed. Legs are ground repeatedly against sharp pointy rocks. Several eddies are missed while swimming. Difficult decision to stay with boat results in moment of terror when swimmer realizes they are downstream of boat. Paddle is recirculated in small hole way upstream. All personal possessions are removed from boat and floated in different directions. Paddling partners run along river bank shouting helpful instructions. Boat is munched against large boulder hard enough to leave series of deep gouges. Sunglasses fall off.

CLASS 4. Advanced Water is generally lots colder than Class 3. Intense, powerful but predictable rapids requiring precise swimming in turbulent water. Swimming may require 'must' moves above dangerous hazards. "Must" moves are downgraded to strongly recommended after they are missed. Sensation of disbelief experienced while about to swim large drops. Frantic swimming towards shore is alternated with frantic swimming away from shore to avoid strainers. Rocks are clung to with death grip. Paddle is completely forgotten. One shoe is removed. Hydraulic pressure permanently removes waterproof box with all the important stuff. Paddle partners running along stream look genuinely concerned while lofting throw ropes 20 feet behind swimmer. Paddle partners stare slack-jawed and point in amazement at boat which is finally pinned by major feature. Climbing up river bank involves inverted tree. One of those spring-loaded pins that attaches watch to wristband is missing. Contact lenses are moved to rear of eyeballs.

CLASS 5. Expert. The water in this rapid is usually under 42°F (5.6°C). Most gear is destroyed on rocks within minutes if not seconds. If the boat survives it is in need of about 3 days repair. There is no swimming, only frantic movements to keep from becoming one with the rocks and to get a breath from time to time. Terror and panic sets in as you realize your paddle partners don't have a chance in hell of reaching you. You come to a true understanding of the terms maytagging and pinballing. That hole that looked like nothing when scouted has a hydraulic that holds you under the water until your lungs are close to bursting. You come out only to realize you still have 75% of the rapid left to swim. Swim to the eddy? What %^&*# eddy! This rapid usually lasts a mile or more. Hydraulic pressure within the first few seconds, removes everything that can come off your body. This includes gloves, shoes, neoprene socks, sunglasses, hats and clothing. The rocks take care of your fingers, toes and ears. That \$900 dry suit, well it might hold up to the rocks. Your paddle is trash. If there is a strainer, well, just hope it is old and rotten so it breaks. Paddle partners on shore are frantically trying to run and keep up with you. Their horror is reflected in their faces as they stare at how you are being tossed around! They are hoping to remember how to do CPR. They also really hope the cooler with the beer is still intact. They are going to need a cold one by the time you get out! Climbing out of this happens after the rapid is over. You will probably need the help of a backboard, cervical collar and Z-rig. Even though you have broken bones, lacerations, puncture wounds, missing digits and ears and a concussion, you won't feel much because you will have severe hypothermia. Enjoy your time in the hospital, with the time you take recovering you won't get another vacation for 3 years!

CLASS 6. Not recommended for swimming

Rivers' Week 2018

By Carey Robson

There are always lots of questions about River Week. This information is an overview of the week and important things to know. This supplements the River Week Guide on the web site. The runs below are proposals that can change depending on conditions.

STARTS Saturday June 23rd 9:00 AM at the Manning Park Lodge.

Send an email to Carey@CanoeBC.ca to attend any or all parts. Please indicate when you will be there and what your paddling preferences are. See the Rivers' Week guide in the Members area of the Beaver website — PRINT IT OUT.

We propose to camp beside Pasayten River Road bridge on the Similkameen River, (1.8 k past the Esso station in Eastgate) for Saturday & Sunday nights.

Trips:

Saturday June 23rd;

- Pasayten River, grade 2+ and one grade 3 corner, remote, no access or egress.
Trip Leader: Carey
- Similkameen River, Princeton to Bromley Rock, grade 1 except for the last 200 meters, (grade II). Trip Leader wanted.
- Lightning Lakes. Trip Leader wanted.

Sunday June 24th,

- Similkameen River, Elk Ridge, (approximately), to Princeton; Grade II+ and one grade III ledge/corner/rapid. Trip Leader: Carey
- Similkameen River; Blowdown to above falls. Grade 1+ There are three major log jams. Trip Leader wanted.
- Lightning Lakes. Trip Leader wanted.

Monday June 25th; Move camp to Granite City

- Upper Tulameen; Grade II+ and starts with a grade III rapid followed by a vertical walled canyon. Trip Leader: Carey
- Abbreviated Upper Tulameen; Grade one. Possible sweepers. Trip Leader wanted.

Tuesday June 26th.

- Lower Tulameen; grade II, one portage able grade III rapid and one mandatory portage.
Trip Leader: Carey
- Otter Lake or repeat Abbreviated Upper Tulameen. Trip Leader wanted.

Wednesday June 27th. Move Camp. All further trips at discretion of attendees.

- Lower Coldwater, (grade I+), or Upper Coldwater, (grade II). Showers & Hot Tub in Merritt, Dinner out at Boston Pizza, (6:00 PM, reservations required).

Thursday June 27th to Monday July 2nd N'Quala campsite. 18k west of the stoplight in Merritt.

- Nicola River; Merritt to Camp; grade I, Camp to Jo Antony Bridge; grade II; Joe Antony Bridge to Thompson; grade II+ and grade III. Upper Nicola; to Merritt; grade I, Douglas lake to Nicola Lake; grade II. Coldwater River; (see above).



Ultimate Happy Hour; Saturday June 30th 5:00 PM (This is a no nachos event).

Note: there is a Happy Hour every day after paddling. Bring lawn chairs and a folding table if you can. We camp on unserviced crown land where an outhouse is a luxury. Read the Rivers' Week Guide!

BCC June Trips Page

Wed May 30 & Sat Jun 2	Introduction to Moving Water Want to put you lake water skills to work in a current? Learn some moves and methods to navigate a river safely and effectively. Contact: Carey R Carey@CanoeBC.ca (604) 603-5569
Thu May 31	Weekday Paddle: Lake / Ocean Contact: Gord B at gbc1209467@gmail.com 778 865 0409
Sun Jun 3	Fraser River in the Valley: Grade 1 On this family friendly paddle, there's time to play in the chutes of Stave Dam before floating past Ruskin and Langley to the mouth Kanaka Creek. Contact: Dave W westell@shaw.ca (604) 467-8623
Sun Jun 10	Salmon River: Grade 1 This suburban stream follows the route of the voyageurs to their landing at historic Fort Langley. Contact: Madeline W John.Onderdonk@telus.net (604) 888-5814
Wed Jun 13 Evening	Club Meeting and Social - And entertainment. All welcome See website or front page, this newsletter
Thu Jun 14	Weekday Paddle: Lake / Ocean Contact: Gord B at gbc1209467@gmail.com 778 865 0409
Sat Jun 16 to Sun Jun 17	Mamquam Weekend: Grade 2 A weekend in Squamish for a mentored and gradated chance to practice new white water skills. Contact: Heather M 604-215-1267 heather_may_matt@hotmail.com
Sat Jun 23 to Mon Jul 2	Rivers Week: Grades 1+, 2 & 3 A week of paddling the many premium rivers in the sunny Southern Interior. Contact: Carey R Carey@CanoeBC.ca (604) 603-5569
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Sun Jul 8	Nicomeckle & Serpentine Rivers: Slough / Ocean An uncomplicated loop through the estuaries of sunny South Surrey Check back in July for contact information.
Thu Jul 12	Weekday Paddle: Lake / Ocean Contact: Gord B at gbc1209467@gmail.com 778 865 0409
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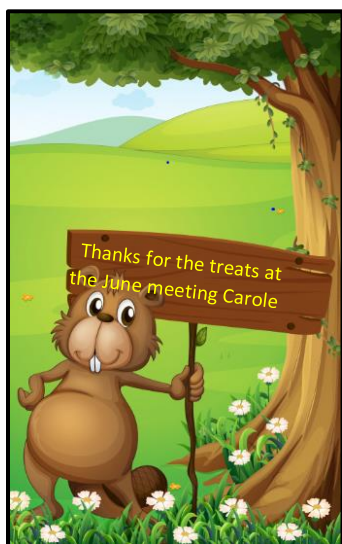
But, there is a Beaver Picnic !

When: July 22nd, 2018

Where: Hayward Lake Recreation Area

<https://goo.gl/maps/Di34VdT56TJ2>

Come early (9:00 – 9:30 a.m.) to get a good parking spot! Bring your pop ups or umbrellas for shade, swimsuits, lawn chairs, picnic supplies and canoe for a morning paddle. The picnic is potluck style. There will be a barbeque to use on site. And remember your throw rope to test your skills! There is a boat launch and swimming area (no lifeguards). For more information contact April Watson at a5a27668@telus.net



Announcement! **Tamahi 50 is on!**

Our persuasive President Phil connected with the “powers that be” after attending the ORCBC meeting in June and came back announcing that we have permission for Tamahi 50!

Date: September 15 & 16th, 2018

Watch the Website and next edition of Beaver Tales for details.



A New Paddling Book by Friends from Afar!

Hello, fellow Beaver Canoe Club members. This is Kathleen and Michael Pitt, who became members in 1986, but moved away from Vancouver in 2003. We miss paddling with the club, but still enjoy receiving newsletters.

Last summer, Kathleen and I paddled 17 days and 330 km in the East Arm of Great Slave Lake. It seems that every time we go canoeing in northern Canada, I have to write it down. We have just completed a digital book that we would like to share with you, as people who might actually want to read it. Sort of like a trip report. If you are interested, please click on the following drive.google link to download the PDF file, and then save to iBooks, or some other eBook reader. If you would like to provide feedback, or if you have any questions, it would be great to hear from you at mpitt755@gmail.com.

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Trivia!

It's Beaver Tails 40th Birthday! This uniquely Canadian pastry is a fried dough pastry, individually hand stretched to resemble a beaver's tail and is topped with a selection of condiments and confections. They originated in Ontario in 1978. So, Happy Birthday Beaver Tails or Queues de Castor ! Try one, you may like it!



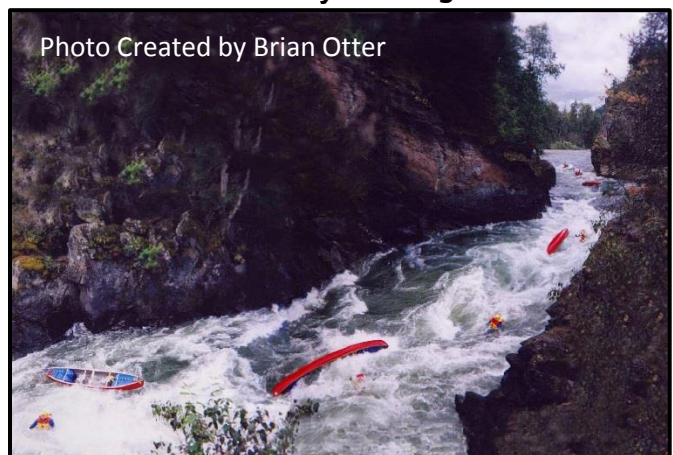
The Adams River – August 24 – 27, 2018

Phil Rankin will be leading the pilgrimage to the famous Adams River beginning Friday August 24, one week before labour day. We will stay at a camp at a private home 1.5 kilometers from Adams take out across from bridge as seen in photos. At Adams we will meet every morning at 10 a.m. at Parking Lot to begin shuttle. The yard we stay at is in photos. It's a grass area with only 2 hookups for RV but grassy area outhouses and water for tents. For more information contact Phil at:

778-871-4873



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Fri Aug 10 to Sun Aug 12	Newcastle Island Family Camp: Ocean Leave your car on the mainland, take your canoe and gear on the ferry, then paddle a short crossing to spend the weekend at camp on the seaside. Contact: Bryan G bgormann@sfu.ca 778-999-3037
Sat Aug 18	Ladner / Dease Island: Lakewater & Grade 1 A family friendly paddle through the wetlands of the Fraser Delta If you want to lead or go on this trip, contact trip director Dave W ASAP westell@shaw.ca 604-467-8623
Sun Aug 19	Chilliwack River: Gr 1-3 With levels having dropped enough to paddle again, all we need is a trip leader to make this happen. If you think you want to organize this trip, call trip director Dave W ASAP
Thu Aug 23	Weekday Paddle: Lake / Ocean Contact: Gord B at gbc1209467@gmail.com 778 865 0409
Fri Aug 24 to Mon Aug 27	Adams River: Grades 2 & 3 Camp out near Sorrento for this big water, big surfs, big waves awesome spectacle, a heroic ride on a grand scale. Contact: Phil R frankierb@telus.net
Su Aug 26	False Creek / English Bay: Ocean A family friendly paddle in downtown Vancouver on the day of the wooden boat festival Contact: Check back in August for trip leader
Sat Sep 1 to Mon Sep 3	Labour Day Weekend An adventure awaits willing paddlers If you have an idea, call Trips Director Dave W westell@shaw.ca 604-467-8623
Mon Sep 3 to Sun Sep 9	Ross Lake Canoe Trip Beavers embark on a six day trip to explore Ross Lake in North Cascades National Park, a unique and remote American wilderness area accessible by road south from Hope. Call by July 16 to give the leader a chance to arrange logistics. And remember the travel insurance! * Contact: Dave W westell@shaw.ca 604-467-8623

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Notice, there is no Beaver Canoe Club Meeting in August

Next Meeting is September 12, 2018

Entertainment = one of the many 2018 canoe trips! Will it be the Broken Skull River, Nation Lakes, Yukon River, Rabbit River, Big Salmon River, San Juan River, Sayward Forest Canoe Circuit or ????? Check the Sept edition. If you want to share your 2018 adventure at a Beaver meeting, contact our Entertainment Director Gregg at entertainment@beavercanoeclub.org

Adams River Weekend: August 24 – 27 Four days of River Paddling

Contact: Phil Rankin at 778-871-4873

Greetings. I hope you can come to Adams this year! It's a Beaver Canoe trip but it's mine and kayaks rafts etc. are welcome. If we're big we'll break into groups. Water is warm as it comes out of lake; definitely no need for dry suit. The river is good for all levels of Paddlers who have done introduction to moving water. It has a Canyon which most novices and me swim. It has a large eddy at end.

I will come up Thursday Aug. 23 evening & camp. The first run is Friday Aug. 24, 2018. We'll meet at the take out across the bridge on Adams River-each day at 10 a.m.

Directions: Take highway 1 east from Kamloops about 45 minutes till exit to Adams River ie Squilax take exit for Adams River .

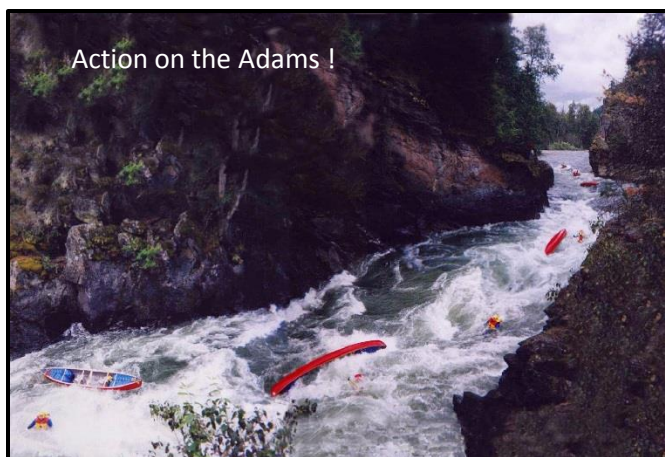
Camping: The campsite below at the Adams about 2 kilometers left side road. J+G Lewis 1-250-679-4415 across the road just down from Roderick Haig Brown Park. I recommend you phone J+G Lewis to reserve a place. Tell them it's with the Beaver Canoe Club. It's about 2 kilometres down from the bridge raft take out on left. I think it's 20 per night more if you want a hook up for trailer or RV.

Meeting Place & Time: We'll meet ever day at 10 a.m at Adams raft take out.

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Executive Report:

- The executive did not meet June, July or August as they were all too busy paddling and enjoying summer.
- The editor apologizes for the late August newsletter, but thought you'd be preoccupied paddling.

Training Opportunity:

Lakewater Instructor Course (Includes Lakewater Paddler levels 1 - 4)

Three weekends starting September 14.

For details see: www.Learn2Canoe.ca

There is a significant discount for Beaver Members that are registered by August 20th.

Email Carey@CanoeBC.ca for details.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 2018

24th-27th Adams River

September 2018

3rd-9th Ross Lake Trip*

12th Beaver Meeting

15-16th Tamahi 50

19th Executive Meeting

October 2018

10th Beaver Meeting

17th Executive Meeting

December 2018

1st Christmas Party

* Ross Lake Location may change

Chilliwack Trip Contact for August 19th is Alain.p.prince@gmail.com

Tamahi 50 September 15 & 16, 2018

The 10th annual Tamihi Five-O Open Canoe Slalom on the Chilliwack River September 15th and 16th. After having to cancel the race last year, it is back for the 10th year and the organizers hope that many of you will again be able to participate in the race. Saturday is the set up, registration (before 1 p.m.) and practice day. Sunday is the race day. If you don't want to try your skill, come anyway to volunteer, be a spectator or capture pictures for the annual Beaver photo contest.



Beaver Canoe Club

Information on the event and sheets including the registration, membership and medical forms plus the schedule are available from Heather (heather_may_matt@hotmail.com) or Denise (dwrathall@ualberta.net). They will be away paddling for the latter part of August, so you may not get an immediate response. Please note that registrations will not be accepted on

race day (Sep 18). You need to bring your completed forms and the correct change (or cheque) to register on Sep 15. If you are not able to attend the practice day on Saturday, please email/mail your registration to Denise.

Additional background information is on PaddleNet

<https://www.tapatalk.com/groups/paddlenet/> . Once at this website click on Tamahi 50 for information on past races, purpose, history, rules, schedules, classes, previous winners etc.



A special thank you to the Chilliwack Center of Excellence who make this race possible, and to our sponsors for their continued support - Western Canoe and Kayaking, Esquif, North Water, and Brooks Manufacturing.

For Sale:

Tandem whitewater Royalex Playboat for Sale. First \$700 gets a fully outfitted Blue Hole Starburst II. Email Carey@CanoeBC.ca for further info or a test paddle.

Trip Reports

Upper Tulameen River, June 27, 2018 As told by Carey's White Boat to Dan Burnett

Why must he loan me to amateurs?????



This old girl has been bashed into so many rocks, had so many repairs, none very flattering. Wrinkles, pock-marks, bits falling off -- you'd think Carey would give this old girl a rest.

But no, day 5 of Rivers week and I can feel the distinctive washboard and potholes of the drive to the Tulameen canyon. I've been up this road and down this river more times than almost all members of the Beaver Boat Wrecking Club. Sounds like a lot of cars behind us today.

The put-in is full of shiny bright coloured newer models. The reds of Anne & Alain, John, Brian Sebastian & Kristen, the greens of Madeline & John Drent, blues of Claude & Carey, a couple of yellows, even a sleek silver-black.

Doesn't matter. Bunch of painted ladies. They don't know what I know. Ooooh, left turn into the Blind Canyon of Death, filled with rocks & holes. Weren't expecting that, were you my pretties!! Hope you didn't smudge the makeup!

Things seem less hairy after that...for a while. Oh, there's the heading-straight-for-the-wall corners and the smeary gashes of foam & rock. And of course the Mystery Drop to for those who need a jolt of adrenaline and a change of their undies. Better have lunch while the heart rate gets back to normal.

Some surfing, some rushy corners, and soon we pass under the old Bailey Bridge & arrive at camp. A few scratches more, why not? I just want to be securely back on top of that white van. It's my only safe place. Except for that flying-off incident near the Coldwater exchange.

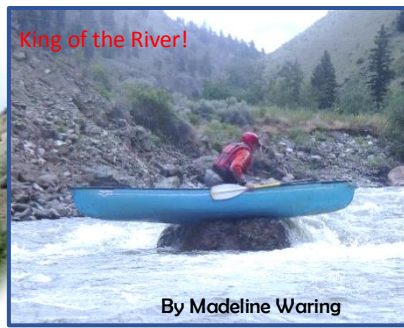
I guess we'll do it all again tomorrow on the next river... Transcribed by Dan





Nicola Canyon

By Anne Gingras



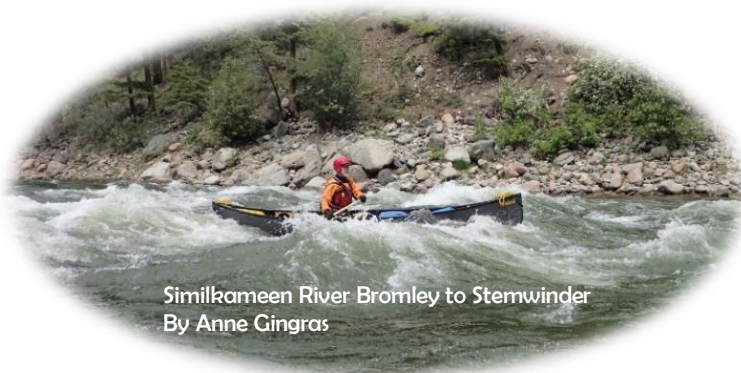
King of the River!

By Madeline Waring

Rivers Week June 29, 2018 – Merritt to Sunshine Valley Road East – by Pam Farish

Trip Leader – Mike; paddlers included Sandra, Scott with Halle and Eric; Tim, Mirella with Tia; Pam with Mike; Jen (solo boat); Margaret and Monica. It was a long day, however the children had fun and paddled abit, and especially enjoyed their time ashore. The trip was described as grade 1, which it was, however it had an exceptional number of hazards – we were confronted with lots of wood/debris pile ups in the middle of the river and along the banks and sweepers. We scouted and lined the boats seven times during this trip. There was also one big log right across the entire river which we came upon suddenly after turning a corner! Everyone quickly got safely ashore and it required only a short 25 foot portage before we launched again. Mike and Pam did dump, as they were lead boat and took a rapid in a way that ended up directing them into the branches of a tree that had only very recently fallen off the bank into the water – all the branches still had all their green leaves, and the branches were reasonably pliable, a bit forgiving and hanging straight down like a heavy bead curtain. They were tipped out but did not get trapped in the branches. No injuries and they felt very lucky to be able to self-rescue, and swim the canoe and themselves away from the hazard to the nearest gravel bar. Shortly after, there was another time when Pam had to crawl out of the river onto a rocky bar while Mike was able to eddy out the canoe abit downriver from Pam. From that point on we had no further “swims”. The weather was like what every day was during Rivers week – clouds, sunny periods and pleasant paddling temperatures, maybe high teens. On this trip we saw animals and birds – lots of eagles, an osprey, a deer, domestic horses and a beaver- if you didn’t see his head, you heard his tail slap. This was a long trip, 5 hours, so we were all glad to go ashore at Sunshine Valley Road East, river left, where there was some small gravel and sand to take out onto. River right was totally destroyed with the bank collapsing into the river as a result of severe undercutting.

For me this trip reinforced a valuable safety practice which is when faced with uncertainty due to hazards, rapids, the course of the river, everyone goes to shore or the gravel bar and gets out to scout the hazards and discuss possible routes to paddle or to line. And everyone must feel comfortable with the decision taken, whether it is lining the boats or paddling the rapids. Another great day during Rivers Week!



Similkameen River Bromley to Stemwinder
By Anne Gingras

Lower Tulameen River by Anne Gingras



Lower Coquitlam River Sunday, July 15, 2018

By Leigh Burton

What a perfect day for a paddle!

Simon Watkins and his nephew George were waiting at the Tim Hortons on United Blvd at 9:00 sharp. We went to Maquabeak Park and quickly organized the shuttle to Prairie and Shaughnessy where we put in. There were six boats in total: Bob & Carol P, David W and Jen W, Glen S and Patti, Dave A and daughter Stephanie, and Leigh. (I bet you can't guess who was the only person to fall out of their boat!)



Photo by Leigh Burton

The Coquitlam was low so we knew we would be dragging boats down the shallow bits, and we did. I was delighted that with my little boat floating over all but one low spot while the tandems ground out more frequently. I did, however, make up for it by being the only dumper on the trip. I knew it was a narrow chute, and I could see the branch sticking up but figured I could make it. Apparently I couldn't and over I went. Since the water was less than knee high, I didn't owe anyone a beer.

The trip was beautiful. There as lots of wildlife for us to see. A black bear was at the put in (on the other side of the river). The crows were upset and were very vocal about it.

Lots of other birds kept us company – robins, heron, kingfisher, mergansers (with babies), bald eagles, and others.

At our lunch spot, several of us opted for a swim. It was welcome break from the heat.

Thanks to Simon for ably leading the trip, and all who were such good company on a glorious summer day on the water.

Jul 29 Two Rivers and an Ocean: Location: Serpentine River Delta , Boundary Bay, Surrey Leader and Author Simon Watkins

On one of the hottest days of the year so far, five intrepid paddlers headed for Surrey to descend the mighty Serpentine River into Boundary Bay. Dave W, Jen W., Simon W, George W , and Tracy F. put in just below the Serpentine tidal dam and began heading towards the ocean. Blue herons, bald eagles and various shorebirds were seen in abundance. The tide was very low but navigable. Exposed banks of large oysters were seen all the way along the route. After passing under highway 99, we notice a large number of strange looking logs on the left side of the river. Suddenly the logs all started sliding down the 3 meter tidal bank into the water. They turned out to be the first of several colonies of at least 20 harbour seals that we would pass before reaching Boundary Bay. With several young pups in tow, the seals found us to be an object of great curiosity, often surfacing very near to get a better view of us. Having reached Boundary Bay we headed out further to find water deep enough to reach Crescent beach. After a bit of searching we found a nice channel with a strong tidal flow which carried us past another group of seals, this time more accustomed to humans. After a pleasant lunch under a shady tree in Crescent Beach we began our paddle up the Nicomekl river. The oyster banks were really thick as were the blackberries on the shore of the take out spot, this time under the tidal dam of the Nicomekl river. Total paddle distance was 17km. Thanks to Dave W for suggesting this excellent wildlife adventure right here in our own backyard.

Lower Chilliwack River August 4th, 2018 by Carey Robson

Great Trip, Three dumps. Clear Emerald Water.

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Thu Aug 9	Weekday Paddle: Lake / Ocean <div style="text-align: right;">Contact: Gord B at gbc1209467@gmail.com 778 865 0409</div>
Fri Aug 10 to Sun Aug 12	Newcastle Island Family Camp: Ocean Leave your car on the mainland, take your canoe and gear on the ferry, then paddle a short crossing to spend the weekend at camp on the seaside. <div style="text-align: right;">Contact: Bryan G bgormann@sfu.ca 778-999-3037</div>
Sat Aug 18	Ladner / Dease Island: Lakewater & Grade 1 A family friendly paddle through the wetlands of the Fraser Delta Check Trips Schedule on Webpage for Contact
Sun Aug 19	Chilliwack River: Gr 1-3 With levels having dropped enough to paddle again, all we need is a trip leader to make this happen. Check Trips Schedule on Webpage for Contact
Thu Aug 23	Weekday Paddle: Lake / Ocean <div style="text-align: right;">Contact: Gord B at gbc1209467@gmail.com 778 865 0409</div>
Fri Aug 24 to Mon Aug 27	Adams River: Grades 2 & 3 Camp out near Sorrento for this big water, big surfs, big waves awesome spectacle, a heroic ride on a grand scale. <div style="text-align: right;">Contact: Phil R frankierb@telus.net</div>
Su Aug 26	False Creek / English Bay: Ocean A family friendly paddle in downtown Vancouver on the day of the wooden boat festival <div style="text-align: right;">Contact: Glen S glenstedhan@gmail.com 604-945-0995</div>
Sat Sep 1 to Mon Sep 3	Labour Day Weekend An adventure awaits willing paddlers Check Trips Schedule on Webpage for Contact.
Mon Sep 3 to Sun Sep 9	Ross Lake Canoe Trip Beavers embark on a six day trip to explore Ross Lake in North Cascades National Park, a unique and remote American wilderness area accessible by road south from Hope. Call early to give the leader a chance to arrange logistics. And remember your passport and travel insurance! * <div style="text-align: right;">Contact: Dave W westell@shaw.ca 604-467-8623</div>
Thu Sep 6	Weekday Paddle: Lake / Ocean <div style="text-align: right;">Contact: Gord B at gbc1209467@gmail.com 778 865 0409</div>
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Sun Sep 15	Cheakamus River: Class 2 & 3- A splashy, bouncy river near Squamish. River skills and full outfitting required. Ask about the (optional) gr 3 Rocky Mile. <div style="text-align: right;">Contact: Dave W after Sep 9th westell@shaw.ca 604 467 8623</div>
Thu Sep 20	Weekday Paddle: Lake / Ocean <div style="text-align: right;">Contact: Gord B at gbc1209467@gmail.com 778 865 0409</div>
Sat Sep 22 to Sun Sep 23	Thompson river: Gr 2 An autumn overnight canoe camping trip from Savona to Ashcroft. River skills required. <div style="text-align: right;">Contact: Chris K ckovach1@shaw.ca</div>
Sun Sep 23	BC Rivers Day Seymour River Cleanup: Riverside Walk or Class 2 <div style="text-align: right;">Contact: Andrie Bates andriebates@hotmail.com</div>
Sun Sep 30	Harrison River: Lake & Gr 1- A family friendly, adventurous, wildlife viewing paddle from Harrison Lake to Kilby Park. <div style="text-align: right;">Contact: Bob P Bob P ubiquitousb7@gmail.com</div>
Sat Oct 5 To Mon Oct 7	Thanksgiving Weekend Here is an opportunity for a three day, overnight camping trip. Have any hopes and dreams? Contact Trip Director Dave W westell@shaw.ca 604 467 8623 and maybe we can put a trip together.

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* For a trip in the US, even the most innocuous of mishaps can incur costly medical bills. Bring travel insurance!



Beaver Tales

Beaver Canoe Club Newsletter

September 2018

Next Beaver Canoe Club Social & Meeting is Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Eight Days on the Firth River! By Paddy Lee

This July/August eight of us did an amazing three-week canoe trip down the Broken Skull & Nahanni. This presentation is not that trip - we are not THAT organised.

Of the eight Broken Skullers, five are current Beaver members, one is an ex-Beaver now living in Clearwater. And two are not Beavers (huh!). Of that eight, four of them have a shared dirty secret in their past. This presentation is about that dirty secret.

Thirteen years ago, these four adventurers were part of a bigger group that did another amazing trip, 8 days on the Firth River. Flying in from Inuvik to a gravel bar by the Firth and flying out from the end of the Firth close to Herschel Island, on the Beaufort Sea. This presentation is about that trip.

PARENTAL ADVISORY: This film contains scenes of nudity, mosquito killing, kayaking and rafting. You have been warned!

Location: Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West, 3677 Kensington Ave,
Burnaby, BC V5B 4Z6

Time: = 7:45 p.m.



Welcome New Members

Melissa Rombough of N. Vancouver

Andrew Swartz of Vancouver

Clay Carlson of Campbell River

Erin Leckie of Vancouver

Stephane Fouchereau of N. Vancouver

Message from El Presidente Phil – End of Summer Blues

Labour day weekend always makes me blue. It's the final recognition that Summer is over. What a summer it was! An inferno engulfed our province and great swathes of trees, an area the size of Nova Scotia burnt.

First, I also want to express sincere condolences, on behalf of the Beavers, to April Watson on the recent death of her husband, from all of us.

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Despite fires, drought, and no campfires, we had a great rivers week. It was well attended and very enjoyable. Many people enjoyed the Wenatchee on August long weekend, and although I missed it, it looked like a lot of fun.

In August members did the Skull River, but the much-anticipated trip on the Rabbit had to be cancelled and replaced by a trip to the Charlottes. I'm sure there were other trips; send in your reports. Finn Wakeling seems to be racing all over the continent and the Wakelings are now all out of my league- but I can still watch. I guess well see more at Tamahi 50 not sure why its 50 but maybe I'm confused.

Meanwhile the Adams River trip took place August 24-27, 2018. The turn out was small Leigh Burton, Yuri (always forget his last name, Patricia McLeod and me in Canoes and Karen Lovey and Gary in kayaks.

The Adams was a bit high, the weather iffy, a little rain and lots of smoke. The river was high but the usual thrill of the canyon made the drive worth it. I made it through the canyon all 3 days! Oh did I miss telling you I dumped in the weir and failed to roll my kayak once. Leigh 1 for 2 in canyon and Yuri 2 for 3 and Gary 2 for 3.

Obviously moving back, a week hasn't worked to improve the numbers. I think our campsite at the Adams works well. Twenty dollars a night, grass yard, clean outhouses, water and about 1000 meters down from the Adams takeout right across from Roderick Haig park. I can't remember its new name.

So next year I'm thinking of maybe changing Adams and improve the turnout. We do 1 day on Adams, 1 day on the Clearwater and 1 day at Skoomchuks or chucks. Please consider coming.

Despite my blues there is still lots of paddling to do on Cheakimus, Seymour and Mamquam and of course the Chilliwack. I assume Mike will be paddling the local flat water and so opportunities will remain for paddling this fall and spring. There is some thought of a Thompson River paddle in fall. My son Keiran might consider leading it.

Don't forget to come to Wednesday September 12, 2018 general meeting and to executive the next meeting is September 19, 2018.

Important Dates

September

Beaver Meet	Sept 12
Tamahi 50	Sept 15-16
Western Sale	Sept. 15 th
Exec. Meeting	Sept 19 th
BC Rivers Day	Sept 23 rd

October

Beaver Meet	Oct. 10 th
Exec. Meeting	Oct. 17 th
Last Official 2018 Trip	Oct. 21st

December

Christmas Party	Dec. 1st
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Tamahi 50 September 15 & 16

The 10th annual Tamihi Five-O Open Canoe Slalom on the Chilliwack River September 15th and 16th. Saturday is set up, registration (before 1 p.m.) & practice day. Sunday is the race day. If you don't want to race, come & volunteer, be a spectator or take pictures for the Beaver photo contest. Information on the event & registration, membership & medical forms are available from Heather (heather_may_matt@hotmail.com) or Denise (dwrathall@ualberta.net). Registration is not accepted on race day. More information is in the August edition of Beaver Tales.



Claude Challenging the Gates

A special thanks to the Chilliwack Center of Excellence and to all the sponsors.

Announcements



Western Canoe Kayak is having a ONE DAY SALE Saturday September 15th, 2018! The doors open 9:00 a.m. sharp so be there early for the BEST DEALS. You can check out the sale lists on-line Thursday September 13th. Address: 1717 Salton Road Abbotsford. Call toll free 1-(866)-644-8111. <https://westerncanoe kayak.com/>

For Sale:

Tandem whitewater Royalex Playboat for Sale. First \$700 gets a fully outfitted Blue Hole Starburst II. Email Carey@CanoeBC.ca for further info or a test paddle.

BC Rivers Day! September 23, 2018

Each year thousands of British Columbians celebrate BC Rivers Day on the fourth Sunday in September, making it Canada's largest river appreciation event. Effective 2018, BC Rivers Day will take place on the fourth Sunday in September, the date now allocated to World Rivers Day on the global events calendar.

The 38th annual BC Rivers Day is September 23rd! Andrie Bates (andriebates@hotmail.com) of the Beavers is organizing a river clean up on the Seymour River for club members. If you are not able to participate in the Beaver event join one of the many other activities around B.C. that generates public awareness about British Columbia's waterways. Google BC rivers day or check the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC http://orc.bc.ca/pro_bcridersday.htm to learn more about this special day. World Rivers Day also has a site <http://worldriversday.com/>.

Trip Reports

Beef on The Bull River by Bob Hoyer

AUGUST 27, 2018

It was in August and our white-water canoeing group was enjoying some rapids in the East Kootenays in southern British Columbia. More specifically on the Bull River, near Cranbrook. What's more it was a beautiful day, the Rocky Mountains were spectacular, no wind, and the river was at an ideal level. What could wrong?

Having driven through a small town the day before we had fresh groceries. So, the morning started with the compelling aroma of bacon sizzling on the big fry-pan over the campfire. Helping to offset the morning chill, there was coffee or hot chocolate while the hash-browns and eggs were cooking.

Lunches were made and placed in watertight containers. I had a small one that lashed to the foam pedestal one kneeled on. Performance white-water canoes are inherently unstable so paddlers not only kneel but are secured to the boat with thigh straps and toe braces. And with your knees on foam pads you



leaned the boat over on the chine much as a skier does with skis to crank a turn. This, with different strokes of the paddle controlled the canoe. Well, most of the time, as rapids can be implacably powerful.

As the saying goes, rapids are moving moguls, with two main highlights. One move is to turn into a back eddy when suddenly the bow of the canoe is heading upstream and the stern is still heading down-river. The more the difference in opposing currents, the faster the canoe snaps around. Much the same holds in carving out of the back eddy. And then there is surfing on a standing wave. The canoe faces upstream on a big wave. The current tries to drive the boat downriver and gravity drives it forward down the wave. Happiness is when the forces balance out and the challenge is to lean back and to stay on the sweet spot by steering with the blade of the paddle.

Often easier said than done, and not all sections of a river offer the best back eddies and surfing waves.

The put-in on the Bull involved using ropes to slide the canoes down a steep dirt slope to the gravel bar. About 75 feet and a scramble down by the paddlers in wet or dry suits as the water was cold. The take-out would be miles later at camp, in time for the cocktail hour. Bottles of beer and wine were stashed in the river chilling out.

There was about an hour of modest rapids along the valley and a couple of boats pressed on to get to the good stuff in the canyon. Along the way on the left there was a bench about 10 feet above the river where there were some cows. Bush cattle that started trotting along, looking over their shoulders with wild rolling eyes. Guess they had never seen a red tandem or a teal-blue solo boat before. This continued.

Until the river took a turn to the left and the modest drop had eroded the bench down to a dirt slide. Scott and his daughter were strong paddlers and were in their tandem. Being a little behind I could see the scene developing. The small stampede continued and as the bench suddenly ended the cows panicked, slid down the drop and started bounding across the river. The leaders were heading towards my friends who started back-paddling – trying to avoid a collision. But they were laughing so hard that they could hardly paddle.

From my perspective, it looked like the cows were going to jump into their canoe. Fortunately, I had a waterproof camera on a lanyard around my neck and putting the paddle down got a picture. Naturally, the current rotated the boat and not wishing to hit the cows backwards, I got back to paddling. But the comedy demanded more pictures and I could barely control the camera let alone my canoe.

A wild cow in a canoe would have been a sensational “go wrong”, one that no *How to Canoe* book would have anticipated.

Almost helpless, we pulled up on a gravel bar, with exclamations about **“Rodeo on the Bull”** and it was a **“Moo-ving experience”**.

The best of that day’s rapids were ahead and the paddling was outstanding, with a good surfing wave at the “lunch spot”.

At camp with the rest of our group, the Happy Hour was “banner”. Nicely chilled by the tumbling water, our Blue Mountain Pinot Gris was perfect and enhanced the stories.



Chilliwack River, Slesse to Tamihi, August 19/18 By Don Smith

Photos by Anne Gingras and Formatting by Madeline Waring

Well by the take-out, 11 paddlers – Anne, Alain, Claude, Carey, Einer, Marlene, Dan, Madeline, Tom, Tara, Don – racked up half a dozen swims. Claude crashing into me, doing a barrel roll and pinning on a boulder in Tamihi was particularly photogenic. Maybe not a club record, but getting there.

During our run, the hazy and low level Chilliwack dished up three portages,

typical rock gardens



and exciting runs through the trailer court.....



and Tamihi rapids

Our mid-summer warm water paddle was so good that even dour Carey was smiling.



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Wed Oct 10	Club Meeting / Social 745 pm – see October newsletter or webpage for details
Sun Oct 21	Widgeon Creek This is always our first and last trip of the season, a unique and beautiful place for a family friendly paddle and hike. Contact: Leigh B 604-583-2246 cat-canoe@shaw.ca

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Beaver Tales

Beaver Canoe Club Newsletter

October 2018

Next Beaver Canoe Club Social & Meeting is Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Featured Entertainment: The San Juan River

Dan Burnett will present photos and video of a multi family canoe trip the stunning San Juan River in southern Utah.

The river features towering canyons, wildlife, spectacular hiking and whitewater. Not to be missed!

Location: Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West, 3677 Kensington Ave, Burnaby, BC V5B 4Z6

Time: = 7:45 p.m.



Message from El Presidente Phil

Where to start?

Tamahi race congratulations to Finn Wakeling & Heather Mathews this year's winners. They of course had the advantage as I did not compete, but I will not diminish their win.

The Chilliwack Recreational Advisory Group a group formed in 2010. The group of recreational advisers from various recreational groups was formed to solve access issues and user conflicts within the Chilliwack Forest District. They meet to communicate issues around user groups, industry, first nations, and local government and parks.

The group met Sept. 17/18. The Beaver resolutions on latrines & filth issues was raised with Tom Blackburn District Recreational Officer for Chilliwack Forest district & it was considered.

The discussion included the fact that any services must be serviced by land managers. The group resolved to find out who manages the lands that are needed for toilets. Its unclear if BC Parks or (RSTBC) Recreation Sites and Trails BC a branch of the Ministry of Forest Lands & Natural Resources (FLNRO) are the proper authorities. The RSTBC manage forestry & crown lands.

The group discussion included the need to work with other back country areas in Canada and the USA to see how they handle the problem associated with human waste etc. Tom Blackburn DRO was at the meeting has agreed he would bring it up with the Mike Peters of (FLNRO) Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resources.

On a similar note Gordon Pillings, the Manager of Audits and Investigation for Forestry Practices Board invited Beavers to fill out a questionnaire on a special report on Management of Forest Recreation under the Forest and Range Practices Act.

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The Forest and Range Practices Act came into force in 2002. Since 2002 there have been many complaints over forest harvesting adverse effects on recreational opportunities. The Act creates an independent Forest Practices Board to deal with such things as harvesting, road building and adverse effects on recreation.

An investigator Jeremy Webb is doing outreach with a questionnaire which I, after consultation with Beaver Executive, filled out & submitted on Sept. 15, 2018. We were very concerned about waste filth and lack of supervision on crown lands see copy of survey reply on Beaver website.

In the new year 2019, we plan to have a long trips meeting for our members who are planning to do longer wilderness trips in Summer 2019. We will hold the meeting on January 23, 2019 at our usual meeting room for those members who would like to meet plan or join a longer wilderness trip next summer.

That's all Folks.

FYI.....

RSTBC is Recreation Sites and Trails BC, they manage the forestry (Crown Land) rec sites in BC. FLNRO is the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (Rec Sites and Trails BC a.k.a. RSTBC is a branch of FLNRO). And Mike Peters is the FLNRO District Manager for the Chilliwack region.

Announcements

MEC Club Night

Mountain Equipment Coop (MEC) has a special "Club Night" where members of designated clubs, including the Beaver Canoe Club, get 10% off all purchases! The MEC Club Night is on **October 25th, 2018** between 7 & 9 p.m. at the 130 West Broadway location. BCC members planning on attending should contact Margaret Chisolm by October 20, 2018 at canoegirls2@gmail.com or telephone 604 841-9364. Special thanks to BCC volunteers Margaret Chisolm, and Pam Farish whose participation makes it possible for you to take advantage of this special opportunity.

Beaver Canoe Club Year End Party !

This year, the year end or Christmas party is on

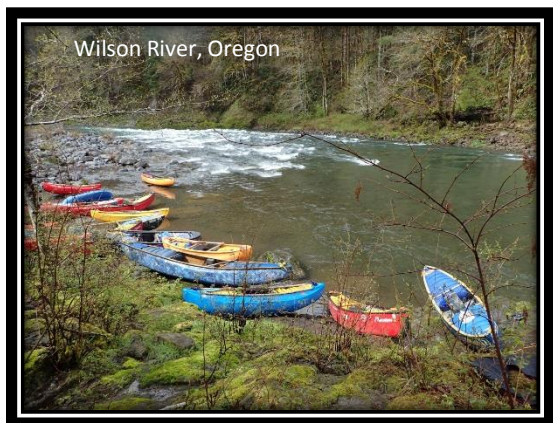
December 1st, 2018 at the Guildford Golf Course in Surrey. Come celebrate a great year of paddling with your friends, feast on roast beast, dance to a live band, vote for your favorite pictures, see who wins the Beaver awards, and connect with friends for next years trips. The canoe club is subsidizing the tickets so they only cost \$25.00 per person until November 1st. Price jumps to \$35.00 per person after Nov. 1st, 2018. Tickets will be available at the October meeting and on-line via PayPal on the Beaver Canoe Club website.

New Water Guage on the Seymour River

Carey arranged for access to a new water level guage on the Seymour River. This guage is located at the Grantham Bridge. <http://water.nhcweb.com/Data/Chart/ChartId/211/Interval/Latest> The user name and password to access this site will be posted in the members only section of the Beaver Canoe Club website.

Bowron Lake 2019 Reservations

The Outdoor Recreation Council of BC's Sept. Report said 2019 Reservations for the Bowron Lake Canoe Circuit starts October 1st/18. The Beaver Canoe Club is a member of the ORCBC. The full article is at: [Reservations for 2019 start Oct. 1 for Berg Lake Trail in Mount Robson Provincial Park and canoe circuit in Bowron Lake Provincial Park](#) (Sept. 23, Times Colonist)



Beaver Canoe Club 2018 Slideshow Submissions Needed!

Dear Members,

The **Year End Awards Dinner on December 1st** is coming up quickly, so it's time to get the **Beaver Canoe Club Slideshow** organized.

Please send your photos to Anne Gingras at anne.a.gingras@gmail.com and she will integrate them into a slideshow of Beavers' activities that we can all enjoy at the party.

Please submit photos in folders labeled by month and location that indicates the name of the river or lake. **For Example:** October - Harrison River.

If the files are too big, you can send a link to a **Dropbox** account. If sending a CD by snail mail works better for you, just get in touch with Anne for an address.

You can also bring a CD or USB key to the next BCC meeting on Wednesday October 10th.

The **deadline** to send in photos is **October 31st**.

IMPORTANT: This is not to be confused with the photo contest.

IMPORTANT DATES

<u>October</u>	
BCC Meeting	10 th
Ex Meeting	17 th
Last official trip	21 st
MEC Club Night	25 th
Photos for show due	31 st
<u>November</u>	
Party Price ↑ to \$35	1 st
Exec. Meeting	14 th
Photo Contest entries due	20 th
<u>December</u>	
Year End Party	1 st
<u>January 2019</u>	
BCC Meeting	9 th
Exec. Meeting	16 th
Long Trip Meeting	23 rd

Announcing the 2018 Photo Contest



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Protect the Peel!

Many of us have paddled or will paddle in the Yukon's Peel Watershed. It's going to take one more push to see the Peel finally protected. The next two months are the last chance for the public to speak up for the Peel - and this time the Government is actually listening. Comments can be submitted through a survey. Share your input with the Yukon government now at : <https://finishthepeelplan.ca> .

Trip Reports

South Fork Nooksack River May 6th 2018 by Margaret Chisholm & Monica Edi (Editor's apology for print delay)

What a beautiful day for a trip with Bryan, Parsa, Jen, Mike, Monica, Margaret and Sasha. We were a little uncertain what we would find on the river as none of us had paddled it before. It turned out to be an easy grade one with grade two wood hazards in the first half. The water was running at about 1600 cfs.



Bryan carefully and thoughtfully led us through the logjams and past the debris. It was manageable with a few back ferries and sideslips. We lined our boats from time to time if it seemed like the correct thing to do. We paddled from just upstream of Saxon to below Van Zandt where the North Fork Nooksack meets up with the South Fork. The trip was about 21 kilometers with a little head wind at the end of the day.

The take out "fisherman's access road" was a bit daunting...long and very muddy with huge sections of ten-inch-deep water holes. Bryan drove his truck through, otherwise we would have had lots of fun wheeling the boats through the mud and water. Next time we would consider taking out at Potter Road if fisherman's access road was as bad. That take out looks very nice but would shorten the trip by about 25 minutes.



Other highlights included the hot sun (hooray!) Monica getting over her fear of the wood hazards and the bird life. There were Spotted Sandpipers, an unusually large flock of Common Mergansers, a Belted Kingfisher and were they Turkey vultures or Eagles? It was also sweet to reunite again with of the Broken Island trippers from last June (Monica and Margaret, Bryan, Jen and Mike,) and of course that reunion had to include Margaret and Jen practicing their West Coast Swing dancing on the beach.

Thank you very much, Bryan.

Tamahi 50 September 16, 2018 by Heather Mathews with Photo's by Anne Gingras

The 10th Tamahi Five O open canoe slalom took place this September. Although it was a smaller turn out then usual, we did have a few new racers who styled the course. It was also nice to see some of the Chilliwack Center of Excellent crew who we have watched grow up and get really good over the last number of years paddling in open canoes.



Finn Wakeling won the 'King of the River' (and gave the bottle of wine to his parents with thanks to them for driving him to his practice all the time, right Finn!), James Wakeling and Avery (another CCE member) had the fastest tandem time. Was a fun weekend, and thank you to all our volunteers and sponsors that make it possible.




King and Queen of the River



Mixed Tandem

Additional Tamahi 50 pictures and all the race scores are on the Beaver Canoe Club Website

Tamihi 5-0 2018										
Overall Results										
Class	Bib #	NAME	Run 1			Run 2			Best Run	Place
			Total Pen	Run Time	Final Time(1)	Total Pen	Run Time	Final Time(2)		
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WS	51	Wakeling Jenny	10	122.48	132.48	20	112.09	132.09	132.09	2
MS	53	Wakeling Finn	00	92.73	92.73	00	86.32	86.32	86.32	1
MS	56	Wilkins Avery	10	92.11	102.11	20	91.85	111.85	102.11	2
MS	55	Campbell Dan	00	108.60	108.60	10	110.58	120.58	108.60	3
WT	58	Wang Matthews	00	124.24	124.24	50	121.75	171.75	124.24	1
MT	62	WakelingJa Wilkins	00	97.55	97.55	10	102.48	112.48	97.55	1
MT	61	WakelingJa WakelingF	10	97.70	107.70	10	96.28	106.28	106.28	2
MT	59	Prince Gauvin	10	118.71	128.71	00	117.24	117.24	117.24	3
MxT	63	Taylor WakelingF	00	100.45	100.45	50	100.72	150.72	100.45	1
MxT	64	WakelingJa WakelingJe	20	113.16	133.16	00	111.63	111.63	111.63	2
MxT	65	Prince Gingras	00	125.43	125.43	20	112.26	132.26	125.43	3

BC Rivers Day September 23rd, 2018, Organized by and Reported on by Andrie Bates

Eleven people showed up! They were a keen group; everyone was enthusiastic. Phil Rankin was there an hour early and collected lots of items. A small group went off to canoe the river and look for things on route.



Wish I had taken a picture of the huge pile of things collected-many rusty chairs, lots of glass by the bridge, a hose that most likely got washed away, a massive recycling container overflowing with debris that would have ended up in the river, lots of gyproc and huge rusty metal mangled heavy pieces.

The weather was perfect and we appreciated the other 4 people who planned to come but it was pouring where they lived and so they didn't make it.

It was a successful day and workers from my Phil's work came with trucks to get all the treasures. People felt so happy to have made a difference with collecting so many items.

The Streamkeepers really enjoyed working beside us on their River Clean-up project.



BCC October Trips Page

Sun Sep 30	Harrison River: Lake & Gr 1- A family friendly, adventurous, wildlife viewing paddle from Harrison Lake to Kilby Prov Park. Contact: Bob P ubiquitousb7@gmail.com
Thu Oct 4	Weekday Paddle: Lake / Ocean Contact: Gord B at gcb1209467@gmail.com 778 865 0409
Sat Oct 6 To Mon Oct 8	Thanksgiving Weekend Pickup Trip Feel like paddling this weekend? Drum up some interest on the <i>Comments</i> space for this day on our trip schedule, our <i>Facebook</i> page, or with an email thread.
Sat Oct 13 Or Sun Oct 14	Another Pickup Trip Feel like paddling this weekend? Drum up some interest on the <i>Comments</i> space for this day on our trip schedule, our <i>Facebook</i> page, or with an email thread.
Wed Oct 17	Club Meeting / Social 745 pm – see October newsletter or webpage for details
Thu Oct 18	Weekday Paddle: Lake / Ocean Contact: Gord B at gcb1209467@gmail.com 778 865 0409
Sun Oct 21	Widgeon Creek This is always our first and last trip of the season, a unique and beautiful place for a family friendly paddle and hike. Contact: Leigh B 604-583-2246 catcanoe@shaw.ca
Oct 22 To Mar 17	The Official Season may be over, but that doesn't mean we can't paddle together over the winter! Keep an eye on the newsletter and webpage for notices about the November Eagle Paddles on the Harrison and on Sumas Rivers, the End of Year Party, the January Long Trips Meeting, and the Squamish and Skagit Eagle paddles. Check Facebook and get on some email threads for nearly weekly winter paddling opportunities.

Water levels change and so do trips.

Check latest Trips Page or Events Calendar to stay up to date.

Please call trip contact 2 days in advance
(or 1 week in advance for campouts)

If you cannot find a trip contact, please call or email trips director
Dave W westell@shaw.ca (604) 467-8623



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Beaver Canoe Club Christmas / Year End Party !

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Address: 7929 152nd Street, Surrey, B.C. A map in on the web site <http://beavercanoecub.org/event/christmas-party/>

The doors open at 6 p.m., there will be a cash bar, dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the party continues until 11:30 p.m.

Dinner includes salads (mixed greens with raspberry vinaigrette, Greek pasta salad, Caesar salad with parmesan cheese and croutons), Platters and Accompaniments, roasted herb potatoes, a seasonal vegetable medley in herbs & butter, fresh dinner rolls with butter, Marinated slow roasted baron of beef au jus, sliced turkey with stuffing & gravy, roasted vegetarian pasta primavera, a selection of deserts, freshly ground coffee and an assortment of Bigalow teas.

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MEC Club Night By Pam Farish

The evening of October 25th Margaret and I were at the MEC club night representing the Beaver Canoe Club. There were 7 members who came to take advantage of the 10% discount. Store was fairly busy. We put up both club banners. Margaret accessorized our table by displaying books about canoeing that she "borrowed" off MEC's book shelves and the paddle was MEC's also! Having some props caught some people's attention. We promoted our club and our courses. Gave out some club business cards too.



IMPORTANT DATES

November

Last day to Enter the
Photo Contest 20th
Party ticket cut off 27th

December

Year End Party 1st

January 2019

BCC Meeting 9th
Exec. Meeting 16th
Long Trip Meeting 23rd

April 2019

BC Canoe Festival 5th–7th

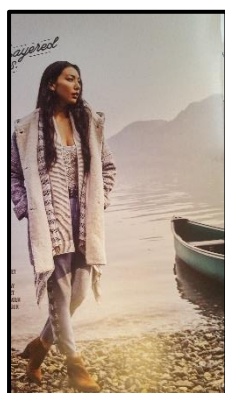
Winter Paddling A Note from the Editor

The club trip to Widgeon Creek on October 21st was the last official Beaver paddle this year. However, Beavers continue to paddle throughout the fall and winter. Unofficial trips are frequently organized by club members. Some of these are posted on the website and others are via e-mails or in the newsletter. For instance, Carey organized several paddles on the Lower Seymour and a Cheakamus and Coquitlam run this fall. Most recent was a Seymour run on Nov, 3rd. Mike mike2166@hotmail.com and David Westell westell@shaw.ca often organize lake and easy river trips. So, if you are keen to paddle let them know. Info on the Harrison Fish and Fowl trip is on p. 4.

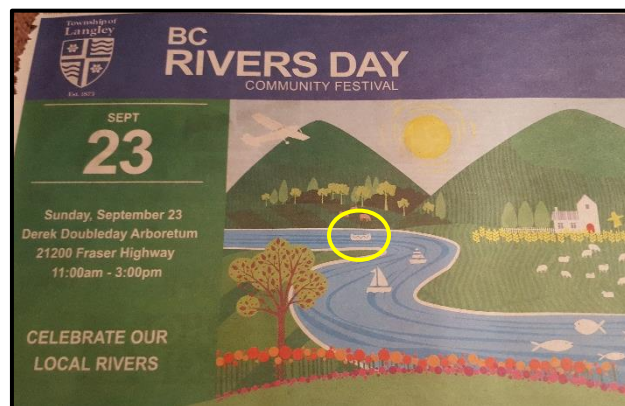
Fall and winter paddlers need to be prepared for fall/winter conditions such as cooler temperatures in the air and water as well as rain and even snow! Wear your PFD and clothes appropriate for the season. Be sure you have extra clothes for warmth and in case of a dump. Also take a toque, gloves, high energy snack foods, lunch and a thermos with a hot beverage. Days are getting shorter so leave plenty of time to complete your paddle in daylight. Paddle in groups, make sure someone knows where you are going and be sure to check in when you return. The crisp sunny winter days can be wonderful for paddling when you are prepared.

A Beaver Challenge ...

An article on "The New Future of Canoeing"* in CanoeRoots magazine points out that "Finally, after years of stagnation, early signs suggest canoeing is peaking people's interest again. For the first time in more than two decades, the future of canoeing looks bright." This stimulated me to see where canoes appeared in everyday life. I soon started noticing canoes in many places; such as backdrops in advertising, on posters, on clothing, etc. The Township of Langley Rivers Day poster (Right) has a canoe in it as does The Bay clothing ad below (left). When mentioning this to Marie B. She told me about the Subaru ad below that is on TV with Gus in a canoe. If you haven't seen it click on this link for fun entertainment.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pEHK4N4j5Uk>



... Where else have you

seen canoes? Send snapshots of canoes

you see to: newsletter@beavercanoeclub.org Lets see how many we can collect.

*(<https://www.rapidmedia.com/canoeroots/categories/skills/8901-the-new-future-of-canoeing>)

Bowron Lake 2019 Reservations

2019 Reservations for the Bowron Lake Canoe Circuit started October 1st/18. The

BC Gov't. Bowron Lakes pamphlet http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/bowron_lk/#Canoeing provides information on the circuit including a link for making your reservation.

The Upper Seymour still has bridge construction through to the end of the year and is not accessible.

Job Opportunity The Pitt Meadows Paddling Club is looking for someone to fill the position of Club or Operations Manager. The club programs include dragon boating, outrigger canoeing, sprint canoeing and kayaking and recreational canoeing and kayaking. For information on the club go to <http://www.pmpc.ca/home>. For complete listing of duties and responsibilities contact: Isabelle Hamm" treasurer.pmpc@gmail.com or allanmary" allanmary@shaw.ca.

Paddling Film Makers For 13 years the PADDLING FILM FESTIVAL has been touring the very best films from around the globe showcasing the passion, action, adventure and paddling lifestyle. The Paddling Film Festival is seeking entries for the 2019f film tour. Check out https://www.paddlingfilmfestival.com/films/submit-a-film.html?utm_source=Paddling+Magazine&utm_campaign=3d9f03b4ef-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_10_10_06_10_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_66b554bdc5-3d9f03b4ef-89593405

Trips



RSVP Dave W at westell@shaw.ca

Trip Reports

Beaver end-of-season trip to Widgeon Creek: Oct.21, 2018. By Gerry Hayne
Photos by Bob & Carol Podesta

Air temp. 40° F at 10 AM. Twelve of the faithful gathered by the river---Leigh led the service. Carey, Phil, Mike, Dave M., Bob and Carol, Trish, Jen, Pam, Marie and Gerry formed the choir. It was a lovely sunny fall day. The creek was shallow in places, most of us had to get out and drag about 5 times, even Carey, who had led us to believe he could walk on water. (Someone observed on one of the drags that maybe he should either give up eating or give up canoeing.) The hike to the falls had lots of mushrooms on display, some red, some purple, some white, some boletes, but Leigh advised not eating them, that her little baggy of

green weeds was safer and easier. Most of the bridges had been repaired. People shared stories of their summer trips, etc., the Yukon, Big Salmon, and we all thought how much fun and satisfaction were to be had canoeing with friends on a sunny fall day, unbothered by technology and traffic. Temp.mid-day in 60's °F.



Chilliwack River, September 8, 2018

By Leigh Burton

It was a dark and stormy night – er, day! Bryan G gathered his victims – er, paddlers together to whip them into shape er, organize the shuttle and to plan for the day ahead.

On board for this adventure were Bryan and his son Parsi, Monica and Margaret, and solo boats Jen W, Bob P and Leigh B. Please note: NO ONE DUMPED! The gauge at Vedder crossing showed a mighty 1.2 m height and 16 cm/s. The gauge above Slesse showed less.



We put in at Osborne Road and paddled to the takeout at Peach Road. Monica had hoped we wouldn't have to drag out boats all the way down or line them for endless kilometers. Bryan aimed to please. Due to the low water levels, we bumped and scraped down the shallows, and relaxed with the current. The clouds crept down the hills towards us, but the river gods chased them back up again and again. The rain pelted down on us as we hauled the boats up the bank, but the rest of the trip was dry.

Yes, we walked a few times, lined one corner, found a few exciting drops.

It all worked out in the end and everyone agreed it was a fine trip indeed. I guess we did whip into shape nicely after all.

Leigh Burton



Editor's note... I saved the best for the last (*This has nothing to do with misplacing it...*)

2 Brits, 1 Canoe and some White Water - From a River Week Guest - By Katie

On the 22nd of June 2018 a traveling British couple turned up to a free camping spot they had seen online near Manning Provincial Park. Little did they know they had just arrived at the same camping spot for the Beaver Canoe Club's annual river week.

It wasn't long before the Canoeists made their presence know to the couple. In quick succession 3 members approached the couple, separately and the conversations went a little like this...

1st Canoeer: 'You're not with the canoe club are you?'

Couple: 'no'

1st Canoeer: 'are you staying here tonight?'

Couple: 'Yeah we think so, we are going to go hiking in the provincial park'

1st Canoeer: 'that's good, well just so you know I'm expecting between 6 to 12 people to arrive later.'

Skip to Canoeist 2 about 5 min later.

Canoe 2: 'You aren't with the canoe club, are you?'

Couple: 'No, we are going hiking in the area'

Canoe 2: 'Well you should know we are expecting between 10 to 20 people to arrive later'

Skip to Canoe 3, another 5 min later

Canoe 3: 'So you're not with the canoe club'

Couple: 'No, we've heard your expecting quite a few of you'

Canoe 3: 'Yes, I think we are expecting up to 30 people to arrive later'

If these three people the couple spoke to had been British, then the couple might have suspected that this was a typically British attempt to subtly, politely and ineffectively, tell the couple to bugger off.

This was clearly not the case as Carey, Dave and Rose made the us feel very welcome and introduced us to more members as they arrived and invited us to join everyone at the fire. The result of this sociable evening chatting around the fire was that we ended up joining in with a river trip the next day. Carey was happy enough with Matts demonstration of a J-stroke that he lent us his boat and cobbled together enough kit for us to safely join in.

The Similkameen from Princeton to Bromley Rock 23rd June 2018

Trip leader: Mike

Those being led: Pam, Eric, Dave, Katie and Matt

I suspect Mike wasn't best pleased with Carey for dumping two people he had only met a few hours ago, let alone never seen in a canoe, into his care for the day. Mike would have well been within his rights to say no but he allowed us to come along and make up the numbers so the trip could go ahead.

The convoy of vehicles set off for Princeton with Mike leading the way at warp factor 9 (if you don't understand this reference you need to watch Star Trek). Sadly, Christoff the Chrysler can only manage warp factor 2 on a good day. At the put in boats were unloaded and the shuttle was organised, some time later we launched into the river.



River signals were covered once the group was back together. It turns out that North American paddling signals are very different to British. For instance, bouncing your paddle up and down sideways looks a lot like the UK signal for 'Pile on down', over here it means get into an eddy before you die. The faster someone moves the paddle up and down the more urgent it is for you to get off the river, in the UK that would mean 'Paddle faster at the rapid, it's going to be a fun ride'.

Matt and I were a little apprehensive about paddling Careys Canoe, this was not alleviated by Mike stating 'I don't think I've ever seen that canoe on the water, I wonder if it still floats' and then working out that the boat is older than us. Mike then made us launch first to check we weren't lying about our paddling skills and Carey hadn't lied about the boats floating capability. Happily, no one had been trying to commit suicide or murder.

Everyone successfully launched onto the river and off we went. The section of river we were on was a class 1 with a potential class 2 rapid at the end. We had launched at 11.30 am so in wasn't long before lunch was on the mind, particularly for Pam and Dave who had left home at 4.30 am that morning. After about an hour of paddling the hunger became too much and we found a beautiful spot to snaffle our food.

Please note the next section of this account may have been embellished for entertainment purposes. Overall the majority of the rapids were very simple to run and the group had a pleasant time paddling. There were 2 occasions in my memory where this changed so I will focus on these.

We were coming towards what seemed like another rapid similar to all the others. Mike and Pam were in the lead, Matt and I in the middle, Eric and Dave at the rear. Mike and Pam went through the rapid taking a good line, breaking through the waves like the ships in the Antarctic break through ice, ploughing straight through. We were not in Mikes canoe version of a tank and so our experience was very different. The waves in this rapid must have been at least 4x bigger than anything so far. Waves came from every direction, at least 10 ft tall, we paddled hard and managed



somehow to keep our hands on our paddles and not grab the gunnels, it was a harrowing few moments, but we made it through the right way up but having taken on some water. Dave and Eric were not so fortunate. . .

As we came to calmer water I decided to look back and see how the final boat was getting on. It was a sight I will never forget. Eric's shiny green, only for display purposes (his words) canoe being tossed up and down through the waves. Dave was valiantly trying to steer a good course while Eric paddled like a mad-man through the gigantic waves. I didn't see the exact moment the canoe went over because I had to blink. Next thing I saw was Dave and Eric in the water with the green hulled canoe upside down.

I called to Mike's boat and everyone went to their action stations. Matt and I headed to shore because we felt we were too full of water to mount an on the water rescue. Matt grabbed the throwline and threw as hard as he could to reach the swimmers. Matt has never paddled outside the UK before; the rivers are much much much narrower in the UK. His depth perception failed him in that moment as he tried to throw a 20-meter line, across a 60-meter-wide river, to people who were clearly slap bang in the middle of it. Matt is used to 20 meters getting to the other side of the river.

This epic failure of an attempt at rescue spurred Dave and Eric into swimming a bit harder for the shore. Further downstream Mike and Pam waited in an eddy and continued to encourage the brave survivors to swim. Eric and Dave made it to shore safe and sound, the only casualty was Dave's water bottle which had decided it had had enough and wanted to go solo for the rest of the river.

The next event of interest was the final rapid on the river. Everyone but Matt and I had inspected this when they had done the shuttle, so there was a consensus on what the line through this rapid would

be. Mike stopped us all a few kilometers from the rapid and chatted us through the line. Right of centre, the line was right of centre, it was also decided that Matt and I would run this rapid first.

Imagine my confusion then when Eric and Dave paddled passed us as we approached the rapid at a speed we couldn't hope to match, let alone overtake them back. Then our further confusion as Dave and Eric went hard river left down the rapid, not right of centre. Perhaps this wasn't the final rapid we thought. Matt and I started to follow their line, but I quickly realised we weren't going fast enough to make it. So, we very quickly changed tactic and headed right of centre and followed a wave chain to the end of the rapid, this time we had anticipated the huge waves better and didn't take on any water.

Mike and Pam didn't have the same good fortune as the first 2 boats. By the time we had exited the rapid and looked back events had already unfolded, so the exact details are were not witnessed but it is understood that their canoe struck a submerged rock while taking the river left line. This caused their canoe to tip hugely and take on vast amounts of water. Mike and Pam fought to keep their canoe up-right and got themselves to the left bank, there they were able to bail out their canoe and continue on.

It turns out this was the final rapid and very soon the get out beach was on our right. It was an excellent journey in good weather and good company. We even managed to recover Dave's water bottle.

We would like to thank again Mike for leading the trip and allowing us to come along. Carey for lending us his boat and to everyone else we met those few days for making us feel so welcome!! The Canadian reputation for being very friendly will continue to be spread by this British Couple.



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