



# Beaver Tales

Beaver Canoe Club Newsletter

March 2018

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 9<sup>th</sup> Details p 4.

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

☞ **F**irst mid week paddle March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Details p 5.

☞ **B**asic paddlers registration starts April 1<sup>st</sup>.

☞ **R**iver week starts June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Optional 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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://orcbc.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 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 31<sup>st</sup> and happy paddling!

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## 2018 Paddling Film Festival - March 9 Abbotsford and March 16 Vancouver

The Reel Paddling Film Festival showcases the very best paddling films! Come experience an evening of paddling films that will inspire you to explore rivers, lakes and oceans, push extremes, embrace the paddling lifestyle and appreciate wild places.

**Date:** March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Place:** University of the Fraser Valley (B101)  
33844 King Road, Abbotsford (It's just off of Hwy #1, near WCK)

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Tickets:** \$12 in advance from Western Canoeing and Kayaking;  
\$15 at the door

**Hosted by:** Western Canoeing & Kayaking

**Proceeds to Benefit:** Chilliwack Vedder River Cleanup Society

**Date:** March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Place:** Langara College – Theatre A130  
100 W 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver

**Time:** 07:00 PM

**Tickets:** \$17.00 in advance from [www.skabc.org](http://www.skabc.org)

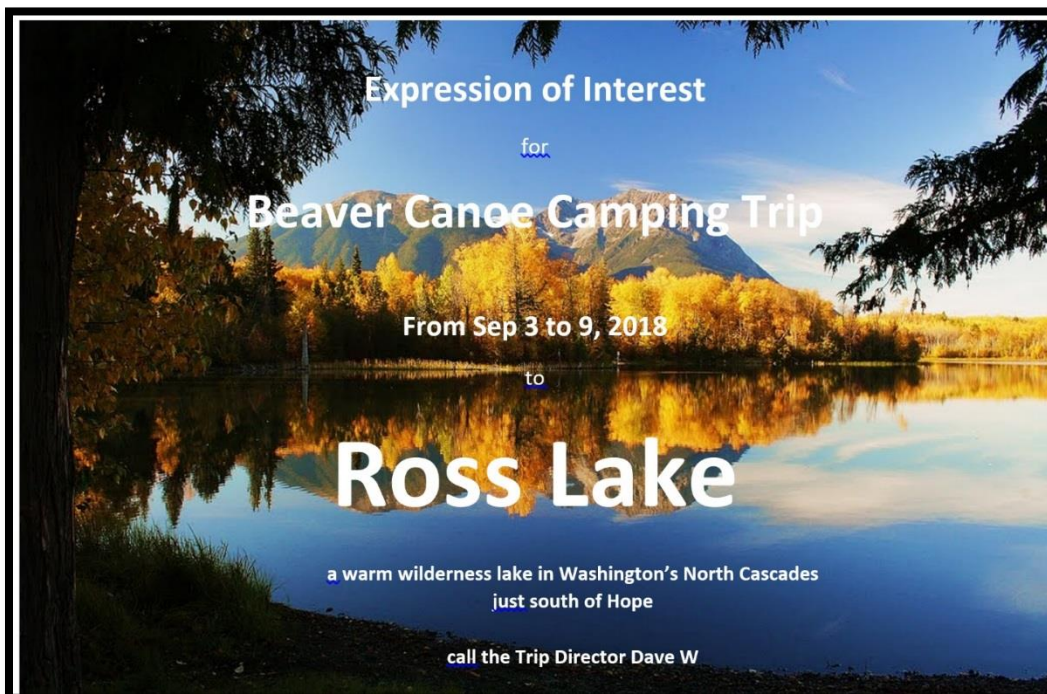
\$20.00 at the door.

**Hosted By:** Sea Kayak Association of BC

**Proceeds to Benefit:** BC Marine Trails Network Howe Sound Sites

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## Canoe Tripping Opportunity!





## Beaver Canoe Club 2018 Training Opportunities:

☺ **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://beavercanooclub.org/training-2/basic-paddlers-2/>

☺ **Trip Leaders Clinic May 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Have you not been able to go on a club trip because there wasn't a trip leader? Let's make all the trips happen! Take this clinic and then volunteer to lead a trip you are comfortable with. For more information: <http://beavercanooclub.org/training-2/trip-leaders-clinic-2/>

☺ **Introduction to Moving Water May 30 & June 2<sup>nd</sup>**. 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://beavercanooclub.org/training-2/intro-to-moving-water-2/>

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## Private Training Opportunities:

**Lake Water 1 to 4 and Lake Water Instructors' Course Starts April 6<sup>th</sup>**. Learn more strokes than you know exist and how to make your canoe go exactly where you want it to go. Beaver members registering by March 6<sup>th</sup> receive a 20% discount. Taught by Carey Robson, Master Instructor. Details at [www.learn2canoe.ca](http://www.learn2canoe.ca)

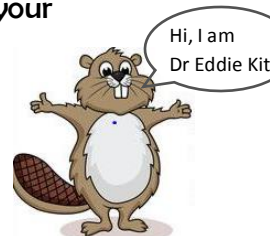
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### Editors Note:

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](mailto: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.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### March 2018

- 9<sup>th</sup> 2018 Paddling Film Festival
- 14<sup>th</sup> Beaver CC Meeting
- 16 2018 Paddling Film Festival
- 18<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Beaver 2018 Trip
- 21<sup>st</sup> Executive Meeting
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Weekday Paddle

### April 2018

- 5<sup>th</sup> Weekday Paddle
- 11<sup>th</sup> Beaver CC Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting
- 19<sup>th</sup> Weekday Paddle
- 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> RCABC Paddle Conference
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Paddle Expo
- 25<sup>th</sup> Basic Paddlers
- 28<sup>th</sup> Basic Paddlers

### May 2018

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

### June 2018

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Intro Moving Water
- 13<sup>th</sup> Beaver CC Meeting
- 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting
- 23<sup>rd</sup> River Week Begins

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## Thursday Paddles

With Gord B

**Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>: Widgeon Creek:** An encore Lake trip from tidal waters to mountain and back.

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

[gcb1209467@gmail.com](mailto:gcb1209467@gmail.com) 778-865-0409

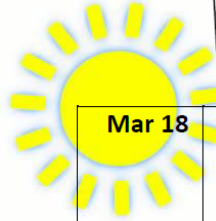
## Pre-Season Warm-up

For Seasoned White-water Paddlers!

**Sat Mar 10 Upper Coquitlam Gr II & III**

Contact: Bryan G

[bgormann@sfu.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:doninwoodlands@shaw.ca) 604-929-5798

Mar 31

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:bgormann@sfu.ca) 778-999-3037

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

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