



# Beaver Tales

Beaver Canoe Club Newsletter

February 2019

## Next Meeting – February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Featured Entertainment: Two for the Price of One!

#### The Dease River Trip and the Kootenay River Trip

Our Trips Director David W. organizes many different canoe camping trips in addition to clubs scheduled weekend excursions. We will be treated to two different BC adventures this evening. One, will be a trip on the Dease River which runs through northern BC and the Yukon. The second will be the Kootenay River that is in south eastern B.C. Both are beautiful areas.

Presenter: David W.



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

Time: = 7:45 p.m.

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### Introducing the New Executive

President:	Phil R.
Vice President:	Dan B.
Treasurer:	Jill L.
Secretary:	Trish M.
Trips Director:	David W.
Training Director:	Carey R.
Membership Director:	Bob P.
Social Director:	Suzanne S.
Entertainment Director:	Greg S.
Newsletter Editor:	Madeline W.
Web Master:	Ryan G.

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

### Welcome New Members

Don, Leo and Pieter MacDonald  
of North Vancouver  
John Holms of Burnaby  
Kara deLange of Vancouver  
Karen Vannierop of N. Vancouver  
Mirella Mazur of N. Vancouver  
Marita Birkner of Vancouver  
Sharon & Gary Jardine of  
Vancouver

## Presidents Message

2018- well that went fast. It looks like I'm President for life as well as HWMBO remains training director.

That been said: welcome new executive **Trish McLeod** -secretary, **Jill Lee**-Treasurer, **Suzanne Spencer**-social and of course the whole lot of **remainers: Madeline Waring** -Beaver Tales editor, **Gregg Scutt**-entertainment, **Dan B.**-vice, **Bob P.**-membership, **Ryan George**-Web, **Dave W.**-trips.

Before I forget many, many, thanks to **April Watson** for the unenviable job as Social Director in 2018, **Jen Wang** our 2018 Treasurer and the ever, ever, dutiful **David Middleton** for filling in as Secretary and the many, many things he does for our club.

2019 promises to be another great year of paddling. Basic Paddlers April 24, 27, May 4, 2019; Introduction to Moving Water May 22, 29, and June 1 and River Week June 22,-July 1, 2019.

Want to contribute? Beavers need volunteers to lead trips and flat-water instructors for basic paddlers. Just do it! Contact David W. and Carey Robson respectively.

Then there is River Day clean up and various trade shows and Film festivals, MEC clubs night, barbecues, picnics and of course Xmas dinner this year at Burnaby Rugby Club December 7, 2019.

I remain a director of Outdoor Recreation Club ORC and their eternal fight for access to wilderness, latrines and no impact camping. In my spare time I occasionally join the dark side and kayak with the old boys on the Seymour. I regret to inform you that one of our own Ted Evans died recently far too young and that life is never really comes out as planned.

Remember to come to our monthly entertainment meetings. We have a budget for edibles and pots legal - alcohol optional.

Despite life's curve balls, **Beavers have a plan** so read on, come out, paddle, socialize and enjoy life- it's short.

Phil Rankin

## IMPORTANT DATES

### February 2019

- 6-10<sup>th</sup> Vancouver Boat show
- 13<sup>th</sup> Club Social/Meeting
- 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting

### March 2019

- 1-3<sup>rd</sup> Sportsman Outdoor Show
- 13<sup>th</sup> Club Social/Meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup> Paddling Film Festival
- 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting

### April 2019

- 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> RCABC BC Canoe Festival
- 10<sup>th</sup> Beaver CC Meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup> Lakewater Instructor Recertification
- 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting
- 24<sup>th</sup> Basic Paddlers
- 27<sup>th</sup> Basic Paddlers
- 28<sup>th</sup> Paddle Expo

### May 2019

- 4<sup>th</sup> Basic Paddlers
- 8<sup>th</sup> Beaver CC Meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting
- 22<sup>rd</sup> Trip Leaders Clinic
- 29<sup>th</sup> Intro Moving Water

### June 2019

- 1<sup>st</sup> Intro Moving Water
- 12<sup>th</sup> Beaver CC Meeting
- 19<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting
- 22<sup>nd</sup> River Week Begins

### September 2019

- 1-8 North Saskatchewan River

## A Message from the Membership Director

### TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

If your membership lapses you must re-register on the webpage when you make your renewal payment or your membership cannot be re-activated. Avoid the extra step and renew now!

Also, we need your help to grow membership so we're looking for interested people to help at events and with social media.

### EVENTS

- We have BCC vertical banners and cards that need to be set up in MEC stores for periods to be finalized soon. If you can spend a bit of time at the store for any possible questions that would be helpful so contact me via email at ubiquitousb7@gmail.com and we can finalize dates.
- We will continue with our posters, decal, and new load flags, all aimed at putting our club name out when people can see it so be sure to show the club colors.
- We will have a banner and cards at the Vancouver Boat Show Feb 6-10 and the BC Sportsmans Show in the Abbotsford Tradex March 1-3. If there are people able to attend these events let me know so we can coordinate your presence.
- The Reel Paddle Film Festival is March 15<sup>th</sup> held in Abbotsford, I will be there with the BCC colors so show up and support the event and our club.
- The Paddle Expo held April 28<sup>th</sup> at Cultus Lake can always use as many BCC members as possible for support. We are hoping to do a short paddle during the day at some point but need to confirm the days events as it gets closer.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

We are planning to significantly increase our presence on social media, a main target is Instagram to support our Facebook page but we will look at all ideas for improving the presence in this vitally important area. If you love this medium and enjoy posting regularly to these sites, or if you like to create and contribute content for posting, contact me via email and we see how to include your interest/skills as we move forward in further developing this fun area.

***\*Remember, there is no better way to get new members than word of mouth so tell your friends and coworkers about club activities including trips and lessons available!***

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## Training Director's Report

2019 Training Dates are:

1. Basic Paddlers Lessons - April 24, 27 & May 4; register after April 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Trip Leaders Clinic - May 22; registration opens April 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. Intro to Moving Water - May 29 & June 1; registration opens May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Rivers' Week** - June 22 to July 1

## Summary of the 2018 Christmas/Awards Party Questionnaire.

25 of the 44 members attending completed a questionnaire at the awards party rating each item between 1 and 5. The results clearly demonstrate that Beavers are a skeptical lot. Here it is:

Date	Value	Food	Location	Music/Speeches/ Socializing balance	
108	97	101	81.5	105	Totals (max 125)
3.32	2.88	3.04	2.26	3.2	X-25/25
66.4	57.6	60.8	45.2	64	% approval
Total written comments					
1	2	5	6	8	

### Comments Summary

- Great price/ticket price unrealistic-did not seem to increase participation
- tough turkey/food was great/glad to see no perogies/miss the perogies & cabbage rolls
- too crowded/space too small/upstairs bass throb annoying/loved the atmosphere
- hard to find/too far east/needed a map/no transit option
- music too loud/great music/too loud for size of room/love live music
- great job-thankyou

## Announcements:

**Need to repair your dry suit?** Dan McG. Shared this great video on dry suit repair.

<https://www.nrs.com/learn/repair-waterproof-fabric.asp?fbclid=IwAR0STiv4LqAYuK7b-UjNrmtZYpZZojCL19pE6E37hSon-wHDHFDQEvH2PPg>

### Lakewater Instructors' Recertification

**April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** Free for Beaver members who have taught at Basic Paddlers in either of the two previous years. To register or get more information contact Carey Robson at: [Carey@CanoeBC.ca](mailto:Carey@CanoeBC.ca)

**Lake Water 1 to 4 and Lake Water Instructors' Course Starts March 29<sup>th</sup>.** Learn more strokes than you know exist and how to make your canoe go exactly where you want it to go. It also provides a great foundation for paddlers wanting to paddle moving water. Details at [www.learn2canoe.ca](http://www.learn2canoe.ca). There is an additional 10% discount for Beaver Executive members that register >30 days in advance.

**2019 WORLD TOUR PADDLING FILM FESTIVAL**

**WCK WESTERN CANOE KAYAK**

Hosted by: Western Canoe Kayak  
March 15, 2019 - 7PM

University of the Fraser Valley  
33844 King Rd, Abbotsford  
BC V2S 7M7, Canada

**15 Mar**

Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door  
Get Tickets @ Western Canoeing & Kayaking  
1717 Salton Rd, Abbotsford BC, V2T 6Z5

FILMS + SCHEDULE + TICKETS  
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Call for Expressions of Interest in

## North Saskatchewan River

Gr 1 and 2 Nordegg to Drayton Valley

**Sep 1 to 8, 2019**

This is a one week trip on a grade 1 and 2 section in Alberta, 10.5 hours by car from Vancouver

If you think you want to go, please contact Dave W at [westell@shaw.ca](mailto:westell@shaw.ca)

### “Trip” Reports

#### Long Trips Meeting Report from Wed Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019 By David W.

The Long Trips Meeting was convened to provide a forum for discussing private extended trips beyond the summer club schedule. 24 attended and 10 more made absentee submissions. Each attendee had a chance to propose a trip or to declare their interest in a specific destination or a type of trip that appeals to them. Animated sidebar discussions followed. 9 or 10 sounded ready for any northern trip up to grade 2. The Gataga or Wind were mentioned. There was a families only trip shaping up on the Stikine, and a small group proposal for the tight camping spots in Desolation Sound. Then, all went home knowing a little more about their dream trip, what others wanted to do, who they would go with, and who they would call.

I first witnessed a long trips meeting a decade or so when our sister club, the Dogwood Canoe Club held them annually around this time, chaired year after year by now-Beaver Glen Stedham. Thank-you Glen and Dogwoods for a tradition that continues to create adventures and memories.

Cooking and Camp-craft • Fun Race • Voyageur Canoe

## 2019 BC Canoe Festival



**April 5 - 7 | Kawkawa Lake, Hope, BC**

Early Bird – Adult \$160 - \$180  
After March 20 – Adult \$180 - \$200  
Subsidies for children and students  
Includes food and accommodation



Clinics for all levels | Trip presentations | Nature and night paddles

For details & registration: [bccanoe.com](http://bccanoe.com)

## Still Creek Sunday December 30th -a good trip !

By David M.

My son, Andrew who lives in Montréal, is in Vancouver for Christmas, joined Mike's call for a trip on Still Creek, last Sunday, December 30th. So, we each took a solo ww canoe and joined 3 other tandems to make the run from our put-in at McDonald's golden arches at Willingdon & Still Creek and headed down stream with ease to the two navigational obstructions that required the canoes being taken out and over.

At the second dock like obstruction, we stopped for lunch. It was intermittantly cloudy and sunny, about 6 or 8°C but a very pleasant day if you had dressed warmly.

We had ducks flying up off the water as we paddled. I saw a hawk.

once out on Burnaby Lake, it was a steady stroke that got us to the Pike Avenue dock.

Along the way I noticed large signs marking the distance in meters from east to west.

I timed my paddling between 1000m and 500m and realized it took me 7 minutes, or 14 minutes per 1000 in my 12ft 6ins Viper. That equated to 4.3 km per hour on lake water. So, if anyone would like to figure out their boat's speed, here is the place to do it.

At the takeout dock we saw people fascinated by the feeding activity of a flock of sandpipers dipping their long fine beaks into the mud. My guess is that they were the Spotted Sandpiper, about 7 1/2 to 8" long with brown backs and speckled white breast.

So all 8 paddlers arrived safely in one piece and all were glad they had chosen this sunny Sunday to re-aquaint themselves with urban wilderness.

I would like to make special mention to big Mike and Dave W for their generosity in helping the less strong members (like me) with their boats. This reflects the co-operation we have when members work together. Andrew and I thank you for such a pleasant trip.

### Upcoming Trips

Feb 3rd Lower Coquitlam River

Feb 9th Mystery Trip

Feb 19, Full Moon Evening Paddle

email [westell@shaw.ca](mailto:westell@shaw.ca)

**See you on the Water.....**