

Beaver Tales

Official News Views and Muse of the Beaver Canoe Club of BC

JUNE 2020

Zoom in for the June 10th Meeting! Rivers Week: the Rocks You Don't Want to Miss"

- Do you ever wonder where those house rocks came from, or why some sections are class 1 and others 3 and 4?
- Shuttling back and forth from Manning to Penticton, do you find yourself musing about what a large copper mine is doing in the Coastal Range?
- · Or, why there was gold in Granite City?
- Come and hear the story of the geology of Rivers Week, and the rocks you don't want to miss.

******** Going to Rivers Week? Contact <u>Carey@CanoeBC.ca</u> by June 22 Read Rivers Week Guide at Members area on Website

President's Report – Phil R.

Well quite a year for the world. riots, pandemics, shelter in place, masks, social distancing and fear of dying. Anyway, you only live once and it might as well include paddling.

Our chief health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry has reached sainthood and our rates of infection for Covid19are the lowest in Canada and most of the world. As we approach summer things are opening up and that includes paddling.

The RCABC led by Rankin Jr. has published COVID guidelines and the Beaver has received them for guidance and are included in this issue of Beaver Tales. They are not law, but good advice and should be consulted by everyone doing paddling. They are not perfect; they are subject to interpretation and we rely on your common sense. If you don't have any, ask someone who does!

As you read this you will know our main event Rivers Week will start June 27, 2020 and Carey Robson (he who must be obeyed), expects you to contact him and let him know you are joining.

You <u>must</u> if you come with your vehicle <u>be prepared to carry your boats plus at least one other boat for shuttles</u>. So, bring straps. We probably will assign pairs, so the same people

shuttle with the same car and contamination.

You <u>must</u> be a member of it only cost \$25.00. Use waiver and if you're a Podesta and arrange to like \$ or cheques. Try

You cannot come if you weeks before Rivers province or have had any two weeks before Rivers day quarantine.



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the Beaver Canoe Club; PayPal online with luddite, call Bob pay some other way not to!

have any symptoms two Week or have been out of contact with such people up to Week and you haven't done a 14-

I know some of you have uncertainties, misgivings and fears they should not come to Rivers Week or they have a kayak. I am reasonable; I have a kayak and I paddle with Dan McGinnis. He is welcome as any of you are. Of course, we are a canoe club, but we have friends with privileges. So even if you can't do all week, paddle all rivers or aren't sure you're capable - trust us.

Carey may kick you off but I will pick you up. There are plenty of runs: Pasayten, Similkameen, Tulameen, Nicola and of course the mighty Thompson. There are lakes nearby and I will sneak away with my kayak from time to time.

Will it be the same? No. Unlikely – social distancing camp fires only, no group restaurants, no Boston Pizza Beaver dinner, no happy hour, no showers in Merritt and it might be a good idea to buy your food in town so we don't have dozens of paddlers traipsing through Princeton and Merritt drawing attention of locals.

Should everyone come? No. No one with symptoms and any who develop should leave and tell us who they may have affected.

President's Report, Cont'd

I am in a high-risk group old male (not stale), diabetic and I have high blood pressure but I am coming anyway. Those vulnerable, us old cackers, should think of the risks and if you're not prepared to meet your maker, take a year off.

I will mask, sanitize and wash my hands. I will be especially careful in shuttles, the most problematic. I never have been a hugger and kisser as I have the old man of the 50's prejudice which is useful in pandemics.

So, keep your grubby hands and mouths off each other unless you are married or looking forward to paddling with extras. Don't advertise, be discrete and wash your nasties and hands.

Via Condios, Viva Beavers, Viva El Presidente for Life

Phil R

Training Director Report – Carey R

Rescue Techniques 4 Canoers: https://vimeo.com/190504330 PW: MW2020 Beaver Club Learns Rescuing : www.CanoeBC.ca -> Videos

Books to Borrow https://archive.org/search.php?query=subject%3A%22Whitewater+canoeing%22&and[]=mediatype%3A%22texts%22 Recommended: River Rescue by Les Bechdel

OUTDOOR RECREATION COUNCIL DRAWS DEEP FROM THE WELLBEING OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS

The following article was written by the Executive Director of the Outdoor Recreation Council. <u>https://theprovince.com/opinion/louise-pedersen-pandemic-has-shown-that-parks-and-trails-are-vital-for-our-daily-well-being</u>

If the Executive decides that there is a Club Rivers' Week then something along the following needs to be in the newsletter: Rivers' Week participants must contact Carey@CanoeBC.ca by June 21 for starting location and trip options. Please see the Rivers' Week Guide in the Members area of BeaverCanoeClub.org

Social Director's Report – Kara de L.

LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY, AND MAYBE EAT IT TOO !!!

The 2020 Awards Dinner & Dance will be Saturday December 5th at the Bonsor Recreation Centre in Burnaby. **Have your say in the menu (see menu next page).** Copy and send your three main entree choices in order of preference to Kara, Social Director, at: <u>karadelange3@gmail.com</u> If you have a single unlisted idea, send it too.

2019 Sugar Mountain Menu - WEST COAST BUFFET DINNER:

MAIN ENTREES - CHOOSE THREE (3):

- 1. Grilled saltimbocca chicken breast prosciutto, fontina and fresh sage.
- 2. Grilled chicken breast with avocado salsa and chipotle crema.
- 3. Grilled Thai lemongrass chicken thighs.
- 4. Barbecued beef short ribs with orange star anise glaze.
- 5. Roasted AAA New York striploin of beef horseradish cream.
- 6. Roasted Fraser Valley pork tenderloin with herb-pistachio crust.
- 7. Grilled Thai pork loins chops with ginger-mango salsa.
- 8. Baked wild BC Sockeye salmon with basil butter.
- 9. Broiled maple-mustard glazed wild BC Sockeye salmon.
- 10. Steamed mussels, clams and prawns with white wine, lemon and garlic.
- 11. Grilled portabello mushroom and spinach lasagna. (Vegetarian)
- 12. Penne alla carbonara.
- 13. Butternut squash ravioloni with sage-brown butter cream. (Vegetarian)
- 14. Penne alla Bolognaise.
- 15. Fraser Valley lamb curry.



BEAVER CANOE CLUB MEMBER 25 YEARS:

JAMES FRASER & CATHY LEW

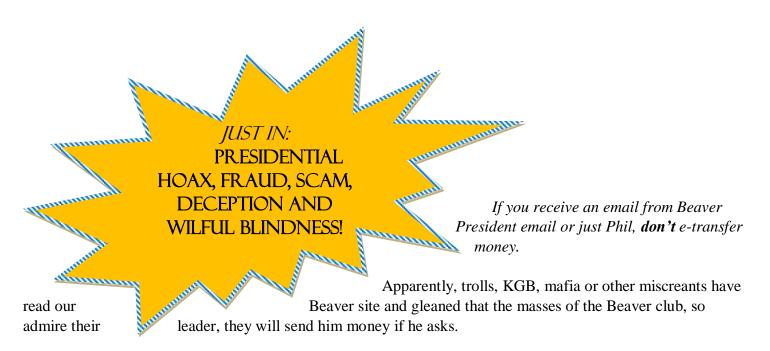
DUMPER OF THE YEAR:

JEN WANG

EAGER BEAVER OF THE YEAR:

KARA DE LANGE

Congratulations



I am doing fine and so is my family and I can still talk on the phone. My wife won't let me have e-transfer as I am a luddite. I have never asked for money to be transferred. I don't write the cheques Jill, our Treasurer, does and I let her do everything.

One of our members, whose name shall remain anonymous, received an email from "Phil" asking for a favour, due to the quarantine and your poor elderly President locked in his house with Covid19. Anyway in came a request by "phil" to e-transfer him 100's of dollars **which they did!**

Needless to say, it was a scam! Police took a report, but said they would not investigate, as it's too complicated and probably an overseas thing.

Over the last few months our Treasurer Jill and our Editor Jim and several others have received similar emails, supposedly from me or the president or the Beaver President requesting e-money transfers.

Look it almost took a general meeting and a special resolution to get a \$100.00 a rain/wind tent thing ma-jig for Bob, the club membership director. We Beavers are cheap frugal and we don't bribe Presidents- sadly. So if you're asked to send him \$10's, 100's or even 1000's of dollars **DON'T!** I will however accept millions.

Signed

Real Beaver President.

P.S. don't send Jill or Carey or anyone else if you see such a email - except pay your dues!

[Ed's. Note: This message brought to you by the BBB - BeaverCanoeClub Business Bureau.]

Membership Director's Report – Bob P

Well it's certainly been an unconventional year for membership development. Our traditional draws from popular events like canoe shows and of our paddling courses have all been absent this year yet we are doing well as a club renewing memberships, though there is work still to be done.

To date we have about 126 renewed members in addition to a handful of new memberships. Given the year we have had so far this is very good and demonstrates the loyalty this club has from its membership. Well done! Our normal membership numbers hover around the 190 mark so we'd love to see the remaining 80 or so that have not renewed yet get on this year's membership list. We want to see you all on out trips and events!

Hope to see you out on the water as things begin to open this session, it been a challenging spring but the best of the season is yet to come so be sure to renew your membership and get out on the water with us this year.

Best Regards, Bob

Entertainment Director's Report – Madeline W.

June Beaver Canoe Club Meeting

Date: June 10th, 2020 Location: Your Home Time: 7:30 p.m.

Instructions: 1. Beforehand, download the free Zoom app on your mobile device or computer. 2 Watch for the email on June 10th before the 7:30 p.m. meeting. It will have a link to click and join. If you can't see or be heard, click or tap on the video and microphone icons so there is no line through them. If you can't see the icons, tap your screen and they will appear.

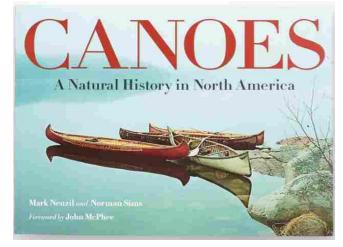
Link to Forest Recreation Camping Sites

While perusing information on Covid-19, I found a link to all the Forest Service Recreation sites in BC. Connect to <u>http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/search/search-alphabetically.aspx</u>, to learn more about each site including the status of each site. Information includes: the type of site, # campsites, type of access, fees, open/closed dates, facilities, site operator, a description and driving directions to the site.

The Leisure Page

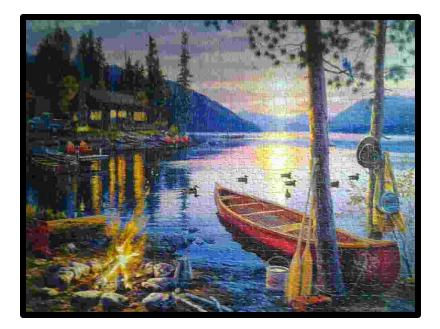
Madeline also suggested this Canoe History Book - <u>https://www.leevalley.com/en-</u> <u>ca/gifts/books</u> for members seeking an armchair exploration of the history of the canoe, available locally, or order on-line.

"Celebrating the canoes in North America, history, from early the sleek Kevlar and epoxy link's website]



form, function and folklore of this book traces their archaeological examples to canoes of today". [from the

Some families preoccupied there sequestered time together with old pastimes, such as "doing puzzles". Here's one I found I imagined, with each successfully placed puzzle-piece, vicariously putting myself in the picture:



Trips Director's Report – Dave W.

June Trips Page

BCC Day Trips – June 3rd and every weekend thereafter

Beavers have resumed our weekend day trips. For information about trips and COVID, please see *Beaver* <u>**Day Trips to Resume</u>** in the News section of our Webpage.</u>

And we're scrambling to put a trip schedule back together. I will be posting trips on the **<u>BCC Web Page Calendar</u>** just as quickly as I can. For trip information, please check the *Calendar* often. And if you have any ideas for one, please contact <u>**Dave W**</u>.

Rivers Week - June 27th to July 5th

We are going to have a Rivers Week! As you know, this is a week of paddling rivers in the Princeton and Merritt areas when water levels are at their best. For a full description, log in to our webpage, go to the *For Members* area, and see *Guide to Rivers Week*. But remember, we'll be cutting out some of the non-paddling events like communal dinners or swimming to comply with COVID recommendations.

If you want to go to Rivers Week, the trip organizer first needs to know you are coming, and then he will circulate a trip plan to the people who contacted him. Contact <u>Carey R</u> on or before June 22nd.

Dave

