



Beaver Tales

Beaver Canoe Club Newsletter

March 2019

It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

Join in with the many who have already renewed. Renew Now!

We approach March, the opening of our official club canoeing season, with the anticipation of seeing the spring sun & feeling the warming breezes from the south. As our winter shells melt away, we see the new paddling season before us & we are excited. Re-uniting with friends, building new friendships, & traveling the familiar path of Canadiana in our canoes.

New members peek into our world each spring and taste what we have known for years, & in some cases decades. The exhilaration of a rushing river, the serenity of a wilderness lake, or the camaraderie of a local club paddle are what binds us as club members & devotees to the art of canoeing. It is this passion we need to share to inspire & welcome a new generation of paddlers into our membership.

This year try to bring one new person into the club; share your experience & kindness with all new members to stoke their enthusiasm & help develop their passion for this ancient but enduring skill. Together we can all build a diverse & dedicated membership.

Renew your membership on-line at: <http://beavercanoecub.org/membership/renew-membership/>

Or bring a cheque or cash to the March meeting where you can socialize and watch the amazing entertainment.

Next Meeting - March 13, 2019!

Featured Entertainment: The Powell Forest Canoe Route and the Nation Lake Chain. These two B.C. canoe tripping routes are a must for the avid paddler.

Presenter: Bob P.

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

Time: = 7:45 p.m.

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Learn How to Post your Beaver Trips on-line: Demonstration at 7:50 pm; 10 minutes before the March Beaver Meeting starts.

Welcome New Members

Tracey Page of North Vancouver Michelle Stephensen of Burnaby
Koroll Kroll of Surrey Myra Lee Finch of White Rock

The Presidents Note

Mamquam Falls and Squamish Canyon Eco-tour Development

A proposal has been received by the District of Squamish for a cliff-hung boardwalk near the traditional trail for the Mamquam Falls and the lower river has been paddled by kayakers since the 1990's. Currently the 26-acre site has been logged, replanted, has two powerlines, three roads, and pipeline running through it.

Robin Sherry, a local Squamish businessman, entered into a "tenure agreement" in 2014. Mamquam Falls access, both the upper and lower falls, are within Sherry's proposed plan. The proposed board walk could block the current access to the larger falls under the bridge.

The current Mamquam kayak site (blue pipeline), which most Beavers are familiar is below the falls and proposed project, but the tenure agreement overlaps roads and potentially could impede our access. On the site we use the parking area is located on private property. The Sherry proposal is upstream, but only about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a kilometer.

Nick Gottlieb, a local paddler and volunteer founded a non-profit white-water access advocacy group. The white-water access advocacy group is leery of leaving access to only a verbal guarantee.

What is happening currently is the District of Squamish (municipality) has not yet approved zoning for the many modifications and building in the plan. Currently there is a "public comment period" about rezoning.

The real issue for us is what kind of guarantee can be got to continue access to the upper and lower falls and ensure the current site we use remains open.

I sent a letter to the District of Squamish requesting that we be kept informed of developments on this proposed application, including public hearings and any other developments. I also requested that any approval of this project have written guarantees with the District to keep paddler access as it is.

Respectively, Phil Rankin

IMPORTANT DATES

March 2019

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

April 2019

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

May 2019

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

June 2019

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

September 2019

- 1-8 North Saskatchewan River

Training Report by Carey Robson

Basic Paddlers; Starts April 24. Registration opens April 1st. Free for BCC members.

Trip Leaders' Clinic; May 22. Registration opens April 15th. Free for BCC members.

Intro 2 Moving Water; May 29 & June 1st. Registration opens May 1st. Free for BCC members.

Lakewater 1-4 & Instructors Course;

Starts March 29; 3 Fridays, 2 Saturdays & 3 Sundays

Details at www.learn2canoe.ca

Lakewater Instructors' Recertification April 13th, 2019. Free for Beaver members who have taught at Basic Paddlers in either of the two previous years. To register or for more info see: Carey@CanoeBC.ca

Geography for River Runners

Wed. March 27 & April 3, 7:30 to 9:30 PM

Prerequisites: A laptop with wireless and Google Earth Pro, (free from <https://www.google.com/earth/versions/>)

The 2-evening course will include pre-course materials and homework between the two Wednesdays. It will include all aspects of evaluating a river's suitability for canoeing from the perspectives of steepness, amount of water and streambed morphology. Students will be able to use a topographic map, and online resources including snowpack, current & anticipated flow conditions as well as evaluating access and egress options.

Cost: \$40 per person. Registration closes **March 20th**. Contact Carey@CanoeBC.ca to register.

Announcements and Ads

👉 **Rivers' Week** will be June 22 to July 1st, 2019

👉 **Wanted:** Tandem canoe teams for the Gataga /Kechika River Trip August 07-20th, 2019. N-E B.C. Grade 2+. Fly-in \$960 each. Contact Bertrand soon bergirard@telus.net

👉 **Wanted:** Tandem play canoe 14 feet best. Accessible from Vancouver or Nanaimo areas. Contact: bergirard@telus.net

👉 **Posting Beaver Trip Reports On-line:** Learn how to post your Beaver Trip report at a ten minute demonstration at the March BCC meeting. Begins at 7:50 p.m. March 13, 2019.

Easter Trip Ideas Wanted!

What does the Beaver Canoe Club have posted for the four-day Easter Weekend?

That's up to you! Do we want a campout? or a day trip stay-cation?

If you have a wish list, call me or email dwestell@shaw.ca



Places we see canoes
A candy tin! Thanks Jim.

**2019 WORLD TOUR
PADDLING
FILM FESTIVAL**

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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

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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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Western Canoe Kayak Demo Days

Must be 'signed up' for in advance at
<https://westerncanoe kayak.com/services/demo-days/>

Place – Mill Lake in Abbotsford -the link above will show you a map if needed.

Saturday mornings from 9-11am on:

April 13 th	May 11 th	June 1 st
June 15 th	July 6 th	July 20 th
August 10 th	August 24 th	

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



Beaver Canoe Club Banner on Display at the Boat Show. Special thanks to Western Canoe Kayak for displaying it in their booth!

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

Places we see Canoes
A shopping Bag! Thanks Bob



BCC Trips Page - March 2019

Sun Mar 17 Widgeon Creek: Lake Contact Leigh B cat-canoe@shaw.ca	A crossing of the Pitt River to a mountain trail leading to a waterfall.
Sat Mar 23 Burrard Inlet North Arm: Ocean Contact Don S doninwoodlands@shaw.ca	A marine paddle from Deep Cove to points north, maybe Twin Islands, Thwaites Landing or Cozy Cove!
Sun Mar 24 Lower Chilliwack River: Gr 1 & 2 For Contact, check back on BCC Web Page	An early spring practice for those with some moving water skills. Full outfitting required.
Sun Mar 31 Cheakamus River: Gr 2 & 3 Contact Anne G anne.a.gingras@gmail.com	A more challenging section in the backwoods of Squamish. Reliable white-water skills and full outfitting required.
Sun Mar 31 Hayward Lake Contact Simon W simonpwatkins@gmail.com	A quiet, family friendly paddle near Mission
Sat Apr 6 Buntzen Lake Contact Ryan G mr.ryan.c.george@icloud.com	Another family friendly paddle around the jewel of Port Moody.
Sun Apr 7 Upper Seymour River: gr 2 & 3 Contact Carey R Carey@canoebc.ca	A full-on tumble down the back of the North Shore mountains. Full outfitting and solid white-water skills required.
Thu April 11 - and Every Thursday thereafter Evening Pickup Paddle	With longer days, many of us arrange our own evening trips at short notice. We're making Thursday evening the designated time for members and their guests to plan these informal, unofficial trips. If you have a hankering to paddle mid week, check the BCC webpage, Facebook, or get on an email thread, and post on them too!
Sunday Apr 14 Lower Chilliwack River: Gr 1 & 2 Contact Claude G chinookenterprises@yahoo.ca	Another go at a great river. Some moving water skills and full outfitting required.
Fri Apr 19 - Mon Apr 22 Easter Weekend: Ideas Wanted Contact Dave W westell@shaw.ca	We are looking for ideas for an Easter Weekend campout or day paddles. If you are inspired, contact Trip Director.
Wed Apr 24 (eve) Basic Paddlers Part 1: Training Contact Carey R Carey@canoebc.ca	
Sat Apr 27 Basic Paddlers Part 2: Training	To get in on this three-part course, email Training Director before it begins.
Sun Apr 28 Still Creek & Burnaby Lake For Contact, check back on BCC Web Page	A time to practice newfound tandem skills or just to enjoy this happy journey through the heart of Burnaby.

For the best trip information please refer to the current Beaver Tales Trips Page and check the BCC Webpage Calendar for updates.

If you cannot find the trip leader or organizer, please contact Trips Director Dave W westell@shaw.ca

BCC 2019 Trip Plan

The list below depicts the *proposed* Beaver trips for 2019 and changes may occur through the season according to ambient conditions and leader availability. For up to date trip postings, please consult the current BCC Trips Page and the BCC webpage calendar.

- Sun Mar 17 Widgeon Creek: Lake
- Sat Mar 23 Burrard Inlet North Arm: Ocean
- Sun Mar 24 Lower Chilliwack River: Gr 1 & 2
- Sun Mar 31 Cheakamus River: Gr 2 & 3
- Sun Mar 31 Lake Paddle TBD
- Sat Apr 6 Buntzen Lake
- Sun Apr 7 Upper Seymour River: gr 2 & 3
- Thu Apr 11 and every Thursday thereafter Thursday Evening Pickup Paddle
- Sunday Apr 14 Lower Chilliwack River: Gr 1 & 2
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- Wed Apr 24 (eve) Basic Paddlers Part 1: Training
- Sat Apr 27 Basic Paddlers Part 2: Training
- Sun Apr 28 Still Creek & Burnaby Lake
- Sat May 4 Basic Paddlers Part 3: Training
- Sun May 5 Nooksack River: Gr 1
- Sat May 11 Squamish River: Gr 2
- Sat May 11 Fraser River: Lake & Gr 1
- Sat May 18 to Mon May 23 May Long Weekend Campout: Gr 1, 2 & 3
- Sun May 26 Nicomen Slough
- Sat Jun 1 Cheakamus River: Gr 2 & 3
- Sat Jun 8 to Sun Jun 9 Mamquam Weekend: Gr 2
- Sun Jun 16 River of Golden Dreams: Gr 1
- Sat Jun 22 to Sun Jun 23 Rivers Week: Gr 2 & 3
- Sun Jul 7 Watershed Tour & Local Paddle: Lake
- Sun Jul 14 Serpentine & Nicomekl Rivers: Gr 1 & Ocean
- Sat Jul 20 Picnic
- Sun Jul 21 Cheakamus River: Gr 2 & 3
- Sun Jul 28 Lighthouse Point
- Sat Aug 3 to Mon Aug 5 Wenatchee Weekend
- Tue Aug 6 to Sun Aug 11 Kootenay Rivers
- Sun Aug 11 Lower Chilliwack River: Gr 1 & 2
- Sat Aug 17 to Mon Aug 19 Newcastle Island Family Campout: Ocean
- Sun Aug 25 Dease Island: Gr 1
- Sat Aug 31 to Mon Sep 2 Adams & More: Gr 2 & 3
- Sun Sep 1 to Sun Sep 8 North Saskatchewan River Trip: Gr 1 & 2
- Sun Sep 15 Lower Chilliwack River: Gr 1 & 2
- Sun Sep 22 BC Rivers Day Cleanup
- Sat Sep 28 Harrison River: Lake & Gr 1
- Sun Sep 29 Fraser River Yale to Hope: Gr 1 & 2
- Sun Oct 6 Cheakamus River: Gr 2 & 3
- Sat Oct 12 to Mon Oct 14 Thompson River Thanksgiving Weekend
- Sun Oct 20 Widgeon Creek: Lake

Easter Wknd Ideas Wanted

Thursday Eve Pickup Trips all Summer

Watershed Tour - Call by June 1st

**Kootenay Rivers
Expressions of Interest Wanted**

**North Saskatchewan Canoe Trip
Call Soon**