



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

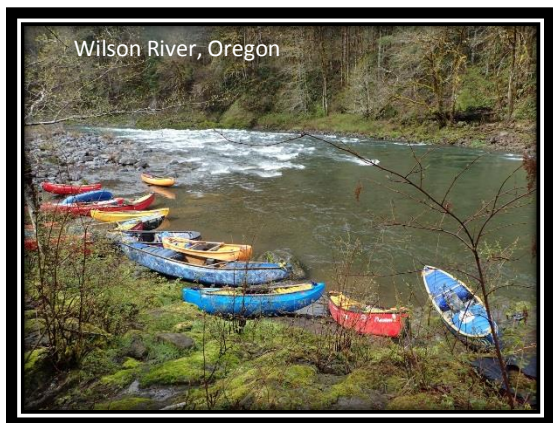
December 1st, 2018 at the Guildford Golf Course in Surrey. Come celebrate a great year of paddling with your friends, feast on roast beast, dance to a live band, vote for your favorite pictures, see who wins the Beaver awards, and connect with friends for next years trips. The canoe club is subsidizing 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



Submit your best photos for the photo contest! Voting will occur at the December 1st Year End Party.

Winners will receive free memberships and their photos will be featured in Beaver Tales and on the Beaver website.

Categories: People, Scenic, Action and Humour.

How to submit: send a digital image by November 20, 2018 to vp@beavercanoecub.org. You may submit up to 6 photos total. Each entry will be printed 6x4 and displayed at the year end party for voting,

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

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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)		
WS	50	Matthews Heather	00	114.09	114.09	20	111.35	131.35	114.09	1
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
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