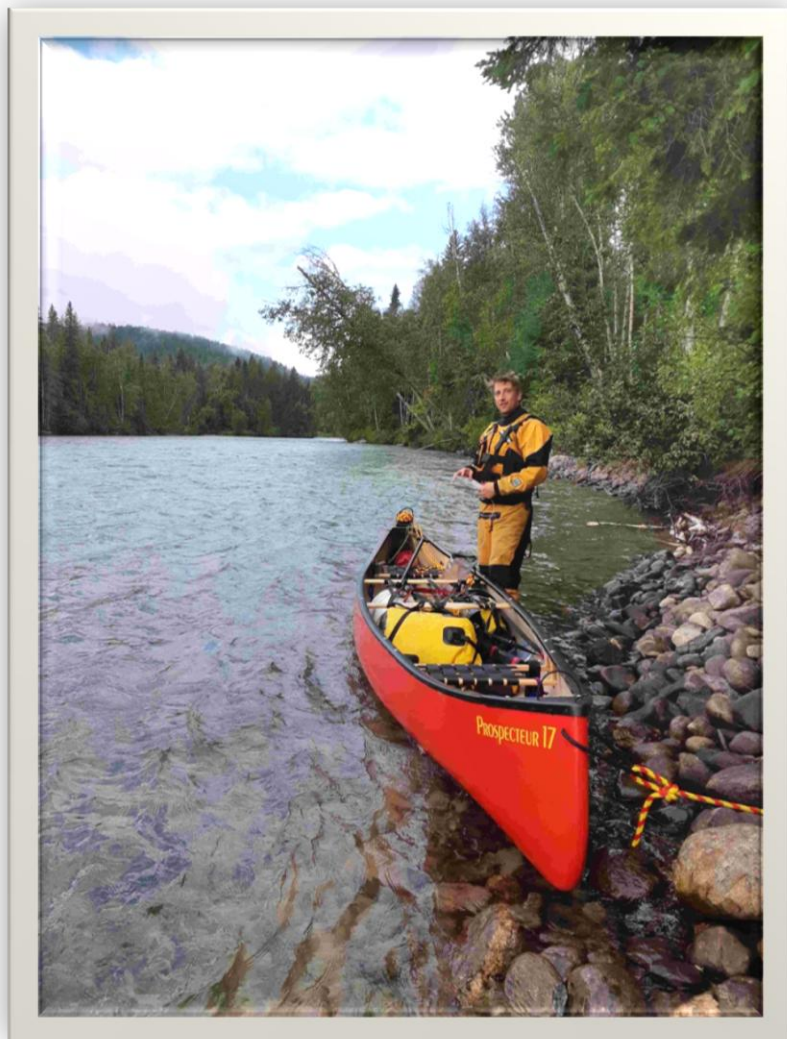




Beaver Tales

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

April 2021



APRIL Beaver Canoe Club Meeting (Online)

Date: **Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

Location: *Online* Time: 8:00 p.m.

Instructions: 1. Beforehand, download the free Zoom app on your mobile device or computer (computer is better). 2 Watch for the email on [April 14](#) before the 8:00 p.m. meeting. It will have a link to Click and Join. (If you can't see the icons for audio and video, click or tap your screen and they will appear at lower screen).

Join Keiran R. as he presents the UPPER Adams River – Hidden Oasis of the Shuswap --- --Dave B (B, for Best Broadcasts this side of Broughton Inlet brought to you by our Director of Entertainment)

MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE !!!

KINDLY GO TO WEBSITE AND PAY YOUR DUES

FOR A FULL YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP

President's Report

March 21, 2021

May 1, 2021 is fast approaching. I have spoken to Andy Robinson the Head Ranger for District of North Vancouver about the problem of the lock on Pool 88 and the coming closure of gate. He said the problem last year was complicated by COVID and he will instruct rangers to check it early each day after May 1 to ensure the access with key is viable. I have the only club key right now. I understand that the Old Boy's Key is being kept by Einar so if you need a key for the Seymour he is an alternative source.

As far as Parking Permits. No permits were given out in 2020 due to COVID . This year the District of North Vancouver has not decided about the key so I will keep checking for parking permit at the DNV.

Phil R. [*R, for Phil Raz-ma-taz Prez*]

Trip Director's Report

Usually by this time, we've already done our first trip of the season, to Widgeon Creek. But not this year. The pandemic still rages. Maybe with continued precautions and more vaccinations going around, our travel and gathering restrictions will be eased. We can only hope. What might our trip season look like? Whenever we can, we'll start with Widgeon Creek, always our first. And we will likely follow with several other round trips on lake water. Moving water trips, requiring a shuttle, will be more complicated, but I am sure we will get to them too. We are hoping we can be open for whitewater before Rivers Week, and there are already plans for an extended Labour Day weekend at the Adams River. Stay tuned. You never know how soon things can change. And here's hoping for the best!

Dave W
[*W, for Whatever Floats your Boat*]



Basic Paddlers

For Members of the Beaver Canoe Club registration is now open.

Wednesday April 28 @ 7:30 PM (Zoom)

And subject to Provincial Health Orders:

Saturday May 1 & 8, (alternate: May 8 & 15), 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM (Deer Lake).

All registrants must be [Paid-up] members by April 28. *There will be no onsite registration.*

Instructors Wanted for Basic Paddlers

Send an email and your availability for the theory session topics. Priority for the newest Instructors.

Instructors' Recertification Clinic

Saturday April 24. 8:30 AM to noon.

Free to Beaver Members that have taught Basic Paddlers' at least once in the past three years. Register now.

Intro to Moving Water

Registration in May.

June 2, 7:30 PM (Zoom). *And*, Saturday June 5.

Info

Beaver Podcasts may be heard at: Beaver.CanoeBC.ca

The largest collection of Canoeing Videos may be perused at: CanoeBC.ca

(See the excellent video of a canoe over canoe rescue on moving water, *Kara - Year Two*).

One Day Advanced Paddling Technique Clinics

See: Learn2Canoe.ca

Carey R. [R, for Carey Rabid Rapid Runner]

!!! NEWSFLASH !!!

PARKS CANADA 2021 reservations will launch in April

Reservations for trips between May 2021 and March 2022 will open in April;
Pacific Rim: April 7, 8:00 am.

Your upcoming visit will be different than in past years, due to the ongoing pandemic. Plan ahead using our [camping during COVID-19](#) page to check what services will be available.



<https://www.rutabaga.com/canoecopia/speaker.asp?spid=1002559&year=2021>

IF you missed this online forum, you can still purchase a ticket \$15US and access most of the recorded seminars until May 16th.

A recent news item may have caught some of our attention as a follow-up to Phil R's item in **Beaver Tales** February 2020, when he reported that The Outdoor Rec Council, (of which RCABC and Beaver Canoe Club are members), gained intervenor status in a court case that pitched private property rights against the public's right to roam to access Crown lands within the boundaries of private land. This March the Court sided with the billionaire land owner of Douglas Ranch, delivering a blow to the public's right to access its own land. In this case the land in dispute was actually a couple of bodies of water, namely lakes, that fishers (and potentially canoeists) would have liked access as in the past. A letter to *The Vancouver Sun*, (March 13, 2021), by Charles Leduc of Vancouver, encapsulated the issue:

Re: U.S . billionaire wins battle to keep anglers off his giant B.C. Ranch

The final verdict in the Douglas Lake Ranch case is not surprising, considering the long-standing bias in the B.C. legislature in favour of wealthy landowners, developers, mining companies, and so on. But the ruling judge Peter Willcock's decision to also have the Nicola Valley Club pay the defendant's legal costs, on the basis they aren't a "public interest litigant", is egregious.

The very fact B.C. law doesn't explicitly protect right-of-way to access public lands is, to my mind, exactly why this case is of utmost public interest.

Now we can only hope an appeal to a higher court will be given the go-ahead as this goes to the heart of Canadians' inherent right to enjoy their own publicly owned natural heritage.

--Charles Leduc. Vancouver



Follow up from last month's Leisure page

...And, if you ever, by some chance, thought you had too many canoes, listen to this little ditty, "Too Many Boats" by Jerry Vandiver:

https://youtu.be/35BDsDd4_30

(submitted by Juerg B.)

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Paddling Wet suit –

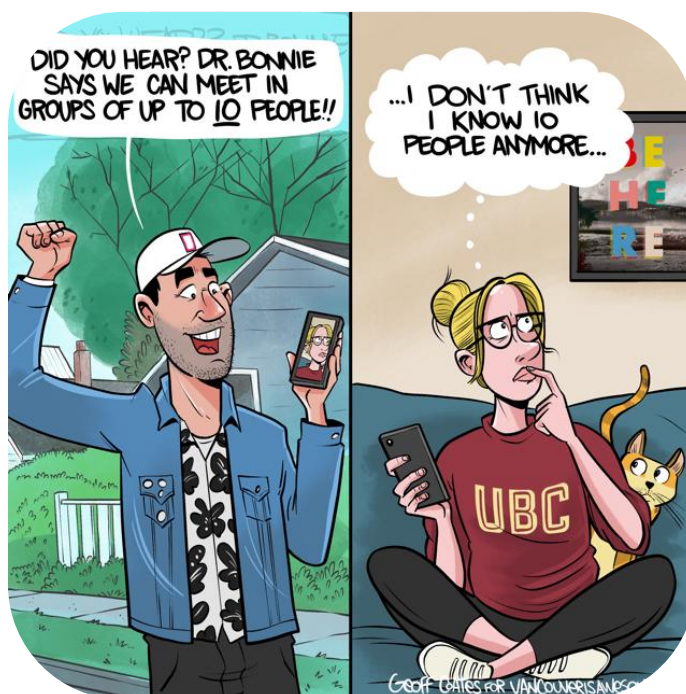
Brooks, Woman's Medium, farmer john style, with knee pads, 3mm neoprene, new in 2015, no tears, no holes, all 3 zippers work, worn about 24 times, Asking \$85.

Paddling helmet –

Shred Ready, orange, one size fits all (the "medium" pads are inside helmet now, included are the small and large pads), new in 2017, CE 1385 certified, under chin and back of neck adjustable straps, worn about 15 times, Asking \$45.

Mustang Survival Suit - Medium (the Floater by Mustang). Bright yellow/orange colour. Offers?

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(Submitted by Phil R.)