BEAVER TALES

The Totally Worthy Newsletter of the Beaver Canoe Club



Celebrating 50 years 1976 to 2026!

October 2026

Celebrate The Beaver Canoe Club's 50th Anniversary at the

Golden Gala

Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion
November 28th, 2026
5:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Tickets $70.00 per person
Available at:
Tickets – the Beaver Canoe Club



IN PERSON MEETING OCTOBER 14

Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West

Join us in person for two fun opportunities in the same evening!

1. Members of the Social Committee will be **sharing information** on the upcoming 50th Anniversary Gala – as well as providing some treats!

2. Presentation by Ron Webster - **10 days in Temagami**

   Join Ron Webster as he recounts his remarkable Temagami journey! This talk will be in person at our general club meeting on **Wednesday, October 14th at 7:30pm at the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West (3677 Kensington Ave, Burnaby)**.

"On the 23 of September 2025, twelve members of the BCC embarked on a memorable 10-day trip at Temagami, Ontario.



Temagami is a large collection of lakes, rivers, and at times, grueling portages. I believe our trip leader David Westell has a personal connection to someone upstairs, as we were blessed with 10 days of beautiful weather. The autumn colours took full advantage of the blue skies to show off their brilliant red, yellow, orange, and green spender.

Through all the aches and pains the portages presented, I heard several members express this was the trip of a lifetime, and for me, it truly was." -Ron



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President's Report — September/October 2026

Fifty years of Beavers. No excuses—you're coming!

Mark Saturday, November 28 in your calendar and buy your ticket for the Beaver Canoe Club's 50th anniversary banquet. We'll celebrate at Burnaby Lake Pavilion, 6871 Roberts Street, Burnaby. Fifty years calls for a proper turnout, and I expect to see all of you there.

Summer may officially be over, but what a paddling season it was. It began for me at Lake Cowichan in March, followed by Elk Ridge on the May long weekend, Rivers Week on the Similkameen and Shuswap in late June, and the Adams River over Labour Day weekend. Along the way, Beavers headed north, joined Dave's trips—including the Broken Islands—and kept up the midweek and regular local river trips.

The Adams weekend at Jack's place was a good one. We started with about 25 campers and still had six hardy souls there on Monday morning. The river was low, in the mid-50s, but the weather was good and the canyon was great. I paddled all four days and ran the canyon seven times, switching between canoe and kayak. Beavers and paddlers from Kamloops and the Okanagan made it a fine weekend on and off the water.

Our pub night at the Admiral on September 9 drew about 25 people and plenty of stories from the summer's trips.

I'm writing this on September 24 from Quesnel Forks, where I'm here for the RCABC Cariboo weekend. I'm hoping to paddle the lower Cariboo and the Quesnel, and to make it onto the upper Cariboo with Kieran and the rest of the group. The forecast is cloudy with rain, but we're here to paddle.

Now, back to the important business: buy your banquet ticket. November 28. No excuses.

Phil

President

A LOOK AHEAD TO GENERAL MEETING ENTERTAINMENT

Here is the line up for the coming months in 2026.

- October 14 IN PERSON – Ron Webster – Temagami
- November 18 Zoom meeting - Juliane Bell – Canoe Trips on Vancouver Island

Please contact Trish at trishkinsey@gmail.com if you are interested in presenting something for the Oct 14th in-person meeting. Thanks!

BEAVER CANOE CLUB PHOTO CONTEST

Beaver Canoe Club Photo Contest ! – November 28, 2026

There is still time to take photos for the 2026 photo contest which takes place at the Golden Gala on November 28th, 2026. Winning photos will be selected at the Gala by participants and receive awards!

The 5 Categories are: 1. People 2. Humor 3. Action 4. Scenic 5. Buddy

Rules:

- Photos must be taken by Beaver Canoe Club Members
- Photos must have been taken in 2026 on Beaver sanctioned trips. One exception is the scenic category which can be taken on any 2026 trip.
- A member can submit up to 2 photos in each category
- Each photo entry must include photographer's name, category, and preferably the trip.
- Photos entries are to be emailed to vp@beavercanoeclub.org by November 21st, 2026

BEAVER PICNIC JULY 19, 2026

Oh, those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer….it was a perfect summer day July 19 at the Derby Reach Regional Park on the Fraser River in Langley, just right for food, fun, and shooting the breeze with fellow paddlers.

Madeline led five canoes in a fairly leisurely paddle upstream about 3 km from the picnic area past the campground, then a return to our starting point – no car shuttle necessary- brilliant! Thank you, Madeline

Meanwhile in the picnic shelter, Rose set the stage for the potluck display of picnic fare with her renowned collection of canoe-themed tablecloths. Ron and Corrine brought delicious Chilliwack corn, cooked perfectly with their set-up of stoves and large pots. Thank-you, Ron and Corrine – it was a super feast. Thanks also to everyone who brought their potluck contributions.

Karyn made sure everyone participated in the Toonie Poker Walk, a walk along the forest path to collect cards from volunteers at four stations. The winner, with the best poker hand at the end, was Gerry Hayne.

Next up was the water balloon toss, organized by Marie, won by the team of Bob and Carol Podesta. Then came the throw bag contest, organized by Madeline, won by Carey, followed by the bag-stuffing contest won by Bob Podesta. Prizes were awarded for all the games.

For me, the day was a chance to catch up with some of the long-time members of the club and also to chat with some who have joined more recently. Thanks very much to Madeline, our social director, for organizing a good time for all.

-submitted by Marie Bremner









UPCOMING TRIPS AND EVENTS

TRIPS AND EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2026 - and beyond			
Sun	**Oct 4,**	**Fraser River Yale to Hope: Gr 1**	A deep, fast-moving river with huge features. Sturgeons sometimes show themselves. If you come early, there is gold to be panned. **Contact: westell@shaw.ca**
Sat Oct 10 to Mon Oct 12		**Thanksgiving Canoe Camping Trip**	We've scheduled a canoe camping trip for 50 years. This year, it could be as far as the North Thompson (gr 1 & 2-) or as close as Granite Falls (ocean). We need a leader, and paddlers of course! **Contact: trips@beavercanoeclub.org**
Wed	**Oct 14 Evening**	**Club Meeting** **IN PERSON**	Ron Webber will present on his 2025 Temagami trip, and Social Committee Members will share a preview of the 50th Anniversary Gala. Leave room for treats!
Sun	**Oct 18,**	**Widgeon Creek: Lake Water & Gr 1-**	A family friendly paddle from Grant Narrows, across Pitt River and up the meandering Widgeon Creek slough, to Wigeon Creek Campground – and hike to the falls. **Contact: Alastair D alastair_dundas@hotmail.com**
Wed	**Nov 18, Evening**	**Club Meeting** **by ZOOM**	Julianne Bell will present on Vancouver Island Paddling and will pass on some canoe camping tips
Sat	**Nov 21,**	**Harrison Eagle Paddle: Lake Water & Gr 1-**	Fish are flipping, eagles flapping, this is when their numbers peak! Hundreds of them – maybe thousands all in one place! Sturgeons stir the waters, and Pictographs peek out at the lunch spot. Join Dave W for this unique, all-day adventure! **Contact: westell@shaw.ca**
Sat	**Nov 28,**	**BCC 50th Anniversary Golden Gala**	Check this Newsletter and keep an eye on Web Page for details. **Tickets Available Soon!**

Trips can change with weather, water levels, or trip leader availability. Please Check BCC Website Calendar for most up to date trip information. If you want to know about a trip and cannot find the trip leader or contact, you can email the Trip Director at trips@beavercanoeclub.org

TRIP REPORTS

BOWRON LAKES TRIP IN SEPTEMBER 2026

Dave, Serrat, Madeline, Susan, Ron, Corrine, Sue, Rich, Ben, Liam, Jessica, Ian, Jim, Harry, Mike, Terri.

This trip deserves an in-person presentation, but for now, here's a brief synopsis.

It began last December. That's when reservations opened. You just have minutes to find and reserve your trip online, and I got lucky. I guess we all did.

A reservation for a group of seven to fourteen, in early September just after Labour Day.

There was interest right away. Before summer, we were filling up, members, then non-members who would become members in order to come.

Then, thanks to Ron, we found a cancellation for a second trip, for six more people. Thanks to Jim and others, we found volunteers who would move to the second trip, happening a week later.

The first trip went well. Six days of eight were sunny. It rained on the other two. Though the route and the schedule seemed straight forward, we were always doing long days with barely time for supper before dark. We had one dumping at the chute, otherwise no incidents. We got to see a moose, a lynx and a grizzly with cubs, but the worst wildlife encounters were with mice in the night. Blueberries were luxurious, everywhere, and ready to eat.



The second trip started off a little confusedly. Of the six who planned to come, two fell ill, leaving four for the trip. Juerg, who could not paddle, thankfully brought his gear for the others and drove Harry's truck home. The group of four then opted to paddle the West Side, lingered for extra days in the good weather, suntanned and reportedly enjoyed their trip as well, relaxed and well rested.

Hopefully, reservations will open again in a month or two, and we'll get another trip started, and do the same all over again.

Dave W

ANOTHER BOWRON LAKES TRIP ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



Buddy had such a great time going around the Bowron Lakes on the Sept 6th Beaver trip he jumped ship into Harry's canoe on Sept 13th to start over with the 2nd Bowron Lake Beaver trip as they began paddling the west arm of the Bowron Circuit! Meeting up with them on Bowron Lake was a surprise as we were finishing our trip around the circuit.

Photo by Jim Slade

UPCOMING WIDGEON CREEK PADDLE OCTOBER 8

Family friendly paddle from Grant Narrows, across Pitt River and up the meandering Widgeon Creek slough, to Widgeon Creek Campground – and hike to the falls.

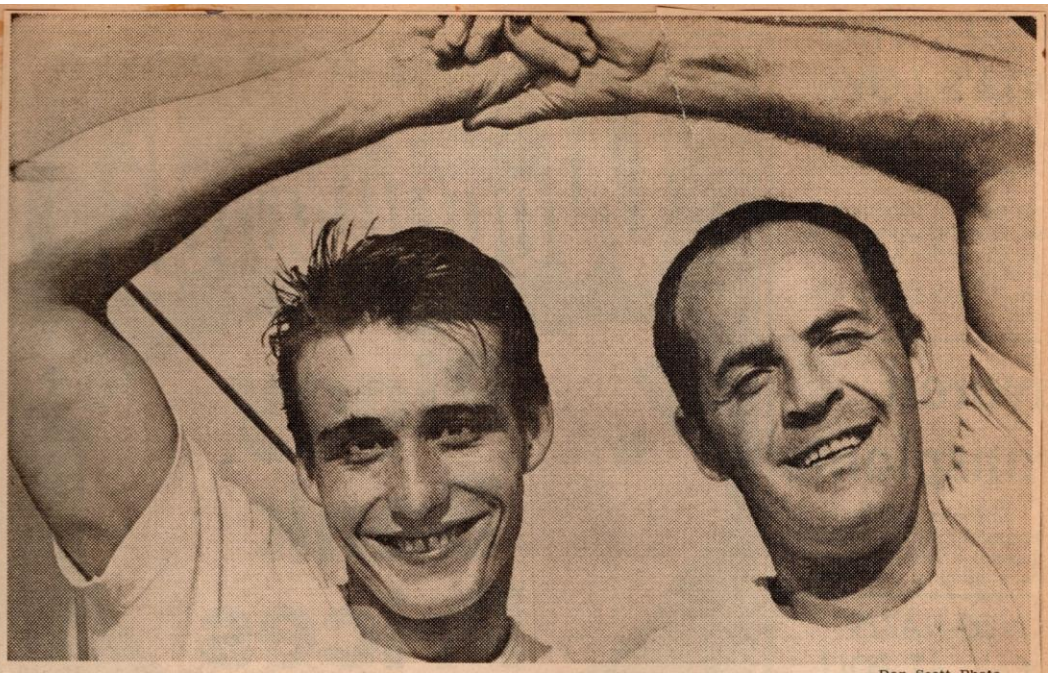
Outline plan: Meet at Grant Narrows at 10am, paddle ~5km to the campground for lunch, followed by a hike to the cascading granite falls (~3km each way) – returning to Grant Narrows at approx. 4pm. Some people may try poling – bring your pole if you have one:)

Water levels in the creek can vary noticeably (portions can be very low – be prepared to wade & possible carry boats across sections). A rain or shine event – check the forecast & be prepared to be out for the day. Bring hiking footwear & spare clothes etc. in a dry bag. Paid parking.

Email alastair_dundas@hotmail.com by Oct 14 if you would like to join us, so that we can coordinate details & know to expect you. https://beavercanoeclub.org/event/widgeon-creek-lake-water-gr-1/

RETRO CORNER

celebrating 50 years of fun and friendship



—Dan Scott Photo

LEIF JORGENSON and BILL COLLINS . . . winning canoeists

100 Canoe Racers Paddle 40 Miles Down Fraser

SUN SEP. 30/68

An old paddlewheeler docked at Annacis Island was the finsih line Sunday for a 40-mile canoe race down the Fraser River.

Nearly 100 contestants in 48 canoes and representing eight clubs throughout B.C. participated in the weekend race, sponsored by the Simon Fraser University Outdoor Club.

It was billed as the biggest canoe event in B.C. since explorer Simon Fraser paddled down the Fraser in 1808.

CHEERS, WHISTLES

A crowd of 250 spectators cheered and whistled as the weary canoeists rounded a bend in the river, passed New Westminster, and glided into the finish line at the paddle-wheeler Essington.

Over-all winner was the SFU Outdoor Club with a total time for three classifications of canoeists of 18 hours, 44 minutes and 38 seconds.

Second only by 10 minutes was the Victoria Canoe Club, followed by the University of B.C. Varsity Outdoor Club.

The two-day race began in Mission Saturday morning with the canoeists paddling 18 miles to Fort Langley where they rested for the night. They paddled the final 22 miles Sunday, the first canoe crossing the finish line about 4:30 p.m.

"It was a great race, except I think 40 miles is too long," said men's division co-winner Bill Collins, 36, a Port Moody insurance man and Canada's canoe coach at the Pan American Games in Winnipeg in 1967.

FASTEST TIME

His partner, Leif Jorgenson, 22 a Port Moody sausagemaker and Canadian junior kayak singles champion, was equally elated but tired.

"All I want to do is get some sleep," he said.

Collins and Jorgenson had the fastest time for any classification at five hours, 35 seconds.

The race, which began as an inter-university challenge between Simon Fraser and UBC, attracted so many entrants that race chairman Gerry Lamb, 19, an SFU language major, has proclaimed it a permanent event.

"We had a smaller race last year, but this time we even had the boy scouts and sea rangers," he said.

Winners in the women's division were sisters Virginia, 20, and Janet Wyman, 16, of 7169 Maureen Crescent, Burnaby, with a total time of 6:45.31.

"We sang all the way down the river," said Virginia, an SFU student.

Winners in the mixed division were Keith and Heather Spain of 259 West Keith, North Vancouver, with a time of 5:59.6.

Canoeists Challenged

SUN 16 SEP. 68

Simon Fraser University's Outdoor Club has challenged all-comers to a 40-mile canoe race down the Fraser River in late September.

The race will consist of four heats in two days. It will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 at the docks in Mission and finish at Annacis Island the next day.

There will be an overnight stop at Fort Langley.

An SFU press release said the University of B.C.'s Varsity Club, the Canadian Youth Hostels and the Dogwood Canoe Club have said they will compete. Organizers said they are hoping 20 canoes will enter.

There will be three classes of competition: male, female, and mixed crews.

The first heat will run from Mission to Stave River Bridge. There will be a break for lunch, then entrants will embark on the second heat which will finish at Fort Langley.

Canoes will be portaged up the main street of the town. Canoe sprints and a hootenanny are planned after dinner.

The third heat leaves Fort Langley at 11 a.m. Sunday for the Pitt River marina. The fourth heat will take the canoes to the finish line at Annacis Island.

Was this where the seeds were sown that eventually led to the creation of the Beaver Canoe Club? It took a few more years, but some names emerge. The Dogwood Canoe Club was in existence, but for most of us the university outdoor clubs were paramount. Dinty Moore owned an outdoor sporting goods store in Burnaby. He sold the traditional canoes (Chestnut, wood/canvas) and the revolutionary new canoes (Grumman aluminum).

While the Grummans opened new adventures on rivers, they were eventually replaced by plastic (royalex) and by privately built fibreglass canoes designed for river paddling (extreme rocker for smaller rivers and big volume for larger rivers like the Thompson). The aluminum boats had a nasty habit of sticking to rocks.

For the canoes of the 1960s, a 40-mile race was a considerable distance. In the mid 1970s we saw the advent of the 18 ft/6-inch sleek cruisers from Sawyer, Mad River and Wenonah. They had the speed necessary for racing but also had the volume to serve as expedition boats.

Shortly thereafter, the cruisers were redesigned to be narrower, lighter in weight, and with lower freeboard, designed specifically for marathon racing. One of these circumnavigated the entire Bowron Lakes circuit in approximately 24 hours. Why you would do this is a mystery to me, but not to the paddlers.

Gerry Lamb

Sept 20, 2026

The year was 1976. Rocky won the Oscar for best picture. Billboard's top hits included "Don't Go Breaking My Heart" and "Play That Funky Music". Jimmy Carter was elected president. What passed for fashion included platform shoes, Farah hair styles and polyester -- lots of polyester.

But a band of campfire-cooking wool-wearing wilderness rebels met on November 17, 1976 at the Burnaby Lake Nature House to form a canoe club. Dan Taylor was the organizer and became president, but they had no name, no newsletter, no meeting schedule. But with the help of 6 members of the Dogwoods, they met a second time on January 19, 1977 to make three decisions which have lasted to this day. An excerpt from the January 19th newsletter reads:

> "The tone of the meeting was quite informal, but several earth shattering and historical decisions were made... Burnaby's newest canoe club will henceforth be known as the Beaver Canoe Club. The Overwhelming choice for the name of the club's newsletter was "Beaver Tales". ...Club monthly meetings will be held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month."

And so it has been to this day. But the story of the logo is not so simple. From the January 1977 issue, a Beaver mascot appeared mysteriously but regularly, with no artist credit, no official acceptance.

We do know that a year later a new logo contest was announced and the winner was published in the January 1978 issue of Beaver Tales, but containing the same unmistakable of that cartoon Beaver! Suggestions for refining the logo were submitted by Jack Wainwright and Wally Predolins. Ultimately Wally's refinement was chosen and the first Beaver Decals were ordered.

Then the unthinkable happened. Steve Wong got elected president in 1980 and in the June newsletter, the following was printed:

> "In Memoriam: With the coming of the new Wong regime, we permanently lay to rest the Beaver-Guide masthead, a symbol of the old order."

So from June, 1980, A new logo was used, based on a Haida Beaver motif, researched by Roy Isherwood and drawn by Bill McMullan.

But the circular beaver crest with canoe and paddles rose again, this time drawn by Vern Hal with better aesthetics and a more realistic looking beaver. The first Beaver T-Shirts (now a rare collectors item) were printed with the new logo and it has appeared consistently from the February 1982 issue of Beaver Tales to this day.

Dan Burnett



Original mascot, 1977-1980



Winning crest, 1978 - 1980



Haida Logo - 1980 to 1982

2026

50 YEARS

BOULES

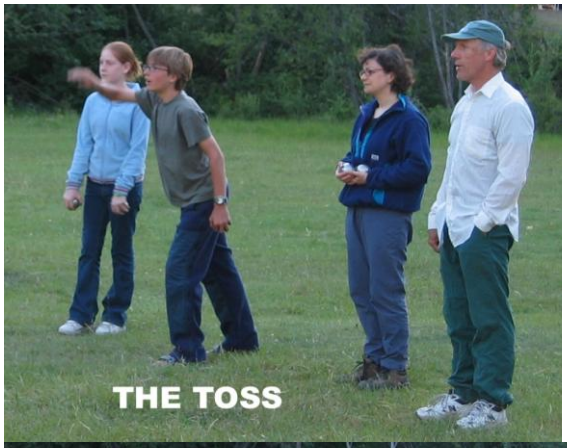
A couple of years ago at River's Week Anne and Alain introduced us to the game of Boules. Boules is similar to Bocci except that the balls are smaller and made of metal which are compact and easy to transport. As the balls are not bowled, the game does not require a manicured playing area.

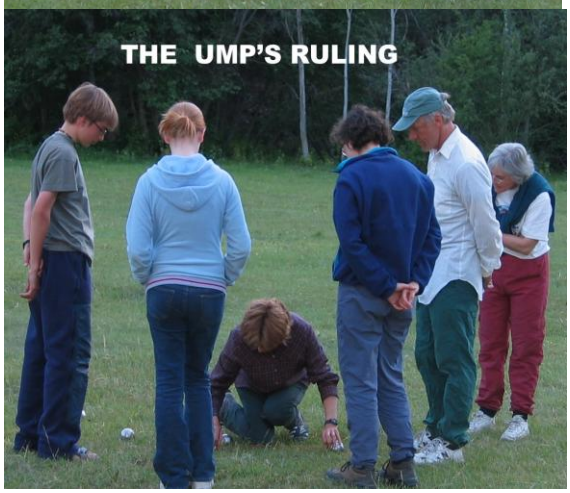
A number of curious spectators expressed an interest in joining in when we started playing at Granite City. Wesley volunteered that he also had a game in camp, so we attempted to run a tournament with eight teams of two partners. Due to the late start and other previously scheduled activities, the tournament was not completed and no champions declared for 2002.

With so many expressing their interest in playing this fun game, we hope to be able to organize a tournament at Granite City next River's Week. (Hint: your odds for winning the tournament will be significantly better if you can convince Anne to be your partner and can ignore Alain's protestations!)

If you want to practice in the intervening months, games can be purchased for about $50.00 from Lee Valley Tools.

Happy Bouling, Don and Donna





UPDATE: Pétanque, a boules game, is now only $27.50

THE GAMES WE PLAY

A CHALLENGER QUESTION for you

Lift off for the eighth quiz in the BCC50 series. Get the correct answer and you'll soar towards winning a $50 gift certificate from Lee Valley. (Misson control will provide the submission steps in the next issue.) In the meantime:

RETRO QUIZ for October (#8)

Verified Beaver Canoe Club space adventures include:

a) moon walking
b) the LCROSS Mission
c) avoiding rocks in the asteroid belt
d) participating in the Mars landing of Viking 1

(As always a helpful hint: reverse trajectory and re-read the September retro section.)

DE ADAMS - DE ODORS - DE BOATS - DE BEAVERS

(Editors note: The following epic was read at the Wine & Cheese party to riotous applause. Due to popular request, we are reproducing it here.

Back in 1989 when we got to Adams Lake,
We'd been doing lots of travelling, we were ready for a break.
We'd been 10 days on the rivers, Spatsizi and Stikine,
And were just about as grubby as we have ever been.

We'd been cooking in the smoke, pouring on the insect juice,
Tramping through the slimy swamps, looking for elusive moose;
We were sweating in the sun, later wore our toques to sleep;
Followed bear tracks in the mud that was almost knee-deep.

Then we drove all day and night to Adams Lake from the Stikine,
And arrived in time to go with Wally, Heather and Charlene.
As we jumped into our boat, Charlene called for us to hear
"Have you seen what the canyon looks like this year?"

Well --

The Adams runs high, The Adams runs fast,
And many seasoned paddlers Find themselves outclassed.
The Adams has no mercy, The Adams loves some fun,
And you know you've done some paddling
When your river run is done.

The canyon was a freight train, it roared like thunder,
We were flying on a wave, then the bow went under.
It was pushing! It was gushing! It was foaming at the mouth!
It could spin you till you're dizzy And you don't know north from south!

We were upright for a moment, then the Adams gave a grin,
Gave the boat a little toss, a little flip, and we were in.
It got me in the armpits and it cleaned between my toes,
It ran me through the river like a load of dirty clothes.

"Hey, this river's not bad," I thought,
"This river isn't mean!
Since I left my home in Langley,
It's the first time I've been clean."

Oh the Adams runs fast and the Adams runs high,
and there never was a boat that could run through dry.
The Adams has no mercy, the Adams loves some fun
And you know you've done some paddling
When your river run is done. *Roberta Service*



WEEK & ENDS AWAY = GREAT PADDING FUN

WASHINGTON RIVERS WEEK

One Rivers Week not enough for you? In late July, the plan is to paddle the warm waters of central Washington. In the past this has included the Sauk, Methow, Twisp, Chewuch, Entiat and Wenatchee. Low water? No problem-- we'll find better! Flat & Grades I - III Call Dave Kilpatrick



KETTLE RIVER FAMILY TRIP

LAKES WEEK !

Join us for the first ever lakes week. We will be camping at Kentucky Alleyne Provincial Park from **Monday, July 2** t



JULY	1-3	NICOLA CAMPOUT
	9	WIDGEON CREEK
	16	S. NOOKSACK
	22-23	GULF ISLANDS /CRESENT BEACH--WHITEROCK
	28	WRECK BEACH (EVENING)

Mamquam Beginners Weekend Mamquam River June 08 - 09

Sun Sep 1 to Sun Sep 8 North Saskatchewan River I-II

ANDERSON LAKE - THANKSGIVING 1991

With clear sunny skies and the fall colors at their peak, the stage was set for another great Beaver Thanksgiving. Five canoes started off together on the paddle up along the east side of Anderson Lake. There is an assortment of cabins along the lake, but still lots of areas are untouched. We stopped at a nice little beach for lunch, where some interesting driftwood was collected. Marie and Gerry met up to join us after lunch. With the end of the lake in view, we arrived at our destination of the famous abandoned cabin on an old orchard site. Gear was quickly unloaded and camp established. Soon the cabin was buzzing with activity, getting it cleaned up and closing in all the windows with plastic. With a fire going it became very warm and homey for evening relaxation. After breakfast on Sunday, some of us hiked up behind the cabin to the see the waterfall before heading down the lake to Seton. While most canoes were beached at Seton, Marie and Gerry and Kathleen and Micheal continued down the river to the apparent delight of B.C. Rail passengers who were watching. Marie and Gerry just couldn't pass up that chance for another portage. We rendezvoused at, where else, the Seton Pub, for an afternoon break before heading back to camp. Madeline and Nola reportedly had a nice paddle in from D'arcy and had enjoyed a swim?!! while we were pubbing. Back at camp, it was time to focus attention on the feast to follow. Natural centerpieces were made and the tables set in fine form. Dinner was superb--complete with turkey stuffing and all the trimmings, followed by pumpkin cheesecake. Monday morning, with the weather holding out we headed down the lake's west side lake to D'arcy. Gerry stayed back to finish up cabin reconstruction; all the nails just had to get used up. We were met by some "fly in" visitors delivering muffins and donuts. After a leisurely lunch and with all the cheesecake finished we were homeward bound. Thanks to Kathleen and Micheal for organizing. *Kathy Futcher*

NAHATLATCH LAKE - THANKSGIVING 2002

This reviewer and his party of 15 were seated at dusk in the fir grove. A banquet table festooned with chestnuts, autumn leaves and assorted gourds glowed softly with a myriad of candles. The starter course of soup, a delicate carrot-based delight, was served from a hollowed pumpkin tureen. Abundant wine flowed with a variety to suit every palate. The entrée of moist, tender morsels of turkey, was accented with stovetop dressing and splashed with gravy—a preparation subtly seasoned with pan-roasted, pureed vegetables. Mounds of creamy mashed potatoes and brown-sugared yams filled while squash and broccoli heads (delicately steamed over an open flame) added colour to the plate. Cranberry jelly, artfully arranged in Corelle ware, was passed. Dessert was taken by the fire pit. Pumpkin pie smothered in whipped cream, butter tarts, matrimonial squares, and miniature chocolates (recently extracted from Hallowe'en displays provided the meal's sweet closing while a never-to-be-duplicated liqueur concoction graced the après-feast coffee. Conversation and camaraderie sparkled long into this Thanksgiving night.

★★★★★ *Brian*



Sat Oct 12 to Mon Oct 14

North Thompson River Thanksgiving Weekend: Gr 1 & 2

Spend Thanksgiving weekend on this family friendly canoe camping trip. We leave Little Fort near Clearwater to follow the sinuous currents through forested ranch lands, camp on gravel bars, and arrive at Hefley Creek near Kamloops. Call or email at least a week in advance.

World Rivers Day is an annual global celebration held on the fourth Sunday of every September to highlight the value of waterways and to encourage their protection. And it got its start in BC with conservationist Mark Angelo. In September 1980 he organized a major community clean-up of th the heavily polluted Thompson River. The success and momentum of this action inspired, with the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC, the formal creation of BC Rivers Day. What started as a local clean-up expanded globally 25 years later. In 2005, Angelo successfully pitched the idea to the United Nations. It is now celebrated in over 100 countries. Juerg Boschung was , at one time, the Recreation Canoeing Association representative to the ORC. Through his membership with the Dogwoods and Beavers he spent years promoting Rivers Day (an important task for the Rivers and Shoreline committee) and getting canoe clubs involved with yearly river clean ups. That perhaps was the earliest of the club's involvement with river wellness. It is our way of giving back health to the waterways that provide so much pleasure.

(SIDE BAR: the Canadian Recreational Canoe Association convinced Parliament to declare the second Sunday in June as Canada's national Rivers Day...)

Rivers Day Cleanup 2002

"I hope we don't find a dead body!" were Kathleen Pitt's comforting words to me as we cleaned bags and bags of garbage out of the camping/fishing/take-out-below-the-Tamihi-bridge area on the Chilliwack River.

It was pretty gross. How people who profess to love the outdoors can treat it so badl beyond belief. We found garbage everywhere. Rusted lawn chairs. Broken beer bottles Bait containers. A dinghy. We left the place looking good (or at least clean) again. That felt good.



RIVERS DAY - CHILLIWACK RIVER CLEANUP

Lets get out on Rivers Day to enjoy a Fall paddle and collect bottles and garbage from the shores of our favourite river. We'll decide on the section of the river to paddle once the group assembles. Garbage bags will be provided. Lets do our share and join with other groups in B.C. who will be participating on other rivers.

July 7 - Widgeon Creek Clean-up
Grade: Lake
Meet: Pitt Lake Boat Launch Time: 10:00

MAKE TIME TO PARTICIPATE EVERY YEAR

Sun Sep 22
BC Rivers Day Cleanup: Seymour River: Walking or Gr 2
Contact Andrie B andriebates@hotmail.com

For Rivers Day, we'll be helping out a river that gives us much joy and pleasure.

Many outdoor clubs were involved with cleaning up debris from a number of rivers. Sixteen canoeist from the Beaver and Dogwood Clubs got together to pull out washing machines, bicycles, beer bottle ect., out of the Vedder River. A smaller group of Beavers were at Ruskin Dam.

WHAT TURNS A PARTY INTO A GALA?



#6 NOT ONE BUT FIVE CHANCES TO WN!
As usual there will be wonderful door prizes but this year you'll get additional tickets to win four fabulous items (valued up to $400): gift certificates, rescue course/expedition discount, tools and more. Here's the twist: put all your tickets into one box to increase your odds or one in each...your winning choice!



Join us!
Saturday 28 November

AND THE OTHER FIVE AMAZING REASONS TO CELEBRATE OUR 50TH...

A GREAT VENUE: THE BURNABY LAKE PAVILION with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the water. Plenty of free parking. Multiple screens highlighting The Years That Were. A place to chat, reminisce, dine, and dance (this last is optional.)

BEAUTIFUL DECOR: GOLDEN HIGHLIGHTS THROUGHOUT including custom-made centerpieces: A tandem canoe (Gemini-seating style...) stirring up phosphorescence as it bounces (upright) through frothy, curling waves. One of these $50-valued displays can be yours if won in the evening's draw. (And all the components can be reused!)

FOOD TO SAVOUR Prepared by Burnaby's fine RIVERWAY CLUBHOUSE. Of course, lots of salads~sides~pasta~protein~desserts~drinks PLUS bubbles for toasting, a one-of-a-kind cake to mark the occasion (perhaps without the 50 candles...fire hazard) AND some social hour retro snacks in memory of our 1976 beginnings (remember Fritos?)

A DRESS UP OCCASION for this "GOLDEN" GALA**.** Gold in decor and gold in dress: flash your bling, wear a gilded tie or a glitzy shawl. Even gold-coloured underwear counts (as long as the flash is discrete!) And, yes, carrying a bitcoin or your grandfather's pocket watch counts. If it's gold you're in, and if not, we'll fancy up your name badge with a gold ribbon.

ENGAGING ENTERTAINMENT from door greetings by the Guide Beaver, shake-it-up tunes from Rock Paper Moon (back by popular demand!), a few cameo appearances including our renown seer--the Great Beaver. Add awards, and a slew of friends and memories (truths and tales) from our past--all ingredients for a great evening!

WANTED

The current editor of the Beaver Tales will be retiring from his position as editor and give somebody else the opportunity to apply some creative spark to this Newsletter. Please email me your interest to editor@beavercanoeclub.org. I am happy to answer any questions.

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