

Beaver Tales



Merry Christmas To All and To All a Good Night.



May All Your Dreams Come True!



Next Meeting – January 8th, 2020

Featured Entertainment: Last summer Trish & Dave, Kristina & Greg and Alison & Max canoed 500 Km down the Keele River to its confluence with the Mackenzie River in the North West Territories. Come & see & hear their story!

Location: Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West, 3677 Kensington Ave, Burnaby, BC V5B 4Z6 **Time:** = 7:45 p.m.





If you would like to find out about this opportunity to give back to the club, contact Phil the president at president@beavercanoeclub.org If you prefer to chat, his phone number is in the members only section. There are 10 executive positions. All are elected at the AGM on January 8, 2020. Descriptions of some positions are at:

http://beaver.canoebc.ca/Beaver%20Executive%20Duties%20&%20Procedures%202018.pdf

Notice of Annual General Meeting of Beaver Canoe Club Wednesday January 8, 2020

Details are on Page 9.

Thanks from Madeline, the Newsletter Editor!

I have enjoyed creating Beaver Tales the past two years and really appreciated all the articles, reports, pictures and information members have sent me. **Thank you!** Your content has enabled me to create the editions of "Beaver Tales" you receive. Being editor has also challenged me to learn many new skills. However, it is time to let another member take on this fun, educational and creative activity. So, this my last newsletter. Special thanks to all the contributors and please continue sending material to the new editor.

51 Scheduled Trips in 2019! What else does our Trip Director David W Say?

The official club trip season began on the third Sunday in March and ended the third Sunday in October. In 2019 the Club scheduled 51 canoe trips, including weekly trips through the season, daily trips during Rivers Week, several campouts, and a through trip on the North Saskatchewan River.

For the 51 trips scheduled, 22 volunteers organized or led them, and 21 volunteers wrote a total of 34 trip reports for the web site and newsletter.

In addition to the scheduled trips, members also organized several unscheduled, ad-hoc and private trips on their own initiative and informed us through trip reports or presentations at our monthly meetings.

We have been a very busy Club!.

Your Trips Director wants to work on making and keeping our endeavors relevant to your needs. If you have trip ideas for the coming year or can think of ways we can improve or enhance our trip activities, I would like to hear from you.

If you are looking for ways to help, consider organizing some trips, & taking the trip leaders' clinic this spring.

<u>Dec 7th Christmas Dinner/Dance Was a Hit!</u> <u>Social Directors Comments</u>

This was my 1st Christmas event with the club and I have to say, oh what fun! There were over 60 people who came out to enjoy the evening.

To start the night at the Rugby Club in Burnaby, members mingled and had some of the holiday cheer while the Beaver canoe trips "highlights" on the screen. Alain and Ann put together this

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slideshow which was great and those who contributed to it have their own copy on a DVD. Thank you for all your time and wonderful videoing skills putting this together.

As everyone settled at their tables with the excellent buffet selection of salads, hot food there was a happy chatter of stories and greetings going on.

Thanks to a previous president, Paul Sacilotto for coming from Victoria to make the announcement and presentation to Cathy L and James F as they celebrated their 25 th year as members of the Beaver Canoe Club.

There were many awards given out to the "Dumper of year", "Eager Beaver", "Abandon Ship", and the best pictures in the photo contest categories: Family, Action, Scenic and Surprise.

The band, Rock, Paper, Moon were a hit and performed the best songs, so everyone was up on the dance floor. So many that there were people dancing at the back by the bar! Thank you for joining us again to Dave and his band.

25 Year Membership Awarded to James Fraser & Cathy Lew Congratulations!





Presentation by Phil T

*-Paul S. & Phil R.

James and Cathy 4





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2020 Membership Draws

for a
2019 Trip Leader and
2019 Trip Reporter
were won by:
Phil R (Leader)
And
Leigh B. (Reporter)



2019 Dumper of the Year is Jen W.





2019 Abandon Ship is Phil R.

2019 Eager Beaver is Kara D.



2019 Photo Contest.... And the Winners Are:



Family by Cathy L. on Snake River



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Winter Paddling 2019/2020

Although the official Beaver trips end in October this does not mean members have stored their canoes and hung up their paddles until spring. In fact, Beavers paddle all year. There are informal trips throughout the winter and early spring until the official trips start again in March. Two are in January. Don't forget to check the short trips notice on the website.







Announcements:

Rivers' Week will be June 27 to July 5, 2020. This gives you plenty of time to book your holiday.

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Trip Report:

Have you ever been relieved when cracking your canoe in a rapid near the start of a trip? This is not a normal response when paddling rivers. But this is not a normal river.... So, read on about a paddling adventure on the Thompson River. The Editor

No River for Old Men! or Helpless, Helpless By the President

Twenty years ago, I was too ignorant to worry about my fourteen-year-old son Keiran kayaking the Frog with Sandy Crane. Sandy returned him to me in one piece. I thought little of the danger.

For years I would sometimes take the Fraser Canyon and stop by, wistfully looking at the Frog saying to myself, "someday". Vlad from the Dogwoods would regale me with stories of the fabled rapids – Witch's Cauldron, Cutting Board, Jaws - but I never got a chance to run them.

IMPORTANT 2020 DATES

January 2020

4thSkagit Paddle 8thClub Social & AGM 12thSquamish Paddle 15thExecutive Meeting 29thExtended Trip Meeting

February 2020

12th Beaver CC Meeting 19th Executive Meeting March 2020

11th Beaver CC Meeting 18th Executive Meeting

April 2020

8thBeaver CC Meeting 15thExecutive Meeting ?? BCRCA Canoe Festival 18thLakewater Instructor

Recertification

22ndBasic Paddlers 25thBasic Paddlers 26thPaddle Expo

May 2020

2ndBasic Paddlers 6thTrip Leaders Clinic 13th Beaver CC Meeting 20thExecutive Meeting 27th Intro to Moving Water 30th Intro to Moving Water June 2020

27thRiver Week Starts

Imagine my delight, after twenty years, my son posted a trip for strong paddlers for Sunday November 10, 2019, 10:00 a.m. He sent me an invite and his call for strong paddlers included me! Well, I was there in a heartbeat.

At the Nicomen campsite a group of paddlers who hardly knew one another assembled at the appointed time, 4 tandems and 6 solo boats.

There were a group of 4 paddlers from Thompson Rivers University's guiding program in two brand new Canyons. There was Charles Ruechel from Elements Adventure, Vernon and Allyson Phillips, Vancouver in his company's Starburst, Keiran, Kamoops and I in our Dagger Dimension, Dan Campbell, Vancouver in a L'Edge, Joe Ramsdale, Kamloops park ranger in his Dagger Impulse, Jean Francois LeBranch, Clearwater guide in his Solito, Ross Holmes, Mission, Octane 91, Roger Christopherson, Chilliwack, Blackfly Option, Doug Magnussen, Victoria in Octane.

The latter three regularly paddle Chilliwack Canyon (in other words elite paddlers) warned us, whatever "you do, do not go into the Cutting Board hole. Stay left, it's a keeper!"

The Cutting Board!

keeper!"

We're off. First rapid, The Frog, made it. We head for the Witches Cauldron and one of the TRU group cracked a new tandem Canyon.

Looking somewhat relieved, they pulled out, forced to climb a loose rocky embankment dragging their canoes, one now worse for wear, to the road and a mile walk back to their cars.

Not us! I am now focused on about 3 feet in front of the bow. My heard racing, the roar of the river, we are heading for the Witch's Cauldon. Keiran cries "paddle, paddle harder!"

Wave chains, boils and god knows what, the next thing I remember is being washed overboard with Keiran yelling, "we're alright, we're alright," as we were swept downstream. Into an eddy, dump water out and back into the boat; we are heading to the Cutting Board. In my mind I am hearing whatever you do, don't go right, into the huge keeper hole.

I am paddling, we're heading for the Cutting Board, Keiran is screaming, "back paddle, paddle, draw", and we are uplifted by a huge boil on the left while at the same time we are pummeled by waves on the right. As a result our canoe is now pointed decidedly to the right into the hole from hell!

The last words I hear are "back paddle" before we capsize. I am now over, the canoe is on top of me and I am in the hole hanging onto the Dimension with all my might. I feel the boat pulling

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down around me and I can't breathe. Saying a few Hail Marys, I manage to mostly get out from under the boat and breathe!

Keiran is gone – abandoned ship. Unknown to me he is now on a rock in the middle of the Cutting Board. Meanwhile I, on my own, try to stay on the upstream of the Dimension now full of water dragging me down the river. At some point, it seemed like miles, a rope is tossed to me – I still don't know who. I am being dragged to shore but I can't hold the boat and let go.

Rescued, I still have my paddle. My canoe full of water is being washed downstream towards the Jaws rapids. On the wrong side of the river, up the river without a canoe. Keiran by now has jumped into the Witches Cauldron and swum down to me.

The eddy on the other side seems reachable, but six feet from the eddy, we can't get in. Another rapid looms and utterly exhausted I am swept down it. Keiran following. We are heading to Little Jaws! Above JAWS we make an eddy. The Dimension is gone. The other paddlers are gone.

We start scrambling up the loose rock to the road. Now breathing in overdrive, Keiran keeps asking me, "what's wrong, what's wrong?" "Nothing" I bark, except I am old, have just swum two (or is it three) rapids and I am wiped.

At the highway, in drysuit, pfd, paddles, helmets, the cars whiz by as I hold my thumb out. Eventually a car stops. "Get in," he orders. Along the backseat he has a rifle. "Just stand the rifle up and get in." We do. He has been out hunting. He's from Lytton and drives us to the takeout at the confluence of the Thompson and Fraser.

A gold panner there with his children. "HAVE YOU SEEN A BIG RED CANOE," I ask. He hadn't. Keiran surmised, it's not here yet. We may have to swim out and grab it so it doesn't go down the Fraser.

Sitting, gloomily, waiting. About a half later Allyson and Charles appear in their tandem with our canoe in tow. The rest, solo paddlers, now arrive. Our boat was found 5 miles up at the rafters' lunch spot. Only one tandem Allyson made it. Solo's JF and Joe did some swims. The elite three had a clean run.

Paddle over, jibes a-many, "Keiran now humiliated by dad". Keiran's accelerated inheritance is put on hold.



Beaver Canoe Club Notice of Annual General Meeting —

Wednesday January 8, 2020

8:00 PM, (Registration at 7:45 PM)
Room #1, Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West
3677 Kensington Avenue
Burnaby, BC V5B 4X5

Purpose - To approve a budget and elect the 2020 Executive Board

Quorum: A quorum shall be twenty members.

Eligibility to vote: Every member in good standing shall have the right to attend the regular meetings of the Society and to vote. Every member in good standing shall be eligible to hold office within the Society.

Associate membership is open to minors, aged eighteen or less. Associate members have all the rights and obligations as members except a vote on any matter.

Agenda:

Call to Order
President's Remarks
Minutes of 2019 AGM as posted on: Beaver.CanoeBC.ca
Treasurer's Report
Proposed Budget
Election of Executive Board
Other Business
Adjourn

Board Officers to be elected

(Descriptions of the positions may be also found at: Beaver, CanoeBC.caPresident

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Trips Director

Training Director

Newsletter Editor

Membership Director

Social Director

Entertainment Director

Web Master

(Proposed 2020 Budget on next page)

Entertainment to follow the AGM

Beaver Canoe Club Proposed 2020 Budget

Beaver Canoe Club	Approved		Proposed
	2019	2019	2020
	budget	ACTUALS	budget
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Pub Night	400.00	135.00	400.00
Group Campsite Reservations	300.00	-	300.00
Sales (decals, toques, books) Misc.	250.00	144.00 6.98	150.00
Total Income	6,518.00	6,361.98	6,520.00
EXPENSES	2,210.00	3,331.33	2,323100
Training (supplies &hall rentals)	300.00	240.89	300.00
PayPal (Dues &Xmas)	250.00	222.30	250.00
Awards Dinner	4,000.00	3,801.90	4,000.00
Photo Contest Gifts	-	-	-
Insurance (deprecated)	_	-	_
Dues; RCABC & ORCBC	130.00	121.00	200.00
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Promotion & Meetings	3 0	259.01	300.00
Banner (deprecated)	3 3	255.01	300.00
Decals/Toques/etc.	500.00		100.00
Bank Charges	100.00		
Meeting Room Rental	300.00	433.78	500.00
Web Page Costs	200.00	-	200.00
Group Campsite Reservations	300.00	_	300.00
Picnic	100.00	192.44	150.00
Annual Report for Society Act	40.00	40.00	40.00
Entertainment	200.00	-	100.00
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Miscellaneous	300.00	64.08	300.00
Pub Night	200.00		400.00
Total Expenses	7,220.00	5,375.40	7,140.00
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Net Position (loss)	(702.00)	986.58	(620.00)



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February 2020

Official News Views and Muse of the Beaver Canoe Club of British Columbia

Next Meeting: February 12, 2020!

Featured Entertainment:

Adventuring in the Nuskwa Ketchika Wilderness.

Presenter: John L

Info: We drove north past BC's massive Montenay gas field developments into the wild heart of the Northern Rockies to Muncho Lake. From Muncho we flew into the Mayfield Lakes and hiked our gear to the muddy banks of the Gataga River. There we dipped our paddles north for 310km to join the Ketchika River and north north east to the ferry across the mighty Liard and the pick up on the Alaska Highway.

Location: Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West, 3677 Kensington Ave,

Burnaby, BC V5B 4Z6 <u>Time:</u> = 7:45 p.m.

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FOUNDER LES MUSHENS REMEMBERED- Carey R.

Les Mushens, a founding and lifetime member of the Beaver Canoe Club, died on Monday January 20th, 2020. He is survived by his wife Pauline, also a lifetime Member, and children Leslie and David with their families. A memorial is expected in March and will be announced on the Beaver website.

In the fall of 1976 Les, Pauline and a few other people took a canoe lesson at Deer Lake through Burnaby Parks and Recreation. This group decided that there should be a new canoe club in Burnaby and in January of 1977, and that the club be named the Beaver Canoe Club and its newsletter, Beaver Tales.

Les Mushens volunteered to act as the Club's secretary. The Club's first official trip was to Widgeon Creek on February 13th 1978.





Over the next ten years of rapid expansion the Club grew from fourteen or so "family" memberships to 275 individuals in 179 families! During this time Les continued as an active trip leader and could be counted on to bring that air of bon vivant to any party. Les truly believed that the Beavers were a social group, liked to party and also went canoeing. Many follow in his footsteps today.

Some of the most enjoyable trips paddled by Beavers today were first pioneered by Beaver groups of which Les was a participant. These would include his Thanksgiving run on the Nicola, including its canyon in 1981, the

Coquitlam River and the Sumallo/Skagit Rivers from Paradise Valley to Ross Lake.

The Beaver Canoe Club very much bears the impression of Les Mushens stamp. Those of us who knew him will miss him. Those members in the Beaver Canoe Club who did not get the chance to paddle with Les also travel in the path he forged.

On behalf of Janice, myself, and the entire Beaver Canoe Club; we will miss you Les.

INTRODUCING YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

At the Beaver Canoe club Annual General Meeting on January 8, 2020, the following were elected by acclamation to the designated positions:

Web Master: Vacant

Members can access Executive contact information thru the "Contacts" section or in the "Membership List" after logging in.

And of course a huge thank you to last year's Executive for their dedication to assisting Beaver members to canoe lakes, creeks, and rivers.

TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

RCABC Instructor Development Grant

RCABC is offering an Instructor Development Grant to financially assist four individuals wishing to pursue their Instructor/Instructor Trainer Certification. This one-time grant, with a maximum total of \$250 per successful applicant, may be used for any of the RCABC program streams.

Applications should be received by March 20, 2020

For more information, or an application, please visit the RCABC website at bccanoe.com; or you can contact: Peter H iebert by email at hiebert1572@shaw.ca

Looking for Paddlers:

On a BCC canoe camping trip to Murtle Lake from

If interested, please contact Dave W at westell@shaw.ca

Request for Expressions of Interest:

n a Washington weekend or week of Rivers in the Methow and Wenatchee watersheds

and / or

In a BCC week of rivers in the East Kootenays

Your Trips Director would like to suss out who would be up for one or both of these higher end grade 2 & 3 paddling excursions in the coming season.

If interested, please contact Dave W at westell@shaw.ca



Douglas Lake Cattle Company and Nicola Valley Fish and Game Club

<u>Announcement</u> - Phil R.

The Outdoor Recreational Council of which RCABC is a member and also Beaver Canoe club, has been granted intervenor status in the coming Appeal launched by Douglas Lake Cattle Company. We at ORC have some funding and a lawyer from an environmental law clinic at the UVic.

Background

Back in December of 2018, Justice Joel Groves ruled in favour of granting public access to Minnie and Stoney Lakes. The ruling meant the Douglas Lake Cattle Company had to take down gates blocking access to both lakes.

The Nicola Valley Fish and Game Club was suing the Douglas Lake Cattle Company, alleging the company blocked off public access to Minnie and Stoney lake. The Douglas Lake Cattle Company was claiming the lakes to be theirs, arguing they were man-made over many years.

In July, Groves ruled that the Fish and Game Club's legal expenses will be split between the Cattle Company and the BC Government. The Justice stated that lack of action by the province in protecting the area led to the litigation.

Appeal

Now as the calendar flips to 2020, Rick McGowan tells Q101 it's right back to the courtroom.

Things are slowly approaching some court time. We have a date on January 8, said McGowan.

Following that appearance in court, an appeal will be heard in March.

"The appeal will be on March 30 and 31. The Cattleman's Association has applied for intervenor status and so has the Outdoor Rec Council. So, they're both going to try and influence the appeal," said McGowan.

McGowan admitted that the appeal will likely not be the end of the road, as he expects more litigation to follow based on the outcome.

"Our main position in is, was to bring light to the problem and hopefully get the government, the different ministries to do their jobs," said McGowan. "It's not our clubs job to look after roads and lakes, but they seem like they're hell-bent on doing nothing for the people of BC."

January 2020

29thExtended Trip Meeting

February 2020

12thBeaver CC Meeting 19thExecutive Meeting

March 2020

6thPaddle Film Fest 11thBeaver CC Meeting 18thExecutive Meeting

April 2020E

8thBeaver CC Meeting 15thExecutive Meeting 24-6 RCABC Canoe Festival 18thLakewater Instructor

Recertification

22ndBasic Paddlers 25thBasic Paddlers 26thPaddle Expo

May 2020

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June 2020

27thRivers Week begins

rove a trip schedule for the 20 20 paddling season as proposed below:

Date		Trip	Grade	
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Sun	Mar 22	Widgeon Creek	Lake	
Sun	Mar 29	Burrard Inlet North Arm	Ocean	
Sun	Mar 29	Chilliwack River	Gr 2 & 3	
Sat	Apr 4	Sumas River	Gr 1	
Sun	Apr 5	Upper Seymour River	Gr 2 & 3	
Fri to Sun	Apr 10 to 13	Easter Weekend	TBD	
Sun	Apr 19	Cheakamus	Gr 2 & 3	
Sun	Apr 26	Still Creek	Gr 1-	
Sun	May 3	Buntzen to Belcarra	Lake &Ocean	
Sun	May 10	TBD	TBD	
Sat to Mon	May 16 to 18	May Long Weekend Gr 1 to 3		
Sun	May 24	Squamish River	Gr 1 &2	
Sat	May 30	Nicomen Slough	Lakewater	
Sun	May 31	Mamquam or Cheakamus Gr 2 & 3		
Sun	Jun 7	Sal mon River	Gr1	
Sat	Jun 13	Fraser River North Arm Gr 1		
Sat to	Jun 13			
Sun	to 14	Mamquam Weekend Gr 2		
Sun	Jun 21	River of Golden Dreams Gr 1		
Sat to Sun	Jun 27 to Jul 5	Rivers Week Gr 1 - 3		
Mon to	Jun 29	Kettle River Family		
Wed	to Jul 1	Canoe Trip	Gr 1 & 2-	

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	Sun Sep 27 Cleanup		Walk or Gr 2	
r	Upper Squamish or			
	Sun	Oct 4	Cheakamus	Gr 2 & 3
	Sat to	Oct 10	Thompson River	
L	Mon	to 12	Campout	TBD
	Sun	Oct 18		Lakewater
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Widgeon Creek



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Featured Entertainment:

Blown from the Wind to the \$patsizi - \$tikine

Location: Burnaby Lake Sports Complex West, 3677 Kensington Ave, Burnaby, BC V5B 4Z6 **Time:** = 7:45 p.m.

Presenters: Juerg B., Sallie B, Gord B., David W., Harry S., Jim S. **Info:** Join this crew in a saga that originates in dreams of Yukon's Wind River, goes up in smoke, dodges heinous exploits in BC's hinterland, manages on-the-fly personnel changes and on-the-road decisions before arrangements and gear-modifications enable fly-in, paddle-out during a wonderful couple weeks on the Spatsizi and Stikine Rivers in northern BC.



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IMPORTANT

REMINDER: MEMBERSHIPS MUST BE RENEWED THIS MONTH!!! OR YOUR NAME WILL BE REMOVED FROM MEMBERSHIP ROSTER!!!





President's Message

My January resolution was to use my brace and fall in less. Within weeks it was broken. On one of those last minute, unofficial Seymour trips, the river below 3, I managed to both fall, be rescued by Heather and then while composing myself, lose my paddle down river. My spare got caught in my airbags. Now I am floating downstream without a paddle. Heather found the first one and I was saved! I'm shameless. I gave no beer and just muted thanks.

[Your executive has] booked Bonsor for the Xmas dinner, provided dates for Basic Paddlers, Introduction to Moving Water, Rivers Week and other things, so Beavers are pretty much launched for 2020 -- see inside for details.

The Outdoor Recreational Council (ORC) will be holding their AGM on June 5, 2020. I am a director and the official representative of the Recreational Canoe Association of B.C. (R.C.A.B.C.). The Beaver Canoe club submitted a resolution 2 years ago essentially asking for latrines and oversight of rivers particularly in the Fraser Valley watershed. Requests were sent by ORC to the Province and various Ministries and departments.

Not much has happened. The Cheakamus put-in, for example, is still filthy and has no latrines. I encourage Beavers to keep monitoring the situation and send photos and reports of this scandalous desecration.

The Rod and Gun club's case against Gang Ranch is proceeding in court early in March and ORC is an intervener. The issue is public access to Gang Ranch lakes for recreation. I will keep you informed in the next Beaver Tales.

In other news the government in Victoria appears to have cut the Trails and Recreation budgets and we are going backwards. The future looks more crowded and the need for more and better recreation mounting. More news to come.

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[Editor's Note: As your new Editor, I prefer to receive copy that has only to be formatted, perhaps edited for length, and then fit among other submissions; but if one is challenged by spelling and etc. rules of English, I will accommodate accordingly the best I can. Also, If you post a trip Report on BCC website, please notify me with a two-line summary, and I will include your note with a link to the Club site]

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NOTICES

RCABC is offering an Instructor Development Grant to financially assist four individuals wishing to pursue their Instructor/Instructor Trainer Certification. This one-time grant, with a maximum total of \$250 per successful applicant, may be used for any of the RCABC program streams.

Applications should be received by March 20, 2020

For more information, or an application, please visit the RCABC website at bccanoe.com; or you can contact: Peter Hiebert by email at hiebert1572@shaw.ca

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Text or call... David for information: 604-240-0503

More NOTICES

Looking for Paddlers:

on a BCC canoe camping trip to Murtle Lake from Aug 29 to Sep 4, 2020.

- *3SIGNED UP!
- *2MORE INTERESTED!
- **MANY MORE TO COme!

If interested, please contact Dave W at westell@shaw.ca

Requesting Expressions of Interest for

Washington Rivers Week and / or Wenatchee Weekend Gr 2 & 3

Contact Dave W westell@shaw.ca

Requesting Expressions of Interest for an

East Kootenays Week of Rivers

August 2020

Contact trips director westell@shaw.ca

PADDLE-EXPO AT CULTUS LAKE

APRIL 26

Join Bob, Membership Director, this Sunday as he promotes the Beaver Canoe Club at this lovelyl lake in the Eastern Fraser Valley, and test paddle various canoes courtesy of Western Canoe Kayak

INVITATION FROM RCABC PRESIDENT

Hello dear Beaver club members,

I'm just sending out a note to remind you about the RCABC Canoe Festival. Registration is now open and early bird rates are in effect until March 1 st. It's \$205 for a full weekend of activities. The festival is April 24-26. It starts on Friday afternoon and ends Sunday afternoon. It is held on Kawkawa Lake in Hope, BC. It's a summer camp and quite nice. This includes food and rustic accommodation in a summer camp cabin. Hey its a roof over your head! You can also tent and save a few bucks.

There are workshops and clinics from 6am to 9pm! Nature paddles, stroke refreshers, advanced skills clinics, back country camping workshops, slide shows, and lots more! There is also a fabulously fun regatta where everyone

2020 RCABC Canoe Festival Paddling Workshops · Big Canoe Cooking Camping Regatta Slide Shows Kawaka Lake Hope, BC April 24-26 Fee includes all clinics, food, activities, and Registration Feb. 1st - www.bccanoe.com your choice of \$170 to \$240 - Student/ Youth Discounts Available tent or cabin.

races around the lake at once in several categories including solo, tandem, family, voyageur, and marathon!

This festival is really fantastic and a great way to really kick off the season. There are special certification clinics on Friday for big canoe sterners, a Lakewater Instructor Recert, and a Lakewater Instructor Trainer Clinic.

Also, if you are experienced sterning our big canoes, need to renew your Lakewater Instructor certification, or want take that next step to become a Instructor Trainer, you can sign up for that for an additional \$90.

Cheers.

https://sites.google.com/view/bccanoefestival/home

Keiran Rankin

RCABC President

WHEN: FRIDAY MARCH 6th, 2020

WHERE: UFV - 33844 King Road, Building B, Room B101

PRICE: Tickets are \$13 in advance from your friends at WCK, or \$15 at the door. Tickets available starting NOW! Seats fill quickly so get your tickets before it's too late.

https://www.paddlingfilmfestival.com/press.html

LONG TRIPS MEETING - SUMMARY

Fifteen Beavers met on January 29th to propose a long trip for the summer, to state their wishes around a long trip, or just to listen and watch what was being planned. Three others gave input by email.

Northern trips included locations: in the Arctic tundra, the subarctic taiga, and northern BC. Rivers suggested: the Dease and Stikine, the Bonnet Plume, Peel, Snake, Horton, Wind, and the Keele.

One couple wanted to paddle the Gataga-Ketchika while another did so last year and sought a different river of similar length and difficulty. Others looked for mellower options, with unchallenging travel or shuttle arrangements, easier water to paddle, and perhaps fewer days.

Every trip has its own logistical issues: Access and cost? Return access to vehicle? Time of year to paddle the best or safest water level? Time of year to avoid bugs? Time off work? Level of difficulty within your group's paddling skills? Do you have a plan to deal with hazards? Plan B in case of flood or fire, or?

The meeting wrapped up, and no trip was actually planned. Some ideas, dreams, and emails were shared. The rest is up to you, [as these are privately arranged trips – Ed.].

If there is a long canoe trip in your future - this year or ten years from now - and you want to find out more, you have many options. Our monthly meetings not only feature slide shows of memorable trips, but the others you meet there are a wealth of information. If you have a specific interest or proposal, you can still put a notice on the BCC website and in Beaver Tales. You can talk to your fellow paddlers about destinations and logistics informally during one of the Beaver day trips. And of course, you are invited to next year's long trips meeting, on a Wednesday night in late January 2021.



Dave W



Beaver Canoe Club Trip Safety Rules

- 1. All Beaver Canoe Club Trips must be advertised in Beaver Tales.
- 2. A suitably experienced paddler must be appointed for all Club Trips.
- 3. Club Trips must be at least three canoes.

Trip participants will:

- 1. Contact the Trip Leader at least 24 hours before any day trip.
- 2. Equip their canoe with:
 - 2.1. a bailer,
 - 2.2. a paddle per person and a spare paddle,
 - 2.3. secured bow and stern lines that will float, (9-14mm X 5-8m is recommended),
 - 2.4. a 15m, (minimum), floating throw rope with a float at one end,
 - 2.5. a first aid kit,
 - 2.6. extra floatation if required, (it may not prevent a capsize but it could save your boat),
 - 2.7. a white navigation light if you will be on the water after sunset.
- 3. Carry a spare set of emergency clothing in a waterproof container, (a wool toque and rain clothes are recommended even if you are wearing a wetsuit).
- 4. Wear a Personal Floatation Device, (attaching your whistle and a spare set of car keys are a good idea).
- 5. Wear a helmet in grade III or higher.
- 6. All gear and equipment shall either be tied in so that with the canoe upside down none hangs below the gunnels, or it falls completely free. (Some you lose and some you don't)
- 7. Club members are responsible for informing their guests of these rules

Short Notice Member Initiated Trips

- 8. Members may advertise trips on the Beaver Canoe Club website as "Club Trips" provided:
 - 8.1. The Trip Leader has participated in A Beaver Canoe Club Trip Leaders' Clinic,
 - 8.2. The Beaver Canoe Club Trips Director is notified,
 - 8.3. The trip only takes place on Lake, Ocean or up to Grade I river,
 - 8.4. The Trip is led by a member that is familiar with the waterway,
 - 8.5. All Beaver Canoe Club Trip rules are abided by,
 - 8.6. The trip does not take place on the same day as a similar designated Club trip.

Trips Page – March 2020

Sun	22-Mar	Widgeon Creek	Lake	A paddle for the third day of spring, along the edge of wild country. Travel across the mighty Pitt River, through marshy channels to the foot of the Coast Mountains. Maybe take a hike to Widgeon Falls.
				Contact Leigh B cat-canoe@shaw.ca
Sat	28-Mar	Burrard Inlet North Arm	Ocean	Explore the rough coast, tidal pools, islands, and maybe a defunct power house on this inland arm of the ocean next to Deep Cove.
				Contact Don S doninwoodlands@gmail.com
Sun	29-Mar	Chilliwack River	Gr 2 & 3	The frothy, sparkling Chilliwack River tumbles off of the slopes of the North Cascades. Tumble with it through rock gardens, a staircase, and a long, chaotic stretch. River skills and full outfitting required. Look sharp to the campers watching from shore!
				Contact Claude G chinookenterprises@yahoo.ca
Sun	05-Apr	Upper Seymour	Gr 2 & 3	We don't do this trip too often, but it's one of the best, so good we keep it locked to all but the very keenest of paddlers. Solid white-water skills and full outfitting required.
				Contact Alain P alain.p.prince@gmail.com
Sun	05-Apr	Sumas River	Gr 1	A sinuous journey through the farmlands of the Sumas Prairie west of Abbotsford. Bring binoculars. Birds provided.
				Contact Bob P ubiquitousb7@gmail.com
Fri to 10-Ap to 13- Ap	r	Easter Weekend		Anyone with an appetite for a four-day campout: A weekend of four rivers? Four lakes? A hunt for Easter bunnies? Chocolate eggs? If would like to spend Easter with your paddling friends, please call the trip director with your ideas.
				Contact Dave W westell@shaw.ca
Sun	19-Apr	Cheakamus River	Gr 2 & 3	A bouncy river north of Squamish with waves to surf on and a few pushy drops. Last 3 km of continuous rapids are awesome, and optional. River skills and full outfitting required.
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Beaver Tales

Beaver Canoe Club Newsletter

April 2020

Official News Views and Muse of the Beaver Canoe Club of British Columbia

Next Meeting: April 8 - Cancelled!

Due to Current Public Health Emergency



All club in-person meetings and trips are suspended until further notice. Check http://beavercanoeclub.org for updates

Please watch for updates, including possible live-streamed entertainment.

We look forward to returning to normal when circumstances permit!

Meantime, hand wash, keep your distance and a sense of humour.

REMINDER: PLEASE RENEW MEMBERSHIP

Beaver Canoe Club Social Meeting April 8th, 2020 is Cancelled!

April's Featured Entertainment: Island Paddling!

Get a taste of paddling on Vancouver Island as you sit back and relax at home. The first two links take you to the Cowichan River, a place Beavers use to travel to each year and the third link takes us to Shawnigan, B.C. and the Koksilah River.

https://vimeo.com/338377649?fbclid=lwAR3hufkW09queOe9234LAD0HEt1llsgiHXslfaqlQ392EMsAa6UKink6yX4

https://vimeo.com/338381624?fbclid=lwAR3 A2aaQE6sqdP1S6-Fe7VmSKIH9PAviZ5HhaHM1vpCyp49nkeCuhOFOGs

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBR15qKQAMs&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=lwAR1ZLcRu1fxoC3T8ySj5H90yHyGxp2TZ0t2sLcKB9hL0cvkc82pFL6pH0c

Provided By: Rick B. in conjunction with Alan K. and Rickety Robbie

Location: Your Home!

ONLINE, USE PAY-PAL OR CREDIT CARD

Your up-to-date membership is important for continued operation of the Club, but most important is your continued participation in Club activities, to develop and maintain your hard-earned paddling skills, as well as ongoing friendships with like-minded canoeists. And despite the current hiatus of full Club activities, it helps to keep in touch via this newsletter and the website. Check out this month's entertainment, albeit on-line, and thank you to Madeline, Entertainment Director, for her dedication to adapt during changing circumstances.

Please Also Take Note:

Since the March Edition of Beaver Tales many previous notices of other organizations' paddling events have been cancelled due to the public health precautions surrounding Covid-19. These include the annual RCABC AGM & Paddle Fest held in Hope for the past several years, as well as the Paddle Expo scheduled for later in April at Cultus Lake. Thanks to Bob P., Membership Director, who had arranged to help promote the Beaver Canoe Club at this event.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Phil Rankin

At a special Executive meeting Tuesday March 24, 2020 we met and passed this motion:

Motion:

"All club in-person meetings and trips are suspended until further notice."

The motion will be reviewed at our next Executive meeting April 15, while our next club meeting in April is cancelled.

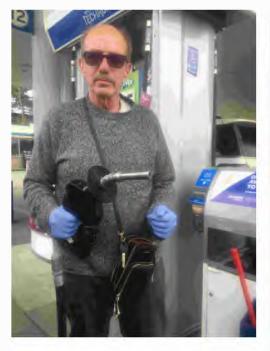
The other issues like Basic Paddlers and Rivers Week will be dealt with as time goes by.

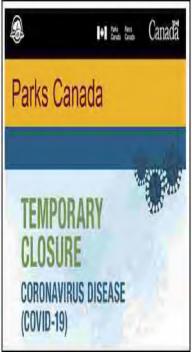
I'm sure there are Corona deniers and nay sayers but we felt it Illegal and immoral not to suspend club face-to-face till further notice.

Also as Dear Leader I wanted declare myself leader for life, which sounds less ominous if I die of Corona; and which, let's face it, is more likely with a geezer like me.

However for you young cock under 50's, wash your hands! I was young once and had hair and I am well aware where the young want to put their hands! Ugh.

Viva El Presidente! Viva Beavers! Viva!





Parks Canada has closed their facilities including marine conservation areas and backcountry camping. This includes places like the Broken Island Group. For more information regarding Parks Canada Closures check the Parks Canada Website at:

e-travel/securite-safety/covid-19info?utm source=eBulletin en& utm medium=click body&utm_ term=2020-D_covid-19



The Beaver Canoe Club contingent promoting the Club at the Annual 2020 Paddle Film Festival in Abbotsford on March 6:

(L-R: Bob, Carol, Juerg, Madeline, and John)

SPRING HAS SPRUNG, BUT AWARDS DINNER AROUND TWO CORNERS

The 2020 Awards Dinner & Dance will be Saturday December 5 th at the Bonsor Recreation Centre in Burnaby. **Have your say in the menu.** Copy and send your three main entree choices in order of preference to Kara at social@beavercanoeclub.org 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.

[Editor's Note: The following Report was submitted prior to recent Announcements as noted on page 1 – Please see http://beavercanoeclub.org for Updates]

TRAINING REPORT - Carey R.

- Instructors wanted for Basic Paddlers send a note
- River Rescue Clinic April 4th & 5th, 2020
 Register Now
- Lakewater Instructor Recertification April 18th
 (Free to Instructors that have taught Basic Paddlers' in either of the past two years.)

 Register Now.
- Basic Paddlers All Members may Register Now; Carey@CanoeBC.ca
 - Wednesday April 22nd is cancelled.
 - Saturdays, April 25 & May 2 nd
 - Pre- course theory material will be sent out.
- **Pub Night** follows May 2 nd . Status TBA
- Trip Leaders Clinic will be on May 6th, 2020: Status TBA
- Introduction to Moving Water
 - May 27th; Status TBA

IN MEMORIAM

Two Early Beaver Canoe Club members have paddled on to bluer waters. Beavers who have been around for decades will undoubtedly recall Wally Priedolins and Fran McLeod. Both have recently passed away: Wally on January 30th, 2020 at 91 and Fran on February 25th, 2020 at 93.

Wally was an avid canoer and kayaker who trained many of the early Beavers and introduced us to the joys of ocean paddling. He would regale us with stories of his trips on the ocean including one where the ocean washed away his buckets of gear on an outgoing tide and brought them back with the next incoming tide. Wally was one of the first Beaver members, taught the clubs first basic paddler lessons and organized and led many Beaver trips over the years. We all learned a lot from Wally.

Fran and her husband Doug were members since 1980. They were also avid canoers who paddled lakes, rivers and the ocean. They led numerous trips, wrote many trip reports and were the Beaver Tale Editors in the early years. Some of my many happy memories of Fran were from the canoe trip she and Doug organized for a group of Beavers to explore the Queen Charlotte Islands by canoe in the early 80's, long before it became a park.

Wally and Fran helped build the club into what it is today. Thanks to both for all their contributions to the Beaver Canoe Club.

Respectfully submitted by Madeline W.

TOO MUCHTY? 50ME GOOD READ5 WHILE NOT PADDLING

"GERNEGROSS lay at the foot of the dock steps; tins, tent, rubber beds, blankets —the whole camping outfit of three people for six weeks — under her bright decks and in the twelve canvas bags hung by genius around her tiny cockpit. The Captain descended to the rear seat, and jointed his paddle. His wife sat down in the middle, and jointed hers. Their little boy scrambled to the front and gathered up the steering-lines. "But you have not told us your route yet," complained one on the dock. The three smiled up into the faces bent over the cockle-shell of a boat in envy, amusement, contempt, anxiety. And the Captain answered, "My dear people, except for the canoe meet on Willsborough Point at the full of the August moon, we haven't any plans." The paddles slanted. "Good - bye!' "God by'e!" We were out in the current. Behind us arose voices, as of the life we ..."

And so begins the 1892 "A Family Canoe Trip" by Florence Watters Snedeker.

To read more go to http://CanoeBC.ca -> History

Bill Mason, 1984, <u>Path of the Paddle: An Illustrated Guide to the Art of Canoeing;</u> Key Porter Books (Firefly), Toronto.

Bill Mason, 1988, <u>Song of the Paddle: An Illustrated guide to Wilderness Camping;</u> Key Porter Books, Toronto.

R. M. Patterson, 2009 (1954), <u>The Dangerous River: Adventure on the Nahanni;</u> Touchwood Editions, Surrey, BC.

Excerpt, p66: "There is something beautifully final in certain phases of river travel: you make your decision and pick your course, and after that the rest is all action. You are committed and there is no turning back – you must make it or swamp. The result is a supreme peak of physical effort and a split-second awareness of changing water: and mentally a sort of cold excitement and exhilaration – a high point of living."



Lifeboat Canoe atop ferro-concrete hull,

North Fraser Arm, March 29, 2020



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May 2020

Zoom in for the May Meeting...

Wednesday May 13, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m.

Our May meeting will be via Video Conferencing!

Join your paddling friends for our Zoom Video get together at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday May 13th. We will have a short social time to say hi and catch up, have a President update to hear what's happening (or not) with Beaver activities and then watch a live slide show on the Blackwater River presented by no other than Dan Burnett! The conference will be for about an hour. For those not able to join in, the entertainment will eventually be posted on the web site. See you soon!

Instructions:

- Beforehand, download the free Zoom app on your mobile device or computer.
- 2. Then watch for our **email on May 13** before the 7:30 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.



MEMBERSHIP OVERDUE??

PLEASE RENEW!!!

SPRING HAS SPRUNG PLANS

FOR ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER IN DECEMBER!

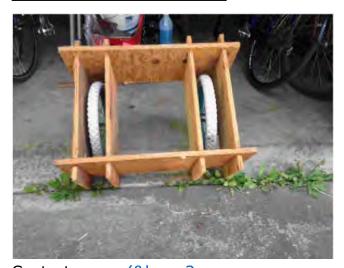
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Text or call[^] David for information: 604-240-0503

Introduction to Trip Report

As you likely know, especially if you are a seasoned member, the first and last Club trips each year for many seasons have been the Widgeon Creek paddle, crossing the narrows of Pitt River southwest of Pitt Lake, and then a gentle ascent towards the terminus at a little campground. So far this year Widgeon has been the sole trip of a full roster of official day-trips admirably organized by David W., Trips Director. On the first Sunday of Spring, March 22, Leigh eagerly led a small family of Beavers into the marsh at the mouth of the creek. After the trip, solitary in her den, gnawing on rhyming couplets and Seussian sensibility, Leigh leads us on an account of what amounts to a dam fine day:



Paddle on Widgeon Creek - March 22, 2020

There were ten beaver folk in five tandem boats On Widgeon that day, it was almost a float. The water was high on the way upstream, And paddling so easy it was almost a dream. The weather was fine, a near perfect day trip. Who could have better, we had nary a flip.

Some chose to rest at the camp site for lunch While the rest of the group hiked to the falls to munch. The unused logging road sure is a mess, Rocks tumbled and rolled, - a mess I confess. The hike was worth the effort for sure The waterfall beautiful and crystal and pure.

The group split in two to go back to the camp,
Those on the road endured the rough tramp.
Those clever souls who followed the trail,
Raved about how lovely and gentle vistas not stale.

/Cont'd

Back in the boats, oh my, oh my,
The water has dropped, spots will be dry.
And as foretold, the shallows appeared
So we pushed and pulled, glad for waterproof gear.

Grant Narrows was calm and the crossing went well All happy at last. The day sure was swell!

Leigh



Though Leigh's was the first and only Club trip so far this year, we remain hopeful that, at the very least, we'll be able to close the Season with a gentle return to Widgeon as the leaves begin to change colour and the falls, as well as viruses, are less turbulent! Yet, with BC Snowpacks up to 130% of average, dare we be optimistic so as to anticipate that the virus-contract curve will subside as water-levels rise for Rivers' Week at the end of June? (Hey, some of us are prepared to dream of munching nachos at ultimate happy hour!!). Fingers and paddles crossed....

Meanwhile, *All In-Person Club Meetings And Club Trips Are Suspended Until Further Notice.* But keeping fit is important, as always, in preparation for the paddling season, whenever that might begin. Here's a tip for maintaining physical distance if you're out power-walking the Stanley Park seawall, the dykes in Pitt Meadows or Richmond, the boardwalks in Steveston or New Westminster: Bring along your longest paddle, drape it across your shoulders with arms hung loose along its length; if any passers-by appear to be approaching too closely, simply perform a gentle Trudeau Sr. pirouette to maintain your personal anti-transmission perimeter. Barring that, a sonorous clearing of one's throat should do the trick; it seems to help clear the aisle in the shops!

The Canadian Canoe Museum

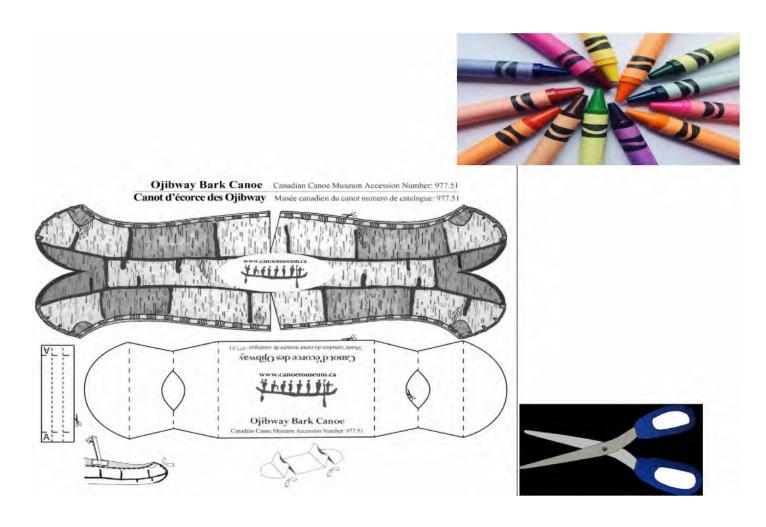
The Canadian Canoe Museum is a unique national heritage centre that explores the canoe's enduring significance to the peoples of Canada, through an exceptional collection of canoes, kayaks and paddled watercraft. We're an engaging, family-friendly museum with more than 100 canoes and kayaks on display [....]

Founded on a collection of the late Professor Kirk Wipper, and established in Peterborough, Ontario, in 1997, the museum's holdings now number more than 600 canoes, kayaks and paddled watercraft. Together they span the country from coast to coast to coast and represent many of the major watercraft traditions of Canada. (Downloaded April 27, 2020 from the official museum website)

Kids Corner

And now, below, a fun activity for all the kids at home:

Full-page pdf copies of this template and two others can be downloaded from the Museum's website: https://canoemuseum.ca/canoe-cut-outs/



Opening the Links

For your virtual learning pleasure the following links are provided by Madeline W., Director of Entertainment, one on Fly-In Canoe Trips, and the other, tips on the J-Stroke to keep you and your boat on the straight and narrow:

Thinking of a future fly-in canoe trip? Here is a link to a paddlingmag.com article that has **8 Expert Tips for a Fly-In Canoe Adventure**. Control + Click on the link and it will take you to the page:

https://paddlingmag.com/stories/columns/expert-tip/8-expert-tips-fly-in-canoe adventure/?utm_source= Paddling+Magazine&utm_campaign=4197d28bb6-EMAIL CAMPAIGN 2020 01 28 09 28 COPY 03&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_66b554b_dc5-4197d28bb6-89466965_

Missing Basic Paddlers? Here is a link to a paddle.com You-tube video and article on Mastering the J Stroke

https://paddling.com/learn/mastering-the-canoe-j stroke/?utm source= paddling.com+subscriber+ list&utm campaign=31d33f8ec6-NEWSLETTER 04-22-20&utm medium=email&utm term=0 f2ead8a079-31d33f8ec6-213101369&mc cid=31d33f8ec6&mc eid=58c3a52173

Although face-to-face, in-person, meetings and trips are suspended, stay linked to your email for notices regarding the Club's first attempt to hold an on-line meeting Wednesday, May 13th at 7:30pm, but before then, download the Zoom meeting app so you'll be ready to be invited to join, (see instructions on page 1 of this issue of Beaver Tales.) And remember to select your top 3 entrees of Awards Dinner, by sending an email of your preferences to Kara, (see page 2, above).

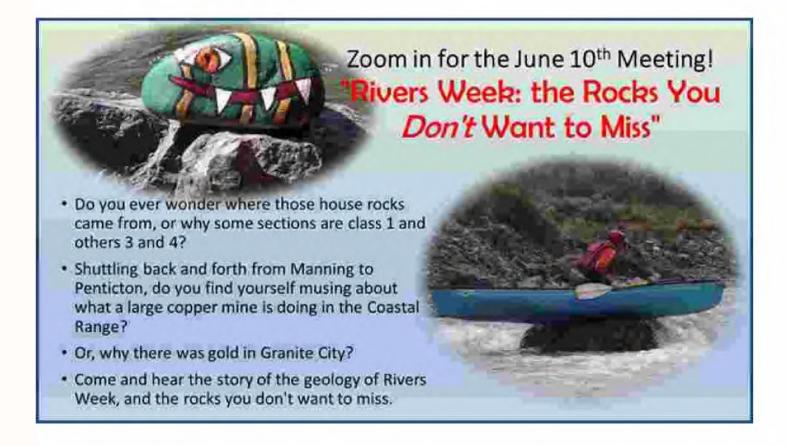
In the meantime, to adapt a saying from Red Green (of duct tape fame), *keep your paddle in the water*.



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JUNE 2020



Going to Rivers Week?

Contact Carey@CanoeBC.ca
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 COV ID 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 must if you come with vour vehicle be prepared to carry vour boats plus at least one other boat for shuttles. So, bring straps. We proteshuttle with the same car contamination.

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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.

luddite, call Bob

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/19050433 PW: M W2020

Beaver Club Learns Rescuing: www.CanoeBC.ca -> Videos

Books to Borrow

https://archive.org/search.php?query=subject%3A%22White water+canoei ng%22& and[]=medi atype%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. https://theprovince.com/opinion/louise-pedersen-pandemic-has-shown-that-parks-and-trails-are-vital-for-our daily-well-being

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 5 th 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: karadelange3@gmail.com 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

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KARA dE LANGE





I am doing fine and so is my family and I can still talk on the phon e. 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 2117n 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.

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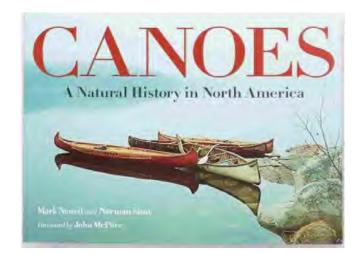
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The Leisure Page

Madeline also suggested this Canoe History Book - https://www.leevalley.com/en ca/gifts/books 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 OL'\(^\text{UN}\)\"



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

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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

< FOr Sale >

We have a 17' 2" Old Town Tripper (A BS construction -- and can include an inflation bag and an old olive barrel if wanted), that we would like to sell:

asking \$800

Located in Newton, Surrey

Inquiries:

Contact Adri el at_akwilson@shaw.ca



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*Summer Edition *



Widgeon Lake, Dylan Webb, (the Peak) used by permission. See inside for his article on extending the Widgeon Creek paddle to a 16km hike to its namesake source.

President's Report - Phil R.

Sorry but Rivers Week is a never ending story so wait till September to hear about it!

ADAMS RIVER August August 27-31 2020.

There is an *informal* trip on Adams this year and interested paddlers (including kayaking)

I will probably come the Thursday evening and paddle Friday to Monday. Keiran and I going to be there.

DIRECTION: From the take-out to Camping: drive about 2km toward Anglemont Camping at yard of Jack and Gloria Lewis 2375 Squilax-Anglemont Rd Columbia-Shuswap F BC V0E 1M4 Canada 1 (250) 679-4415

Phil Rankin

Training Director Report _ Carey R

Solo Moving Water See course content here.

Wednesday August 12, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. **Zoom Meeting**Saturday August 15 & Sunday August 16; 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM;

Prerequisite -- advanced solo lakewater paddler skills \$ 330; (+ \$25 camping fees; optional) (add \$75 if you require a canoe)

This is a campout with a Saturday Evening theory session. Contact_Carey Robson (604-437-1140) for more info. Class size: min/max, 3/4

Tandem Moving Water (you don't need a partner) See course content here.

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Class size: min/max, 5/7

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Well we are in the thick of summer and club members are very busy paddling locally and further away. This is normally a quiet time for new and renewed memberships, but we continue to have a steady trickle of both, so our club membership numbers are very close to traditional levels - despite the significant changes society has been experiencing this year. Most of our new memberships come from word-of-mouth, so be sure to "talk it up" about the Beaver Canoe Club this summer while on your travels or locally. It's a good idea to have a club decal displayed on your boats or somewhere people can see the club logo [as depicted in masthead of this newsletter, Ed.]. We have lots of the 5" ones and they are available for sale if anyone wants them; we will try to find a way to get them to you, ASAP.

Happy paddling!

Bob P

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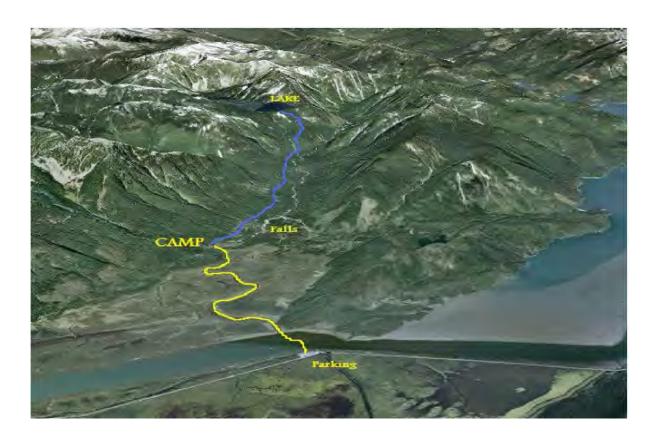
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Widgeon Creek to Widgeon Lake

s the Beaver Canoe Club bookends its official daytrips with the Widgeon Creek Paddle, it seemed fitting that in these times of aversion to shuttles due to potential viral transmission, that a paddle and overnight hike to Widgeon Lake provides a local option to accessing paddling and camping in the Lower Mainland's nearby great outdoors. The following review of a hike to Widgeon Lake is reprinted from March 2, 2020 edition of The Peak, (vol. 164-9, p.13) SFU's student newspaper, with permission of its author, Dylan Webb. It is edited mainly for length, and is therefore an abridged version of the original.

f you take it upon yourself to dedicate the time and exertion required to complete the demanding journey to and from Widgeon Lake, I promise that you won't be disappointed. I've completed countless hikes in my lifetime – this one is, by far, the most legendary trek I've ever embarked on.

Widgeon to Widgeon. Cont'd.

Nestled within Pinecone Burke Provincial Park, Widgeon Lake is a glorious gem that makes Widgeon Falls feel like a backyard creek. I don't mean to hate on Widgeon Falls, as it is a very nice destination for those seeking a short paddle and an easier stroll, but the lake is really the crown jewel of hiking in the Lower Mainland. Only a tiny sliver of humanity has ever accessed the glory of Widgeon Lake without the aid of a helicopter or float plane, so you'll be joining an exclusive club if you completed the journey.

There are two different modes of travel required to complete this hike....Before embarking on the 16.7 km hike portion of the journey, hikers must traverse approximately 2.5 km of the Pitt River and its calm side channels [Widgeon Ck., Ed.]. [....]

In sum, either bring your own form of transportation [i.e., canoe, Ed.], or expect to pay \$85 on a one-day canoe and to waste a bit of time dealing with a sluggish rental operation. [....]

....any shred of frustration faded away as the 30-minute paddle to Widgeon Creek campground served as a gentle start to what became an extremely strenuous day. ...After about 40 minutes of casual hiking, we found the sign for Widgeon Lake, just before Widgeon Falls that led to the more onerous portion of our journey.

From here, around 8 km of hiking slowly built from easy to moderate to difficult, before we arrived at what I would define as an extraordinarily difficult final kilometre that requires advanced hiking abilities to complete.... While I could go on about all the awesome sights you'll see on your way to the lake, I don't want to give away the whole hike! [....] [Both times] we journeyed to Widgeon Lake, we did the entire trip in one day and wished we had more time to enjoy relaxing, exploring, and swimming in the clear, frigid water. ...take two (or more) days to do the round trip and camp at the lake. Because of the beauty of the lake and the intensity of the journey to and from it, I don't think I'll embark on this trek again without planning at least one night at the lake. It almost feels disrespectful to the sheer beauty of this particular parcel of nature to leave after only soaking in the sun on the pristine lakeshores for an hour or two.

With Summer safety around water in mind, here is a link, submitted by Madeline, to an article on sizing children's PFDs. As recent events have underscored, a Personal Floation Device – and one that properly fits – is essential to helping to prevent tragedies. Of course, these don't replace the need for constant supervision of the little ones around any body of water: (accessed from <u>paddling.com</u>)

https://paddling.com/learn/properly-sizing-childrens-life jacket/?utm_source=paddling.com+subscriber+list&utm_campaign=13febf16cd NEWSLETTER_06-10-20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f2ead8a079-13febf16cd 213101369&mc_cid=13febf16cd&mc_eid=58c3a52173



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Trip Reports

Access the Beaver Canoe Club website for recent Trip Reports, two from Rivers' Week (the Upper Coldwater by Leigh B., the Tulameen Canyon by Bob P.), and one from local flatwater paddle at False Creek by Ian C.: http://beavercanoeclub.org/category/trip reports

< FOr Sale >

For sale or rent:

1. Tandem H2Pro \$70/day or buy for \$700 2. Tandem Blue Hole Sunburst II \$70/day or buy for \$750

Both canoes come with: two foam saddles, quick release thigh straps, knee pads, pumps* & end bags.

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carey@learn2canoe.ca;

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Presidential Decree:

William Butler Yeats: "All changed, changed utterly.

<u>The Christmas Party is cancelled</u>. Not everything is cancelled, except there will be no face to face club meetings this year. We will continue to entertain you monthly on Zoom. The executive will continue to meet on Zoom. We are looking at ways to keep the members and the club functioning. The main mission – paddling- is doable. Paddling can be managed with proper social distancing, sanitizing and masks. The hardest thing are shuttles but as you will read in President's Report, Rivers Week worked and shuttles can be done in relative safety. –Phil R., President, Beaver Canoe Club, BC

President's Report – Phil R.

[Last month our President stated that the members would have to patiently wait for his address on the state of the union-within-diversity of the Rivers' Week cohort paddling pods. Phil kept his commitment this month as the following treatise does undoubtedly attest to his eight fingers on the pulse of the paddling public known as the Beaver Canoe Club. While the Editor was tasked with the prospect of exercising the prerogative of his position to abridge, modify, abbreviate, summarize, shorten, reduce, or cut – in short, edit –he takes full responsibility for the decision to allow full reign rein to the Presidential analysis, insight, and opinion, of 2020's Rivers' Week –(Editor)]

President Report Rivers Week 2020

Your ageing President has to be reminded about who came to Rivers Week. So, it is with great trepidation I attempt to review Rivers Week 2020. I cannot remember all, especially children, whose names I never get straight and that goes for some people. I know you so well but then I forget. So, forgive me, if your left out, it's not intentional, it's my little synapses are loose. Many thanks to Jill and Kara for reminders.

Gaps in Prez's Memory Detected!

I will attempt to review Rivers Week keeping in mind that I did not camp at Coalmont, too crowded, too mosquito ridden and that I arrived at Picard Creek a week early on June 20 to a host of kayakers like Sasha, Gordon Stark and Will Bird plus Heather, Denise, Marlene and other canoeists. Dan McGinnis was laid up with gout and he ain't even a royal. Also following Rivers Week I returned to the Nicola so it's all a bit of a blur.

Well, I can safely say it was like no other Rivers Week. On June 26 while camping at Picard Creek where I had been since June 20th, I received an email from Carey "... I will not be at the upper Similkameen and might not make it to Granite City ...I'm confident you can organize thes e trips". P.S. he added 64 members have signed up... ."

I did not share Carey's confidence. Keep in mind when he asks who can do a canoe over canoe rescue and I put up my hand he says "Oh I don't count you". So panic set in, Carey was not coming, maybe until the Nicola, van breakdowns, 65 people, high water and me.

Prez's Confidence Shaken!!

I phoned Dan Burnett for help! Then Trish McLeod for more help! I ran the problem through my head over and over. Friday, I drove up to the ranchers put-in, paced back and forth looking for plan A. Then, because I had no plan A or plan B, I decided at least to leave a red highway cone near the gate and went back to Picard Creek to plan- plan A. At Picard creek, I received another bomb shell a message from Dan Burnett that their Volk camper had broken down in Hope and I was on my own.

What to do? How many trips would Carey miss? What am I leading? Who are these 65 people? Anne and Alain weren't coming, nor John and Madeline nor Jim Slade, Big Mike, Jon Drent, Gordon nor Jen. So who were the 65 people?

Panicking, hardly sleeping, I tried to dream Plan A unsuccessfully. I awoke before sunrise Saturday July 27, 2020 and I was at the rancher's put-in by 8 am. Two hours early! I waited for god knows who to come. It was now rain and sun. I ran the lack of plan, mostly feeling dread that something would go wrong and I would be responsible for the probable death toll that would be in all the media.



The upper **Similkameen River** was high! The road down from the rancher's looked bad. At the last-minutes before 10 Gerry sent a message he was late, but on route.

By 10ish Trish with Dave – his back out, Scott, Claude, Patty, Kara, Leigh, and Jiri had arrived and the others also filtered in: Stephanie, Greg, apparently my son Keira-don't remember him, Mark and his son Erick or was it the other son? Dave Apps, Don Smith, Allison and Max, Tim with child? Then I'm blank.

Phil 's fears fueled by 'skeeters!

Shuttles were organized and we were now all shuttled to the river put in. Now safety talk in the most mosquito ridden put-in of the year. As we had a group talk, down came Gerry and Marie. But Gerry had lost his wet suit. Furiously he looked. Kara lent him her small farmer john, too small for even slight Gerry. After words and exasperated looks with Marie, he found his under a pile of camping gear and we were all set and departed on very high moving water.

Now our group of essentially canoeists started off: Trish and Scott tandem, Max and Allison tandem, me in a borrowed Blackfly, Bob, Gerry, Don, Leigh, Patty, Tim, Claude and Don plus others I forget - Paul Saccioloto and? It was a good paddle, few eddies and little playing, iffy weather. Dumps here and there.

June 28, 2020 Upper Tulameen. Thankfully Carey has arrived in the night. Most camped at Coalmont, others (renegades) stayed at Picard and met up at Coalmont in the morning. The Tulameen high and I, Carey, Greg, Scott, Stephanie, Luke, Claude, Chris, Jordi, Pat and Trish,

Tim, Mark, son Eric or was it the other and others whom I forget had a great paddle but skipped mystery channel due to high water and a big hole. Oh, I forgot Greg showing off at the **Tulameen** had a spectacular dump and I thought Kara rescued him. He says "No" and claims he aced that the following day.

The Squad as I call them: Marlene, Denise and Heather camped at Picard and led their own group on the *Tulameen* June 27 with kayaker Sasha and two local kayakers, Will Dick and Gordon Stark, the day before and Sasha ran the mystery channel).

June 29, Tulameen House Rocks, big group and I forget all of participants but the Wakelings including Finn. And Paul and Kamloops ranger Joe Ramsdale joined in by now with the usual suspects. Some renegades stayed in Coalmont and did the mystery channel on the upper Similkameen and the Tulameen again: They included Greg, Stephanie, Sebastien, Kirsten, her dad Clay, Allison and Max, Paddy and Kara. The rest of us did to House Rocks some ran it Scot and Carey, Dan, Monica and Mati and some others and the rest of the plebeians portaged - at least it wasn't too hot. A great level and paddle.

June 30-July many of us, paddled the **Coldwater**, other notable renegades including Greg Scutt stayed at Picard Creek. The rest of us moved to Larson Hill to Juliet Creek for one day and the next Juliet Creek to the Interchange, the best **Coldwater** paddling in years.

Following the interchange, I had the day before rushed to Merritt to Nkwala for camping. It was pretty full but I roped off an area. The others started to arrive; even the Burnetts arrived with daughter Mati in tow. (They drove to Hope to get their volk camper now fixed. Now it was Claude's turn. His truck was struck by a big rock near Petit Creek and it had to be towed back to Merritt. By the end of Rivers Week, it was driveable thanks to Canadian Tire and a credit card. Claude stranded in town decided to walk back to Nkwala 25 km when I found him on the road.

The Nicola was pumping over 70 cfs, so Carey felt it was too high. We contented ourselves with **Spius Creek** and more Coldwater which worked well, but we were all a little disappointed about **the Nicola**. Some like Leigh Burton, Gerry and Marie abandoned ship in the rain and crowded camp ground with its wall to wall trailers and let's not forget the fireworks and the fear it caused my and others' dogs!

Oh did I mention Carey dumped! He was paddling with Mark's wife Colleen where **Spius Creek** enters **the Nicola** and they had a major swim. On another Spius trip I dumped but the President's dump is hardly news-worthy.

There were no happy hours, no Boston Pizza, no swimming pool and showers but a few nice evening fires, singing, 4-5 guitars with the Guimond family prominently playing; Trish on her squeeze box and Scot entertained us around the fire. Then the iffy weather. Janice had arrived with Sampson, Ellen with my dogs, my son Micah, his wife Yael and my grandchildren Lev and Ezra showed up as did Ellen Ho and Paul Saini and their children; Chris Kovac and Julie with their children and their Scotty dog. Tim's family but they were already up. It was not nice/nice camping but pleasant with more friends like Ciaran and Ruby who came through from Myrtle lake joining us. Later that day Ciaran and Micah who has not paddled in years paddled from Sunshine Bridge in my kayak and my borrowed Blackfly and had fun. Ciaran dumped, Micah rolled first time in 10 years--I was impressed.

Rivers week came to a soggy end. People returned some to the *Coldwater*, others left for home, but Rivers week refused to end.

Rivers' Week Redux on Nicola!

In the weeks following another group, with Einar and Linda, Ellen and I and a few Beavers, some Dogwoods, Neil, Sasha, Gordon Stark and two kayakers Greg Ball and his friend perhaps others from the past returned to the Nicola. We, the reconstituted group, ran the Nicola now perfect 40-5- cfs for several days taking out each time at the bridge past the canyon. Then weeks later on August 1, Carey, Kara and a number of Beavers including Skylar came back to do the Nicola.

Kootenays Contingent!

Meanwhile the Kootenay's became popular in August, several groups did the Kootenay and nearby rivers: including the Squad Heather, Denise Dan, Marlene now joined by Einar, Phil Bates and Dan and then later in August the Burnetts with Cathy Lew and James Fraser and others also did the Kootenays. Meanwhile I understand that other Beavers were out paddling *Myrtle Lake*, *Nation Lakes*, and elsewhere.

It was an eclectic Rivers Week - really several rivers weeks and more serendipitous than past but that was *Rivers Week 2020* - see you next year!

Phil R

Bob P. submitted the following as a reference for those interested in paddling Vancouver Island:

I'd like to share with you, a valuable resource for paddling on Vancouver Island. He is a good friend named Marek who does extensive paddling and documenting of the available paddling places there and the nearby islands. His focus is primarily freshwater paddling though he does paddle some ocean. Marek is a friendly, interesting and avid paddler; being a webmaster also means he is able to share his experiences on a well presented website for others to access as a resource. He is also a wood canvas canoe restorer and the only person I know who still paddles almost exclusively in a wood canvas boat. Marek has been paddling most of his life with experiences that range from eastern to northern to western Canada and was fortunate to get to know Bill Mason.

Marek's biography is on his canoevancouverisland link below. If you happen to be a wood canoe buff you can also reach Marek at his restoration website Copper Canyon Canoes below as well under the "Contact Us" links. Finally, you can also reach out to him on his Canoe Vancouver Island facebook group which has 500 active members covering all aspects of Vancouver Island Paddling.

https://www.canoevancouverisland.com https://www.coppercanyoncanoe.com https://www.facebook.com/groups/538571423004402

For anyone interested in paddling on Vancouver Island I'd recommend you check out his information.

Happy Paddling!

--Bob P

Trip Reports

Access the Beaver Canoe Club website for recent Trip Reports: 2 on the Chilliwack R. (Lower & Upper), Sumas R., and Nicola R. http://beavercanoeclub.org/category/trip reports Drama on the Chilliwack Visit Admin Area: http://beavercanoeclub.org/wp admin/ Title: August Weekend on the Nicola Visit Admin

Area: http://beavercanoeclub.org/wp-admin

Spectacular Rescue on the Chilliwack

Kara joins the ranks of Beavers that have performed a successful canoe over canoe river. It was August 9th on the upper Chilliwack River. There were several dumpings and one of those has written a trip report that has been posted on BeaverCanoeClub.org

Phil dumped in Trailer Park Rapid, a grade III boulder strewn section of the river near the end. Kara dashed in. But enough for here. You can see the trip and spectacular rescue for yourselves at: CanoeBC.ca -> videos

--Mini report by Carey R.)

: HELP WANTED :

Your photos of Trips can be a value-added asset to this newsletter. They will be considered for inclusion based on story and space. Please send your best snaps of recent adventures to editor@beavercanoeclub.org

PLEASE NOTE: there is room for two people in the Lakewater 1-4 + <u>Instructor's</u>
<u>Course</u> starting **September 18.** (This is a privately run course). (carey@learn2canoe.ca)

Canoe Sales & Rentals

Hellman & Clipper new sales & parts
5 Brands of paddles, North Water outfitting
Rope bags * Straps * Wood-web seats * Stainless bolts
Minor repairs & custom cut seats & yokes /thwarts
Rentals incl. Hellman Prospector 17.5', Clipper Ranger 17's
Old Town Discovery 169 & 174, Esquif 16 Prospectors
Expedition Wheels \$50/week, flatwater canoe \$100/3days
Text or call^ David for information: 604-240-0503
david@middletonsboats.com

BCC Trips

September 2020

Sun Aug 30	Lower Coquitlam River: Gr 1 & Lake Water	A meander through Port Coquitlam and Colony Farm to the Fraser River	Contact: Dave A davidbapps@hotmail.com
Sat Sep 5 to Mon Sep 7	Adams River Weekend: Gr 3	Paddle the Adams Canyon during this Labour Day Weekend campout. River skills and full outfitting required.	Contact: Carey R carey@canoebc.ca
Sun Sep 13 C	Cheakamus River: Gr 2 & 3	A wavy, bouncy white water run near Squamish. Solid river skills and full outfitting required.	Contact: Anne G or Alain P alain.p.prince@gmail.com
Sun Sep 20 H	Harrison River: Gr 1 and Lake Water	An all-day family friendly journey from Harrison town site to Kilby Provincial Park	Contact: Dave W westell@shaw.ca
Sun Sep 27 E	C Rivers Day Cleanup: Walking and maybe Gr 2	Join Phil & Andrie on a cleanup of the Lower Seymour River. This is a walking trip, but paddling is possible with the right group.	Contact: Andrie B andriebates@hotmail.com
Sun Oct 4	Fraser River Yale to Hope: Gr 1 + (and Gr 4 if you get on the wrong line!)	Begin this trip at a gold panning beach and feel dwarfed as you navigate the wide and fast Fraser River to Hope.	Contact: TBD

Remember to check the BCC Webpage Calendar at http://beavercanoeclub.org/events/ for the latest updates!

If you are having problems locating the trip contact, please email the trips director Westell@shaw.ca





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October Beaver Canoe Club Meeting (Online)

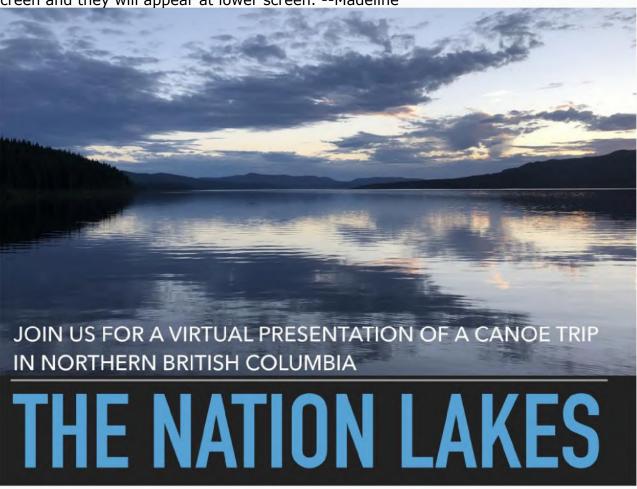
Date: Wednesday, Octob er 14, 2020

Location: *Your Home* 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 October 14 before the 8:00 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, click or tap your screen and they will appear at lower screen. --Madeline



Anne Gingras and Alain Prince show-and-tell back-to-school Beavers what they and six others did on their summer vacation.

Trip Reports

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http://beavercanoeclub.org/category/trip-reports

Cheakamus River
http://beavercanoeclub.org/cheakamus-river-sunday-september-13-2020/

Adams

Labour Day Weekend - http://beavercanoeclub.org/adams-2020/

The Legendary Canadian Canoe and a Legendary Canadian Folksinger Dump & Pinned in the Legendary Nahanni: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZ
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Virtual Tour of the New Canadian Canoe Museum:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=137&v=ThvmscNXhAk&feature=emb_t_itle

Those who have visited the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough, Ont. know it as a funky old warehouse, out of which the staff has transformed the proverbial sow's ear

into silk purse, with suspended canoes in the rafters, and a Stowed away, adjacent barn of a the bulk of the few of the public has a smooth talker as



elevated lofts, dark recesses among cramped gift-shop. however, in an building, languishes collection to which access, (unless you're gathered from our

trips director's experience). Soon though, a spanking new building will emerge along the locks of nearby Trent waterway, accompanied by the tune of 65 million loonies sourced from the feds, foundations, and canoe aficionados far and wide. The new digs may lose some of that old-cabin musty charm, but the priceless collection will then be cared for by museum-standard environmental controls and archival documentation – a better fitting legacy for this ingenious Indigenous innovation.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER REVISED ORDERS (Sept 18)

Can be reviewed at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s
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<u>Jaylene and Ian, Kootenay River, 2020</u> *photo courtesy of James Wakeling*

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OCTOBER 2020

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Walking and maybe Gr 2

Join Phil & Andrie on a cleanup of the Lower Seymour River. This is a walking trip, but paddling is possible with the right group. Contact: Andrie B andriebates@hotmail.c om

Sun Oct 4

Lower Chilliwack: Gr 2

Good outfitting and some moving water skills required. westell@shaw.ca

Contact: Dave W

Sat Oct 10 Thanksgiving Weekend at Hope: to

Mon Oct 12 Gr 1 - 2

3 sections of river in 3 days:

Contact: Dave W westell@shaw.ca

Fraser at Rosedale: Gr 1 to 2-Fraser Yale to Hope: Gr 1 & 2

Skagit: Gr 1 & 2

Come for one day or stay the

weekend!

Sun Oct 18 Widgeon Creek:

Lake water

A morning paddle, maybe a hike and lunch at a waterfall. Contact: Leigh B cat8canoe@gmail.com

Remember to check the BCC Webpage Calendar at http://beavercanoeclub.org/events/ for the latest updates!





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NOVEMBER Beaver Canoe Club Meeting (Online)

Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Location: *Your Home* 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 November 11 before the 8:00 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, click or tap your



Join us on the November 11 zoom meeting for a presentation by Dan Burnett on a five day trip down the beautiful Kootenay River.

2020 Beaver Canoe Club Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12,

8:00 pm via Zoom on your Computer

(get a USB camera if you don't have one built-in)<mark>/□KDYH</mark>Ⅰ

WANTED: YOUR BEST PHOTOS FOR:

- A. PHOTO CONTEST: CATEGORIES HUMOUR, aCtIOn, SCenIC, mISerY Please email all entries to Dan at vp@beavercanoeclub.org by December 5, labelled with LOCATION and the MONTH in 2020 that the photo was taken. Note: Limit of two entries per category per person.
- B. 2020 THE YEAR THAT WAS: Contribute your best photos of any trips that you paddled in the 2020 season; email to Anne Gingras mailto: anne.a.gingras@gmail.com; by November 15. Again, ensure you label them with LOCATION and MONTH taken.
- C.AWARDS! 6Ynd DZn suggYstiWnRfWAIRDumpYr" Znd REZgYr#U
 %YZvYrUZwZrU: vp@beavercanoeclub.org;
- D. COME, JOIN FELLOW PADDLERS, CELEBRATE 2020 ► ►

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President's Report

I've already told you the Key on the Seymour has been removed. So I think I'll just stick with the key issues. I can say it's been a unique year without fear of overstatement. Many of us, due to Covid, have not met publicly for 6 months, but we coped with zooming and this kept us in touch.

The key to a canoe club is to keep paddling - pandemic or not. The club and the members found ways to canoe safely and sensibly this year.



Some, wisely, due to age and medical conditions, avoided Rivers Week and the Adams but were able to reduce the risk and paddle in small groups, for example, Murtle Lake which was very popular. Others ventured north and we'll see their trips by zoom. Small groups of paddlers, many of them Beavers or fellow travelers went to the Kootenays. We of course miss meeting and greeting and the loss of the Christmas party. Well, there is more to life than paddling, though I can't think of what.

This past year the lock at the gate to Seymour was especially unusable. Locals put ON their own lock and the fisheries as well, so we couldn't get in all September. Who knows who is calling the shots in The District of North Vancouver? We thought we had a system. It still irks me that we need to use a key in first place -- it should be OPEN. Then the issue of restricted parking -- Why is this treated like a gated community? I guess we will have to organize, meet and make our case for access.



Locked gate at Lower Seymour _ (photo courtesy Phil R)

I think the Beavers' great achievement was to provide paddling opportunities the whole year, including Rivers Week. Hell, the Nicola had at least two weekends following Rivers Week: One I will call a Phil's weekend and another August long weekend which I will call a Carey weekend.

Then there were two trips to the Adams which I will refer to as the Keiran's Adams trip the week before Labour Day and the Carey Adams trip the Labour day weekend. The latter a bit of a palace revolt for my agnostic views, dare I say it? -- allowing more than Canoes. I stand guilty as charged as we have always let a few outliers on the Adams but to be fair we have converted a few, e.g., Simon, to Canoes. (Of course I had to lend Simon one of my many Rivals).

Then, of course, there are all the little day trips, formal and informal, that took place on the.

Seymour, Mamquam, Cheakamus, Upper and Lower Chilliwack, and even the mighty Fraser at Thanksgiving weekend, (See Leigh's report on Website), as well as various flat-water trips.

All in all, not too bad if I don't say so myself. As Roy Rogers says "Happy Trails!".

See you on Zoom -

-- President Phil R.

TRAINING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Please join with me in congratulating Beaver Members: (I to r), Graeme, Marc, Colleen, Kara, David, Leigh and, Owen on their successful completion of the [RCABC] Lakewater Instructors' course and exam. Teacher Carey was assisted by Alain, (5 th from left), and Allison, (2 nd from right). The Club has a replenished batch of Instructors for 2021's Basic Paddlers' lessons.



2021 Significant Training Dates: Mark Your Calendars!

2021 Basic Paddlers', Trip Leaders' Clinic, and Intro to Moving Water dates are now posted on the Beaver Canoe Club website.

And

2021 Rivers' Week will be June 26 to July 4 inclusive

--Carey R.

Trip Reports

Access the Beaver Canoe Club website for last of the season official Trip Reports: Thanksgiving Weekend, Part I – Fraser River – Agassiz to Deroche; http://beavercanoeclub.org/trip-report-thanksgiving-weekend-part-1-fraser-river-agassiz-to-deroche-oct-11-2020-leigh-b

Thanksgiving, Part II – Skagit River http://beavercanoeclub.org/trip-report thanksgiving-weekend-part-2-skagit-river-oct-12-2020-leigh-b

And the finale: Widgeon Creek - http://beavercanoeclub.org/widgeon-creek-year-end-trip-20-10-18

Seymour River BC Rivers Day Clean Up _ Andrie B.

The Sunday September 27th Seymour River clean-up was attended by over 8 Beaver canoe club members. They joined forces with the Seymour Salmonid Society led by Shaun Hollingsworth in sharing stories, collecting lots of debris and enjoying treats and healthy refreshments. Thank you to the keeners; Ciaran Aiken, Yiolanne Anastasiades, Mike Dickinson, Ruby Ewans, Ian and Jaylene Pratt, Dan and Phil Bates coordinator. It was the first one in a few years that the weather was cooperative. A very special appreciation to Phil Bates who led the charge and arranged for the collection of all the findings as I was away with family in Lake Country. You will notice how inviting and clean the take out to the Lower Seymour River is now when next you go. Keep up the canoeing/kayaking and love for the outdoors.



TRIPS DIRECTOR S NOTICES



Beaver Canoe



2021 Annual Long Trips Meeting

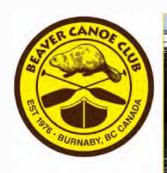
Wed Jan 27 2021 - 7 pm by Zoom

This is an opportunity for members and their guests to propose extended canoe trips, voice or solicit interest, ask about what is involved, express hopes and dreams, or just hang out to hear what's going on.

Each attendee gets the chance to express his or her wish list, invite or incite, and answer questions. At this stage, no commitments or obligations are requested or made. Each of us leaves with a list of participants and their contact information. The rest is up to you.

RSVP to Dave W westell@shaw.ca

 and I will send a link along with instructions on using Zoom during the week prior to the meeting



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Year End Party!

Everything you need to know

When: <u>December 12, 2020</u>, virtual doors open at 7:30 pm with "The Year That Was" slideshow. Events begin at 8:00 pm

Where: your house, via zoom. The link will be emailed to all the morning of Dec. 12, and posted on at beavercanoeclub.org and on the club Facebook page

Dress Code: your choice, but consider fabulous zoom backgrounds and/ or attire such as ugly sweaters. Standouts will be given special applause. Food and Drink: your own creations. Flaunt them and be the envy of all! The Great Beaver: The All Knowing Great Beaver might make an appearance. Think of questions to ask! We'll use the chat zoon function

The Photo Contest

- Entries must be submitted via email to Dan Burnett vp@beavercanoeclub.org by December 6, 2020.
- All photos must be taken by a club member and be from a trip or event featuring club members (that means if you got together on the Seymour one day or did a wilderness trip it is eligible even though they were not officially scheduled club events.
- All photos must be taken in 2020 except for the Misery category.
 Since that has never been done before, we want to see your most miserable moments from any time in the past 5 years.
- All photos must be labelled with its category; <u>Humour, Action,</u>
 Scenic or Misery.
- Each member is limited to two submissions per category

President's Report

That's Life

Beavers like to keep busy and so it is with us paddlers. This year will pass, hopefully, and a new vaccine will help next year. Even without it, life and paddling goes on. I'm not sure wisdom grows with age, but at the risk of sounding like a tiresome boomer which I am, here goes...

On December 12, 2020 is another Beaver Christmas Dinner, sans food buffet, and in quarantine. I hope to see you there on Zoom!

There is an AGM on line <u>Wednesday January 13</u>, 2021 and a new Executive to vote for. We are looking for new blood as some of us oldies are getting long of tooth. So don't be shy, consider a year or two on the Executive as a small contribution to Beavers and as part of the successful continuity of the Club.

There are so many rivers, there is so much discover and so many fears much pleasure to have and bear. That's life! Having reached the age,, passing is a great tragedly, share. Anyway here it is: relentless, decrepitude



trips, there are so many gear, there is so much to to overcome. There is so so nmay disappointments to

where no one will think my I have few wisdoms to life is short, time unavoidable, so get what

you can out of your life before it passes. If you don't seize it, life passes -- but I am overdramatizing as usual - get paddling!

Phil Rankin

The BCC would like to thank Western Canoe and Kayak for their generous contribution to the Beaver Canoe Club Awards this year. They matched the BCC funds of \$25 dollars x four gift certificates so we now have four \$50 gift certificates to be awarded at the Christmas (on-line) party. It is very much appreciated, they are a long term supporter of the BCC so we look forward to supporting them!

Thanks to Mary and Lynn for the quick response and to Marlin for his ongoing support.



On-line Entertainment

Although in-person tours of Lower Mainland Watersheds may be postponed, the Coquitlam River Watershed Roundtable committee compiled a video in September that invites the public on a virtual tour. As sections of the Coquitlam River are frequently paddled by Beavers, (particularly the lower section through the city of POCO and the Kwikwetlem First Nation, original occupiers of the area), this opportunity to explore online is brought to our attention by member in-ever-good-standing, Leigh B. Thanks Leigh! https://www.tricitynews.com/news/take-a-virtual-tour-of-the-coquitlam-watershed-1.24240341



JANUARY 13, 2021 ENTERTAINMENT

At our January AGM, Rebecca Helps will present a slide show about our week-long August Beaver Canoe Club canoe trip to **Murtle Lake.**

(And for those who missed last month's Kootenay River presentation, here's a link to an abridged version on BCC website:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v

Fi55ZKZFIKg&feature=youtu.be
)

Training Director Announces

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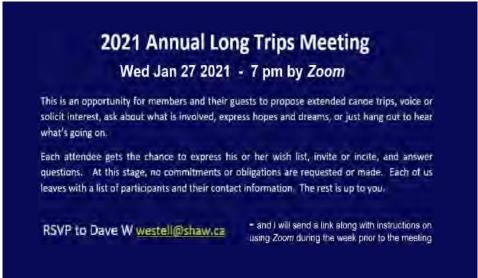
And:

2021 Rivers' Week will be June 26 to July 4 inclusive!

--Carey R.

TRIPS DIRECTOR'S NOTICES -Dave W.





Access the Beaver Canoe Club website for any *ad hoc*, unofficial, trips that may have occurred and a write up posted at http://beavercanoeclub.org



Beaver Tales

Trip Reports Draw at December 12 Party

You may have provided to your fellow Beaver members a descriptive review of a trip you were on this past year. In recognition of not only your literary skills, but also your willingness to transfer paddle-strokes to key-strokes so as to post to the BCC website a Trip Report, *your* name may be ceremoniously drawn to win! a 2021 Beaver Canoe Club membership!! A huge thanks to all for sharing the stories of paddling with the Beavers this past year.

END OF YEAR VIRTUAL PARTY REMINDERS

- Download the most recent version of Zoom;
- Need help to set up Zoom? Send email to <u>Carey@CanoeBC.ca</u>
- Prepare to watch the photo assemblage of the Year that Was;
- Submit photos for Photo Contest by December 6 Final Deadline!
- Prepare to come as you are or as you want to be;
- See Page 1, above, for more details.

NOTICE OF BEAVER CANOE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

January 13, 2021 8:00 pm Location: *via* Zoom (link to be emailed same day)

President Phil gave Notice in his report above that the Beaver Canoe Club will hold its AGM on January 13, 2021. A new Executive will be nominated and elected; a budget for 2021 has been drafted and will be presented for discussion and vote. The following are brief descriptions (and may not be verbatim of the Club by-laws, and are provided to pique your interest in nominating someone or standing to run yourself.

President – coordinates club and executive activities, chairs meetings, & writes letters on behalf of Club.

Vice President – substitutes for Pres in the latter's absence.

Secretary – takes Minutes of all meetings, manages club correspondence and documents.

Treasurer – manages membership dues, pays bills, financial records, prepares annual budget.

Trips Director – plans annual schedule & newsletter calendar (March –Oct), recruits trip leaders.

Training – organizes instructors, materials, for Basic Paddlers, Intro to moving water, & clinics.

Membership – organizes club membership list, promotion, posters, business cards, and fields enquiries.

Entertainment – recruits and arranges entertainment for 9 meetings and Newsletter notices.

Social Director – organizes Club BBQ, Rivers Week socials, Year-End Party.

Newsletter Editor – edits & formats articles, Executive reports, and notices and emails 11 monthly issues of Beaver Tales.

Webmaster – Appointed, (non-elected), position to manage BCC website.

Some incumbents may run again, and other positions are or may become vacant, so don't be shy, take a step up and join the roundtable discussions and political intrigue manifest in the upper echelons of the Beaver Canoe Club that is the Executive!



[Editor's note: apologies to author Terry Gowler, as I changed the word kayak to canoe]

'Twas the night before Christmas at our house on the water, Not a creature was stirring not even an otter; The dry bags were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas would drop paddling goodies there;

The children went off to bed without daddling, Soon their heads were filled with dreams about paddling; Mamma in herfleece 'kerchief and me in my wool cap, Hadjust settled down for a long winter's nap,

When out on the water there arose such a splatter, I sprangfrom my bed to see what's the matter.

Away to the window Iflew like a flash,

Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the water looked the whiteness of snow It shone the luster of mid-day on the sea shore below, When what to my wondering eyes did reveal But a great big old canoe and nine mighty seal,

With a spry old paddler, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than orca on course they soon came,
And a whistle he blew and then shouted their name;

"Now Splasher! Now Bracer! Now Eddie and you Flo! On Rocker On Roller, Curly, Larry and Moe! To the top of the dock, and up the beach now Haul! Now Paddle Away! Paddle Away! Paddle Away All!"

Off the beach, to the air and away they didfly, With beautiful edge turns silhouetted against the night sky. Up to the house-top on course they nowflew, With a canoe full of toys, and old St. Nicholas too.

In a twinkling, on the roof, there came such a sound, The sound of a canoe running aground. As I grimaced at the noise thinking there must be a hole, Down the chimney came St. Nick, and snapped up with a roll.

He was dressed in a drysuit from his head to his foot, And the gortex was tarnished with ashes and soot; With a bundle of toys on his back which did sag, He looked like an old paddler carrying a heavy dry bag.

His eyes how they twinkled! His dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his noise like a cherry, The beard on his chin was as white as sea foam, It looked like it needed a brush or a comb;

The stump of a whistle he held tight in his teeth,
The cordfrom the whistle circled his neck like a wreath;
He had a broadface and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed like a fish called a Jelly.

He was a happy ol' canoeist, a right jolly old salt, And I laughed when I saw him, It wasn't my fault; A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, He gave me the high sign, I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, Filled the dry bags with goodies then turned with a jerk, Laying a finger aside of his little red nose, A Brace he did do and up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his canoe, to his team blew the whistle, And away they all paddled like a water borne missile. I heard him exclaim, ere he paddled out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."

"And may happiness and good health always be yours,"
May you always return, safely back to the shore"

- Terry Gowler - Mount Vernon, WA

[Many thanks, Terry! – and thanks to Madeline W. for this submission -- Ed., Beaver Tales]