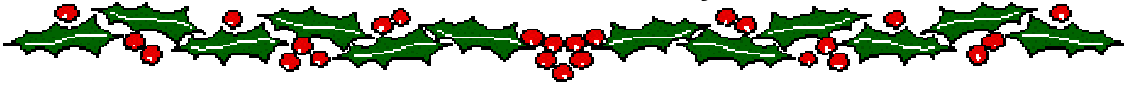




# CANOE LETTER

Newsletter of the Barrie Canoe & Kayak Club  
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## The Chiniguchi

By Bonnie Campbell



Paradise Lagoon

The Chiniguchi Canoe route is a popular route north east of Sudbury that begins on Matagamasi Lake. This route is popular because it closely resembles Killarney Provincial Park with the white quartz rock, deep clear lakes and no crowds. Our five boats arrived at the putin on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> July and were on the water by 13h00. Our group, consisting of trip leader Ed Irwin, Dwight, Jeff & Ursula, Darcy & Rochelle (also known to the group as Darryl & Roxanne), Peter & Marilyn, and Mac & Bonny, made the short paddle to our first

campsite where we quickly set-up camp and enjoyed a chance to relax and swim. The native history in the area is extensive and Matagamasi Lake is host to some pictograph sites. We set off later in search of them and found a good site in the narrows of the northeast arm towards McCarthy Bay.

Sunday morning came early and we were gone by 09h00 towards the series of portages that would eventually take us into Wolf Lake. The highlight of these portages is the short walk that takes you into the locally famous Paradise Lagoon; a deep clear plunge pool that is fed by a large waterfall. This is a great location to spend some time swimming, diving, and sitting under the falls.

As the skies were threatening and rain starting to fall we headed out to our intended campsite on Wolf Lake, only to find it already occupied by a group from Ottawa, so we choose a good site on the left side of the lake. It is here that the area starts to resemble Killarney as the White cliffs plunge into the deep clear waters of Wolf Lake. Bonny and Mac attempted to fish with no luck, but other wildlife was evident. There were Beaver, a family of Mergansers, and we were all treated to the site of Loon swimming right under our canoes - with the clear water making it look like you were in an aquarium. We had to contend with a light drizzle at camp that night.

We awoke the next day in a fog (the weather, not us) and paddled over to the opposite side of Wolf Lake after breakfast with the hope of climbing to the ridge overlooking the lake. However, with the weather saying otherwise, our group decided to continue on our route into Dewdney Lake. After a

brief exploration of an old rangers cabin, it was off to the 540m portage into Chiniguchi Lake and the 7km paddle to our ultimate destination, the 2km long beach in McConnell Bay.

Tuesday was the rest day as we swam, read, paddled & fished, played water Frisbee or otherwise just vegetated on the beach. The beach on McConnell Bay is the prime destination for most paddlers who do this route. Although we had it to ourselves for the first night we shared it with three other groups the second. From McConnell, you have several choices of route. You can head into Laura Lake to continue the loop back to Matagamasi Lake or you can continue north on a route that will take you into the heart of Temagami. We chose to backtrack and retrace our route back to the start.

Wednesday morning saw us begin the return trip with a stop at “the Elephant” the most prominent geological feature of the area: a large quartz ridge that rises a good 400 meters over the lake. We bushwhacked to the top, picking blueberries all the way. The effort rewarded us with a terrific view over the whole area. That night at camp, the fishermen efforts were finally rewarded when Mac caught and released three small Bass.

The weather for the most part on Thursday was rain, but it did clear enough for the guys - on our arrival in Wolf Lake - to hike up the ridge while the gals stayed in camp and swam. It rained for most of the night, but thanks to a great tarp set-up we all managed to stay reasonably dry, even managing to bake some apple pies in the fire. The skies did clear by sundown and we were treated to a great sunset and an evening of start gazing.

The last few days found us making a return trip to Paradise Lagoon, were a few people decide to play Good Samaritan and helped another group portage their gear. Unfortunately, someone forgot to ask in which direction they were going and ended up having to hump it all back again. The trips last campsite was back on Matagamasi Lake.

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## President's Corner

Abby Gomez

Happy Holidays to all BCKC members, family and friends. I hope you enjoy this time to celebrate health, happiness and the great outdoors. This winter, our schedule is packed with great activities, including cross-country skiing, hiking, and snowshoeing. Also, don't forget our pool sessions to keep up your kayak skills during the winter season.

For those of you who missed our AGM on Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, you will be pleased to learn that we voted in our new executive. Every position was filled! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Board members: Ernest (Bud) Burke, Julia Lawr, Peter Hayward, Lee Kelly and Jack Kenehan. And thank you to the returning Board Members.

Have a good winter and hope to see you at our General Meetings. Check our website to find out the dates and presenters.

# Christmas Party 2005



It's time again for the Barrie Canoe and Kayak Club annual Christmas party. The festivities will commence at 18h00 (6PM), 12 December at the Southshore Community Centre on Lakeshore Drive. Please remember that this is a pot luck, so don't forget to bring your favourite dish to divide amongst the multitudes. To help make this event the stunning success it always is, there are a few important notices that you need to be aware of:

- I. Susan Rankin is organizing the evening events. Volunteers will be required to help set up. Please contact Susan at **705-728-4154**
- II. Joan Witherell is still looking for donations for the prize table. This has been a money maker for the club in the past, so if you would like to donate a prize, please contact Joan at **joanandbobw@yahoo.ca** or **705-739-0387**
- III. Ross Rutley is putting together a photo gallery of everyone's favourite trip photographs from the past year (or years). If you have any photos that you think would interest club members contact Ross at **rrutley@csolve.net** or **905-729-3664** and bring them along. The photos will be displayed on a board for everyone to peruse at their leisure.

Hope to see everyone there. Rumour has it that Santa may paddle down for a visit.

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## Your 2006 BCKC Executive

### Outgoing Executive Members

May thanks to the outgoing members for their hours of effort to help make the club operate: Dwight Hanson – Vice President; Mike Dale – Moving Water Canoe Director; Mary Cavanagh – Sea Kayak Director; Joan Whitherell – Publicity Director; Marilyn Clark – Web Page, Risk Management, General Advisor and all round good egg.

### Incoming Executive Members

For those who leave, there are those who enter. May thanks for those who have step up to the table: Julia Lawr – Secretary; Peter Hayward – Equipment Director; Lee Kelly – Lake Water Director; Bud Burke – Moving Water Canoe Director; Jack Kenehan – Publicity Director.

### Changing Executive Members

Then there are those who just like to change positions every so often: Bonny Campbell moves from Secretary to Vice President; Dave Beckett moves from Equipment Director to Sea Kayak Director; Céline Audette moves from Lakewater Director to full time KICK coordinator and David Hyndman attempts to combine the Web Page with the Newsletter.

### Staying Put Executive Members

And these brave souls will continue to labour on: Abby Gomez – President; Ed Irwin – Treasure; Sue Whalen – Membership Director; Charlotte Piprell – Course Director; Ann Berman – Trips Director; Duane Craig – Moving Water Kayak Director; Anthony Taliana – Program Director; Ross Rutley – Resource Director; Fred Schwarz – Past President.

# BARRIE CANOE & KAYAK CLUB 2005/6 WINTER ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Don't believe in hibernating over winter. Well neither does the BCKC.

You must be a current member of the Barrie Canoe Club to participate in club activities. You are responsible for contacting the trip leader well in advance of the activity date to express your interest in participating. *Participants must assume all risks associated with the activity and must provide the trip leader with a signed medical/emergency information form prior to the outing. Non-members are entitled to participate as a guest of a member on one day-trip per year and must sign a Waiver of General Liability and provide a Medical/Emergency Information Form to the trip leader prior to the trip beginning.*

DATES	DESTINATION	ACTIVITY	REQUIRED SKILLS	LEADER	EXTRA DETAILS
Nov. 5-6 Full moon	McCrae Lake	Hiking	Fitness level to hike with pack	Bob Miller 866 560 0840	Meet at club 8 a.m. 8 km Good practise hike for longer one next week!
Nov. 11-13	Algonquin –Western Uplands	Hiking/ backpacking	Fitness level to hike with pack	Bob Miller 866 560 0840	Drive up Friday evening and stay in campground for early departure Saturday morning 32 km.
Dec. 4 Full moon	Bruce Trail	Hike or ski		Céline Audette 705 726 9450	10 a.m. start
Jan. 8	Algonquin	Hike/ski/ snowshoe		Céline Audette 705 726 9450	9 a.m. start all day outing
Jan. 14 Full moon	Fred's place	snowshoe		Fred Schwarz 705 728 3540	Evening outing (7 pm) 10 km
Jan. 15	TBA	x-country ski		Drew Millar 705 715 1324	
Sunday Jan. 15,22,29 Feb. 12,19,26 Mar 12,19	Allendale Recreation Centre 5:30-7:00 p.m.	Pool Sessions	for skill development	Duane Craig 705 726 4236	\$50 all 8 sessions(members) \$75 8 sessions(non-members) \$10 per session for members \$15 per session non-members
Jan. 18	TBA	x-country ski	Beginners welcome	Mary Cavanagh 705 725 6252 mary.cavanagh@sympatico.ca	Day of skiing, bring lunch, water, thermos of hot liquid. Dress for weather. Phone previous evening to confirm
Jan. 21	Scenic caves	x-country ski	Beginner to advanced	Ross Rutley 905 729 3664 rrutley@csolve.net	
Jan. 28	TBA	x-country ski		Drew Millar 705 715 1324	
Jan. 29	Fred's place	X country ski	All welcome	Fred Schwarz 705 728 3540	1 p.m. start; 10-15 km freddiecanoe@sympatico.ca
Jan. 29	Algonquin	snowshoe		Céline Audette 705 726 9450	Youth outing

Feb. 4	Minesing Swamp	snowshoe		Ed Irwin 705 726 4615	Walk to heron rookery; meet at club at 8:45 to carpool; bring lunch, water, thermos of hot liquid. Dress for weather. 4-5 hr hike
Feb.10-12	Quebec	Canadian Ski Marathon		Céline Audette 705 726 9450	Tour Group
Feb 11 Full moon	Fred's Place	snowshoe	All welcome	Fred Schwarz 705 728 3540	7:00-10:00pm freddiecanoe@sympatico.ca
Feb. 15	TBA	x-country ski		Mary Cavanagh 705 725 6252 mary.cavanagh@sympatico.ca	Day of skiing, bring lunch, water, thermos of hot liquid. Dress for weather. Phone previous evening to confirm
Feb. 18	TBA	x-country ski	novice	Drew Millar 705 715 1324	
Feb. 25	TBA	x-country ski	novice	Drew Millar 705 715 1324	
Feb. 26	Fred's place	x-country ski	All welcome	Fred Schwarz 705 728 3540	1:00 pm; 10-15 km freddiecanoe@sympatico.ca
Feb. 26	Awenda	x-country ski		Céline Audette 705 726 9450	Youth outing all day
Mar. 4-5	McCrae Lake	Winter camping		Céline Audette 705 726 9450	Youth outing

## Upcoming Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings continue at the Southshore on the second Monday of every month commencing at 19h00 (7PM). This is an opportunity for old, new and perspective members alike to meet, talk, sign up for trips, browse the library and listen to our feature speaker. Our speakers for 2006 are:

Jan. 9 - Bob Henderson

Bob has been an outdoor education teacher at McMaster University since 1981. Will be speaking on his recently published book, "Every trail has a story: Heritage travel in Canada".

Feb. 13 - Bill King

Bill is the retired doctor who will be talking about one of his many trips as yet to be determined.

Mar. 13 - Dave Robinson

Dave is a retired high school teacher with a passion for the outdoors and classic jazz. Since 1977, he has paddled some 25 Canadian rivers. His focus will be on the spiritual side of paddling.

April 10 - Marilyn Sprissler

Marilyn will be doing a video presentation on her canoe trip down the Stikine River in B.C.

May 8 - Brian Goodings

Brian is a minister who did a solo sea kayak trip from Marathon to Thornbury as part of a doctoral thesis on the theme of "sojourn".

# From the Membership Desk

Sue Whalen: Membership Director

I hope everyone had a good summer on the water. Our membership increased to over 350 last year and in order to keep costs down, I will not be mailing out membership applications this year, unless requested to do so. The new 2006 application can be downloaded from the web site and will be available at the general meetings. An application and waver will also be included with the hardcopy newsletter mail out in February. **It is mandatory that all members complete the 2006 application** and remember that a waiver is required for each adult over 18 years of age.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Please have a look at the volunteer segment of the application form. This a great opportunity to meet new people and make a significant contribution to the club in the following areas:

### Monday Night Paddles

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with Monday paddle nights, which are very popular. You can assist by greeting members, signing out equipment or assisting on the dock. Have a look at the sign up sheet available at the general meetings or contact Lee Kelly at **734-0393**

### KICK

The Kids in Canoes and Kayaks (KICK) was a tremendous success last summer. As a result, it will be expanded next year and we will require people to assist in the following areas:

- Registration weekends. We need assistance to help register the kick camp participants on the following weekends: Saturday, April 22, and Saturday May 27 times to be confirmed later... (*weekends after Easter, and May 24 weekend*) April 22 is also the first dock in weekend, which is okay... there will be activity at the club.
- Poster distribution

During KICK weeks:

- Snack set-up for participants (Come to the club in the morning around 10am to set up snacks for the kids)
- Drivers to bring canoes and kids to put in and take out for the KICK overnight camps. Vans, and trucks that have a 1-7/8" ball hitch.
- Trip leaders to assist on overnight camps
- Volunteers on water and dock for safety during kick camps at Southshore and on weekends
- Photographers, videographers to record kick activities

Contact: Céline Audette at **726-9450** or **celine\_paddler@rogers.com**

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And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more.

~ Dr. Seuss



# Ontario Recreational Canoeing Association 2006 Workshop

The Ontario Recreational Canoeing Association (ORCA) is pleased to present the ORCA Paddling Seminar 2006! Join fellow paddlers for a series of presentations for Kayak and Canoe Trippers, Paddling Instructors and Outdoor Adventure Companies. Participants will hear presentations on various paddling topics and will choose two of three breakout sessions. This event is open to all ORCA Members and the general public.

Date: Saturday February 25th, 2006;

Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm

Location: Seneca College King Campus, King City, Ontario (30 minutes North of Toronto)

Full details and an application form is available on the Barrie Canoe and Kayak Club web site in the What's New Section. <http://www.canoecub.barrie.on.ca/watnew.htm>



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## Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour

Sojourn Outdoor Store presents the Banff Mountain Film Festival at the Gryphon Theatre, Georgian Collage, Barrie Thursday Jan 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday Jan 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 19h00 (7PM). Advance tickets are \$15 (\$12 with student ID) or \$18 at the door. Come watch as climbers scale rock, skiers eat snow, kayakers plunge into whitewater and trekkers disappear into remote far off places.

## 2006 Barrie Canoe and Kayak Club Executive

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Moving Water Canoe Director	Bud Burke		705-436-6125
Moving Water Kayak Director	Duane Craig	E-mail Challenged	705-726-4236
Voyageur Director	Position Vacant		
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Publicity Director	Jack Kenehan		705-722-8532
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Show your membership card to get discounts on selected items from the following retailers:

- Angie's Outdoor, Barrie
- Ray Kettlewell Paddles
- Lolk Paddles
- Sturgeon River Canoe Co.
- Swift Canoe & Kayak
- Tent City Outfitters (**NEW**)
- Paddle Shack (**NEW**)
- Sojourn (now uses a "Rewards Program" to provide discounts to loyal customers.)

*Merry Christmas an a Happy New Year  
From the Barrie Canoe and Kayak Club*

