

CANOE LETTER

Newsletter of the Barrie Canoe and Kayak Club

April / May 2006

A Sea Kayak Trip: Blind River to White Fish Falls

July 2005

Our first night consisted of a stay at Wally and Dorothy's (unofficial) Bed & Breakfast. Wow what gracious hosts they were.

The next morning after a wonderful breakfast prepared by Wally and Dorothy, they drove us East of Blind River where most of us waited, swam, read and slept while the drivers did the shuttle. There were 13 paddlers that set out that day ranging in ages from Johnathan who was 11 to a few retirees! The group dynamics was amazing.

Every morning we awoke to a tail wind, which made each day of travel a wonderful experience. The campsites on the North Shore ranged from long isolated beaches to large flat rock formations that had more than enough space to accommodate all the tents!

The rugged North Shore is very isolated and we didn't see any other kayakers for the duration of the trip. Cottages were few and far between, except as we began our approach to White Fish Falls!

One highlight of the trip was lunch at the east end of John Island (at the YMCA Camp) where we played in the rolling waves, and then stopped to eat on the long 2-3km beach. After lunch a thunderstorm rolled in and we had to quickly get off the water until it passed. Some enjoyed the interlude by picking blueberries, others sat and chatted and the time passed quickly. Because of the storm we had 8 ft. waves, which we used to our advantage surfing them to the leeward side of an island.

Martha rigged up a kite and it didn't quite work as she expected, but we sailed onto a beautiful beach where we set up for the night. The view from the beach was spectacular (islands to the left and right) with inviting crystal blue water, and dreamy blue skies that made one feel like they were in the Bahamas!!

The next day part of the group decided to go on "what they said" would be a 3-4 hour trek all to the top of one of the La Cloche Mountains. The hikers ate tons of blueberries and some informed me it was one of the most beautiful hiking trails they had been on! They left at 9:00 a.m. and didn't return until 4:10p.m! They looked pretty flushed and tuckered and I was glad I had decided to stay and wash clothes and do some reading! The other part of the group decided to go and investigate a tributary where it was said there was a waterfall!

Drew for some reason was always up on the highest rock making phone calls! Just couldn't leave the cell phone at home, eh Drew!

Sarah was the newest recruit to the group and found our early morning starts difficult. Nonetheless, I am pretty sure she enjoyed her trip as much as we enjoyed having her there.

Everyone seemed to have a good time. There were spectacular sunsets, sunrises, and one couldn't have asked for better weather. It was a time for relaxing, catching up on some reading, exploring, swimming or sleeping, but most of all it was a time to sit around and chat with friends, telling stories, gleaning some history from the "more mature" paddlers and just having a few laughs! Just what the doctor ordered.

Fred did an amazing job getting us to great campsites and keeping such a big group in tow! Anyone who has tripped with Fred knows that he (and his side kick Hanna) are two of the greatest people going. Everyone especially enjoyed the view from the port-a-potty Fred rigged up which was a 3 legged stool with a toilet seat attached! (What a treat!)

We couldn't have asked for a better group of people to trip with. Thanks for a memorable trip everyone

Suzanne & John Rankin

President's Corner

It is with a sad heart that I will be resigning as President of the Barrie Canoe and Kayak Club. I am opening a new business out of town and it will require all of time and energy over the summer months. I strongly feel that the President or any director needs to be an active participant at many club events and be known and seen by club members. Unfortunately, I won't be able to fulfill that role this summer. The good news is that Fred Schwarz, the past president, has agreed to become the Interim President. He will continue in that role, until a new President is found, or until the elections in November 2006. I want to personally thank Fred for coming to the rescue and for his continued support.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my many years in the club and especially serving on the Executive. It has been an interesting and rewarding experience. I want to say how much I have enjoyed working and paddling with all of you. I will miss you lots !

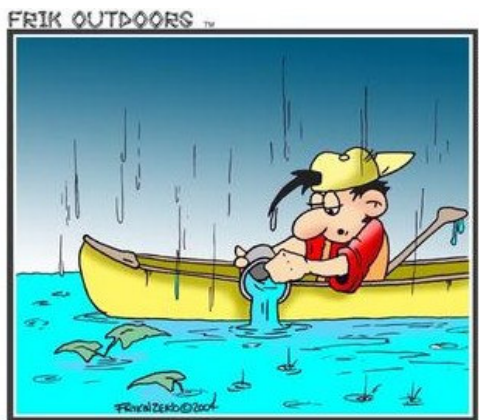
Hope you come visit me in Wasaga Beach this summer.

Abby Gomez

Dock In & Boat House Clean Up

Spring is here and the ice will be out of Kempenfelt Bay before you know it. So on the 15 April 06 at 09h00 (9AM) the dock will be put in. We need lots of volunteers, along with the fine folk from the Barrie Rowing Club, to help do the deed. We also need lots of warm bodies to help clean up the boat house and get it ready for the up coming season. Hope to see you there.

The wind, rain, snow, or ice still in the bay alternate date will be the following Saturday 22 April 06.



First Day Of Spring

"If spring came but once a century instead of once a year, or burst forth with the sound of an earthquake and not in silence, what wonder and expectation there would be in all hearts to behold the miraculous change. "

-- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

BARRIE CANOE & KAYAK CLUB

SPRING/SUMMER/FALL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

(As of March 2006)

You must be a current member of the Barrie Canoe Club to participate in club trips and activities. Please provide your membership number when registering for trips and outings. You are responsible for contacting the trip leader well in advance of the trip date to express your interest in participating. For safety reasons, the trip leader has the final say about who goes on his/her trips.

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 trip. 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.

“Basic” means you must be able to control your boat in tandem with another paddler. It does not necessarily mean that you must have certification -- please clarify skills required with Trip Leader prior to confirming your participation.

DATE	DESTINATION	ACTIVITY	REQUIRED SKILLS	LEADER	EXTRA DETAILS
WEDNESDAYS in May, June, September and October	Various, within 1 hour of Barrie	Sea Kayaking Day trips	Basic Sea Kayaking (able to paddle all day)	Mary Cavanagh 705 725 6252 Mary.cavanagh@gmail.com	B2 to B3- Wet or dry suits required in early spring and late fall
Sunday, March 26	Credit River- Streetsville to Dundas	Moving water	MW1	Bob Jung 705 331 5345	Wet or dry suit needed
March 31- April 2	Head River	Moving water	MW1/WWK1	John Rankin 705 728 4154	Camp/ barbeque at John Kozak's property
Saturday, April 8	Black River	Moving water	MW1	Bob Jung 705 331 5345	Wet or dry suit needed
Sunday, April 9	Head or Black River	White Water Canoe & Kayak	Contact Trip Leader	Duane Craig 705-726-4236	Cold water
Saturday, April 22	Southshore C.C.	compass clinic	None	Svatka Hermanek 416 503 2933	You may also contact Fred for more info 728 3540
Saturday, April 22	TBD by water levels	White Water Canoe & Kayak	Contact Trip Leader	Duane Craig 705-726-4236	Cold water
Sunday, April 23	Mansfield Outdoor Centre	optional field orientteering	Saturday's clinic	See above	See above
Sunday, April 23	Nottawasaga River	flatwater with swifts	Basic AB	Bob Jung 705 331 5345	Nicholson Dam to Essa S.R.20
Saturday, April 29	Credit River- Terra Cotta to Norval	river with swifts and chute	Basic AB – good skills in stern	Martha Hogan 905 868 8483 Ed Irwin 705 726 4615 ed_irwin@hotmail.com	Lunch at pub or bakery in Glen Williams. Explore art studio in Glen Mills
Sunday, May 7	Minesing Swamp via Willow Creek	creek with current	Basic AB	Martha Hogan 905 868 8483 Ed Irwin 705 726 4615	Cold water, muddy banks. 9:00 at George Johnston Rd to shuttle cars

Saturday, May 13	Severn, Green, Black	flatwater; optional rapids	Basic AB, one experienced paddler	Roger Parsons 705 721 7307	4-5 hour daytrip
May 26pm-28	Franklin Island	sea kayak	SK Basic	Ed Irwin 705 726 4615 ed_irwin@hotmail.com	B2, good for those who want a first experience camping with a sea kayak
May 26pm-28	McCrea Lake	flatwater	Basic	Marilyn Clark 705 329 2845 mclark@csolve.net	
Sunday, May 28	Nottawasaga River	river trip	Basic AB	Fred Schwarz 728 3540 freddiecanoe@sympatico.ca	Bring drybag with extra clothes
Saturday, June 3	Southshore C.C.	Community Paddle Day Canoe/kayak	None		All welcome! Please come and help!
Sunday, June 4	Gibson River	Family paddle	Basic	Ozzie 705 534 0770 Ozziecanoe@sympatico.ca	Easy trip and portages. Picnic
Saturday, June 10	Bass, Kashe, 3Mile Lake	Flatwater	Basic	Roger Parsons 705 721 7307	One experienced paddler in each boat
Sunday, June 11	Severn, Green Loop	Flatwater	Basic	Fred Schwarz 705 728 3540	
Sunday, June 18	Muskoka River	Flatwater	Basic	Marilyn Clark 705 329 2845	
June 30-July 3	Killarney Park	Flatwater	Some tripping experience needed	Hanne Neilsen 705 721 9819 hanne.neilsen@sympatico.ca	Kids welcome. Camp 1 night on Johnnie Lake, 3 nights on David Lake. Read, swim, hike, paint...
June 30-July 4	Cedar Loop, Algonquin	60 km flatwater	Enthusiasm and equivalent previous experience	Andrew Fergusson 519 699 5164 afergusson@rim.com	Catfish, high falls, return by Nipissing River, which is the jewel of Algonquin. 10.5km portaging
July 7-10	Franklin Island	Kids' trip in Voyageur canoes	Basic	Fred Schwarz 705 728 3540	
Saturday, July 8	Musquash River	flatwater	Basic	Roger Parsons 705 721 7307	1 experienced paddler in each boat
July 15-30	Slates, Lake Superior	sea kayak	Advanced paddling, seamanship, and rescue skills	Mary Cavanagh 705 725 6252 mary.cavanagh@gmail.com	C3 Daily paddling often more than 5 hours, distances of 20km or more
July 21-24	Temagami	Wild Women flatwater	Good paddling skills, previous tripping	Hanne Neilsen 705 721 9819 hanne.neilsen@sympatico.ca	Hike to Spirit Rock and old growth forest
Aug 5-7	Ottawa River	White Water Canoe & Kayak	Contact Trip Leader	Duane Craig 705-726-4236	Car Camping

August 11-19	Spanish River	moving water	MW1	Mike Dale 905 775 7384	
Saturday, August 26	Pretty Channel	flatwater	Basic	Fred Schwarz 705 728 3540	
September 1-4	TBA	White Water Canoe & Kayak	Contact Trip Leader	Duane Craig 705-726-4236	
September 2-4	Phillip Edward Island	sea kayak	SK Basic	Bob White 705 739 8294	Base camp. R&R
September 9-10	McCrea Lake	flatwater	Basic	Marilyn Clark 705 329 2845 mclark@csolve.net	Suitable for families. Base camp.
September 15-17	Parry Sound area	canoeing, fishing...		TBA Malcolm and Bonny Campbell 705 726 9357	Mac and Bonny's hunt camp. Camp or rustic indoor accommodation.
Sunday, October 1	Burnt River	flatwater (portage MW)	Basic skills	Marilyn Clark 705 329 2845	Prepare for all weather conditions
Saturday, October 7	Kashke River System	exploratory	TBA	Ozzie 705 534 0770	More details by early September
October 7-9	TBA	flatwater	Basic	Bob White 705 739 8294	Thanksgiving trip. Details to follow
Sunday, October 15	Bruce Trail	hike		Fred Schwarz 705 728 3540	15 km

An Important Consideration for ALL Trip Participants

Before you make or break a commitment to go on a BCKC trip, please consider the impact on the trip leader and other participants. A lot of planning goes into these trips, and if you cancel after the planning meeting, a great deal of reorganization has to take place. It is certainly not fair to our wonderful leaders who give so much of their own time to lead these trips. Please be considerate!

New BCKC Web Page

If you haven't check out the club web page for a while, you will notice some significant changes when you log on next time. The first thing that will become evident is that it is no longer where you thought it was. We now have a new domain name to reflect the new name of the club. You will now find us at **www.bckc.ca**. As well as the new domain, the site has undergone a complete rebuild. The hope is that it will make the site easier to navigate with important date sensitive information readily available. For any web to become a place to visit, it has to be constantly changing and evolving, so there is an open invitation to all members for submissions, particularly trip reports and photographs. Our current Trip and Photo Gallery is extremely dated and we need new reports and photos (with a special emphasis on photos) from the last few years. The web is an important portal for prospective new members, so it is important that we come across as an active and vibrant club. Please send anything for the web or newsletter to me at **dbhynd@sympatico.ca** or at any club meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESTRUCTURE

As mentioned at the last AGM in November, the executive group has been working on a restructure of the Board of Directors. There are many reasons for this recommendation:

- smaller Board can work more efficiently; it is unusual to have 18 directors, the average number is 7
- more authority is given to committees; they create the ideas and recommend to the Board for final approval
- items are discussed twice
- Directors attend less meetings
- coordinators can be added for new disciplines at any time; for example, youth program, seniors program, etc.
- elections at AGM are less tedious, quicker

The Executive is recommending to the membership of the Barrie Canoe and Kayak club that we move forward with the new restructure as follows:

Directors are:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Activities Director (chairperson of the Activities Committee)

Services Director (chairperson of the Services Committee)

Past President (non-voting)

Activities Committee includes coordinators holding responsibility for: moving water kayak, sea kayak, moving water canoe, flatwater canoe, voyageur, courses, trips, youth program, senior program, equipment / facilities.

Services Committee includes coordinators holding responsibility for: publicity, newsletter / website, membership, programs, resources / marketing.

New coordinators can be added or eliminated within the authority of the Board of Directors as the need arises. The general membership need only elect the 6 Directors, who are ultimately the final decision makers and answerable to the general membership.

In order to implement this new structure at our November elections, we need to gain general membership approval before. Here is our schedule for implementation:

April 10th General Meeting – review of the above structure and reply to questions

May 8th General Meeting – vote on the new structure

If you have any questions or comments prior to the April 10th meeting, please do not hesitate to contact any Director.

Monthly Meetings

April 10 @ 19h00 (7PM)

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

May 8 @ 19h00 (7PM)

Brian Goodings 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".

All meetings are at the Southshore Community Centre, 205 Lakeshore Drive in Barrie. Doors open at 18h30 (6:30 PM)

Executive Position Available

The position of Equipment Director has just become vacant, so we are in need of a volunteer to step into the position. Dave Beckett will fill in temporarily, but since he is also our Sea Kayaking Director, the multi tasking can be a bit of an effort. Job description is as follows:

- (a) Responsible for keeping an up-to-date cataloguing of Club equipment, with assistance from the relevant Director.
- (b) Responsible for loaning of Club equipment; recording the letting out of equipment and return of same; co-ordination of requests for equipment; including video camera equipment
- (c) Responsible for the acquisition, distribution and retrieval of cards/keys to equipment storage facilities
- (d) Responsible for monitoring of Club buildings and equipment regarding renovations, repairs or winterizing procedures
- (e) Responsible for maintenance and upkeep of trailers for transporting club equipment
- (f) Compile a strategic plan for this position and submit to the Vice-President in October for presentation at the December joint meeting to the incoming Executive
- (f) Responsible for appointing facility maintenance person(s)

If you would like to volunteer or nominate some luck individual, please contact Dave Beckett at davkayak14@sympatico.ca or **705-792-9661**

Monday Night Paddles

Monday night paddles begin again on Monday 5th June starting at 18h00 (6PM) and continuing (weather permitting) till sundown. This is an opportunity for club members and their guest to sign out a canoe or kayak for a few minutes or hours paddling on Kempenfelt Bay. This is a great opportunity to meet and talk, plan trips, exchange photos or otherwise just mingle.

PLEASE NOTE: As in all club activities, volunteers are essential in making these evenings happen. Contact our Lakewater Director Lee Kelly at lkelly@pcl.com or **705-734-0393** if you would like to volunteer.

Barrie Canoe and Kayak Club Executive

Interim President	Fred Schwarz	freddiecanoe@sympatico.ca	705-728-3540
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Membership	Sue Whalen	katsura.whalen@sympatico.ca	705-722-3594
Course Director	Charlotte Piprell	E-mail Challenged	705-739-8407
Trip Director	Ann Berman	annberman@sympatico.ca	705-458-9920
Equipment Director	Position Vacant		
Lakewater Director	Lee Kelly	lkelly@pcl.com	705-734-0393
Moving Water Canoe Director	Bud Burke	budburke@rogers.com	705-436-6125
Moving Water Kayak Director	Duane Craig	E-mail Challenged	705-726-4236
Voyageur Director	Position Vacant		
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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
- Paddle Shack
- Sojourn (now uses a "Rewards Program" to provide discounts to loyal customers)

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