

CANOE LETTER

Newsletter of the Barrie Canoe and Kayak Club
June July 2008

Early Season Paddling Reports

Credit River Trip



On April 26th Ed Irwin and Martha Hogan led a group of enthusiastic paddlers down the Credit River. The weather held out for us throughout the day, and made for a great trip. Water levels were low, but did not hold us up, just presented the opportunity for a few bumps, here and there. :-) We took over a small deli in town for lunch. The food here was excellent. As well, we did a tour of a local glass artists shop and sat on the banks of the Credit to relax. Another great day on the river. Thank You to Ed and Martha for a very memorable day on the water. :-)

Happy Paddling
Mike Valin

North Orillia Trip

On May 3rd, John Rankin led day trip north of Orillia on the Head and Black Rivers. This was a combination of flat water and moving water. The day started off with overcast and degraded to an all out downpour by the halfway point. The weather did not dampen our spirits, in spite of the rain everyone had a great time. Lunch time on the bank had everyone looking like drowned river rats instead of the seasoned paddlers we are. The rapids and swifts gave all of us a little play time; while the flat water gave time to reflect on natural beauty of the area and the picturesque scenery. This trip offered many hidden surprises as well as couple of treasures left behind. We came across two swamped canoes, paddles and all, a twelve foot aluminium boat, water so high that there were inches between the gunnels and the cross beams of a bridge. The highlight of the day was the Blue Heron Roost tucked away in the swamp. We arrived back at the take out just prior to the sky opening up and letting loose a downpour for the record books. Needless to say, for some of us, this was a two outfit day. Thank You to John for leading a great trip.



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McCrae Lake Clean-up



On May 25th Marilyn Clark held her semi annual clean up after the long weekend. In the spring and fall of every year Marilyn gathers members from the club and heads out to do a campsite clean up after the long weekenders have left with their memories, but not their garbage. This year the members pulled out over 200 pounds of bottles, cans, and general debris. We ran out of space in the canoes to carry garbage, before we ran out of garbage to clean up. The weather conditions for the cleanup were near perfect and the members enjoyed their day on the water. Water levels on McCrae Lake appeared to be at an all time high for this time of the year. Water marks on the rocks were submerged and the small overflow creek running into Georgian Bay was in

full swing. An interesting note for this year, the township has been directed by the Ministry of Environment to remove all unattended garbage bins. We don't know yet what kind of impact this will have, but we are guessing that the parking lot will be a mess by August. We invite everyone to come out for the fall clean up on September 6th and 7th.

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A Notice to Trip Leaders

Ross Rutley

I have placed a ring binder with all the trip sign up sheets in the file tray beside the drop box at the club. Members are welcome to look through it and sign up for trips when they are there on Mondays and Wednesdays. Each Wednesday I am checking for new additions and then updating the original so that if a trip leader Calls about a trip I will have the latest version of the list.

TRIP LEADERS ARE ABLE TO CHECK THE SIGN UPOS AT THE CLUB AT ANY TIME AND IF THEY WISH TO TAKE THEIR TRIP SHEET THEN ALL I ASK IS THAT THEY MARK IT AS TAKEN ON THE TRIP LIST SHEET.

I hope this will fill the gap created by having two paddle nights but with me at the Wednesdays only.

From the Membership Desk

The new membership database is in the final stages and will allow me to sort information more efficiently. If any members from out of town are interested in carpooling to paddle nights or other events, contact me and I can let you know who lives in your area.

A reminder that paddle nights are now running on Monday and Wednesday nights starting at 6:30. This doubles our need for volunteers. In addition to helping out your club, it is an excellent way to meet other members.

Contact Susan Eves or add your name to the list posted in the boathouse.

If you have not yet received your membership card or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Happy Paddling

Sue Whalen
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Remaining 2008 Trip Schedule

Schedule is updated regularly. For the most current schedule visit the club web page at www.bckc.ca.

DATES	DESTINATION	ACTIVITY	REQUIRED SKILLS	LEADER	TRIP DETAILS
Every Wednesday: May, June, September October	Various - within 1 hours drive of Barrie	Sea Kayaking Day Trips	BASIC sea Kayaking	Mary Cavanagh 705-725-6252 Ed Irwin will lead trip on Sept 24th 705- 726-4615	B2 to B3 Confirm your participation with leader on Tuesday evening between 7&9 p.m. before trip. Wet suits required in early spring and late fall.
June -21-22	Georgian Bay	Sea Kayak	Basic -SK B2	Fred Schwarz 705-728-3540	Beginners & up Cold water
June 28-29-30	Ottawa River Beachburg	White Water Kayak & Canoe	MW-2	Mike Harrison 705-727-9716	LEVEL- 2>4 Some Portage
June 28-29-30 July-01-02	Killarny P.P.	Canoe Tripping	Canoe- AB Tripping 1	Hanne Nielsen 705-721-9819	Previous paddling and tripping experience an asset . This is a laid back trip - opportunity to hike , paint, read or explore
06-Jul	Pretty Channel	Flatwater Canoe & Kayak	Canoe -AB Kayak-B2	Fred Schwarz 705-728-3540	Beautiful river and lake loop, family and swimming
Jul-12	Lower Madawaska River "Snake"	White Water Kayak & Canoe	MW-1	Duane Craig 705-726-4236	Difficulty Level: 1-3
Jul-13	Ottawa River Middle	White Water Kayak & Canoe	MW-1	Duane Craig 705-726-4236	Difficulty Level: 1-5
July-20	Gibson & Musquash	Flatwater Canoe	Canoe -AB	Ozzie 705- 534-0770	An easy 14 km day paddle with about 400m of portage. Suitable for beginners

Responsibilities of a Trip Participant

- To abide by skill pre-requisites set by the Trip Leader for the activity.
 - To provide their own equipment, or to contact the Equipment Coordinator and make the appropriate arrangements.
 - To wear a properly fitting Canadian government approved personal flotation device or lifejacket.
 - To provide the Trip Leader with the following information: name, address, phone number, emergency phone number, allergies or other medical problems.
 - To bring a supply of medications which meets your personal requirements for the duration of the activity (i.e. allergy medications, Epi-pen, insulin, etc.) plus an additional 2-3 days?
 - To be aware of their surroundings, recognize dangers, and act in a safe and responsible manner at all times.
 - To assist the Trip Leader when necessary and co-operate with him/her at all times.
 - To be conscious of group safety and act in the best interests of the group.
 - To practice 'no-trace' camping on all trips.
 - To advise the Trip Leader well ahead of time if you wish to participate in a trip, and to attend a trip planning meeting, if applicable.
 - To report equipment loss or damage to activity leader. Arrangements may need to be made to repair or replace equipment, following discussion with the Equipment Coordinator.
 - To read and sign the appropriate risk management waivers and forms.
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Lost – One Blue Barrel

I lent my blue barrel to someone (?) on one of my trips last year. If you have it, please email or call to arrange for return. Thanks!

Marilyn Clark
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Planning to visit a conservation area this summer?

Remember that your BCKC membership includes the additional advantage to visit any of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority lands free of charge. You only have to show your valid BCKC credential and give the NVCA personnel the number of the club land pass # **226**. For the savvy computer users, there is a photo of the pass on the club web site you can print out. This pass gives you access to: Edenvale Moraine, Fort Willow, Glencairn, Minesing Wetlands, New Lowell, Nottawasaga Bluffs, Osprey Wetlands, Petun, Tiffin Center, Tottenham and Utopia.

Armando Perez.

Course Schedule for 2008

Course Director: Charlotte Piprell

Download a course application on the BCKC web site or fill one out at a Monday meeting or paddle night

NOTE: The Youth Canoe AB Course scheduled for July 17, 19 & 20 has been changed to an Adult Canoe AB Course scheduled for the 19 & 20 July from 8AM-5PM.

Course	Dates	Location	Prerequisites	Course Instructors	Cost: Member	Cost: Non-Members
Canoe AB	June 3,5,10,12(5-9PM) Dates Pending	SSCC	None	Abby Gomez	\$125.00	\$200.00
Canoe CD	June 10,12 (6-9 PM) June 14,15 (8AM-4PM)	SSCC	Canoe AB	Diane Cornet (705) 487-1626 Marilyn Clark (705) 325-7594	\$125.00	\$200.00
Canoe AB	June 21&22 (8AM-4PM)	SSCC	None	Amanda Kijewski 905-953-1853	\$125.00	\$200.00
Canoe AB Youth	June 30 -July 1 (8AM-4PM)	SSCC	None	Amanda Kijewski 905-953-1853	\$125.00	\$200.00
Canoe CD Youth	July 2,3 (8AM-4PM)	SSCC	Canoe AB	Amanda Kijewski 905-953-1853	\$125.00	\$200.00
Canoe AB	July 8,10 (7-9 PM) July 12,15 (8AM-4PM)	SSCC	None	Ross Rutley (905) 729-3664	\$125.00	\$200.00
Canoe AB	July 19,20 (8AM-5PM)	SSCC	None	Amanda Kijewski 905-953-1853	\$125.00	\$200.00
Canoe CD Youth	July 24 (79PM) July 26,27 (9AM-4PM)	SSCC	Canoe AB	Amanda Kijewski 905-953-1853	\$125.00	\$200.00
Canoe AB Youth	July 29,30 (8AM-4PM)	SSCC	None	Amanda Kijewski 905-953-1853	\$125.00	\$200.00
Canoe AB	Aug 9,10 (8AM-4PM)	SSCC	None	Amanda Kijewski 905-953-1853	\$125.00	\$200.00
Canoe CD	Aug 16,17 (8AM-4PM)	SSCC	Canoe AB	Amanda Kijewski 905-953-1853	\$125.00	\$200.00
Canoe AB Youth	Aug 23,24 (8AM-4PM)	SSCC	None	Amanda Kijewski 905-953-1853	\$125.00	\$200.00
Canoe MW 1A & 1B (tandem & solo)	May 15,22 (7-9PM) May 24,25 (8AM-4PM)	SSCC & weekend to be determined	Canoe AB	John Rankin (705) 728-4154	\$175.00	\$250.00
Lakewater 1	June 17,19,24,26 (7-9PM) June 28,29 (8AM-4PM)	SSCC & weekend to be determined	Canoe ABCD	Diane Cornet (705) 487-1626	\$150.00	\$225.00
Tripping I	To be determined Late summer or fall	SSCC & weekend to be determined	Canoe AB	Bob Jung (705) 331-5345	\$175.00	\$250.00
Tripping II	To be determined This spring?	SSCC & trip to be determined	Canoe ABCD, LW I, MW I, Tripping I & 500 Km of tripping	Bob Jung (705) 331-5345	\$275.00	\$350.00
Sea Kayak - Basic	June 24,26 (5-9PM)	SSCC	None	Mary Cavanagh (705) 725-6252 Fred Schwarz (705) 728-3540	\$100.00	\$175.00
Sea Kayak - Basic	July 5 (8AM-4PM)	SSCC	None	Mary Cavanagh (705) 725-6252 Fred Schwarz (705) 728-3540	\$100.00	\$175.00
Sea Kayak - Basic	July 8,10 (5-9PM)	SSCC	None	Mary Cavanagh (705) 725-6252 Fred Schwarz (705) 728-3540	\$100.00	\$175.00
Canoe Clinic	July 2,9,16,23 (6-8PM)	SSCC		Diane Cornet (705) 487-1626	\$10.00 each or \$30,00 for all	N/A

Congratulations! to Wendi Briggs, Kathleen Buchan, Bonny and Mac Campbell, Lorraine Csenge, Kim Gate, Roger Quesnel, and Ingrid Vandermarel on obtaining their ORCKA Flatwater Level C-D certification. This course was held June 10, 12, 14 & 15 2008 with instructors Diane Cornett and Marilyn Clark.

If you are interested in improving your paddling skills, contact Charlotte Piprell at cpiprell@rogers.com or 705-739-8407 to register for an upcoming course. An up-to-date schedule can be found on our web site at www.bckc.ca.

PADDLE Activity PROCEDURES

ELIGIBILITY

Paddle activities are a benefit of club membership and not open to the public, with one noted exception*. Members are covered by the BCKC insurance / liability and have paid an annual membership fee. The BCKC is at risk in allowing non-members out in boats. A current BCKC membership list will be available in the boathouse, to verify memberships.

*The exception to this regulation is:

Guests of members - must sign Waiver form.

The BCKC member is responsible for their guest(s) and must accompany the guest(s) either in their boat or alongside as a “buddy boat”.

This is a ONE TIME ONLY privilege. Any further visits must be as a full-fledged member.

SCHEDULE

Paddling from the Southshore Community Centre Boathouse in Kempenfelt Bay may occur during June, July, and August. Boats will not be allowed on the water before the published start time.

PADDLE ACTIVITIES TEAM

The Flatwater Director will be responsible for organizing and coordinating paddling out of the Southshore Community Centre. The 4-person team will be made up of volunteers from BCKC, who have paddling or kayaking experience. During April and May, the Flatwater Director will solicit new and returning volunteers. A schedule will be created to identify volunteers; it will be made available in the boathouse for reference. The procedures for signing out boats and all safety rules will be reviewed with volunteers.

GUIDELINES FOR PADDLE ACTIVITIES

- The volunteer team will wear orange vests to identify themselves.
- One team member will be 'captain', to organize the duties. The captain, in coordination with the team will determine when paddle activities should be called 'off', due to unsafe weather conditions. The captain will provide guidance to new or inexperienced members. He/she will ensure that the risk management forms collected from guests are put in drop box at end of activity.
- Two team members will be assigned to the boathouse. These individuals will monitor the signing out and returning of all boats and equipment.
- Two team members will be assigned to the dock. They will assist in loading / unloading boats, and offer guidance in proper entering / exiting techniques. Boundaries for each activity will be pointed out to paddlers.
- The dock team will have a safety boat and binoculars. One of the dock team will monitor the boats on the water at all times.

SAFETY PROCEDURES

The safety procedures will be reviewed with inexperienced paddlers.

- Boats will not be allowed on the water before the published start time.
- Boats must be outfitted to meet Coast Guard regulations (i.e., safety kits, etc.).
- Paddlers and dock volunteers must wear a properly fitted Canadian government-approved PFD.
- An experienced paddler must accompany young or inexperienced paddlers.
- Stay away from rocky shores.
- In windy conditions start by paddling into the wind.
- When in the boat, communicate with your partner.
- Don't be afraid to ask for assistance.
- Stay with your boat if it tips (do you understand a canoe-over-canoe and kayak rescue? – if not, ask).
- Know your whistle signals: 1 whistle blast – attention, 2 whistle blasts – I need help.

- Three whistle blasts indicates an emergency. Dock team will launch safety boat to assist in rescue. All boats not involved in rescue return to shore/dock.

DOCK RULES

- If weather conditions are unsafe, the paddle session will be cancelled.
- The dock is for launching, not lounging (no swimming, playing or fishing).
- All equipment should be adjusted and in the boat before it reaches the dock.
- Carefully enter and exit boats.
- Paddling boundaries - Minet's Point to the Tiffen Boat Launch.
- Boats must be returned before dark.
- Footwear should be worn in the boats.

EQUIPMENT SIGN-OUT

Sign out sheets are used to ensure that all boats and members have safely returned to the boathouse before closing!

Team Members in the boathouse will use sign-out sheets on clipboards.

Members will obtain their equipment and the sign-out sheet will be completed before moving the equipment outside.

EQUIPMENT PROCEDURE

- Only club members may sign out equipment.
- Guests of a member must sign a waiver and be accompanied by the member.
- Sign out all equipment.
- Return equipment clean.
- When you return equipment sign it in and report any damage.
- Return boats to the same numbered berth.
- Emergency telephone instructions are posted on the boathouse bulletin board.
- First Aid Kit is in the boathouse beside the entrance door.

WAIVERS ARE REQUIRED:

Participants sign a Waiver when they become a new member or renew their membership (once per year - membership year begins January 1st).

WAIVERS ARE ALSO SIGNED BY NON-MEMBERS:

- When participating as guests of members on either one day trip per year, or at a paddle night
- During any activity where non-members are participating in BCKC activities (i.e., Community Paddle Day)

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY FORMS ARE OPTIONAL:

Assumption of Risk and Responsibility Forms are always a second option. In the case of Membership applications, when a potential member does not wish to sign away his right to sue, he/she can agree to assume the physical risks of BCKC activities instead and still be a member. If an applicant will not sign either form, they cannot become a BCKC member.

Prior to any higher risk activity, a Trip Leader or Instructor may choose to ask participants to sign an Assumption of Risk and Responsibility Form. These members have already signed a Waiver when they purchased their membership, but the leader or instructor may wish to reinforce that physical risk is involved in pursuit of their BCKC activity (i.e., children's course, moving water trip, wilderness trip, etc.) It is additional "due diligence" on behalf of the leader or instructor.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this procedure, please contact Marilyn Clark, Director – Barrie Canoe and Kayak Club, Inc.

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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)