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NORTHWEST VOYAGEURS CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB



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Upcoming Events

****Tentative****
May 13-14
Sat. & Sun.

Beginner Kayak Lessons cont'd — River Introduction
Pembina River— Provincial Campground
Contact Kurt Sejr 922-6200

May 20-21
Sat. & Sun.

Whitewater Canoe Lessons
North Saskatchewan River—Horberg area
Limited space available—contact Doug Knight— See next page

May 31 (Wed)
7:30 pm

Open House / General Meeting
John Janzen Nature Centre— adjacent to Fort Edmonton Park
Come join us—bring your friends and see what we are about—see page 5
"Totem, MEC and NWV to have displays set up and talk about camping and gear"

June 10 (Sat)

Trip Schedule Addition - Freeman River
Contact Ric Fetterly—See trip schedule notes

June 6 (Tues)
7:30 pm

Executive Meeting
Lions Seniors Centre, 11113 -113 St.
The club executive meets to discuss club business.
Members are welcome to attend.

June 17 (Sat)
09:00-16:00

Beginner Canoe Lessons
Rundle Park Paddling Pond
Limited space available—contact Doug Knight— See next page

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* Indicates new person in position

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Canoe Lessons are starting — Beginner and Whitewater Courses Available

Whitewater Canoe Lessons

Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21

North Saskatchewan River, Horburg area.

Certified Instructor

\$75 per person - tentative - depends on number in group

Individuals must supply their own canoes (club rentals available) and have wetsuits

Contact Doug Knight at 435-2348

or

dknight@telusplanet.net to register

Beginner Canoe Lessons

Saturday, June 17th, 9:00- 4:00

Rundle Park Paddling Centre

Certified Instructor

\$50 per person

Canoe, PFD, paddle supplied on site

Contact Doug Knight at 435-2348

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dknight@telusplanet.net to register

DON'T DELAY, REGISTER TODAY!

3 Signs of a Paddling Addict

1. Are the majority of the long distance charges on your telephone bill to check water levels? Worse yet, are you considering one of the long distance calling services so you can check more rivers for less money?
2. Has pulling into a parking lot or out of the main flow of traffic to check directions become "eddying out"?
3. Instead of saying something is "down the street" do you say its downstream?

BOAT MANAGERS NEEDED

WE need YOU to store some of our rental boats. In return for renting those boats out to any interested club members, you would receive 50% off the rental price of any of your still-available boats. Sound like a good deal? If you're interested in helping out, let us know by contacting our equipment manager, Larry Richard at 454-8680.



Our full paddling line-up is currently available in the store and includes quality gear for whitewater kayaking, touring kayaking and canoeing. Come see us for all your paddling needs and grab a copy of the paddling supplement to our Summer catalogue. We also have a full line of paddling and outdoor rentals. A lifetime share in MEC is only \$5.00

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From Pool to Pacific



Sam and Ginette Shewchuk

took part in our Beginner Kayak Lessons this past winter. Then this spring they took some of what they learned to help them feel more comfortable in the ocean off the shores of the Hawaiian Islands.

ALOHA EH!!



Have you heard about the Heritage River Study?

The (North Saskatchewan) Heritage River Study is now available and can be downloaded free from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) website. Go to www.nswa.ab.ca and look under 'Publications'. The Heritage River Study is background for a submission calling for the North Saskatchewan to be recognized officially as a Canadian Heritage River. It has a wealth of information on the historic events and natural history of our river.

The NSWA also published The North Saskatchewan River Guide, available through many local and regional bookstores.

Get the word out -Pass it on

Do you know of anyone that may be interested in canoeing, sea kayaking or white water kayaking ? Why not pass along some information about our club. The more like minded people in the club the more fun we all have!!! Pass us along to your friends, family, and co-workers.

OPEN HOUSE

**Wednesday
May 31st, 2006
7:30 pm**

John Janzen Nature Centre
Adjacent to Fort Edmonton Park

Come join us for presentations by:

**Totem Outfitters
Mountain Equipment Co-op
&
Northwest Voyageurs Club Members**

Come see some of the newest and innovative paddling & camp gear

Hear about low impact camping and responsible outdoor recreation from MEC
(MEC now partnered with an organization called "Leave No Trace Canada")

And yes, a few door prizes have also been donated for the open
house so the night promises to be informative and fun

SEE YOU THERE !!!!!

Reminder!!!!!!

RUNDLE PARK PADDLING CENTRE

Starting May 24th, NWV will once again have weekly access to the Rundle Park Paddling Centre. For those unfamiliar with RPPC, it's an outdoor facility with a boat house full of canoes and kayaks, and a big clean paddling pond (Although to avoid getting "The Itch", you'll want to shower afterwards if you go in the water). It is available FREE OF CHARGE to members of participating clubs, such as us. We get to use the place every Wednesday night from 7:00 to 9:00. Experienced club members are usually on hand every week, to provide instruction to those who need it. Non-members can also show up for one free visit, but must join the club if they wish to continue coming. If you are interested, just show up and grab one of the supplied boats, or bring your own. To get there, simply head for the buildings in Rundle Park, then look for the sign.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Here is some humor from about 18 years ago.
These reminded me of a few paddlers that I know and thought I would share these with you.
Newsletter Editor, Don Litven

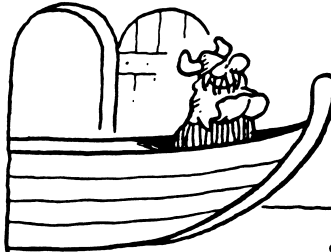
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DICK BROWN

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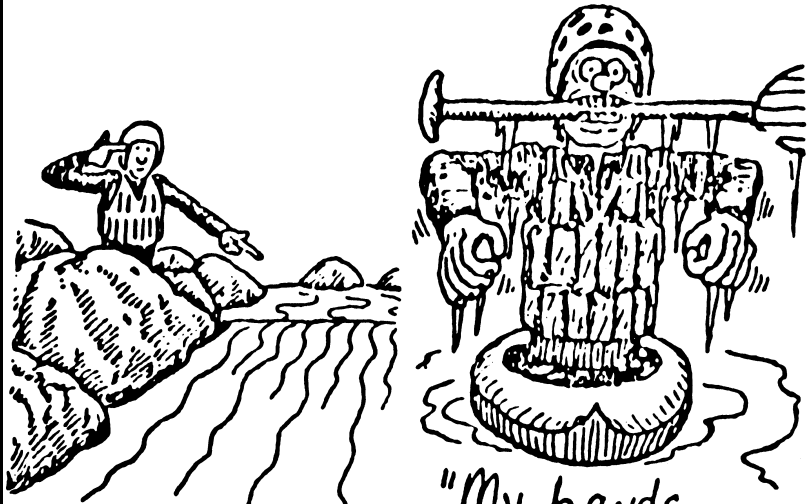
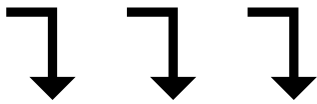


OH NO...NOT ANOTHER NEW BOAT



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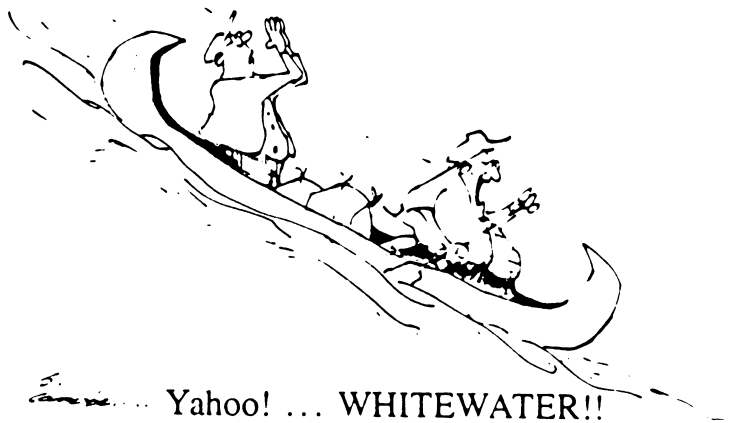
New River Signals



"Bad Route"

"My hands are frozen!"

W. Nealy



Yahoo! ... WHITEWATER!!



NEW CANOE EH?

CANOE CAMPING CHECKLIST

Do you have difficulty knowing just what to take on a canoe camping trip? Hopefully the following checklist will help you out.

CANOE EQUIPMENT

CANOE
BAILER
PADDLES, INCLUDING A USABLE SPARE (MANDATORY)
PAINTERS (APPROX 3 METERS LONG)
PFD (LIFEJACKET)
REPAIR KIT
THROW BAG
WHISTLE or SOUND SIGNAL (ONE FOR EACH PERSON AND ATTACH TO PFD)

SLEEP EQUIPMENT

TARP
TENT
TENT FLY - ROPE
SLEEPING BAG
SLEEPING PAD / AIR MATTRESSES

MISCELLANEOUS

FIRST AID KIT
SUN GLASSES
SUNSCREEN (AT LEAST SPF 15)
GLASSES - SECOND PAIR
1 LITRE WATER BOTTLE / CANTEEN
FLASHLIGHT
MAPS
EXTRA ROPE
PLASTIC BAGS (GARBAGE BAGS)
TOILET PAPER
INSECT REPELLENT
ADHESIVE TAPE - SMALL ROLL (DUCT TAPE WILL DO)

PERSONAL

GLASSES - STRAP - SECURE
TOOTHBRUSH & PASTE
SOAP & TOWEL
LIP BALM
DEODORANT
BRUSH / COMB
MEDICATION
HAND / FACE CREAM

CLOTHING

WET SUIT (FOR EARLY / LATE SEASON & / OR NOVICE AND ABOVE TRIPS)
WET BOOTS AND SOCKS (GOOD FOR ALL LEVELS)
RAIN GEAR (MANDATORY)
WOOL OR POYPROPLENE SOCKS—MANY CHANGES OF
SHIRT - LONG SLEEVED
WIND BREAKER
WARM PANTS - LONG (NOT JEANS)
HAT WITH VISOR (SUN AND RAIN PROTECTION)
TOQUE
SWEATER (WOOL OR FLEECE / POLARTEC)
CHANGE OF UNDERWEAR
SPARE SET OF DRY CLOTHING IN A WATER PROOF CONTAINER (EG. OLIVE BARREL)

COOKING GEAR

STOVE AND FUEL
MATCHES
POTS / FRY PAN
COFFEE POT
BOWLS , CUPS, PLATES
CUTLERY—SPOON,FORK
SHARP KNIFE
CAN OPENER
LIFTER
POT HOLDERS
CUTTING BOARD
DISH PAN & SOAP
DISH TOWEL & NET BAG FOR DRYING / STORING DISHES
PAPER TOWEL
ALUMINUM FOIL
SALT & PEPPER
CREAM / SUGAR
MARGARINE

EXTRAS

FOLDING CHAIRS
CAMERA
BINOCULARS
CORK SCREW
GPS & MAPS
FISHING ROD / TACKLE
BIRD / FLOWER IDENTIFICATION BOOKS
CELLULAR TELEPHONE

Adapted from Sharon Schoepp's canoeing checklist—NWV Newsletter—May 1985

NWV Fleet

By Edmond Duggan

Being relatively new to white water kayaking (and to the club), I've wondered about which kayak I would enjoy paddling the most. With the club fleet of nearly 30 boats (canoes and kayaks) it's going to be hard to try them all, and unfortunately some I'm just never going to be able to fit in. But which ones should I try to rent this summer?

I've attempted to answer part of that question by building an Excel spreadsheet that documents the fleet. The idea was to provide quantitative data on the club boats in one place so that one could compare boat to boat to make a somewhat informed decision of what to paddle.

I say somewhat informed because of two reasons. The first is that manufacturers give some quantitative information that is useful, such as minimum and maximum weight, but may not document other information such as actually how wide the seat is, or what is the maximum shoe size that's comfortable inside the boat. Even if these measures were available, and consistent between companies, there still is much more to consider in choosing a boat.

Secondly, it's the qualitative data that the spreadsheet doesn't provide. Personal preferences and perceptions vary greatly. I looked at review sites on the web, and they tended to be an OK beginning source, but not decisive. In part online reviewers tended to either really like the boat, or not. Middle ground (or should that be water?) seemed rare. Gauging the reviewer was another challenge. Manufacturer's websites, well, they are made to sell boats....

However, this is where fellow club members (both new and experienced) come in. I plan to talk to fellow paddlers in the club to see what their opinions are about each boat. I'm sure they will be glad to share, and maybe I'll start a regular review column for the newsletter.

Having grown up around canoes, I need to apologize to the canoeists. The data isn't as (yet) complete as the kayaks. The pages of the spreadsheet provided a challenge. Many canoes have a base design, such as Mad River's Explorer. But the design is now 30 years old so there are currently 8 different base models in 3 different types of material. Unlike the kayaks, knowing the exact model from the newsletters just wasn't possible. For these entries on the sheet, I'm looking for help getting the correct data. Just send me an e-mail at edmond_duggan@yahoo.ca with any corrections or missing data.

Finally, I hope to have the sheet posted on the club website soon. I'll also be updating the sheet from time to time, as new (corrected) data appears, and as boats move in and out of the fleet.

BOAT RENTAL INFORMATION

(See Boat Managers for details on pick-up, drop-off, etc.)

<u>Boat Type</u>	<u>1 Day</u>	<u>2 Days</u>	<u>3 Days</u>	<u>Equipment Included With Boat Rental</u>
Kayak	\$20	\$25	\$30	1 PFD w/whistle, 1 Helmet, 1 Paddle, 1 spray skirt, 1 throw bag, flotation
Solo Canoe	\$20	\$25	\$30	1 PFD w/whistle, 1 Helmet, 2 Paddles, 1 throw bag, flotation
Tandem Canoe	\$25	\$30	\$35	2 PFDs w/whistles, 2 Helmet, 3 Paddles, 1 throw bag, flotation

BOAT MANAGERS

(Please contact no later than Wednesday before trip)

T=Tandem Canoe, S=Solo Canoe, K=Kayak (With kayaks, S=Small cockpit, M=Medium, L=Large)

At last count the following boats are currently in our inventory. Boat managers are to be posted soon. In the mean time, boats are available for rental through the Equipment Manager.

T	Dagger Legend	T	Mad River Explorer (Purple)
T	Mad River Explorer (Green)	K	Perception Phat (L Red/Purple)
S	Dagger Ovation (Red)	K	Prijon Hurricane (M Purple)
S	Clipper Challenger (Yellow)	K	Dagger Medieval (S Blue/White)
S	Clipper Probe (Yellow)	K	Dagger Vortex (L Red)
S	Mohawk Rogue (Red)	K	Dagger RPM Max (L Purple)
T	Clipper Prospector (Yellow)	K	Dagger Centrifuge (L Green)
T	Clipper Prospector (White)	K	Dagger Crossfire (L Red)
T	Old Town Scout (Green)	K	Riot Glide (M Yellow)
T	Mad River Explorer (Red)	K	Wavesport Godzilla (M Black/Red)
K	Dagger Crossover (Touring kayak)	K	Pyranha Storm (M Purple)
K	Perception Dancer (L Yellow)	K	Pyranha S8 (M Blue)
K	Perception Dancer (L Green)	K	Perception Whiplash (M Yellow)
T	Mad River Freedom (Red)	K	Prijon Alien (S Yellow)
		K	Necky Rip (M Purple/Blue)
		K	Dagger Piedra (M Red)

NOTE: PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING BEFORE COMING ON ANY NWV TRIPS

- The following schedule shows the NWV scheduled trips and courses from April to October.
- The skill level required and grades are given but please note that these may vary considerably with changes in river flow rates.
- The trip leader has the discretion to change any trip due to unfavorable weather conditions or unsuitable water levels. The safety of the group is a major concern.
- **Trips marked CC are Canoe Camping, where gear is carried on the boat.**
- **Trips marked C mean Camping in one location and going out to paddle each day from the campsite.**
- **Trips marked DT mean single Day Trip only, no camping.**
- The trip leader indicated on the schedule should be contacted no later than Wednesday prior to the scheduled trip if you wish to participate.
- You are responsible for arranging for your own boat, partner (if required) and transportation. The trip leader may be able to offer some assistance but call at least a week beforehand so arrangements can be made.
- Make sure you have all necessary equipment for the trip and are familiar with the safety information provided in your member's handbook.
- All participants must have signed a waiver form before participating in a trip or course to avoid liability claims against the club.
- As a member of the club you should have signed a waiver and had it witnessed when you paid for your membership.

**Northwest Voyaguers Canoe & Kayak Club
Trip Schedule 2006**

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Date	Grade	Type	River(s)	Coordinator(s)	Phone Number	Comments
April 1	II - III	DT	Whitemud	Kurt Sejr Don Lewycky	922-6200 478-4156	Depends on weather and river conditions.
April 15	II+	DT	Lobstick	Leader Required		Good springtime run close to the city. Depends on water levels.
April 16	I+	DT	Sturgeon	Don Lewycky	478-4156	Great warm up for the season. Depends on weather and river conditions.
May 7	I	DT	North Saskatchewan	Allen Stewart	487-0607	Gennese Gun Club to Gennese Bridge. Depending on water levels should be a 4 - 5 hour paddle.
May 13 -14	I	CC	Beaver & Sand	Peter Johnston	780-594-0830	Lake and river paddling, good fishing. Rocky in low water.
Cancelled / May 1	I+	DT	Pembina	Ric Fetterly	438-1296	Good springtime run close to the city. Depends on water levels.
TBA	II		TBA	Doug Knight	435-2348	Whitewater Canoe Lessons
May 20 - 22	I+	C	Milk River	Melvyn Kadyk	484-3563	Beautiful scenery; rock art; rock gardens possible wind; group campsite, book early.
May 20 - 22	III	C	Pincher Creek	Frank Geddes	432-1923	Annual whitewater rodeo with several clubs; excellent camping arrangements and organized river trips for all levels.
May 27 or 28	I	DT	North Saskatchewan	Steve Budziszyn	461-3292	Stretch to be announced
May 27 - 28	II	DT	Pembina	Kurt Sejr	922-6200	Introduction to moving water for the participants of the Kayak Training Session on Saturday. On Sunday a trip down the river is open to all members of the club.
June 3 (tentative)	I		Rundle Park Paddling Centre	Doug Knight	435-2348	Beginner Canoe Lessons
(New) June 10	II	DT	Freeman	Ric Fetterly	438.1296	Exploratory. Small river that feeds the Athabasca River near Fort Assiniboine.
June 10 - 11	I	CC	Red Deer	Norma Ouellette	444-0263	Burbank - Highway 21. Nice scenery - hoodoos, bird watching.
June 16 - 18	I	CC	Lakeland Provincial Park	Peter Johnston	780-594-0830	Paddling several lakes for three days. Portage carts supplied for initial entry to lake. Lots of fish and wildlife.
June 17 - 18	II+	C	Panther	Don Litven	476-7006	Narrow foothills river with ledges and rapids for playing. Great for novices.

June 24 - 25	II	C	Wapiabi/Blackstone	Brian Olsen	433-3749	Camp at Blackstone Recreation Area on the Chungo Road. Good for both canoeists and kayakers. Low flow, technical wilderness river with ledges, log jams and sweepers.
June 24 or 25	I+	DT	McLeod	Tony Cale Sheila Sutherland	487-7659	Moose Rapids. Fairly fast, rocky river

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June 24	I	DT	North Saskatchewan	Melvyn Kadyk	484-3563	Whitemud to 50 Street. Introduction to moving water; followup to the beginner training.
July 1 - 3	I+	CC	North Saskatchewan	Larry Richard	454-8680	Rocky Mountain House to Drayton Valley. Nice scenery; wilderness camping.
July 1 - 3	I - III	DT	Jasper Provincial Part	Frank Geddes	432-1923	Paddling for all skill levels. Whirlpool Campsite has been booked. Cheap and fun.
July 8 or 9	I	DT	North Saskatchewan	Arlene Drysdale	452-2590	Day trip close to the city
July 15	II - III	C	Highwood	Chuck Elliot	452-1874	Beautiful river in small canyon, mainly pool and drop. Camp at Greenford on Highway 541.
July 16	II - III	C	Kananaskis	Chuck Elliot	452-1874	Meet at Canoe Meadows Sunday at 10:30 AM.
July 15 - 16	I	CC	North Saskatchewan	Allen Stewart	487-0607	Berrymore Bridge to Genesee Bridge. Beginner camping trip, close to the city.
July 22 or 23	III+	DT	North Saskatchewan	Don Litven	476-7006	Brierlies at Rocky Mountain House. Good waves, holes and surfing spots.
July 23	I	DT	North Saskatchewan	Jan Stemo	436-8717	Devon to Laurier Park. Nice day trip close to the city.
July 30	I	DT	North Saskatchewan	Kurt Sejr	922-6200	Drayton Valley to Berrymore. Nice, easy paddle.
Aug 5 - 6	II	C	Clearwater	Leader Required		Isolated, narrow river with braided sections, sweepers and rapids.
Aug 5 - 7	I - III	DT	Jasper Tours	Ric Fetterly	438-1296	Paddling for all skill levels. Whirlpool Campsite will be shared with the Mystia Club.
Aug 5 - 9	II	CC	Athabasca	Clarence Kadyk	456-7370	Hinton to Whitecourt. Wilderness camping
Aug 12 - 13	II	C	Red Deer	Chuck Elliot	452-1874	Kayak Rescue course on Saturday Paddling on Sunday. Beginners encouraged. Camp at Cache Hill.
Aug 19 - 20	II	C	North Saskatchewan	Arndt Kuethe	463-0237	Saskatchewan Crossing to Nordegg. Fast water; mountain scenery. 1st day above Abraham Lake is quite braided.
Aug 19 or 20	I	DT	North Saskatchewan	Steve Budziszyn	461-3292	50 Street to Fort Saskatchewan
Sept 2 - 4	II	CC	North Saskatchewan	Arndt Kuethe	463-0237	Nordegg to Rocky Mountain House. Some rapids but most most can be avoidable.

Sept 9 - 10	II+	DT	Red Deer	Ric Fetterly	438-1296	Upper stretch. A classic river for novices and experienced paddlers alike.
Sept 16	I	DT	North Saskatchewan	Norma Ouellette	444-0263	The club will again be acting as River Patroller for Cornerstone Councillors' Paddling for Compassion event. Volunteers are well fed.
Sept 23 - 24	I	CC	Athabasca	Norma Ouellette	444-0263	Blue Ridge to Fort Assiniboine. Nice scenic trip, fall colors.
Oct 8	I	DT	North Saskatchewan	Melvyn Kadyk	484-3563	Genesee Bridge to Golden Spike. Last fall day trip.