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NORTHWEST VOYAGEURS CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB



Box 1341, Edmonton, AB T5J 2N2

Internet Address: www.nwvoyageurs.com

Upcoming Events

**Jan 1
2007**

Membership Renewal

Memberships are up for renewal as of January 1, 2007
Please renew as soon as possible

**Jan 12 (Fri)
2007**

Kayak Drop-in — Started January 12, 2007

Started January 12, 2007 More information on page 2

**Mar 28 (Wed)
7:30 pm**

General Meeting

Northgate Lions Senior Centre—Seminar Room
7524-139 Ave.

This month's guest speaker - Peter Johnson— Slide show highlighting his canoe trip in Northern Ontario—Quetico Park— Portaging, camping, etc...
Members are welcome to attend

**April 3 (Tues)
7:30 pm**

Executive Meeting

Northgate Lions Senior Centre—Seminar Room
7524-139 Ave.

The club executive meets to discuss club business.
Members are welcome to attend.

**April 25 (Wed)
7:30 pm**

General Meeting

Northgate Lions Senior Centre—Seminar Room
7524-139 Ave.

April guest speaker—TBA
Members are welcome to attend

N W V E X E C U T I V E 2 0 0 7

President	Rick Fetterly	438-1296	fetterly(a)shaw.ca
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Archives	***Vacant*****		
Conservation	***Vacant*****		
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*Kayak Coordinator	Ivan Isop	477-2441	puppydog875(a)phreego.com
Equipment Manager	Larry Richard	454-8680	
*Social Coordinator	Jennifer Roste	431-1351	
Member at Large	Kurt Sejr	922-6200	sejr(a>wildroseinternet.ca

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* Indicates new person in position

Kayak Drop-In Sessions 2007

Fridays 8:30 - 10:00 pm

Starting Jan. 12, 2007 thru April 20, 2007

At Confederation Pool, 11204-43 Ave. Edmonton

Fee of \$8.00 per night

Bring your own kayak or use one of the club's

Please Note:

Students taking kayak lessons have first choice of kayaks

There is a limited number of kayaks at the pool to choose from

Drop-in's have use of diving tank only, as Kayak Lessons are in progress in main pool

Someone out there must have an interesting story to tell !!!

Subject: Media Request

The NWV have been contacted by Mr. Brian Swane, who is presently working with Kanawa magazine and is looking for a story to do on canoeing / kayaking in the Edmonton area. He is interested to know if anyone is aware of any new and interesting developments locally, or any exciting plans our club has for the upcoming season!

Brian also asked if there are any members of our club who have some particularly unique experiences that they would like to share. He could possibly do a story on it as well.

If you have something that may be of interest, please contact Brian Swane at: bswane@gmail.com

FYI: Safe Boating Guide is available from Transport Canada online @ www.boatingsafety.gc.ca or by calling 1-800-635-7943

DON'T MISS OUT **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

All 2006 NWV memberships expired January 1st

**Renew your
2007 NWV Memberships today**
**This is will be the last Newsletter for
those who have not renewed your
memberships!!!!**

Don't delay, renew today!

Registration form available on last 2 pages or online @ www.nwvoyageurs.com



Introduction to poling your canoe ***(On the creek without a paddle)***

An informal introduction to poling a canoe, suitable for paddlers already experienced in river and some whitewater boating. One evening (May 28th) and one weekend (June 9 and 10).

The course will include a short introductory evening session (May 28th) including instructions on making your pole. The weekend sessions will be at Isle Lake (Saturday June 9th) and Pembina River (Sunday June 10th).

Participants must supply their own canoes (one per participant), pole, paddles and standard safety gear and their own refreshments, lunches etc....

For more information contact Alan at 487-0607 or alkemy@ocii.com

Trip Report - RED DEER RIVER

September 9, 2006
Airstrip to S-Bend

You only have to paddle the upper stretches of the Red Deer River to get an appreciation for the power of Mother Nature or specifically the floods during the summer of 2005. The old nomenclature for trips on the upper Red Deer – Airstrip to Wysenchuks Crossing or the Airstrip to S-Bend can be no longer since the road to the airstrip has been washed out. The alternate access was not available since equipment making repairs to the bridge on the Trunk Road had blocked the entrance. The closest approach was the bridge over the Red Deer River near Mountain Aire Lodge.



The water level was supposed to be about twenty-six cms, which is high for this late in the season. Water was on the verge of pouring over Big Rock, which is very unusual for the water level that day. Flooding has drastically changed the river course near Big Rock. Could it be that the water levels on the web site are inaccurate and the gauge needs to be calibrated?

The only route over Gooseberries' Ledge the last couple of years is on paddlers left but I can remember that the only feasible route was on paddlers' right. With the water level in the low twenties the drop over Gooseberries is a meter plus in height.

If you have not paddled the upper Red Deer in the last couple of years, go with someone who has done the stretch since it has changed considerably.



Back to paddling. It was a great day with warm temperatures, good waves, excellent water levels and an enthusiastic group. Could it get any better than that?

Participants:
Ben Coxworth, Don Litven, Ivan Isop & Ric Fetterly

Trip Report by: Ric Fetterly

Photos courtesy of B.Dairon

General Meeting — Guest Speaker

Peter Johnson
Seventeen days in Quetico

at the
Northgate Lions Seniors Centre
7524-139 Ave.

Wednesday
March 28, 2007
07:30 pm

Quetico is one of the best destinations for a wilderness canoe experience. Located in north-western Ontario just south of the town of Atikokan, it is adjacent to its companion park, the BWCA, in northern Minnesota, USA. This pristine wilderness encompasses thousands of lakes, and the number of routes through the park is limited only by the imagination. Quetico is an example of Canadian Shield geography at its best; lakes, granite outcrops, winding streams, and stands of white and red pine found through out the park. Join Peter Johnson and Wendy Ricard as they recount the seventeen days spent in this unique park.

See you there !!!!!

**BOAT MANAGERS
NEEDED**

WE need YOU to store some of our rental boats. In return for storing and renting those boats out to any interested club members, you would receive 50% off of the rental price of any your still available boats. Sound like a good deal?

If you are interested in helping out, let us know by contacting our equipment manager, Larry Richard at 454-8680

**BLAST
FROM THE
PAST**

*I found this piece of
humour from about
21 years ago and
thought that I would
share it with you.*

*Newsletter Editor,
Don Litven*



Journey to the Three Rivers—National Tour Gala Evening

**Aviation Hangar 11410 Kingsway Ave.
Edmonton**

May 12, 2007

CPAWS Three Rivers Tour on the Snake, the Wind and the Bonnet Plume Rivers

Journey to the Three Rivers

In 2003 the Yukon Chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society undertook an incredible challenge: bringing a relatively unknown boreal mountain river wilderness system to the attention of Canadians. The Snake, the Wind, and the Bonnet Plume Rivers all flow through the Peel River Basin in the stunning Selwyn Mountains along Yukon's eastern border. In three separate but simultaneous journeys 11 nationally prominent artists, writers, journalists, and photographers joined 26 people from the Yukon and the Northwest Territories to capture the beauty, the feeling, and the importance of this area.

The participants created works of art and literature that reflected their journey through the northern landscape and sustains an aboriginal way of life with close ties to the land. The Three Rivers Journey is touring Canada to heighten public awareness of one of the world's finest mountain river systems and the potential threats to its integrity.

Join CPAWS Edmonton as we host Journey to the Three Rivers, a multimedia presentation that features the art and literature created by the Journey's participants. Share in the beauty of the river system and take home some important messages for Alberta's own majestic water systems. The presentation will be followed by a cocktail gala, including the final viewing of the "Earth's Treasure Chest" mural mosaic www.cpaws-edmonton.org/auction.

The details:

May 12, 2007

6:00pm Doors

6:30pm Three Rivers multimedia presentation

7:30pm Appetizers

8:00pm Special musical guests

For more information or for tickets contact:

CPAWS Edmonton

432-0967

info@cpaws-edmonton.org

www.cpaws-edmonton.org



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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)

East—Kurt Sejr 922-6400

S Clipper Challenger (Yellow)
 S Clipper Probe (Yellow)
 S Mohawk Rogue (Red)
 T Mad River Explorer (Purple)
 T Clipper Prospector (Yellow)
 T Old Town Scout (Green)
 T Mad River Explorer (Red)
 K Dagger Crossover (Touring kayak)
 K Perception Dancer (L Yellow)
 K Perception Dancer (L Green)
 T Mad River Explorer (Purple)
 K Perception Phat (L Red/Purple)
 K Prijon Hurricane (M Purple)
 K Dagger RPM Max (L Purple)
 K Dagger Crossfire (L Red)
 K Riot Glide (M Yellow)
 K Wavesport Godzilla (M Black/Red)
 K Perception Whiplash (M Yellow)

East—Kurt Sejr 922-6400

K Necky Rip (M Purple/Blue)
 K Dagger Piedra (M Red)

West Central—

T Dagger Legend (Red)
 T Mad River Explorer (Green)

West—Ric Fetterly 438-1296

T Clipper Prospector (White)
 K Dagger Medieval (S Blue/White)

Northwest—

T Mad River Freedom (Red)
 S Dagger Ovation (Red)
 K Dagger Vortex (L Red)
 K Dagger Centrifuge (L Green)

West—

K Pyranha Storm (M Purple)
 K Pyranha S8 (M Blue)
 K Prijon Alien (S Yellow)

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 Voyageurs Canoe Kayak Club
Trip Schedule 2007

Date	Grade	Type	River(s)	Coordinator(s)	Phone Number	Comments
Mar 31 or Apr 1	II - III	DT	Whitemud	Kurt Sejr Don Lewycky	922-6200 478-4156	Depends on weather and river conditions.
April 14	II+	DT	Lobstick	Ric Fetterly	438-1296	Good springtime run close to the city. Depends on water levels.
April 21 or 22	I+	DT	Sturgeon	Kurt Sejr Don Lewycky	922-6200 478-4156	Great warm up for the season. Depends on weather and river conditions.
April 28 or 29	II	DT	Pembina	Ric Fetterly	438-1296	Good springtime run close to the city. Depends on water levels.
May 6	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 12 or 13						
May 19 - 21	I	CC	Beaver & Sand	Peter Johnston	780-594-0830	Nice small rivers, 2 days could be 3, if participants are interested. Good fishing. Rocky in low water.
May 19 - 21	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 19 - 21	II	C		Doug Knight	435-2348	Whitewater Canoe Lessons. Book early to reserve your spot.
May 26	I	DT	North Saskatchewan	Steve Budziszyn	461-3292	Golden Spike to Devon. Nice day trip close to the city.
May 26 - 27	I	C	Pembina	Ivan Isop	477-2441	River introduction; follow up to the pool kayak lessons
June 2	I	DT	North Saskatchewan	Jennifer Roste	431-1351	Laurie Park to 50 Street. Nice trip through the river valley.
June 9 - 10	II	C	Wild Hay	Chuck Elliot	452-1874	Group campsite. Follow up to the kayak training on the Pembina. Easy grade II, no drops canoeists welcome.
June 9 - 10	I+	CC	Freeman	Ric Fetterly	438-1296	Narrow fast river, possible sweepers.
June 16 - 17	I		Rundie Paddling Centre	Doug Knight	435-2348	Beginner Canoe Lessons
June 16 - 17	I	CC	Red Deer	Dan & Michelle Monroe	486-0363	Burbank - Highway 21. Nice scenery - hoodoos, bird watching.
June 16 - 17	II+	C	Panther	Don Litven	476-7006	Narrow foothills river with ledges and rapids for playing. Great for novices.
June 23 - 24	II	C	Blackstone	Ivan Isop	477-2441	Camp on the Blackstone River at the bridge on the Forestry Trunk Road, free. Turn right just before bridge (about 40 km north of Nordegg)
June 30 - July 5	I+	CC	Athabasca	Clarence Kadyk	456-7370	Fort Assiniboine to Smith. Wilderness camping on a big wide river. Please contact trip coordinator early if you are interested. Wilderness camping experience essential.

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Date	Grade	Type	River(s)	Coordinator(s)	Phone Number	Comments
June 30 - July 2	II	C	North Saskatchewan	Arndt Kuethe	463-0237	Saskatchewan Crossing to Nordegg. Fast water, mountain scenery. 1st day above Abraham Lake is quite braided. Please phone early to discuss alternate plans, i.e. 1 day hiking, etc.
July 7 - 8	I	C	Slave	Phil and Cathy Dunn	967-3622	Camp at cabin site
July 7	II - III	C	Highwood River	Chuck Elliott	452-1874	A beautiful, class II river with many II - III rapids. Camp at Greenfood campground about 22 KM west of Longview on 541.
July 14	I	DT	North Saskatchewan	Jan Sterno	436-8717	Devon to Laurier Park. Nice day trip close to the city.
July 21 - 22	I	CC	North Saskatchewan	Allen Stewart	487-0607	Drayton Valley to Keep Hills. Beginner camping trip, close to the city.
July 21	III	C	North Saskatchewan	Dave Sitar		Brierlies - camp at Historic picnic site on Saskatchewan River 5 km west of Rocky Mountain House.
July 28 or 29	I	DT	North Saskatchewan	Kurt Sejr	922-6200	Drayton Valley to Berrymore Bridge. Nice, easy paddle.
Aug 4 - 6	I - III	DT	Jasper Tours	Leader Required		Paddling for all skill levels.
Aug 11 - 12	I	C	North Saskatchewan	Melvyn Kadyk	484-3563	Exploratory, Elk Point area
Aug 11 - 12	II	C	Red Deer	Chuck Elliott	452-1874	Camp at Cache Hill. River Kayak Rescue Clinic for novices on Saturday morning
Aug 19	I	DT	North Saskatchewan	Steve Budziszyn	461-3292	50 Street to Fort Saskatchewan. Nice trip through the city.
Aug 25 or 26						
Sept 1 - 3	II	CC	North Saskatchewan	Larry Richard	454-8680	Rocky Mountain House to Drayton Valley.
Sept 8 or 9	II+	C	Red Deer	Ric Fetterly	438-1296	Upper stretch. A classic river for novices and experienced paddlers alike.
Sept 15	I	DT	North Saskatchewan	Norma Ouellette	444-0263	The club will again be acting as River Patrolter for Cornerstone Councilling's Paddling for Compassion event. Volunteer for a good cause, lots of fun and good food. Free t-shirt and a goodie bag.
Sept 22 - 23	I	CC	Athabasca	Norma Ouellette	444-0263	Blue Ridge to Fort Assiniboine. Nice scenic trip, fall colors.
Oct 6	I	DT	North Saskatchewan	Arndt Kuethe	463-0237	Genesse Bridge to Golden Spike. Last fall day trip. Weiner roast for lunch will be organized.



Northwest Voyagers

Canoe and Kayak Club

Box 1341, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2N2

Membership Application and Renewal (please print)

Name _____ Male Female

Age Group 0-20 21-30 31-40 41-50 51 and over

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ Postal Code _____ E-mail _____

Our newsletter is available electronically on our website in pdf, printable format, a notice with a link to it will be emailed to you every month it is published- do you require a paper copy? No _____ Yes _____

Note: For your privacy, a paper copy of the Membership list will be sent to members & WILL NOT be posted electronically.

Renewal New Member: How did you hear about the club Friend Ad Other _____

Each applicant **MUST HAVE THE WAIVER SIGNED, DATED and WITNESSED** on the reverse side of this application before it will be processed. Only those persons specifically listed on the waiver are covered by the Club's liability insurance. A parent or guardian must sign for children under 18 years of age.

Costs:*

Single Membership: \$30.00 Cost includes liability insurance

Family Membership: \$45.00 Cost includes liability insurance

Names of family members:

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

Decals _____ @ \$1.50

Crests _____ @ \$1.50

T-Shirts _____ @ \$15.00

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Membership and Merchandise.....Total _____

Total _____

Please make cheque payable to Northwest Voyagers Canoe and Kayak Club

Canoeing Courses Available Kayaking Courses Available Please contact a course coordinator for more information on when courses will be offered & associated fees.

Paddling Information

Do you need a canoe paddling partner? YES NO

List the type (Canoe or Kayak) and level of any courses you are interested in taking e.g., beginners, advanced, moving water, whitewater, tripping . . . _____

What type of trips would you like to participate in?

Canoe

- Day Trips
- Day Trips – from campground
- Canoe Camping – Gear in boat
- Grade I River (easy)
- Grade II River (moderate)
- Grade III River (difficult)

Kayak

- Day Trips
- Day Trips – from campground
- Grade II River (easy)
- Grade III River (moderate)
- Grade IV River (difficult)
- Sea Kayak Camping – Gear in box

Please indicate if you are willing to help out by:

- Leading scheduled club trips
- Instructing paddling courses
- Assisting a course instructor
- Organizing / helping at club social events
- Storing boats

YES, I agree to share this information with other Northwest Voyager Club Members

Signature of Applicant

Release, Waiver and Assumption of Risk Form

For the Northwest Voyageurs Canoe and Kayak Club (herein called "this agreement")

We, the undersigned participants, hereby acknowledge and agree that in consideration of being permitted to participate in canoeing and kayaking programs or activities organized, operated, or sanctioned by the NORTHWEST VOYAGEURS CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB, (herein called "the Association"):

1. We do hereby release, the Association, its members, executive officers, employees and associates from any liability, and do hereby waive as against the Association, its members, executive officers, employees and associates all recourses, claims, causes of action of any kind whatsoever, in respect of all personal injuries or property losses which I may suffer arising out of, or connected with, my preparation for or participation in, the aforesaid canoeing and kayaking programs or activities, not withstanding that such injuries or losses may have been caused solely or partly by the negligence of the Association or any of its members, executive officers, employees or associates.
2. And, we do hereby acknowledge and agree that:
 - a) the sports of canoeing and kayaking are dangerous, exposing participants to many risks and hazards: some of which are inherent in the nature of the sport itself, others which result from human error and negligence on the part of the persons involved in preparing, organizing and staging canoe and kayak trips and other activities;
 - b) as a result of the aforesaid risks and hazards, we as participants may suffer serious personal injury, even death, as well as property loss;
 - c) some of the aforesaid risks and hazards are foreseeable, but others are not;
 - d) we nevertheless freely and voluntarily assume all the aforesaid risks and hazards, and that, accordingly, our preparation for, and participation in the aforesaid canoeing and kayaking programs and activities shall be entirely at our own risk;
 - e) we understand that neither the Association nor any of its members, executive officers, employees or associates assume any responsibility whatsoever for our safety during the course of our preparation for, or participation in, the aforesaid canoeing and kayaking programs and activities;
 - f) we have carefully read this agreement, that we fully understand same, and that we are freely and voluntarily executing same;
- g) we understand clearly that by signing this release, we will be forever, prevented from suing or otherwise claiming against the Association, its members, executive officers, employees and associates for any loss or damage connected with any property loss or personal injury that we may sustain while participating in or preparing for any of the above canoeing and kayaking programs or activities whether or not such loss or injury is caused solely or partly by the negligence of the Association or any of its members, executive officers, employees and associates;
- h) we have been given the opportunity and have been encouraged to seek independent legal advice prior to signing this agreement;
- i) we understand clearly that the Association would not permit us to participate in any such canoeing and kayaking programs or activities unless we signed this agreement, that this agreement applies to all the aforesaid canoeing and kayaking programs and activities whether occurring in the near or distant future, and that the terms of this Agreement need not be brought to our attention each time we participate in such canoeing and kayaking program or activity in order to be effective;
- j) the term "canoeing and kayaking programs or activities" as used in this agreement includes without limiting the generality of that term, river trips, pool sessions, winter activities, courses, races, as well as all other programs and events that are in any way authorized, sanctioned, organized or operated by the Association;
- k) this Agreement is binding on us, our heirs, our executors, administrators, personal representatives and assigns; and
- l) we understand clearly that the Association is and shall be deemed to be acting for itself and as agent on behalf of, and for the benefit of the members, executive officers, employees and associates of the Association for the purposes set out in the above stated, clauses of this agreement.

**I/WE HAVE READ THIS RELEASE
AND ACCEPT ALL ITS TERMS**

Participant Name <i>(Please Print)</i>	Participant Signature <i>(Parent/Guardian if under 18)</i>
1	
2	
3	
Witness Name	Witness Signature

Participant Name <i>(Please Print)</i>	Participant Signature <i>(Parent/Guardian if under 18)</i>
4	
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Location signed at	Date Signed