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NORTHWEST VOYAGEURS CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB



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Upcoming Events

Oct 31 (Wed) **General Meeting—Guest Speakers— Trip down the Athabasca River**
7:30 pm
Northgate Loins Senior Centre—Seminar Room
7524-139 Ave.
Guest Speakers Norma Ouellette and Melvyn Kadyk speak about their trip from Fort Assiniboine to Smith

Nov 6 (Tue) **Executive Meeting**
7:30 pm
Northgate Loins Senior Centre—Seminar Room
7524-139 Ave.
The club executive meet to discuss club business. Members are welcome to attend.

Nov 28 (Wed) **Annual General Meeting—Elections & Photo Contest**
7:30 pm
Northgate Loins Senior Centre—Seminar Room
7524-139 Ave. Elections—Vote / Volunteer for New Executive
Enter your photos from this years trips All members are encouraged to enter & attend

January to **Whitewater Kayak – Beginner Lessons — Starting January 2008**
April 2008 More information to come

Whitewater Kayak Lessons

Slated to start January 2008

More information to follow

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

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Important Notice:

The following resolution is being proposed by the Northwest Voyageurs Canoe and Kayak Executive.

Summary:

Special Resolution 1, if passed, will waive, on a one-time basis, the time limitation of Article IV – 6 to allow the current Treasurer, Norma Ouellette, to continue as Treasurer for the 2007/08 fiscal year.

The Treasurer position requires someone with the club's confidence to handle the finance responsibilities in a professional manner. Handling the day to day finances of the club is a year round responsibility. The treasurer is responsible for maintaining a ledger of the club's financial transactions detailing each fiscal period's revenue, expenses and changes to club assets; presents financials statements at each executive meeting for review; pays vendors for club expenses; reconciles the bank statements against deposits made and cheques drawn on the club's accounts; prepares the final financial statements and arranges for their audit each year. Audited statements are presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Without NWV members passing a special resolution to waive Article IV – 6, the club would be required to recruit a Treasurer from the current membership and this position has proven very difficult to fill in past years.

Resolution:

Resolved that the membership has authorized to waive, on a one-time basis, the time limitation of Article IV – 6, to allow Norma Ouellette to continue as Treasurer for the 2007/08 fiscal year.

Article IV – 6 reads:

Any officer whose term of office has expired may be elected to the same or a different office but none shall serve in the same office for more than four (4) consecutive years.

Note:

This resolution will be voted on by the membership at the Annual General Meeting on November 28, 2007

August 19, 2007 50th Street to Fort Saskatchewan River Trip

Members present Canoeing;

Rob and William Roy, Don Lewicky and Eric Chan, Mel Kadyk and Norma Ouellette, Brenda Noble and Steve Budziszyn, the Latta family; Jeff, Kathryn, Nathaniel and Janelle and the Villeneuve family; Ed, Mary, Alex and Andrew.

Members present Kayaking;

Frank Geddes, Kerry Smiley, Janelle Smiley-Wiens and Fred Martin.

The trip consisted of eight canoes and four kayaks.



We started our day with breakfast at Albert's restaurant at the Capilano Shopping Centre. After a time of indulging in food and a



bit of socializing we headed to the put in at the Capilano Park boat launch (50th Street) meeting up with more of our paddling members for this trip.

Weather-wise the morning was foggy with a forecast of thunder showers for the afternoon; however the forecast was wrong, we had favorable weather, the fog lifted and



no thunder showers came about. We had an overcast sky with a temperature of seventeen degrees Celsius. The day trip was a pleasant experience for us.



Apart from the socializing on the river, the stop for lunch and the watermelon break, wildlife spotting (birds) was great. Sightings of various bird species were; a pileated woodpecker, osprey, a bald eagle, numerous pelicans, hawks, ravens, sandpipers, killdeer, ducks, Canada geese, various song birds and not to forget a few gulls.

A special thanks to each one of the paddlers for coming out and making this trip a time to remember.

Submitted by: Steve Budziszyn— Aug.19 Trip Coordinator



ELECTIONS & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday
November 28, 2007
7:30 pm**

**Northgate Lions Senior Centre
7524-139 Ave.**

HELP!!!

YES!!! We need you

A few of our Club Executives are moving on to other positions or are giving others an opportunity to serve on the NWV Executive.

Please consider helping us out to run your Club

Positions that require filling but not limited too are:
Secretary, Trip Co-ordinator, Kayak Co-ordinator, Social Co-ordinator
If you are interested in one of these or another Executive position, please let us know by contacting
an executive member and or come out to the meeting

SEE YOU THERE !!!!!

New Executive Members Needed

Each year at this time, we see a group of dedicated people nearing the end of their term as the club's executive. Some intend to return for another year, but others move on to other areas of their lives. The club invites you to run for any of the positions on the executive. If you have a little bit of time to spare for a couple of days each month, please show your support to the club.

Although there isn't a huge amount of work involved in running a club, an executive council is required to keep things rolling along. The executive meets monthly to discuss club business, such as how to allocate money for equipment, organizing trips and social events, arranging training schedules, and a whole lot more.

Whether you're a long time member, or fairly new to the club, we're interested in talking to you about any position you are interested in filling. Please contact Kurt Sejr at 922-6200 for more information or to volunteer. You can also talk to any current executive member for more information on any position that interests you.

Here's a brief summary of the duties and responsibilities of each executive position.

President

The President is the club's main contact with other clubs and associations, and promotes publicity for the club and its activities.

- Guides all discussion at meetings
- Establishes agenda for executive and general meetings with the help of the executive
- Votes only to break deadlocks by casting a tie breaking vote
- Initiates and promotes new projects and activities
- Has signing authority for the club (with the Treasurer or Vice President)
- Knows the club constitution and bylaws

Vice President

The vice president is the backup for the president, and assumes all of the president's duties in his/her absence.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for all aspects of the club's finances.

- Maintains a ledger of revenues, expenses, and club assets
- Deposits funds paid to club for memberships, training, equipment rentals, or product sales
- Has signing authority (with the Treasurer or Vice President)
- Prepares financial statements for the executive meetings
- Prepares annual returns to Alberta Consumer & Corporate Affairs

Secretary

- Prepares the minutes at each executive meeting
- Records names of members attending executive and annual general meetings
- Maintains complete files of newsletters, club meeting minutes, financial statements, club forms, and other documents that are used regularly
- Has charge of the seal of the society, and copy of the By-laws and policies

Membership Director

- Maintains a current membership list
- Collects and processes membership forms
- Collects membership fees and forwards them to the treasurer
- Prints and stamps envelopes for the monthly newsletter, and gives to the newsletter editor
- Provide club information to potential members

Newsletter Editor

- Prepare, photocopy, and mail the monthly newsletter
- Maintain a file of past newsletters
- Maintains the club website (duty may be shared with another executive member)

Publicity Director

- Promotes the club by placing advertising in newspapers, radio, and in local stores as directed by the executive
- Produces advertising brochures and/or posters for club events
- Maintain a list of locations with club posters / brochures on display

Trip Coordinator

- Arranges the annual trip schedule
- Books group campsites for trips where this is required
- Collects participation information for trips, to be reported at the AGM

Canoe Coordinator

- Organizes canoe courses, safety courses, and other related activities
- Arranges for instructors for canoe courses
- Takes registrations and collects fees for courses
- Maintains participation statistics for canoe courses

Kayak Coordinator

- Organizes kayak courses, safety courses, and other related activities
- Arranges for instructors for kayak courses
- Takes registrations and collects fees for courses
- Maintains participation statistics for kayak courses

Equipment Director

- Maintains an inventory of club equipment
- Arranges equipment rental managers to keep club boats and rent them to members
- Collects rental fees from equipment managers and forwards to the treasurer
- Keeps records of usage statistics for club equipment
- Arranges maintenance and repairs to equipment
- Makes purchases of new equipment as directed by the executive
- Arranges for the sale and disposal of outdated equipment

Social Coordinator

- Arranges presenters for monthly meetings
- Arranges rental of space for club meetings and other events
- Buys refreshments that the club provides at meetings and events

Archives

- Keeps files of all club documents and papers. This includes meeting minutes, membership lists, newsletters, trip reports, maps, etc.
- Searches the archive files for past information to be used as articles in the newsletter, or as reference material on trip scheduling, or any other historical information that the club might need.
- Historically, this position and Conservation have been performed by one person.

Conservation

- Keeps the club informed of current and up and coming environmental issues, particularly ones where river ecologies are involved.
- Writes letters on behalf of the club to companies and government agencies regarding environmental issues (only on issues that have the approval of the club executive)

Members at Large

These are members that are part of the executive with no specifically designated jobs. They are primarily on the executive so there is a representation of the membership, and so there is a larger body of members to vote on club issues. These executive members are frequently called upon to assist other executive members on special projects, or anywhere extra assistance is needed. We usually have a member at large acting as one or both of the liaison positions.

Alberta Whitewater Association (AWA) Liaison

- Attends AWA meetings
- Keeps the NWV executive up to date on AWA events and issues
- Responsible for communicating NWV concerns to the AWA
- Arranges liability insurance coverage for NWV through the AWA group insurance

Alberta Recreational Canoe Association (ARCA) Liaison

- Attends ARCA meetings
- Keeps the NWV executive up to date on ARCA events and issues
- Responsible for communicating NWV concerns to the ARCA
- Arranges liability insurance coverage for NWV through the ARCA group insurance

ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

Enter at the
Annual General Meeting

Wednesday
November 28, 2007
7:30 pm

Northgate Lions Senior Centre
7524-139 Ave.

Enter your photos from this year in the following categories:

Action on the River
Nature Scene
At the Campsite / Humour

Contest is Open to
Northwest Voyageurs Club Members

“GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU THAT ENTER”

**NWV GENERAL MEETING
&
GUEST SPEAKERS**

SUBJECT:

A trip down the
Athabasca River

“Fort Assiniboine to Smith”

Presented by
Norma Ouellette & Melvyn Kadyk

Wednesday
October 31, 2007
7:30 pm

Northgate Lions Senior Centre
7524-139 Ave.

Come join us and here about their 2007 trip



affix to car visor



12328-102 Avenue NW | car racks | kayak cradles | canoe kits | straps

Alberta Land & Life

This is a new magazine that bills itself as 'Alberta's magazine for travel, nature, events, history, adventure, geography and culture....' Its intent is to take readers 'to all four corners of the province'...to show...'the diversity of both the land and the people'. The inaugural issue was Nov/Dec 2006 and the magazine will be published quarterly.

The two issues I've seen are excellent in both presentation and content; printed on good quality paper they will decorate coffee tables as well as inform. The feature articles are varied, covering the breadth of the province. The information is contemporary, relevant and draws on the knowledge and skills of real people. Shorter articles under the general heading of 'Departments' are equally informative and are excellent supplements to the feature articles. They are well written; the photographs are excellent; the maps have a stylized parchment quality that seems to be a 'trademark' feature, and are simple and informative.

I strongly recommend that you search out this magazine; it looks as if it will be a great source of Alberta information and insight. A subscription would make an excellent present. Check it out for yourself at www.altalandandlife.com

Submitted by Alan Stewart

Pembina River Moving Water Course — White Water May 26 & 27, 2007

The weather was great, the water level about perfect and everyone showed up. A few mosquitoes showed up as well but they weren't really a big problem.

Who was there:

Instructors and assistants: Chuck and Brenda Elliott, Dave Sitar, Ivan and Jack Isop, Vanja Jovic.
Novice kayakers: Fred Marten, Sam and Ginette Shewchuk, Pauline Gilmore, Sheri Ruffo, Kiefer Von Gaza, Joel Klassen, Edmund Duggan, and Martin Gillett
Chuck's dog Lacey had her first camping experience.

Water Flow: 47 cm/s (average is about 30 cm/s at this time) **Grade:** 1

On Saturday morning we trained at the picnic site. In the afternoon we continued with more training and then progressed downstream to the camping area, focusing on river reading and trying to hit eddies properly. On Sunday we had a more leisurely trip down to the picnic area from the put-in above the graveyard south of highway #16. There were four swims, all on Saturday.

Everyone really seemed to enjoy themselves and I want to share with you the comments submitted.

"It was a fun day"

"The coaching was great"

"It was not an easy run but it raised my level of experience"

"It let me challenge myself at my own pace"

"Stay the course"

"It was a fun day"

"Great work instructors. Made it very fun."

"Thanks"

"Great job"

"Look forward to next time"

"From a pool setting to moving water setting - was excellent"

I really want to thank all the volunteers who helped out - Dave, Ivan, Jack, Vanja and my wife Brenda who helps me with many important details and suggestions. Dave showed up 30 minutes late Sat. morning but Dave worked to 4:00 am Friday night. Hats off to Dave.

Submitted by Chuck Elliot

***More photos from the NWV
August 19, 2007 trip from
Edmonton at 50th Street to Fort Saskatchewan
as reported on page 3***

