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**NORTHWEST VOYAGEURS CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB**

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## Upcoming Events

**Oct 30 (Wed)  
7:30 pm**

**General Meeting— Guest Speaker — Mark Lund**— David Thompson Brigade  
Central Lions Senior Citizens Recreation Centre, 1113-113 St. Edmonton  
Come join us— Mark Lund is back to tell us the rest of his story. See page #5 for more details

**Nov 4 (Tue)  
7:00 pm**

**Executive Meeting**  
Central Lions Senior Citizens Recreation Centre, 1113-113 St. Edmonton  
The club executive meet to discuss club business. Members are welcome to attend.

**Nov 26 (Wed)  
7:30 pm**

**General Meeting— AGM, Elections and Photo Contest**  
Central Lions Senior Citizens Recreation Centre, 1113-113 St. Edmonton  
Come join us— This month we have our AGM, Annual Photo Contest and Elections. See pages #7 and 9

**Nov 26 (Wed)  
7:30 pm**

**Annual Photo Contest**  
Central Lions Senior Citizens Recreation Centre, 1113-113 St. Edmonton  
Annual Photo Contest — Photos are to be based on the subjects: On the River, Off the River, Nature.  
See pages #7 and 9

**Dec 2 (Tue)  
7:00 pm**

**Executive Meeting**  
Central Lions Senior Citizens Recreation Centre, 1113-113 St. Edmonton  
The club executive meet to discuss club business. Members are welcome to attend.

**December  
Xmas Party**

**NWV POTLUCK CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
TBA

**January 2009**

**Whitewater Kayak Lessons** —Classes start — See page #3 for more details

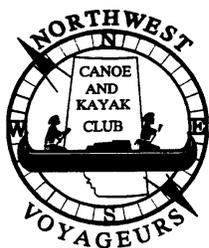
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**\*\* Please note changes Executive members and e-mail addresses above**



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## Important Notice

Please note that there are changes to meeting places and times for General and Executive meetings. Construction has been completed at the Central Lions Senior Recreation Centre and we are now back at a more central location.

**General Meetings are at:**  
**Central Lions Senior Recreation Centre**  
 11113-113 St. at 7:30 pm  
**Executive Meetings are at:**  
**Central Lions Senior Recreation Centre**  
 11113-113 St. at 7:00 pm

## Free Movie Screening !!!

### River of Life

at the

### MetroCinema

Inside the Citadel Theatre Complex  
 9828-101A Ave  
 Sunday October 19th @ 2 pm  
 Canada 2007, 53 minutes,  
 Dir: Werner Walcher

It's nearly midnight on the Yukon River. The night echoes with the sound of eight paddles, pulling through the water in unison. It's been a long day, and the paddlers are sore, tired, and drenched from storms. Still, they push on. This is the Yukon River Quest—the world's longest annual canoe and kayak race. From around the world, athletes come to test their endurance, racing day and night along 740 km of the rugged river shoreline. RIVER OF LIFE chronicles the experiences of one group of racers—the determined women who make up the 2006 Paddlers Abreast team. Candid and revealing, this beautifully-realized documentary follows the women from the moment they climb into their boat in Whitehorse to the cheers that greet them in Dawson City. Set against the stunning backdrop of Canada's north the film combines lively race footage with touching and humorous interviews. This is a FREE screening, co-presented with the National Film Board. [www.metrocinema.org](http://www.metrocinema.org)

## General Meeting Presentations

Do you have ideas or would you like to do a presentation to the club on a trip or subject that you feel members would be interested in?

If so, please contact our Social Coordinator  
 Cindy Davies at  
 780-963-5288

## Change of Address?

Please let us know by notifying our Membership Coordinator ASAP. This helps us to keep you informed about the club and allows us to send out your Newsletter.

Thanks NWV Executive

## **NWV Members get 10% OFF at Nautical Reach**

6126 Gateway Blvd. (103 St.)  
 Edmonton, Alberta. All you have to do is **show your valid**

### **Northwest Voyageurs Canoe and Kayak Club Membership Card**

For more information on brands and availability, or if you have any questions, please ask for

**Tyson at Nautical Reach (780) 434- 0101**



## **Whitewater Kayak Lessons—Pool Basics**

The Northwest Voyageurs Canoe & Kayak Club is offering two pool courses this winter for members interested in learning whitewater kayaking. The course is designed for anyone interested in learning to kayak on rivers with easy to moderate rapids. Although no prior paddling experience is required, it is necessary that all participants know how to swim. Each course is composed of six sessions with each session consisting of a half hour of instruction on dry land followed by 1.5 hours in the pool. Half of the pool time is dedicated to learning and practicing strokes, and half to the Eskimo roll (the basic self-rescue technique essential for whitewater kayaking). The dry land portion covers other aspects of the sport including:

- **Kayaks (types, parts, how to enter/exit) • Paddling Equipment •**
- **Paddling Clothing • River Features • River Safety •**

### **Equipment**

Kayaks, Paddles, and Spray Skirts are provided. You are only required to bring a swimsuit; however, nose plugs are recommended since you'll be upside down underwater frequently while learning to roll. Some people also find swim goggles useful at first but these are optional as well.

### **Pool Basics A**

Dates: January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8 - 2009

Time: 6:45pm – 8:45pm

Cost: \$140 + club membership

Location: Confederation Pool (11204 43 Avenue NW, Edmonton)

### **Pool Basics B**

Dates: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 - 2009

Time: 6:45pm – 8:45pm

Cost: \$160 + club membership

Location: Confederation Pool (11204-43 Avenue NW, Edmonton)

### **Registration**

**Contact Dave Sitar at 780-701-2856 or [kayak2hell@yahoo.ca](mailto:kayak2hell@yahoo.ca) to register**

### **Did You Know?**

As members of the Northwest Voyageurs you are also a member of ARCA (Alberta Recreational Canoe Association) and that you can apply for funds for training to become a Paddling Instructor!

For more information please contact:

Kurt Sejr 780-922-6200 or by e-mail at: [sejr@wildroseinternet.ca](mailto:sejr@wildroseinternet.ca)

## Trip Report Jasper Area Rivers - August 2 - 4, 2008

### Jasper River Trips

Thanks for another great weekend in Jasper. By my count we had 2 canoeists, 13 kayakers, and on the order of 20 non-paddlers who took advantage of the weekend to hike, bike, eat, drink, swim, sight-see, cliff jump, and chase bears. Yes, there was an unusual number of bear sightings, though only one in the campsite. The weekend had a lot of 'firsts': for many it was their first time in Jasper and many others made personal 'first descents' of various rivers or sections of rivers. We paddled 15km of Maligne Lake, the Athabaska from the Falls to the Meeting of the Waters, the Whirlpool from the corrals to the campsite, the Whirlpool and Athabaska from the campsite to Jasper, the Sunwapta above the falls (twice), and the Fraser River from the railroad Y to the pipeline (twice).



Photo by: B.Olsen



Photo by: J.Brown

There were occasions on both the Whirlpool and Fraser River where a spare paddle was needed but not available. I, for one, have learned my lesson and am going to take along a spare next time.



Photo by: J.Brown



Photo by: D.Litven

Lastly, since the Jasper weekend tends to get a lot of people new to the park, future trip leaders should mention in their start-of-trip-what-to-expect-and-safety spiel what people should do if they encounter a bear since the clean camp policy doesn't always work.

Dave Sitar

# General Meeting

Guest Speaker:

## **“Mark Lund”**

Author, Grant MacEwan College Instructor, Instructor Trainer,  
Canoeing Coach, Paddling Instructor

## **“The Rest of the Story”**

David Thompson Brigade Bi-Centennial trip

**Wednesday 7:30 pm**

**October 30th, 2008**

**Central Lions Senior Citizens**

**Recreation Centre**

**11113-113 St. Edmonton**

Yes!!! Mark Lund is back to tell us

### ***“The Rest of the Story”***

Come listen to his stories and see photos from the

***David Thompson Brigade***

***Bi-Centennial Commemoration***

trip from Rocky Mountain House to the Great Lakes

***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.

## Trip Report

**Bighorn River  
August 10, 2008**

Jarret, Yannick, and I went to Crescent Falls Provincial Park west of Nordegg to run Schoolhouse Ledge on the Bighorn River. Jarret had scouted the 6 main drops on this run in May but high water made any thought of running the river then suicidal. However, the potential was there so we were eager to revisit the Bighorn at low water to see what it offered. We scouted 'Particle Accelerator' and 'Freefall' but spent most of the afternoon at 'Schoolhouse Ledge' - a clean, 25 foot wide, 8 foot high, vertical drop into a deep pool with plenty of aeration to guarantee a soft landing. The descent into

the gorge is a bit rough (to say nothing of the climb out) and we were wise to have brought our own rope to raise and lower our kayaks since the lines left by previous visitors were neither long enough nor reliable enough. Someone had bolted a suspect but serviceable rope ladder to cliff beside the drop that allowed us to climb the cliff with ease. Combined with a throw rope to haul up the boats, we were able to run the falls at least a dozen times apiece in the space of a few hours. Our original intent was to practice 'boofs' (a technique used in creekboating to clear obstructions below a drop by launching off the lip and landing flat in the pool below) but the waterfall was so friendly that we could run it forwards or backwards, though not upside down. The low water level even made it possible to paddle behind the falls!



In addition to these photos,  
I posted some video at:

<http://ca.youtube.com/watch?v=jtHYslWxd08&fmt=18>

Dave Sitar

# ***ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST***

**Enter at the  
Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday  
November 26, 2008  
7:30 pm**

**Central Lions Senior Citizens Recreation Centre  
11113-113 St.**

**Please Note: Photos must be from this year and  
from club trips in the following categories:**

***On the River***

***Off the River***

***Nature***

**Contest is Open to  
Northwest Voyageurs Club Members**

***"GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU THAT ENTER"***



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***ELECTIONS***  
**&**  
***ANNUAL GENERAL***  
***MEETING***

**Wednesday**  
**November 26, 2008**  
**7:30 pm**

Central Lions Senior Citizens Recreataion Centre  
11113-113 St.

***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 being on the club executive  
and help us to run your Club

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# 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