

# White Water



## bulletin

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### EDITORIAL : The New Season

The 1991 Wild Water season is at last upon us - after what seems a catalogue of disasters throughout the autumn and winter. We started with a water shortage which played havoc with the autumn calendar - no Washburn races and low conditions at Dee, Tees & Dart. After some hopeful Christmas weather (lots of rain and chances to run rivers nationwide at exciting levels) we were hit by the freeze (no good for training) and latterly the snow (good only for cross-country skiing).

Optimism is however an essential part of the competitor's makeup - so we are all looking forward to the Div 'A' races commencing with Grandtully (10th March) and to the possibility that they may coincide with the great thaw!

### WWR SUCCESS IN OTHER DISCIPLINES

It seemed that one of the best attended autumn races was the November Ardeche Marathon (just 800 miles from home) where a number of British WWR paddlers competed in K2 - including Pink/Wells, Campbell/Watt & Swallow/Tordoff. Alan & Melvin did especially well, being squeezed into 2nd position in a final sprint against Antoine Goetschy & his partner - with the rest of the French team following on behind. This outstanding Chester achievement was followed by even greater deeds at the national K4 10kms championship which was won by Swallow, Tordoff, Tordoff & sprinter Nick Fay. Watch out OTS!

The Exe Descent in November also saw very good results from WWR regulars in most classes:

<b>WWR Singles</b>	1st Dave Belbin (NKC)
<b>Senior K1</b>	1st Jimmy Butler (NKC)
<b>Senior K2</b>	3rd John Anderson & Neil Blackman (RAFCA)
	5th Keith Brown & Kenny Fraser (Forth)
<b>Ladies K2</b>	1st Tina Parsons & Shirley Bain (NKC)
	2nd Nicki Weaver & Julie Fryers (NKC)

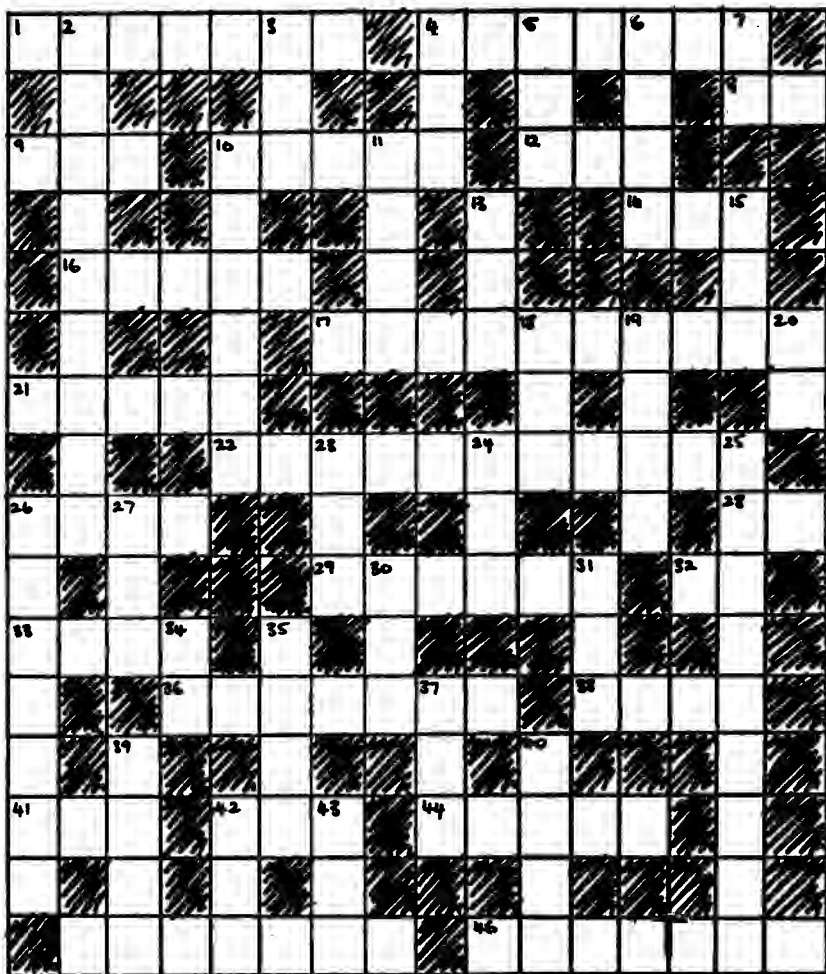
Meanwhile, in Western Australia, Dave Kay & Robin Murray gained 1st & 2nd in the Wild Water class in the Canning River marathon - beating all but two top international K1's in the process. Looking at all these results, there is clear indication that our top racers are as good as anyone in any canoeport discipline in the UK .... or even in the world!

On the occasion of our retirement

by Paul Warner of C2 Knapp/Warner

Robin Knapp has gone canoeing in France, for ever ! As this is going to make the drive north on a friday night even more tedious we have decided to retire. When we started racing our plan was to compete on some silly courses in an even sillier boat. We have succeeded . We would be the first to say that we were never going to be in the team. However, this has never stopped other paddlers from offering the loan of equipment and advice upon training and racing. All offers were gratefully accepted since neither of us know the first thing about river racing.

Can we thank all those officials and competitors who have helped to make four seasons of competition so much fun. Given the rivers in this country, the C2 class is always have a smaller entry than the other classes. However, in our opinion, the spread of ability is much the same as the other classes and as always the best are very good.



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## PRIZE CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

1. Boat for clearing space [7]
4. O! my mixed up partner. [7]
8. Once Spencer and Freestone. [2]
9. Follow 'C' in wales to this river. [3]
10. Multitalented scottish lady. [5]
12. Sounds like it was once a river. [3]
14. Cross country activity for the winter months. [3]
16. Noah would have appreciated a river in this condition. [5]
17. Sellwood, Guy. [7,3]
21. Take to the wing with this paddle. [5]
22. Bad canoe shop, once. [11]
26. North and south in the north. [4]
28. Preferable race split. [2]
29. Du Ponts' material breakthrough. [6]
32. Britains no. one nibble. [2]
33. Cartop **boat** store. [4]
36. See 45 across.
38. Not far. [4]
41. What the french put on their boats. [3]
42. Loose bouyancy from a lifejacket. [3]
44. **DW's Exile partner-not bad!** [5]
- 45(&36). German Garmisch kayak [7,7]
46. Wooden propulsion masterpieces. [7].

### DOWN

2. Not the Grandtully start. [9]
3. Dead heat. [3]
4. Canadian steering stroke. [3]
5. Impressive scottish river. [3]
6. **Northern** river, big in '86. [4]
7. Initial ladies coach. [2]
10. Not intact [6]
11. What to do if upside down. [4]
13. Got to be mad to shoot this backwards. [3]
15. The cloughs are here in france. [3]
18. Useful to find the race. [3]
19. uncommon. [4]
20. Wicked willie. [2]
23. Classic Brecon racecourse. [3]
24. Sun. [3]
25. **World beating kayak** [9]
26. Mens national champion. [7]
27. Major east midlands WWR club. [3]
30. Expected arrival. [3]
31. **Athletic Portage** [3]
34. First impulse kayak. [2]
35. Boat between two bips. [4]
37. (see 43 Down)
39. Boat repair essential. [4]
40. This confused spanish river rots your gear. [4]
42. Adenosine Triphosphate. [3]
43. (and 37) Keeps you warm in winter. [3,3]

## AUTUMN RANKINGS

With the complete Div 'A' calendar now moved to the spring, only the Junior rankings commenced in the Autumn. The story so far indicates the difficulty of entering enough races to achieve a good 'mid-season' position on account of the weather. Nevertheless, considerable credit is due to those who have travelled the country to gain the leading positions at this stage with 5 out of 8 races completed. The most significant achievements have been those of the girls who are holding their own against the boys in their age groups - Susan Cameron, Clair Cook, Yvonne Froggett & Laura Blakeman.

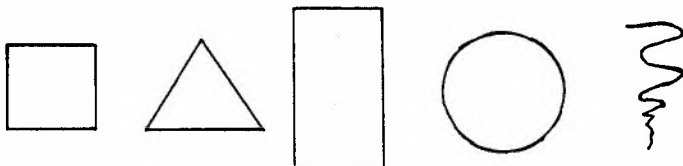
Under 16	Pts	Under 14	Pts
1. Susan Cameron (Fife)	94	1. Alistair Froggett (Stamford)	99
2. Oliver Bratton (Stamford)	74	2. Yvonne Froggett (Stamford)	86
3. Clair Cook (Staffs&Stone)	45	3. Daniel Cook (Staffs&Stone)	46
4. Michael Mason (Durham)	25	4. Laura Blakeman (Staffs)	43

## AND NOW ... COMPETITION TIME

With competition hotting up on the water for the coming season, it seems appropriate to offer some diversions to 'Bulletin' readers. This issue includes a highly researched psychological self-test - be amazed by your results (thanks to Leeds CC who published it previously in 'Airewaves'). Even more important is the prize crossword - the first since Autumn 82 when Mike Smith submitted the only fully correct entry. This time there will be a prize for the first two correct entries drawn from responses received by 31st March 91 - send to the editorial address.

### geometric psychology for canoeists

LOOK AT THE SHAPES BELOW FOR 3 SECONDS AND CHOOSE WHICH ONE YOU LIKE THE MOST - THEN TURN THE PAGE AND FIND OUT WHAT IT REVEALS ABOUT YOUR PERSONALITY.



**SQUARES** methodical & well organised, not a team or group type to prefer paddling alone, very knowledgeable but rarely helps. Squares make good WMR paddlers and tend to like surfing.

**TRIANGLES** Love to tell squares how to paddle, most coaches are triangles, decision makers, moody, confident, outspoken, dogmatic, there is only one place for triangles and that is in the top slalom divisions or div A WMR.

**RECTANGLES** Confused - tends to tire of training, receptive to coaching but tend to drift out of form. Swap between disciplines before mastering any.

**CIRCLES** Loving, seeks harmony, always smiling, likeable, more likely to be found helping out at slaloms rather than paddling (few circles in Leeds CC). Best communicator, best listener, best assessor.

**SQUIGGLES** Sex crazed, would rather go to the pub than train, most polo players are squiggles, right brained and creative, tend to design difficult slalom courses. Chaotic and could be better organised.