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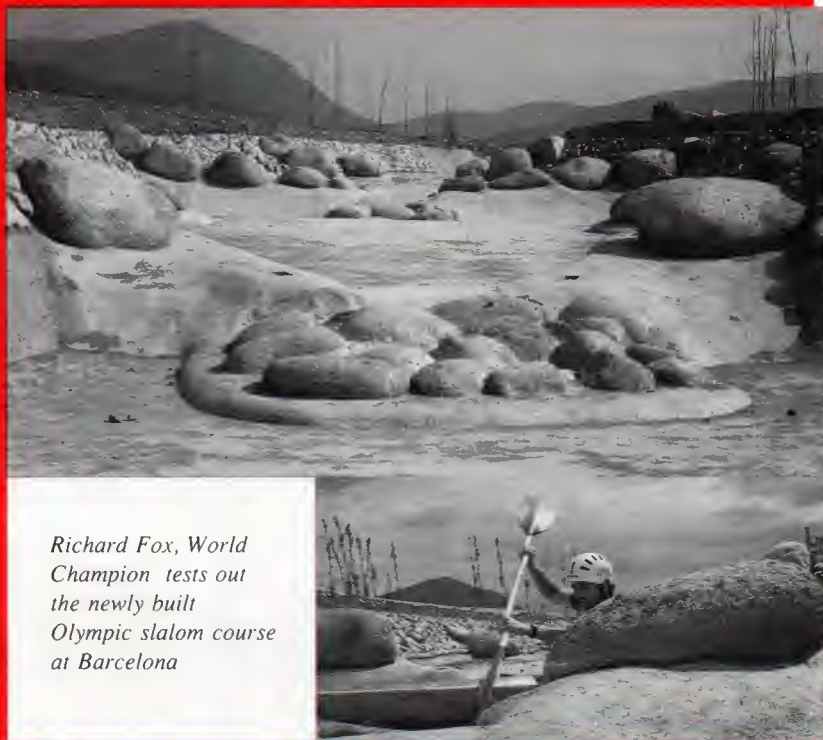
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THE JUNE COUNCIL MEETING

by Helen Mullineux

Six hours of discussion on 3/4lb of paper was my first experience of a Council of Management meeting.

The Director reported that the computer was now fully operational so the backlog of membership renewals had been cleared. He assured us that no-one's cheque had been cashed before their membership was processed.

Apparently anyone with even a single water share can attend shareholders' meetings of the water companies to question them about such things as water quality, use of rivers and reservoirs etc and vote on these issues. So if every canoeist bought one share

Last year the Sports Council forced the BCU to be scrutinised by a firm of management consultants. We were charged £8,000 for this 'privilege' and Council were unhappy with the results. The consultants thought the BCU should operate like a commercial company with the Executive Committee making policy decisions. This was felt to be completely wrong for a membership organisation. Everyone was determined to retain the democratic structure of the BCU with all its diverse interests represented on the policy making body ie. Council.

The aims of the '80s - building the slalom course and moving headquarters to Nottingham - had been achieved. One aim for the '90s must be to increase membership. So if you know canoeists who aren't in the BCU, sign them up.

At last, the Regions - long the Cinderellas of the BCU - have been given a bit more money. English Regions Management Committee still receives less money than either of the other two management committees.

Council were surprised to learn that BCU President, Ron Emes, attends the Sports Committee of the Council of Europe. This is the one which will receive our submission pressing our case for rights of access to canoeable waters.

Council agreed to bid for various future World Championships in slalom and whitewater racing to be held in Britain.

A working party was set up to look into how white water rafting will slot into the BCU structure - competition, access, coaching and touring will all have their parts to play. If you've experience of rafting and would like to contribute to the discussion contact Ron Rymer c/o BCU Headquarters.

Council were delighted to welcome the elected officers of the Canoeing Association of Northern Ireland to their first BCU management meeting. They are developing the sport in Northern Ireland and feel we can be of benefit to each other. We have facilities for sprint and slalom, they have anglers that go home on Sundays!! They've got good surfing beaches too. If you wish to paddle over there they'll be happy to help and advise. Albert Wood summed up everyone's feelings when he said the presence of CANI completed the family of canoeing.

Comment



by BCU Director
Trevor Bailey



BCU OFFICES OFFICIALLY OPEN



In a simple ceremony on 6th June the new BCU offices at the National Water Sports Centre were opened. Our own President, Ron Emes, in his capacity as Chairman of the Holme Pierrepont Joint Management Committee, together with Councillor George Dobson performed the opening ceremony for the whole complex, including the changing rooms adjacent to our building. This was followed by a few words from John Dudderidge, who then unveiled the sign for the BCU Headquarters, John Dudderidge House. It really was a pleasure to see John, one of the original founders of the Union in 1936, perform the ceremony.

AN EXCITING FUTURE

The opening points to an exciting future for canoeing in general, and for the Union. Already many of Britain's top paddlers and coaches from the main competitive disciplines of racing, slalom, whitewater racing, and marathon are based in Nottingham. The number of British international paddlers from Nottingham for the 1990 season now stands at over 20.

Four times World Champion and Sports Council member Richard Fox said "We have all the ingredients for creating a unique environment for high level preparation at Holme Pierrepont. The commitment of the BCU to a Centre of Excellence is long overdue and I hope it is the stimulus for a new integrated approach to high level training from the partners involved in the National Watersports Centre."

The Union has consistently stated that one of its strengths is the fact that it is multi-disciplined. The success of Richard has clearly had immeasurable impact on the numbers of youngsters coming into the sport for the first time. Our Coaching scheme has ensured that such first timers are given a good, and safe introduction to the sport, and our club structure provides the means to continue with the sport following the initial introduction. The recreational canoeist is catered for from both the Access angle and from the provision of more tours.

Unfortunately all this requires a great deal of money. The Union continues to receive a substantial grant from Sports Council, but this money is primarily targeted towards the funding of the Excellence programme. Many of the plans currently being debated, or implemented, will hopefully increase the income into the Union eventually.

NEW SUBSCRIPTION RATES

In order to fund the initial implementation, and to ensure that the Union continues to expand and to build on the opportunities presented, Council, at its meeting in June, agreed to the following increases in subscriptions, which will come into effect from 1st November:-

Adult - Comprehensive	£20.00
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BCU MASTERCARD

Members can also help the Union's finances by applying for the recently launched British Canoe Union Mastercard. The card is issued by the Bank of Scotland and can be used in exactly the same way as other credit cards. For each card issued the BCU will receive a donation from Mastercard. So if you are over 18 and have not received details of the new card please let the office know.

ACCIDENT REPORT - AFON CONWY

The sad death of Alan Harwood of Woolton, Merseyside, who drowned near Pandy Uchaf on the Conwy on 11 February, has been investigated by the Coroner at Llandudno.

Alan was an experienced, well equipped, mature and well thought-of canoeist. The group had decided to paddle from Ysbyty Ifan to the weir at Pandy Uchaf, and knew of the dangerous nature of the subsequent fall. Following the sorting out of a capsized canoe, Alan decided to continue over the first weir. It was here that he ran into trouble, and was seen to be sculling in the stopper. Those on the bank experienced difficulty in getting close due to a fence, and by the time they arrived, Alan was seen to be swimming to the bank. He then appeared to have been caught by the main current and swept over the fall.

After proceeding down the river bank his companions next saw Alan under some trees on the far side. Nick Smith swam across and endeavoured to resuscitate him, but he did not regain consciousness. In spite of the Roma helmet with face guard, there was a cut and severe bruising to Alan's forehead. Pathologists stated that it was not possible to determine whether Alan was rendered unconscious before he drowned, but that it was a possibility. There was bruising also to the shoulder and legs.

The coroner had initially concentrated questioning on the group's right to be on the water, having received several letters concerning access to the location. Pete Weston, WCA National Access Officer, and Ray Sheriff, Local Coaching Organiser for Merseyside were, however, able to speak up in their defence, and on the group's general preparedness and ability to attempt the section in question. The Coroner concluded that Alan's death was an unfortunate accident and that the group had been acting in a responsible manner, and were in no way 'fool-hardy'.

ALAN HARWOOD

Alan Harwood was just forty two when he died. He was a very active paddler with Friends of Allonby, having taken up the sport in 1984. He became a Senior Instructor in 1986 and EI in 1987. He was responsible for introducing many new faces to canoeing and motivating others to greater success. He worked as an instructor for 2 years with the Anfield Foundation and organised countless river trips and beginners sessions for the club. Last year he fulfilled a personal ambition and became the Number One veteran in slalom. He also played polo for Friends of Allonby 'A' - he was in the team that got through to Crystal Palace this year - the first time a North West Team had survived the preliminary rounds. Tragically Alan wasn't at Crystal Palace to play, his death took place the weekend before.

Alan leaves a wife Pattie and very many friends in canoeing. He will be remembered as someone who put a great deal into the sport, a conscientious instructor who knew his limits and was forever conscientious of the safety of others. His enthusiasm, dedication and willingness to become involved will be missed by everyone who knew him.

A Trust Fund has been set up in Alan's memory to assist youngsters who could not otherwise afford to paddle. Please send donations to The Alan Harwood Trust Fund, c/o Vince Milhench, 9 Belforte Road, Gateacre, Liverpool L25 7QJ

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Trade News

NEW VENUE FOR NORDKAPP OWNERS

The continuing success of the Anglesey Nordkapp Owners meet, which was held for the eighth time this spring, has prompted Frank Goodman, the designer of the Nordkapp, and director of Valley Canoe Products Ltd, Nottingham to hold an autumn meet in another location. This September, Nordkapp owners can sample the tide race on the Bitches, circumnavigate Ramsey Island, or try a longer haul down to Skomer in the south. Close by is Marloes Sands, surely the finest beach in the British Isles!

The neap tides forecast for this first weekend should allow strong groups to make the exposed journey to the Bishop and Clerks, which are a tricky tidal problem whatever the weather. And if the weather is really good, why not sunbathe or surf in Whitesands Bay?

One of the sad things about the Nordkapp Meet, is that people think they must have a Nordkapp or a bucketful of skills to take part. Not at all. Bring any boat you like, and all that will happen is that you'll forfeit the owner's discount for meals and accommodation. If you're not happy with your sea experience, we always ensure that skilful leaders are available to keep an eye on you.

Eight years in North Wales have provided hours of sea-kayaking pleasure, so we're looking forward to a beakerful of the warm south this September. Andy Middleton at Twr-y-Felin is anxious to show you that there is plenty to offer in Dyfed.

WORLD STUNT BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Palm Canoe Equipment and Twr-y-Felin Outdoor Centre are jointly sponsoring the first World Stunt Boat Championships to be run in Mid 1991 at the Bitches in Pembrokeshire. The event is expected to attract world wide participation with entries from Germany and Sweden already confirmed.

The championships will include Rodeo, Playboating and Fast Water skills and discussions are underway with a production company for TV rights. The Bitches provides guaranteed whitewater, on one of the best overfalls in the world and on Ramsey Island there are excellent facilities for spectators and competitors alike.

WHITE WATER SAFETY

The long awaited and debated document 'Safety Features Desirable in Single-Seat Kayaks Designed for White Water Recreation' has now received the assent of the British Association of Canoe Traders. It has been circulated to relevant BCU committees for agreement, before official publication. Please send an sae to the BCU Office, if you'd like to receive a copy.



Viscount Downe (L) of the North Yorkshire Rural Development Commission visits North Shore Design. Richard Agar (R) and Michael Nelson set up North Shore nine years ago with Rural Development Commission assistance and are now exporting 85% of their boats

PYRANHA TO THE RESCUE

Pyranha Mouldings of Runcorn have come to the rescue and provided a temporary home for the collection of historically significant canoes and kayaks, which were to have been exhibited at the Boat Museum at Ellesmere Port. The craft, some privately owned and some owned by the BCU, have been stored in the museum pending refurbishment and the setting up of a permanent exhibition there. Unfortunately the museum has lost some of its grants and can no longer finance the project. The BCU does not have the resources to finance the project itself so a new location and the necessary funding are needed. The free storage at Pyranha Mouldings is providing a breathing space while an alternative way forward is sought. Suggestions or offers of help should be sent to BCU Council Member, Peter Wells at 'Dolphins', St Nicholas Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey KT7 0PW.

APPLIED INNOVATION

Leicester based canoeist John Tompkins, secretary of Soar Valley Canoe Club has set up a new business offering a canoe and kayak delivery service from manufacturer to retailer and retailer to customer. Driving a fixed route every week, John aims to cover the whole country from Devon to Prestwick with a fixed charge for any one pickup and drop-off along the way.

WILD WATER TO MANUFACTURE YAK

Due to overwhelming demand for YAK equipment, Nick Mallabar and Shaun Baker have licensed the full manufacturing and trade distribution rights to Wildwater (Chris Hawkesworth Ltd). The Playboater-YAK company believe that this will solve all previous supply problems and bring the best solution for both retailers and the public. Wildwater's modern production techniques should ensure the resurrection of such old family favourites as the 'Wetbumspurties' bin sticker and a new look for the Toastie, Hot Dog Can and Playsuit.



BCU Supplies abroad. David Rooney at the Everest Base Camp models a BCU Baseball Cap.

NEW SUPERSTORE

Olympus Outdoor World have opened a second superstore at Merryhill Retail Estate, Dudley in the West Midlands.

The first Olympus Outdoor World, claimed to be Britain's largest sports and outdoor leisure superstore, opened at West Thurrock in Essex, last September.

The new 20,000 square foot superstore houses an enormous range of clothing, footwear and equipment covering over 20 of the most popular outdoor leisure and sporting activities including watersports, camping, angling, walking, snowskiing and climbing, as well as canoeing equipment and accessories.



Jungle Formula's new sting relief cream is the latest addition to their range of products to beat the nasties, £1.49 from chemists.

BLISTERS

Trevor Martin's Canoe store in Emsworth, Hampshire are distributing a new 'Blisters' pack for treatment and prevention. The pack originates from the US where it was developed for the USA Olympic rowing crew, and is now popular with raft guides. As well as the more conventional gauze type dressing for protecting blister prone spots, 'Blisters' includes cushion pads made of a jelly like substance, for treating already established or burst blisters. The treatment is claimed to relieve pain, prevent infection, aid healing and prevent further blistering.

Lorus Quartz will provide waterproof watches as prizes at events in return for



programme publicity or perimeter advertising. For details contact Mrs Renske Mann (071) 727 7198.

Regional Round Up

EASTERN

You might think that running the Eastern Region is a lot of fun. Not so, it seems that being a committee member is not the most popular of activities. This region has vacancies and this year Herts County Association nearly folded for lack of any committee members, let alone an executive.

Few canoeists go to the AGMs, fewer still stand for election and some of those have to be persuaded.

Well, the Regional AGM is in December and a number of existing committee members will not be standing. If you care about canoeing perhaps this is the year you should take part in the region. Think about it now in August, not December! The region needs people who care.

EAST MIDLANDS

The East Midlands have a fully equipped mobile fleet - boats, equipment and qualified instructors - specifically for disabled people to experience canoeing. If you would like information on this service, or you have a group who would like to have a go ring Keith Hampton (0533) 674428.

Coaching - All kinds of training and advice on awards ring Graham Wardle (0533) 356445.

We are now regularly publishing/distributing a Regional Newsletter. If you would like a regular copy please ring Pearl Mulholland on (0332)558263. If you would like to publicise an event send details to 23 Riddings, Allestree, Derby DE3 2GD. The Newsletter is due week commencing Monday 27 August 1990. The East Midlands River Guide is about to be published. We are looking for someone with a reasonably neat hand to prepare a few maps for the book - Ring Simon Dawson on (0602) 868803.

LONDON & SE

Touring in the region: The year's first event along the south coast wasn't well attended due to bad weather but the March Basingstoke Canal run was much more successful.

On the **Kent Rother Tour** (22 April) 20 paddlers set off from Bodiam Castle. Although the morning was rather overcast & windy, the skies cleared in the afternoon and several paddlers continued to Iden Bridge in fine weather. The **Westel Trial** attracted over 100 entries and was another successful day. There was only one 40 miler so Liz Coleman opted to join the 30 mile doubles. When they didn't start either she had a lonely paddle - finally returning in 6hrs 28mins, 2 minutes inside her target time. There is an **additional Arun run** in the pipeline for 21 October. Arthur Wells is organising a return trip from Arundel to Pulborough - 30 miles in all.

NORTHERN

The quarterly Cumbria meetings regularly attract 40 canoeists. Anyone interested in helping Alan Brenton with his 'Pan-Galactic Canoe Rally' (similar to Mike Jones) contact him on (0228) 45942. The new Cumbria slalom representative is Greg Kirkbride.



In Northumbria there has been a most successful clean up of the River Wear. The new 36 page loose leaf guide to the rivers of Northumberland and Durham is £5.50 including p&p from Eddie Palmer (0434) 270318. Mike

Sunderland, (0930) 71406, is running the 13/14 October White Water Safety week-end. Pete Button, (091) 565 7630, is running the 20/24 August sea tour and the 8/9 September Sea SI Training and Assessment.

Cumbria and Northumbria are now active as sub-regions of the BCU Northern Region. The new Regional Treasurer is Eddie Palmer. The Regional Development Plan is being updated for 1990-95. The involvement of clubs is most important. Club leaders should contact Dave Taylor for Cumbria or Jerry Tracey for Northumbria.

NORTH WEST

If any club would like to host the regional AGM in November, please get in touch with a Committee member. Congratulations and best wishes to Chairman Chris Bolton and Treasurer Jill Marchment who are getting married on 24 August. Their address will be Little Heath, Delenty Drive, Birchwood, Warrington WA3 6AP. Tel (0925) 823897.

The North West Regional week-end at Holme Pierrepont in 1991 is 25/26 May.

The Regional Newsletter has now started its third year. There have been 4 issues each year. Present policy is to send one copy to all affiliated clubs and further copies to clubs which pay a subscription. The current copy encloses a slip for individual members to return with £2 for a year's personal copies. Alternatively send your £2 to Mike Burt, 19 Millhouse Lane, Croft, Warrington WA3 7HA.

SOUTH WEST

The Regional tours have proved quite popular with those who have participated, but more support from outside groups is desirable. Do join in and meet other clubs on a social and recreational basis.

The National Rivers Authority in the South West have a hot line to combat poaching and pollution. Could we add piracy, that is those who ignore access agreements and canoe without thought for others? It is inadvisable to practice rolling or capsizes in SW rivers, especially the Axe and the Exe due to the incidence of the Spirella organism.

The Coastal and Inland Access Guides are being revised and certain clubs will be asked to amend or rewrite their local pages. Their help is essential. We also need two temporary editors to assist in compiling the guides.

SOUTHERN

There are still three Southern Region Thames tours left to enjoy. On 2 September we go from



Taking a break from debate. The English Regions Management Committee at their May meeting. Photograph Carel Quaije.

Caversham to Henley, 7 October Henley to Maidenhead and 4 November Maidenhead to Runnymede, so completing our leisurely progress down the Thames. Contact Ted Moulding (0908) 676343 about taking part or ideas for next year.

The 500 metre races to select our Regional team for the Jeremy West Trophy finals were held on 15 June (followed by a pig roast) at RLP. This marks the reawakening of racing in our Region and, we hope, the start of things to come. We intend to run a series of 3 or 4 Hare and Hounds races again, for winter training, before the 1991 Waterside Series. Any club willing to host the series (Southern Region provide the race organisers) should contact Charles or Katie Hicks on (0252) 850657.

WEST MIDLANDS

Paddlers Day 6 November at Sneyd School, Bloxwich. An end of season fun competition for teams of 4 paddlers, each team having to compete in mini-marathon, sprint, slalom, canadian, wiggle and polo. There will also be the region's Annual Canoe Exhibition. Entry forms from regional secretary (021) 520 7861.

The **Regional Handbook** for 1991 is now being put together - please ensure any changes in information about your club are notified to the Region Secretary before the end of October. **WANTED** - clubs to run non-ranking competitions, tours etc to widen the region's activities for 1991. If your club can organise and event for the region, please contact Dave Bateman (021) 771 4448.

YORKS \ HUMBERSIDE

The Sports Council has indicated grant aid will be available to promote placid water canoeing and canoeing for those with disabilities. Any clubs interested should write to David Gent, Flat 68 Smeaton Gardens, 18 Milford Street, Huddersfield HD1 3DY. Following the success of Geoff Smedley's disabled endorsement course another course is to be held at Hull on 13/14 October, please apply in writing to David Gent. All clubs have entry forms for the Regional Polo League, further forms from David Gent. The Slalom Committee is establishing a winter programme of events and is looking for clubs willing to hold a parallel pool slalom. A slalom judges qualification course is planned, contact Bill Simpson (0430) 422123. The Regional Yearbook has been sent free and the updated and revamped Guide to Yorkshire Rivers and Coast will be sent free to all BCU members in the Region. The **Regional Information Line** is now working (0748) 850415.

COMPETITION FOCUS

Wild water racing

WORLD CUP

The first race of the 1990 World Cup was held in Czechoslovakia at Spindleruv Mlyn. A small British Team attended and raced with credible results. The River Labe was not the awesome nightmare that many remember from the 1978 Europa Cup but a very pleasant race well attended by countries from all over the world. France took most of the honours, but Andy Bridge from the USA showed he was determined to avenge last year's defeat in the World Championships and he took the Gold in the C1 event.

Results

Mens K1 1 Yves Masson FRA 2 Herve Vitalli FRA 3 Philippe Graille FRA 17 Neil Blackman GB

Ladies K1 1 Sabine Kleinhenz FRA 2 Aurore Bringard FRA 3 Karin Wahl GER
Mens C1 1 Andy Bridge USA 2 Vladimir Vala CZH 3 Ernst Libuda GER 6 Steve Wells GB 18 Mackon Singh GB 23 Nick Pink GB

Mens C2 1 Puyfouloux/Alaphilippe FRA 2 Archambault/Carlin FRA 3 Babin/Andrieux FRA

A long drive to Spittal in Austria saw the mighty Leeser River in full force again. The first release from the Malta Dam since 1977 for canoeing bought back many memories of Europe's once finest Wild Water Racing river.

The Austrian organisation was at its best despite the terrible weather. Few had ever paddled the river before with a water release and all agreed that it should be used more often in the future. The practice runs saw a few mistakes with Wayne Boss sharing the same stopper as ex-K1 World Champion Claude Benezit for a period of time. A few more had joined the British Contingent by now and the team was getting rid of the cobwebs gained from a long time away from good quality rough water.

Mens K1 1 Yves Masson FRA 2 Claude Benezit FRA 3 Antoine Goetschy FRA 14 Robin Murray GB 20 Wayne Boss GB
Ladies K1 1 Uschi Profanter AUT 2 Aurore Bringard FRA 3 Myriam Le Gallo FRA 9 Andrea Clayton GB

C1 1 Andy Bridge USA 2 Karim Benamrouche FRA 3 Ernst Libuda GER 7 Steve Wells GB 20 Mackon Singh GB 24 Scott Simpson GB

C2 1 Puyfouloux/Alaphilippe FRA 2 Archambault/Carlin FRA 3 Babin/Andrieux FRA

After the excitement at Spittal the circuit for the World Cup paused to take in the Europa Cup in Merano. This event is now rather insignificant and the standard of racing and organisation was terribly poor compared with that of the World Cup.

Results

Mens K1 1 Yves Masson FRA 2 Philippe Graille FRA 3 Werner Haiberger AUT 14 Robin Murray GB 21 Wayne Boss GB 24 Neil Blackman GB

Ladies K1 1 Aurore Bringard FRA 2 Karin Wahl GER 3 Laurence Castet FRA 8 Julie Ashton GB 13 Tina Parsons GB 15 Karen Porter GB

C1 1 Andy Bridge USA 2 Ernst Libuda GER 3 Josko Kancler YUG 7 Steve Wells GB 20 Mackon Singh GB 22 James Wingfield GB

C2 1 Masle/Grobisa YUG 2 Bauch/Bauch GER 3 Alaphilippe/Puyfouloux FRA 10 Simpson/Twigger GB

The following results were also gained in the accompanying International Race.

Ladies K1 6 Andrea Clayton GB

C1 7 Nick Pink GB

The Pre World Championships in Wild Water at Bovec in Yugoslavia was the 3rd in the series of World Cup Races. Organisationally, the event was quite poor, with more regard being paid to spectator

requirements than to paddler safety. The course is very difficult for British paddlers as we do not have any river with the same characteristics as the Soca at Bovec.

The course is very swirly and boily and shallow in places, the last 2 minutes is particularly difficult, with a very intimidating fall just before the end.

The big psych-out, however, was the Grade VI rapid only just past the finish line - this claimed several boats and a German C2 paddler who swam for 200 metres.

The finish line was a poor choice for a World Championships and the organisers were not very inclined to move it. Maybe an ICF presence at the event would have helped out, but, true to form, the ICF were noticeable by their absence.

It was very apparent that the spectacle and the needs of TV were being put before the safety of the competition and that the final rapid was detracting from good quality racing.

Results

Mens K1 1 Philippe Graille FRA 2 Yves Masson FRA 3 Cesare Mulazzi FRA 13

Alan Tordoff GB 17 Neil Stamps GB 30 Wayne Boss GB 32 Ian Tordoff GB 38 Robin Murray GB 45 Neil Blackman GB
Ladies K1 1 Aurore Bringard FRA 2 Karin Wahl FRA 3 Sabine Kleinhenz FRA 10 Julie Ashton GB 15 Karen Porter GB 19 Tina Parsons GB 22 Andrea Clayton GB

C1 1 Andy Bridge USA 2 Ernst Libuda GER 3 Steve Wells GB 29 James Wingfield GB 30 Ross Pearton GB 31 Mackon Singh GB 34 Tony Jones GB

C2 1 Alaphilippe/Puyfouloux FRA 2 Babin/Andrieux FRA 3 Archambault/Carlin FRA 14 Simpson/Twigger GB

World Cup Points after 3 Races

Mens K1 1 Yves Masson 115, 2 Philippe Graille 94, 3 Antoine Goetschy 85

Ladies K1 1 Aurore Bringard 48, 2 Myriam le Gallo 36, 3 Marie Laure Etienne 33

C1 1 Andy Bridge 54, 2 Ernst Libuda 41, 3 Karim Benamrouche 5 Steve Wells 32

C2 1 Puyfouloux/Alaphilippe 54, 2 Archambault/Carlin 43, 3 Babin/Andrieux 41

John Handyside

LOST AND FOUND

Lost from Glebe Farm in Cotgrave, one very hungry goat, if found approach with extreme caution - this creature may be dangerous!



After the Preworlds at Bovec some of the team travelled to the J & B Europa White Water Rafting Championships on the Noce River. Mezzanna, Italy; a very large, grand affair with a hot air balloon, a helicopter and numerous TV crew from Limehouse Productions - organised by Rapid Racing Limited. Feelfree Rafting and Sports Bureau International Ltd.. Despite an injury to Neil on the first day, which left the raft unbalanced, the British Team (Eric Jamieson, Neil Stamps, Scott Simpson, Simon Twigger, Bill Taylor, Phil Smith and Tim Munnery) were 7th overall

Racing

NATIONAL RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOLME PIERREPONT 9-10 JUNE

Dallaway Breaks Two Minute Barrier

Andrea Dallaway has become the first British woman to paddle the K1 500m in under 2 minutes. Dallaway, of Elmbridge Canoe Club, was paddling in the Mens 'C' class at the 1990 National Racing Championships held at the National Watersports Centre on 9-10 June. Her time was 1.59.69.

Medal winners were as follows:

Mens K1 500m Gold G Bourne ELM
Silver I Lawler ELM Bronze C Bland FLA

Mens K2 500m Gold Bourne/Lawler ORS
Silver Battershell/Burgess WEY/
NOT Bronze Quittenton/Horsley ORS

Mens K4 500m Maycock/Maycock/
Quittenton/Horsley ORS Silver Bourne/
Lawler/Burns/Unsted ORS Bronze
Williams/Battershell/Croucher/Parsons WEY

Mens K1 1000m Gold G Bourne ELM
Silver R Burgess NOT Bronze I Lawler ELM

Mens K2 1000m Gold Lawler/Bourne ORS
Silver Battershell/Burgess WEY/
NOT Bronze Adams/Adams GAI

Mens K4 1000m Gold Horsley/Ellis/
Livesey/Burgess NOT Silver Bourne/
Lawler/Burns/Unsted ORS Bronze
Maycock/Maycock/Quittenton/Horsley ORS

Mens K1 10km Gold G Burns ELM
Silver I Lawler ELM Bronze G Bourne ELM

Mens VET K1 500m Gold R Cox RUN
Silver R Oliver LIN Bronze J Parker WOR

Mens VET K2 500m Gold Thorogood/
Dains NEW/BAD Silver Bradbourne/
Cox ACU Bronze Oliver/Oliver LIN

Mens VET K4 500m Gold Oliver/Oliver/
Edwards/Bradbury LIN/WOR/ACU
Silver Evans/Howie/Norman/Dains
ACU/WES/BAD Bronze Enoch/Oliver/
Greenaway/Wesley NOT

Mens VET K1 1000m Gold R Cox RUN
Silver R Oliver LIN Bronze M Norman WES

Mens VET K2 1000m Gold Bradbourne/
Cox ACU Silver Oliver/Oliver LIN
Bronze Thorogood/Dains NEW/BAD

Mens VET K4 1000m Gold Oliver/
Oliver/Edwards/Thorogood LIN/WOR/
NEW Silver Enoch/Oliver/Greenaway/
Brown NOT Bronze Evans/Howie/
Norman/Dains ACU/BAD

Mens VET K1 10km Gold N Mason NOT
Silver R Cox RUN Bronze R Thorogood NEW

Womens K1 500m Gold A Dallaway ELM

Womens K2 500m Gold Lawler/
Dallaway ORS

Womens K4 500m Gold Dresser/
Dallaway/Lawler/Barry ORS

Womens K1 6km Gold H Dresser ROY
Silver A Dallaway ELM Bronze J Lawler ELM

Boys K4 6km Gold Slater/Bradbury/
Yates/Illson LIC/ADL/WOR



Paris International Regatta



The Sprint Racing Team came away with two silver medals from the Pre-World Championships in Paris which were attended by 24 countries (16 - 17 June)

Grayson Bourne and Ivan Lawler showed that they are well on course for another medal at this years World Championships in Poland when they were just pipped in the K2 10,000m event by last years world champions Hodosi and Abraham of Hungary. And in the K2 1000m they were fourth in a British best time of 3.21. The other silver medal was won by Alison Thorogood and Sandra Troop in the K2 5000m event. They were only overhauled in the last 100m by Idem and Introni of Italy. Sandra and Alison are now a likely prospect to win Britain's first ever medal in a ladies event at the world championships.

Other results were Maycock/ Maycock/Quittenden/Horsley

5th in K4 500m and 8th in K4 500m. Notable performances at the Regatta were by Greg Barton of the USA, Olympic champion, who, after a year's lay off has come back in better form than ever to win both the 1000m and 10,000m events. And the new young Soviet paddler Kalesnik who easily won both the K1 500 and K2 500m events

Results

Men

K1 500m 1st Kalesnik USSR
1000m 1st G Barton USA
K2 500m 1st Kalesnik/Tichenko USSR
1000m 1st Bobreskov/Veta USSR 4th
Lawler/Bourne GB
10km 1st Hodosi/Abraham HUN
2nd Lawler/Bourne GB
K4 500m 1st USSR 5th GB
K4 1000m 1st Hungary 8th GB

Women

K1 500m 1st J Idem ITA
5km 1st I Salomykova USSR
5th A Dallaway GB
K2 500m
1st Meszaros/Donusz HUN
1st Idem/Introni ITA 2nd Troop/
Thorogood GB
K4 500m 1st Hungary 5th GB

JUNIOR CANOE RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTINGHAM 19-20 MAY

Boys K1 500m
1st P Slater LIC 2nd S Hynds ELM 3rd P Ilson WOR

Boys K1 1000m
1st P Slater LIC. 2nd. S Hynds ELM. 3rd. S Jensen RIC

Boys K2 500m
1st. Hibberd/Wynne ORS 2nd. Bradbury/
Slater ORS 3rd. Jensen/Hynds RIC/ELM

Boys K2 1000m
1st. Jensen/Hynds ORS 2nd. Bradbury/
Slater LIC 3rd. Hobrough/Richardson
WEY/ROY

Boys K4 500m/1000m
1st. Hibberd/Wynne ORS 2nd.
Hobrough/Richardson

Boys K1 6km
1st. P Ilson WOR . 2nd. S Hynds ELM.
3rd. I Wynne TON

Girls K1 500m
1st. T Davey RIC 2nd. S Kelley RIC 3rd.
A Hemmings ELM

Girls K2 500m
1st. Kelley/Davey RIC 2nd. Hynds/
Hemmings ELM 3rd. Morseley/
Morseley LEA

Girls K4 500m
1st. Hynds/Hemmings ELM 2nd. Gilby/
Lambert

Girls K1 6km
1st. T Davey RIC 2nd. C Hynds ELM .
3rd. L Morseley LEA

Marathon



Photographs by Bill Dodwell

AMSTERDAM GRAND PRIX

The first Marathon Grand Prix of the season took place in Amsterdam on 6 June - a fine competition with standards in every class particularly high. East Germany took part for the first time, entering a small team.

The 33km route started and finished on the Bosbann regatta course. It included a portage after 3km, an out and back section on a lake and canal for 17km a re visit to the regatta course and then a further out and back over a maze of narrow and very shallow canals to the finish; a 500 metre sprint on the regatta course.

The mens K2 competition was a tremendous race with ten boats in contention until the half way stage. The leading group included Paul & Mike Wells and Gregory/Chris Ballard. At the second portage a group of six, including the Great Britain boats, had opened up a gap. Positional tactics on the narrow shallow section were critical: coming into the last portage it was anybody's race. Chris & Greg took control gaining pole position with Paul & Mike on one side and the Dutch boat of Erik Onnekes/Tonny Benschop on the other. Karoly Gots & Czavo Laszlo of Hungary were forced to take the Vee wash. With 250 metres to go the Hungarians moved out to try and come up the outside, but Ballard & Slater kept control to claim a great win from the Dutch with Paul & Mike Wells just pipping the Hungarians for third place.

The mens K1 event provided an equally exciting finish with four boats arriving at the last portage together. Having made a break in the narrow canal

section, Bete Pael (Hun) led out from Stefan Gustafsson (Swe) and Rik Daman (Hol). Olly Morgan just missed the wash and Rik Daman moved into the lead with 250 metres to go and won from Stefan Gustafsson. Olly Morgan finished fourth producing his best ever performance.

The ladies K2 competition was won by the Hungarian pairing of Endrodi and Baranyai who provided strong competition for Sandra Troop and Alison Thorogood, pulling away over the last 10km to win by 500 metres.

The womens K1 event saw a new name in the Gold position. Anna Polgar (Hun) who has held the number one spot for the last two years was beaten into third place by a new name from Poland. Beata Lewicka - Palczek and Manuela Koblitz (DDR). Anna Ballard was off the leading group from the start; she pulled back in the latter stages to finish 5th two minutes behind. Jackie Eastwood had been comfortable in the front group for the first half of the race, but a clash of paddles ended her race as she fell in on the lake.

Stig Jepson from Denmark was outstanding in the C1 race, pulling out a lead of seven minutes from a Hungarian double challenge. Marcus Gohar gave his usual determined performance to finish just two minutes behind.

Mark Train provided the most



courageous performance in the C2. The youngster stepped in at the eleventh hour to paddle with Andy, after Steve was taken ill on the day before departure.

In the Grand Prix National Cup, Hungary take a six point lead over Great Britain into the next round at the World Championships

Jim Rossiter.

RESULTS

K2 Mens Juniors 1. Richard Smith/Scott Hynds GBR

K1 Mens Juniors 1 Dennis Van Vlaanderen Hol 2 Andrew Foord GBR 3 Simon Yates GBR

K2 Men 1 Greg Slater/Christopher Ballard GBR 2 Erik Onnekes/Tonny Benschop HOL 3 Paul Wells/Michael Wells GBR

K1 Men 1 Rik Daman HOL 2 Stefan Gustafsson SWE 3 Bela Pavelka HUN 10 James Butler GBR

K2 Women 1 Agnes Endrodi/Andrea Baranyai HUN 2 Sandra Troop/Alison Thorogood GBR 3 Miroslawa Switalska/Renata Oles POL

C2 Men 1 Gabor Gyursanszky/Zsolt Dadassi HUN 2 Istvan Szabo/Gyorgy Kovacs HUN 3 Tomas Zahora/Zbynek Adamec TCH 5 Mark Train/Andrew Train GBR

K1 Women 1 Beata Lewicka-Palczek POL 2 Manuela Koblitz GDR 3 Anna Polgar HUN 5 Anna Ballard GBR

C1 Men 1 Stig Jepson DEN 2 Gabor Kolozsvari HUN 3 Laszlo Szielenka HUN 4 Marcus Gohar GBR

MARATHON AGM

The half year AGM is on August 25th at the National Championships in Worcester. Topics for discussion include bids for the 1991 National Championships and 1991 Hasler Finals and a suggestion to bring the AGM forward to December. The Marathon Committee are fundraising to send a team to the 1992 World Championships in Australia. They are also looking into the possibility of staging a Grand Prix in London in 1993.

CANOE FOCUS

This section of Focus is intended to provide a variety of reports and articles including, in the future, equipment reports and training hints. Contributions to the marathon section are very welcome, the more the merrier, send them to the BCU address care of the editor.

DIARY UPDATE

19 August. Thames Circuit. A new race organised by Wokingham Scouts. Details from Ken Lincoln, 11 Tudor Close, Wokingham, Reading, Berkshire.

OBITUARY

It is with great sadness that the death of 'Bill' Mowbray on the 14 May is announced. 'Bill' a dear friend of many canoeists was landlord of the Greyhound Public House in Reading and died after a long fight against Leukaemia. Despite his illness, helping other people was a way of life and many charities have 'Bill' to thank for hours of successful fundraising. Canoeing was one of his major sports and he became an active member of Reading and Leighton Park Canoe Club. He took part in and supported many races particularly the Devizes Westminster, which he completed on several occasions.

The 'Dog' as his pub was, and still is, affectionately known is a haven for canoeists and Bill will be missed by many - his enthusiasm for the sport was tremendous.

Marathon Canoeing and in particular the members of RLP CC extend their condolences and best wishes for the future to his wife Coral and daughter Melinda.

Marathon Section compiled by Paul Owen

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GB 'A' Photograph Carl Goulding



SPONSOR NEEDED

The GB Ladies Squad is still desperately seeking a sponsor to help finance 1990's International programme. If you can help, please contact Dave Brown, the squad coach, 109 Whitchurch Road, Chester CH3 5QD (0244) 335586.

EXCITING PLAY AT GOTTINGEN

Gottingen in West Germany was the venue for the first international appearance of the newly formed British Ladies' squad (5-6 May). A team of seven: Lynn Knowles, Ginny Coles, Jackie Marlow, Annie Wright, Zoe Hillard, Nicky Bradwell and Tina Arrowsmith made short work of the opposition, beating the host team 4-3 into second place. The mens' team meanwhile had also reached the final, against Hamburg. With the score standing at 5-5 after extra time, the game went to a penalty shootout. Hamburg eventually scored only after the seventh throw and the British boys had to be content with second place.

GERMAN INTERNATIONAL

Essen June 2 - 4.

Despite the battle against the elements; high winds, waves and the odd goal blowing over, excellent results were again achieved by the British squads. In the ladies' event, GB 'A' - Jackie Marlow, Cynthia Berry, Jenny Wilkinson, Lynn Knowles, Zoe Hillard and Nicky Bradwell - were placed first. They beat St Omer of France 2-1 in a closely fought final, the deciding goal being scored with only 30 seconds to go. The 'B' team of Jackie Moore, Linda Scott, Annie Wright, Wendy Plummer, Tina Arrowsmith, Sharon Wheeler and Caroline Bell took a very creditable third place and were extremely unfortunate not to make the final.

The mens' final was an

equally close game between the host team KSV. Rothe and GB 'A' (Dave Brown, Gary Linton, Clive Rackham, Greg Smale, Dave Fancourt, Ian Plummer and Alan Vessey). After extra time the score stood at 2-2, but the game eventually went to the British Team after a penalty shoot out. The British 'B' and 'C' teams were placed 5th and 6th respectively out of a total entry of 32 teams.

1991 NATIONAL CANOE POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entry forms are available from Michael Vessey, 28 Oakroyd Close, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 2EW (0707)53925 or from your Area Organiser. They **must** be returned to Michael Vessey, no later than 1 October 1990.

First Eliminating Rounds, either 3rd/4th or 10/11th of November, depending on Area.
Second Eliminating Rounds, either 24/25th November or 1st/2nd December, depending on Area.

Finals, 16 - 17 February 1991 at the Canoe Exhibition, Crystal Palace.

Area Organisers:

SOUTH WEST Roger Farrall (0752) 896907

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DOWN IN THE GLEN

Scots youth development has been taking giant steps forward this year with the start of a five year plan, masterminded by John Brown and Sue Burns and backed by the SCA. The Scots have organised monthly coaching sessions at Grandtully over the winter months, to encourage youngsters from Under 14 to Under 18, Div 4 to Premier, to develop as a group under controlled conditions.

The overall picture has been one of success at all levels. Promotion has followed promotion in all Divisions, at all age groups, both boys and girls.

John hopes, "the U14 of today might just be the U18 Champions of tomorrow"

Who would dare to argue!

SELECTION DAY BLUES

Following this year's selection problems, and there were plenty of them, how can the sport look forward to a better selection policy, bearing in mind that 1992, Olympic year, will soon be here?

The AGM is usually the open forum for debate on rule changes, decision making etc but is it really the best place to decide on our selection policy?

The system adopted for this year will certainly require a complete overhaul, but who will be best employed to decide 'what next'?

Is a club representative, who may only run a Div 4/Novice once or twice a year, the right person to make decisions on such crucial issues as our senior team selection?

One answer could be to adopt a 'squad system' where a squad could be set up from selection race results from which final teams could be chosen. The squad could operate under the control of the Team Manager who would make the final decisions. This would sort out the 'unavailability' of chosen paddlers close to the events.

Provisional Ranking Lists - as at 25 June 1990

Premier

	K1 MEN	K1 LADIES	C1	C2
1st	M Jones	L Simpson	G Marriott	Richardson/Thompson ^P
2nd	I Raspin	K Davies	M Hedges	Meikle/Brown
3rd	R Smith	M Francis	M Delaney	Arrowsmith/Brain
4th	S Pearce	J Jayes	R Comer	Rouch/Ambridge ^S
5th	A Raspin	R Fox	W Horsman	Smith/Brown ^G

Division One

1st	J McCalla	J Dutson	J Scott	Rance/Bennett
2nd	M Jesson	S Carr	D Parsons	Walling/Walling
3rd	A Mantle	C Ward	M Goldring	Smith/Twigger
4th	H Davis	H Barnes	I Masters	Reynolds/Harrison
5th	R Rowland	R Dunwoodie	P Orton	Cooke/Bradshaw

All rankings are provisional

Division 1 courtesy of Mr T Arrowsmith

Another avenue to explore is to appoint a Team Manager and give him total authority to pick the team - which in his opinion will be the strongest available at the time, ie as Football and Cricket Managers do now. The Team Manager would stand or fall on his own selections and results.

Or we stay with the selection races and stick by the results produced from them. Paddlers know well in advance what their plans are and what commitments they have to make - no late 'changes of mind' should be tolerated. The Team Manager then has to manage the self-selected paddlers.

The sport is at a major crossroads, and the chance should be taken by the Administration for a major re-think, on the aims and ambitions of the Senior Teams and how best to achieve them.

It would be nice to see the AGM give Team Managers support, direction and freedom, instead of handcuffs. The choice is yours - our future International success is at stake.

Joe Mulholland

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Sue Wharton, the Slalom Development Officer has moved.

Her new address is Hartwood Hill Farm, 117 Preston Rd, Chorley, Lancs (02572)62051

NATIONAL UNDER 14 AND UNDER 16 SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS

CARDINGTON 28 MAY 1990

The standard of racing and competition at all levels was excellent and a credit to the 114 paddlers who took part. Course design at this event is tricky since it must be achievable for the younger and less experienced paddlers, yet not let the Prems run away with the prizes. Even more important, it is a qualifying event for the British open, and those who get through must prove that they have what it takes to run the Llangollen Town Falls.

Gates 1 and 2 were a very tight downstream and breakout right, followed by an apparently simple 3 to 4 stagger, with a rock in the way. In the new Under 16 Championships, James Croft found the winning line on this section with a very tight breakout on gate 2 and lots of acceleration through 3 to hit the cushion of water above the rock so hard that he flew over it and through 4 to win the Under 16 K1 mens title in a time of 97.42 seconds on his first run. This gave him a comfortable margin of 7 seconds from Div 1 paddler Stuart Bowman whose clear second run beat 2 prems into 3rd and 5th place. A special mention should go to Div 2 paddler David Pimm who did the best run of his career to finish in 4th place.

Lots of tight gates further downstream Under 16 Lady Corrie Johnstone who came back from 4th place with a clear run of 118.05 to win by 5 seconds from Anne Stobbart, leader after first runs.

The Under 14's were also in



James Croft - new U16 Champion

fine form. Steven Flowers set a cracking time of 110.99 clear on his first run to lead the field into second runs. This could not be beaten by a determined Michael Bennett who improved to 114.71 to take second place.

Claire Fox led the K1 Ladies Under 14 field after the first runs with a margin of 8 seconds over Diane Woods and improved with an even better second run to finish in a time of 124.88.

Results - All the following qualify for the British Open, Llangollen, October 1990

Under 16 Championships

K1 Men 1st James Croft; 2nd Stuart Bowman; 3rd Ben Gray; 4th David Pimm; 5th Leo Hoare

K1 Ladies 1st Corrie Johnstone; 2nd Anne Stobbart; 3rd Rachael Doherty

C1 1st Will Edwards

C2 1st J Burt/R Elsworth

Under 14 Championships

K1 Men 1st Stephen Flower; 2nd Michael Bennett; 3rd Neil Buckley

K1 Ladies 1st Claire Fox; 2nd Diane Woods; 3rd Joanna Stewart

Eastern Region Team Selection

K1 Men Ian Bridges, Paul Terry, Alan Heaume, Justin Barnes, Mark Tycer

K1 Ladies Alison Runnegar, Janet Johnson

C1 Steve Bodie



**World Cup Race 1:
30 June - 1 July
Wausau Wisconsin
Shaun Pearce
takes the lead**

A blistering second run by Shaun Pearce of Newbury put him into first place(K1M) after lying third from the first runs. Shaun's time was only beaten by Richard Fox who took third place with a 5 second penalty.

Results
Mens K1
 1st Shaun Pearce GB 186.89
 2nd Janez Skok Yug 189.30
 3rd Richard Fox GB 191.37
 6th Melvyn Jones GB 193.68
 12th Ian Raspin GB 197.81
Womens K1
 1st Myriam Jerulsalmi FRA 216.99
 2nd Dana Chladek USA 220.36
 3rd Stephanka Hilgertova TCH 223.62
 8th Maria Francis GB 226.79
C1
 1st Jon Lugbill USA 199.23
 2nd Davey Hearn USA 200.97
 3rd Carlo Faloci FRA 207.53
 6th Gareth Marriott GB 214.38
 13 Mark Delaney GB 233.78
 19th Bill Horsman GB 258.30
C2
 1st Forgues/Adisson FRA 216.94
 2nd Jacobi/Strausbaugh 219.75
 3rd Petricek/Petricek TCH 220.91
 No GB entries.

Photograph Pete Astles

STOPPRESS Results from World Cup Race 2. R. Savage, 7 - 8 July

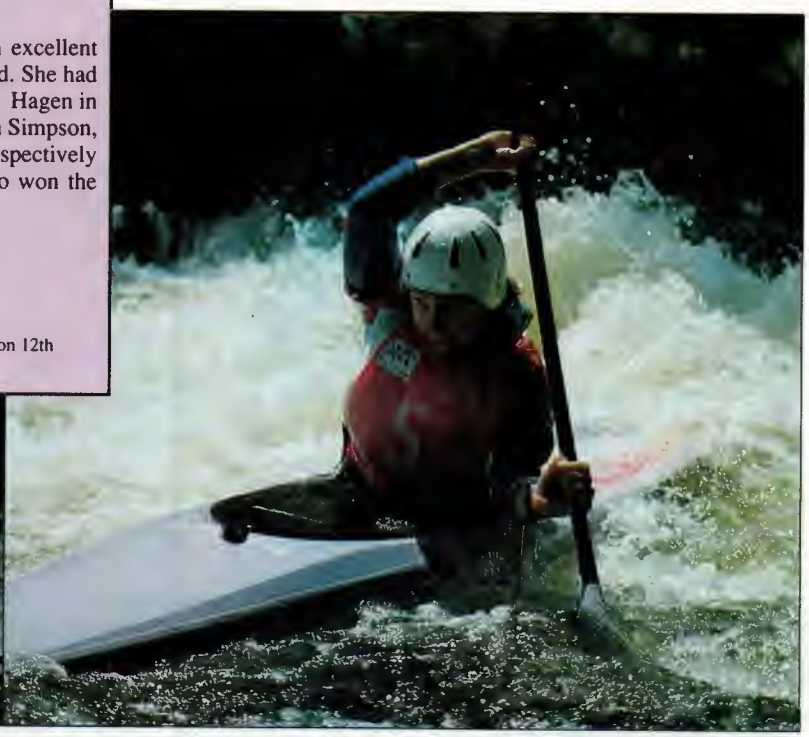
K1 Men 1st L. Hilgert(Tch) 2nd P. Ferranti (Ita) 3rd R.Fox (GB) 6th M.Jones (GB) 16th I. Raspin (GB) 18th S. Pearce (GB)
K1 Ladies 1st M. Jerulsalmi (FRA) 2nd D. Chladek (USA) 3rd A. Boixel (FRA) 6th M. Francis (GB)
C1 1st J. Lugbill (USA) 2nd G. Marriott (GB) 3rd D. Hearn (USA) 17th M. Delaney (GB) 18th B. Horsman (GB)

Europa Cup 16th June
Silver Medal for Maria
 Maria Francis was placed second overall after an excellent final race at Merano in Italy where she came second. She had previously reached fourth position in the first leg at Hagen in Germany. Good results were also achieved by Lynn Simpson, in her first senior season, she came fifth and sixth respectively and was placed fifth overall. The British girls also won the team gold with Anouk Loubie of France.

British Results (final positions)

K1 Men D Crosbee 11th I Raspin 14th R Smith 21st
K1 Ladies M Francis 2nd L Simpson 5th
C1 M Hedges 6th M Delaney 9th B Horsman 19th
C2 Clough/Clough 7th Meikle/Brown 9th Richardson/Thompson 12th

Photographs Chris Worrall



WEIL'S DISEASE

The Leptospirosis Reference Unit at Hereford, has confirmed the number of cases of Weil's Disease during 1988 and 1989.

For water-sports in total, the figures are: 1988 - 9, 1989 - 8, of which, 4 and 3 cases respectively, involved canoeists. No deaths of canoeists were recorded during these two years.

These official figures confirm that Weil's Disease remains an extremely rare illness, and contradict the impression which was prevalent through media interest and misleading representation of statistics, that a significant increase in cases was occurring.

Members should not become complacent, however. If Weil's Disease is contracted, and is not treated with antibiotics straight away, the outcome can be very serious and unnecessarily so.

Please refer to inside front cover of the Members Year Book for guidance.

BLUE-GREEN ALGAE

The RYA have produced comprehensive guidance notes on the risk to human health of contact with blue-green algae, and outlining preventive measures. Copies available from the BCU Office, please send an SAE.



Its Official! Canolfan Tryweryn, Snowdonia's whitewater centre is at last in the control of the WCA. Here Sandy Buttle, WCA Chairman receives the lease from Professor Ron Edwards of the National Rivers Authority

SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Nominations are invited for the Sunday Times Sportswoman of the Year Awards 1990. Entries are welcome from all - from schoolgirls to sport loving pensioners. There are six categories: Schoolgirl, Student, Sportswomen, International Sports Women, Team and Administrator. Don't be modest! - its quite in order to nominate yourself. Nominations close 14 September. Details: The Sunday Times, Sports Woman of the Year Award, P O Box 480, London E1 9DN.

NEW RAFT RECORD

A new world record for the largest canoe raft was set by the National Association of Boys Clubs on Tuesday 29 May. The raft of 342 canoes and kayaks was formed on the River Trent in Nottingham at the end of the NABC annual 100 mile canoe test. The previous record of 302 had stood since September 1986. The raft was held together by hands only and floated free on the river for 30 seconds.

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SWALE CHARITY PADDLE

This year event is on 13/14 October and the organisers have announced that the paddle will under no circumstances be postponed, cancelled or relocated. "In the event of very low water we will hike it!" Last year's event was postponed until December in the hope of higher water levels but this proved of little benefit: the water was if anything lower than October and it was also freezing cold! Charities to benefit this year are the Samaritans, Multiple Sclerosis Society and the St Johns Centre for the Disabled at Catterick. Everyone is urged to get sponsored and raise money for less fortunate members of our society. Entry is by sticker and these can be obtained in advance by sending an SAE and £4 per adult, £2.50 per Junior (11-16) to Brian Campbell, Grey Roofs, Bolam, Darlington DL2 2VP (0388) 832369 - under 11's are free. Entry on the day is £5 and £3.50 respectively. The paddle takes place over the 13 mile Grinton Bridge/Brompton-on-Swale stretch (Saturday), Grinton Bridge / Round Howe (Sunday 8 miles).

An answering service will operate from Monday 8 October, giving up-to-date river conditions. Richmond (0748) 850415.

FINDHORN ACCIDENT

Many canoeists will by now have become aware of the tragic death of Sue Anketell-Jones in a kayaking accident on the River Findhorn in May this year. The accident occurred at the rapid known locally as 'The Slot' and referred to in the Lochhead & Todd guide 'Scottish White Water' as the 'Fish Ladder'. This rapid is the last significant fall on the Sluie Gorge section between Randolph's Leap and Mains of Sluie. The river drops approximately 4-5 feet through a gap of approximately 8-10 feet wide with a massive undercut boulder forming the river right side of the drop. The river level on that day was low.

The SCA Coaching Committee recommend that paddlers treat this rapid with extreme caution and we all extend our sincere condolences to Sue's relatives and friends.

EXPEDITIONS UPDATE

BCU Approval was recently given to a team of three Prison Officers for a sea kayaking expedition to Nova Scotia to be held next month. The trip will include an open sea crossing to New Foundland and a visit to the Bay of Fundy, which has one of the world's highest tidal ranges - up to 45 feet.

Malawi Andy McDowell, Bill Taylor and John Hatton have returned safely from a successful expedition to Malawi, the first visit to this area by a British Kayaking team. First descents were made of the rivers Lilongwe and South Rukuru and inspections carried out of several other possibilities in this previously unexplored area. To add to the excitement, the three had a day's walk/climb out of the South Rukuru Gorge to avoid a grade 6 section and 300 foot waterfall into Lake Malawi. And on the lake itself they were involved in a heroic rescue attempt on about 50 people when their overloaded ferryboat sank. They saved several lives by offering first aid, resuscitation and throwlines but sadly at least four passengers are thought to have drowned.

If anyone else is interested in organising an expedition to this area, contact John Hatton (0829) 40213, he may be able to suggest a possible trip.

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It was in mid 1989 that the idea of a totally integrated expedition bringing together a group of able bodied and young people with

disabilities was first discussed by two Tyneside based outdoor education workers. The expedition was hoping to provide a challenging experience for a nucleus of people, no matter what their ability. For too long challenging outdoor experiences have not been readily available to young people with disabilities and where they have, they are often of a special or separate nature.

The expedition took place in the Canadian wilderness of the Algonquin National Park - the region is ideally suited for exploration by Open Canoe, a craft easily adapted for use by those with differing abilities. Despite being a wilderness area it is easily accessible. And there was the additional thrill of being able to experience the Canadian wildlife in its natural habitat!

The final group of young people involved were drawn from the Sanderson Resource Centre for people with disabilities, the Outward Bound Youth Project which works with unemployed young people and Barnardos Housing Project working with young people leaving care, all Tyneside based. The expedition leaders were two outdoor education workers, a woman youth worker and a nurse. We aimed to work as a team, sharing expertise and learning from each other.

As a group we raised over £8,000 in six months, greeting each donation with mounting excitement as our dream became a reality. Apart from the fund-raising we were meeting regularly to discuss and plan the expedition as well as getting to know each other a little

CHALLENGE

better. We managed to have a trial run on a weekend expedition to Kielder Forest where we canoed and camped - surprisingly we continued - keener than ever! and on 16 May suddenly we were assembled at Newcastle Airport being seen off by Robert Swann and the television cameras alongside our friends and relatives. After a flight that took forever we landed in Toronto somewhat dazed that we were actually there.

Visiting Toronto was an exciting experience that provided us with an insight into Canadian culture - very different from Tyne-side! One of our greatest pleasures was the fast food joints that are so abundant (especially ordering things 'eggs over easy' and pancakes with maple syrup) although we usually managed to cause a good deal of confusion wherever we ate, we always ended up satisfied, at both the quantity and quality of the food and the friendly 'have a nice day now' service. But the challenge that awaited us in the wilderness was uppermost in our thoughts as we compiled our seemingly endless list of necessary items. When we finally stood ready to load the buses we wondered how on earth we were going to carry it all in the six canoes that awaited us - so with this and other uncertainties lurking in our minds - we headed North.

Once clear of the maze of highways, the road headed directly North and the scenery gradually changed from the metropolis of Toronto into the images of Canada we had hoped for. We stopped off for equipment at Camp Mini-eo-Wee. They had kindly offered



"The call of the loon echoing from rocky lake shores, the sunset silhouetting a solitary pine, and a beaver forging a rippling wedge across a glassy pond. A fish splashes, a raven croaks, and a chipmunk streaks across a portage into the protection of forest undergrowth. After dark, canoeists camped on a quiet lake pause from their evening coffee to drink in the wild music of wolves wafting over the hills"

us the loan of canoes, tents and cooking equipment free of charge - an extremely generous offer. Then up into Algonquin.

The Algonquin Provincial Park covers 7571 square kilometers, and is one of the world's most famous canoeing areas. There is a vast interconnected canoe route network which offers an almost endless range of possibilities. The combination of canoeing and portage is the most effective way to experience this great wilderness area. We were only to cover a tiny area in comparison as our total route was about 40 miles - a realistic target in the event.

On driving through the park to reach our first campsite we were surprised by the sight of two moose that were chomping away surrounded by spectators - as we hurtled from the van screaming "there's a moose!" they decided quite sensibly to go off back into the forest. This was a valuable lesson in approaching wildlife - observers need to be silent!

The first couple of days we set up camp and continued to organise our provisions and equipment. We were joined by Cathy Smart and a group of people with disabilities resulting from head injuries who were going out for a couple days. It was at this stage when we were still

"This darn country of ours is so mighty big"

(Don Sharkell)

contemplating the unknown that some members of the group began to get anxious and upset. For some it was their first experience of being so far from home for so long, and for others concern about their ability to cope with the physical and mental demands of the expedition - from insects to the thought of capsizing in water that was very, very cold. We were all in an unfamiliar area, so there were no answers to many of the questions about what we would find and how we would cope. When the next day dawned we were on our way.

The Open canoes needed very little adaptation for the four members of the group with disabilities. Tony who does not have the use of his legs had a back rest which enabled him to sit comfortably at the front of the canoe with his legs outstretched. Maria who has Spina Bifida needed only some extra padding and a back rest to enable her to take the front (and command!) of a canoe with her partner. Both Kevin and Katrina's canoes needed no adaptations. The canoes were heavily laden, after all we carried with us everything we would need for 10 days, including Tony's wheelchair and enough chocolate to keep all 12 of us happy (or so we thought!). Once on the water I think we all began to feel a little happier, the lake was calm and we were soon making headway in this surprisingly stable craft. In fact we paddled further than we had anticipated looking for an island campsite that would afford us protection from bears and other beasts we might encounter. We had decided to forfeit all our watches so that we could find our own rhythms and get rid of the hassle of having to do anything at a set time. The idea was met with some resistance, but we managed to persuade even Marie not to hide hers in her knickers (an old trick!).

So we paddled on, with little thought of what we had left behind; with sunny afternoons on glassy water surrounded by trees and broken up by islands.

There were jobs that needed doing everyday and we established a rota so that everyone was working equally hard. It was important that we all did our share and were not trapped into stereotypes - the women doing all the cooking or treating people with disabilities as helpless consumers. We started or ended most days with a meeting so that we could make decisions and discuss anything we had to say. We were also given some trees to plant by the rangers which allowed us to leave something behind at each camp we made. It was easy to be careful about our environment because it was so lovely - we burned or carried litter out of the park with us.

The most exhausting days were the ones with a dreaded portage. We knew what they entailed - basically to get everything and everyone from one point to another overland - but we had underestimated exactly how tiring that would be!

We approached the first one in a cheerful and determined spirit (and some degree of chaos!). On the map, the distance was marked as 2180m but this was obviously a complete lie! The journey seemed endless. The next lake should have been named 'elusive' for it felt like we would never reach it. We stopped at an estimated half way point and went back and forth until all the gear was assembled there. By the last leg, our cheerfulness had changed into something more like resignation, summed up in the log book as, "a burning, aching, sweating struggle and still no lake!" Everybody participated in the portage, carrying to the maximum of their physical (and mental) capacities. For some this meant one onerous journey, for others, several. For Tony, in a wheelchair, it meant getting along on paths that were rocky, boggy, winding and steep; often impossible in a chair. Finally we arrived at our destination after an amazing display of teamwork and strength of character - a challenge well met. Two of the canoes we had were 'Michi Craft' - now a dirty word amongst the group, they bore down into the back of the neck and shoulders with agonising intensity, a really heavy craft and not recommended to portagers anywhere! We learnt a lot from this and other portage experiences and by the end of the expedition we felt that we had cracked it (well almost!).

We had conflicting information about the black fly situation -



Mandy Reed, John Knight, Mike Dennison, Anne Rogers, Alan Watson, Katrina Hopkinson, Maria Dodsworth, Jennifer Kirsopp, Marie McAthey, Rob Watson, Tony Steele, Kevin Taylor

Patron Chris Bonington, BCU Approved Expedition 1990

some people had said it would be terrible, others, non-existent because of a recent cold and rainy spell. The thought of being bitten and bombarded by black fly had been a major preoccupation with us all and we had come prepared with bee keeper hats and plenty of 'bug juice' (which was really perfumed bath oil). For the first few days we were lucky - but when they appeared it was a nightmare.

They really know how to take advantage of a portage, biting chunks out of you whilst you had your arms occupied holding a canoe in place!

Luckily the water was mostly calm and we were able to paddle in a relaxed fashion practising different strokes, like the silent Indian stroke, used for hunting animals. The stroke was great, the silence a bit more difficult! We did, however, have a couple of storms which required both our strength and concentration - I am glad to say nobody capsized which was a blessing as the water was extremely cold and the canoes full of kit.

We had some beautiful serene nights when some of the group slept out under the stars with the loons calling and the rest of us snoring! We also had some not so peaceful; like the time we were besieged by raccoons who ransacked our food supplies, or the night Alan came face to face with a Moose that was trapped. In the evenings there were the campfires and the exquisite cuisine (not another pasta special) one night we even had a sauna complete with dip in the lake. We had a lot of fun alongside the hard work and black flies and we ended the expedition with a mixture of elation at our success and regret that we could not stay out for longer.

The group had come together mostly as strangers and although the journey was contrived to bring together both people who were able bodied and those with disabilities, this became a secondary consideration. The group functioned on the merit of their shared experiences, individual personalities and characters rather than physical make-up. All of us have come away from this expedition having gained something of great value that will hopefully have a long lasting effect. Through the experiences of living and working together as a group and the challenges of the expedition it remains for us to reflect on the lessons learnt and use our knowledge and skills to enable other people to share this experience.

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Out of their armchairs and into their boats came the veterans. Green Slime, laid back and paddle-less slid into the winning slot as 'Best Old Bitch', while Spike grabbed second place for himself.

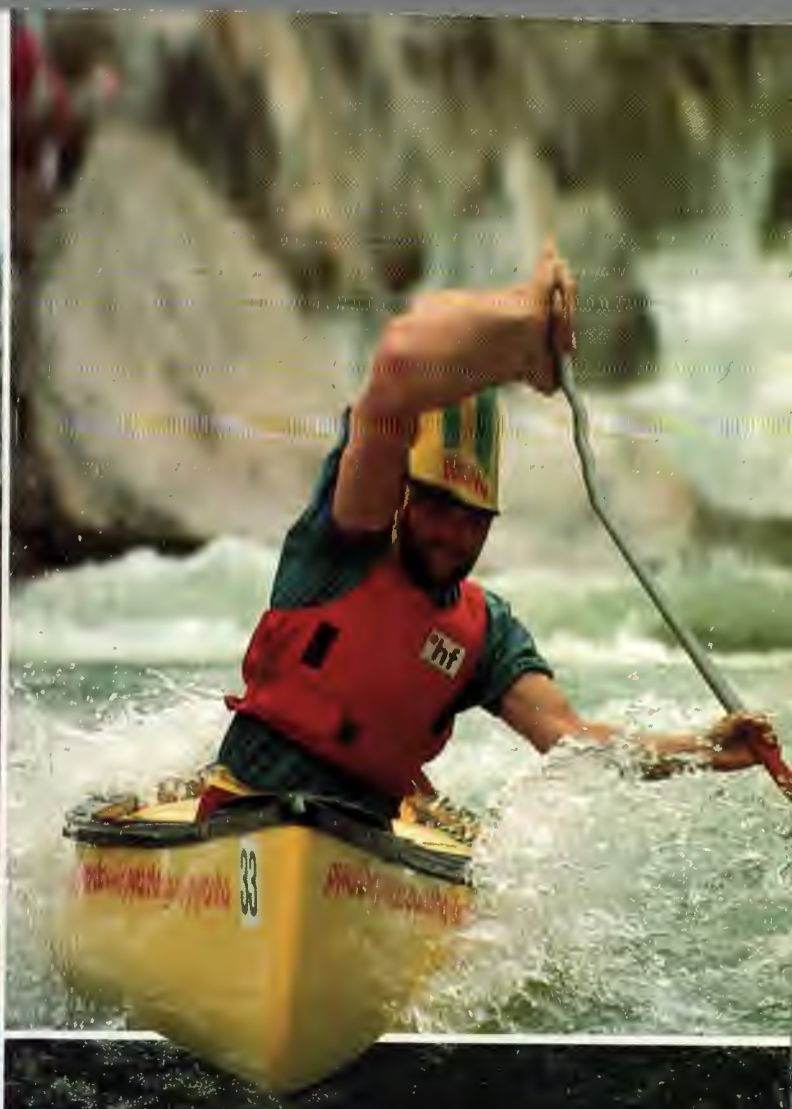
By mid morning on Sunday they lined up for the mens final: Chris Hippgrave, Nick Mallabar, Andy Middleton, Shaun Baker, Rob Hind and Jan Kellner from West Germany. The site for the final was the wave in the middle of the Bitches, smooth and steep with a trough you could sit in all day and watch the Irish sea rolling down towards you over the drop. It was clear that everyone could do the same basic manoeuvres, what sorted them out were the baton twirling paddle tricks while sitting on the wave - if the boat's not airborne then the paddles must be. It was Jan's use of the small stopper at the side while he was waiting for the wave that finally impressed the judges, he took first place with Shaun and Rob equal second and Andy third. Nick came next and then Chris. Chief Judge Simon Dawson said that the standard of paddling in all classes was excellent.

Andy Middleton the organiser, sounded a note of caution. "It's a good place to paddle, a lot of fun, but potentially very dangerous. It's not a river and unlike a river you have to take account of the weather conditions. You need a lot of knowledge about tides so if you want to paddle it find out as much as you can - you have to remember that if you fall out at full tide open sea is literally only ten minutes away"

Ramsay Island is privately owned and a wildlife sanctuary. The owners welcome visitors, and so far there have been no problems at all with access. Remember to treat the place with respect. It would be a bitch to lose the Bitches.

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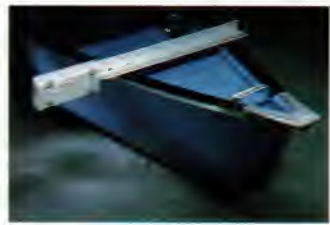
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Sunday, 'race day', dawned sunny and with a slight breeze. Conditions seemed perfect for the race. A 9.45 start ensured

that everyone was up early tinkering with boats and equipment and checking out the opposition. Many boats had Heath Robinson devices rigged to enhance their performance - someone even made use of a Hoover hose for part of a mast. There were quite a few 'works teams' such as Carefree Canoeing, Carlisle Canoes, Charnwood Canoe Company, Mobile Adventure, Pyranha and Solway Dory, in attendance - each hoping to prove a point over the days racing. However the works teams were not as slick as one might have thought: Simon from Pyranha had arrived without a sail and had to be lent one. Colin from Mobile Adventure, who confessed to knowing nothing what so ever about sailing, had to employ a crew member from Carefree Canoeing. Other competitors were from outdoor pursuits centres or independents who just liked canoe sailing. Boats were also very varied ranging from a Granta wooden

kit boat to a very expensive lath and canvas model imported from North America.

At 9.45 am the Le Mans start from the beach got the race underway and there was quite a crush of boats to the first turn buoy. After the turn buoy, it was a long beat up to the far end of the lake to the second turn around Norfolk Island and then back to the start/finish. The beat up the lake soon opened up the field with the kit built Granta boat taking and holding the lead. A few boats retired mainly due to the failure of Heath Robinson contraptions or, as in the Charnwood boat, an underpowered sail and heavy leeboards which severely limited its to windward qualities. The Mobile/Carefree canoe was dismantled and then mended using a Swiss Army Penknife. The wind died slowly throughout the race; those who had got through the lake narrows early were the lucky ones as the rest of the field sat motionless waiting for a breath

of air. Gusts came and went as the leaders, having rounded the island, passed back through the field.

Eventually most resorted to paddling to the turn and then sailed/paddled back. There was one capsize when Colin, reaching for a cup to give his crewmember a drink, over balanced the boat - thanks for the rescue Carlisle Canoes! At the finish, the Granta boat had been beaten into third place by two doubles crews from Lakeside Outdoor Pursuits with the rest of the race arriving around the six hour mark.

Thanks to John Bull for a superb weekend and to Bill for taking me bird watching on Saturday.

Dave Halsall

Results

1st Keith and Ann Morris from Lakeside 4hrs 10mins

2nd Andy Sallabank and Ann Russell from Lakeside 5hrs 00mins

3rd Roland Denereaz Independent 5hrs 11mins

RIVER DART ACCESS

The South West Access Team have become land owners for a short stretch of land adjoining the River Dart at Holne Bridge. This is an access point where problems have occurred in the past with large numbers of canoeists parking on a narrow road approaching River Dart Country Park, obstructing entrances etc. The land is situated below Holne Bridge itself, between the road and the river and first came up for sale last year. On that occasion, property speculators bought it, but in May this year the land came up for auction again and the Access Team bought it for £3500. The purchase should enable the provision of a better access point at Holne Bridge and provide a good negotiating lever with other riparian owners and fellow river users. The land is technically owned by Kevin Chamberlain (LAO) and Adam Box (RAO) but held in trust in perpetuity for the BCU. Exeter Canoe Club put up the money on the basis of a short term loan, but donations are urgently needed to repay them. Please send contributions to River Dart Access Fund, c/o Kevin Chamberlain, Mountain Stream Activities, Wydemeat, Hexworthy, Devon PL20 6SF (03643 215). Also contact Kevin for details of Access/Agreements on the Dart, after 1 September.

TYNE AGREEMENT

The agreement covering the whole Tyne system was renegotiated recently with the riparian owners, and lasts until May next year. In return for access 10 months of the year, the Local Access Officers had to bow to inevitable commercial pressures of salmon fishing, and now NOCANOEING is allowed during September and October, no matter what water level, on the North Tyne or South Tyne.

The Tyne below the confluence remains open.

There is free access to the whole system from 1 November to 31 March (although there will be fishermen on the river from 1 February). From 1 April to 31 August, canoeing is allowed at 'reasonable water levels', and at present both parties are relying on common sense. If the water is so low that touring is a pain, it is too low. A good flow is required - queries should be directed at the three Local Access Officers or the Regional Access Officer as listed below.

Behaviour towards fishermen is critical. Parties should be split into groups of about six; anglers should be spoken to politely when requesting passage; and probably most importantly, groups should not play about obviously in the vicinity of fishing, OR in the pool just downstream.

Members and staff of NRA Northumbrian Region met the parties soon afterwards to offer support and encourage-

ment; they are considering help with notice boards, especially at Chollerford; a measuring gauge at Chollerford bridge; and publicity about the agreement, including a printed code of conduct for canoeists

Access queries **by post please** with SAE, well in advance - telephone calls late on a Thursday night are not much appreciated!

Tyne Access Officers

North Tyne (above Chollerford) Bob Hodgson, The Comb, Greenhaugh, Hexham, Northumberland (0434 240245)

North Tyne & Tyne (Chollerford to Wylam) George Thompson, Dukes House Wood Centre, Hexham, Northumberland (0434)602622.

South Tyne Jerry Tracey, Haefen House, Middle Hay Leazes, Allendale, Northumberland (0434)683409.

Regional Access Officer: Eddie Palmer, 3, Middle Cowden, Birtley, Wark, Northumberland, NE48 3JB (0434) 270318.

Due to popular demand, Northumberland Region is now exploring the possibility of providing an ansaphone service for access information (ie who pays for it!).

NEW RIVER GUIDE - NORTHUMBERLAND

Eddie Palmer, the Northumbria RAO, is reprinting and updating a guide to Northumberland and Durham rivers, which is now available. The Region will be inviting a donation (cheques made out to BCU - Northern Region) of £5, which will include advice on holiday itineraries as well. Copies available from Eddie Palmer, address as in previous article.

NEW FACES

The Local Access Officer for the Severn is now Sue Drummond, Drummond Outdoor Services, South View, Severn Bank, Castlefields, Shrewsbury (0743) 65022. And Phil Ferguson (RTO, North West) replaces Colin Kempson as the Touring Representative on the British Access Committee.

COUNTING THE COST

The bill has come in for the plaintiff's costs in the Itchen case and the amount exceeds £20,000. The BCU was forced to withdraw from the case, defending John Griffen, after taking legal advice that the case was unlikely to be successful. John had been paddling the River Itchen, near Southampton, on the advice that he was exercising a common-law navigation right. The £20,000 bill is now being considered by the BCU Council.

KENNET & AVON

The Kennet and Avon canal, which links London and Bristol has been renovated after 40 years of neglect and was officially reopened by HM The Queen on 8 August 1990 at Devizes in Wiltshire. The canal is used for the first part of the annual Devizes - Westminster canoe marathon, but now the whole 87 mile link from Bristol to London will be open.



NEW TOURING REP

Pete Button has been "talked into" being the touring rep for the Northern Region. Pete's main interests are advanced whitewater paddling, squirting and playboating, he's also very involved in coaching, an experienced expedition sea paddler and claims to "surf like a vicar"!

Pete sees his new role as being a representative of recreational canoeists, "the ones who don't want to be organised or competitive but just go out and enjoy paddling".

So anyone in the Northern Region with feelings on anything to do with touring, talk to Pete! He'd also like to hear from anyone with ideas for squirt events or rodeos, especially those with thoughts on venues or organisational experience. He can be contacted on (091) 565 7630 (daytime) or (091)414 3265 (eves)

NORTH TYNE TOUR

November 3 - 4 1990

Primarily to introduce paddlers to the North Tyne (Grade 2 - 3) this weekend will offer river escorts and timed passages from Kielder Dam to Hexham for charity paddlers. Details from Jerry Tracey, Haefen House, Middle Hay Leazes, Allendale, Hexham, Northumberland. Please send a large S.A.E.

RIVER DEE TOURS 1990 - 91

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Llangollen Area Tour

November 17th - 18th

M. Windsor, Llangollen Canoe Centre, Mile End Mill, Llangollen.

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January 12th - 13th

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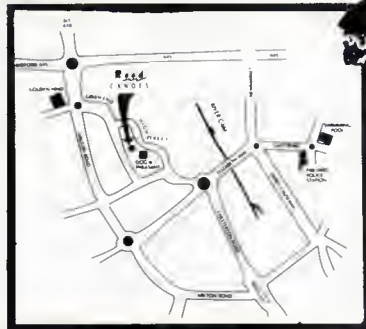
The Mike Jones Rally has been shifted from the usual November weekend in a bid to reduce numbers - the Eisteddfod field is not available as a campsite this winter due to building work and the organising committee felt that everyone, both Town and Canoeists would enjoy the event more if it attracted fewer people and vehicles

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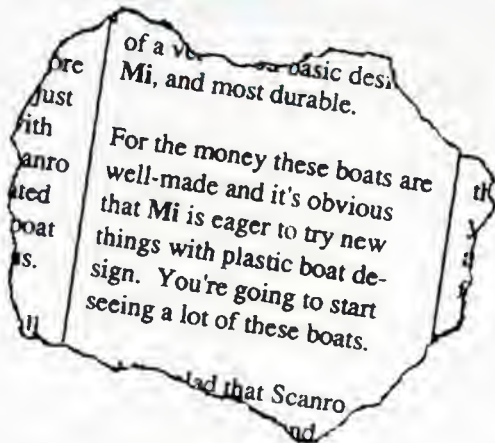


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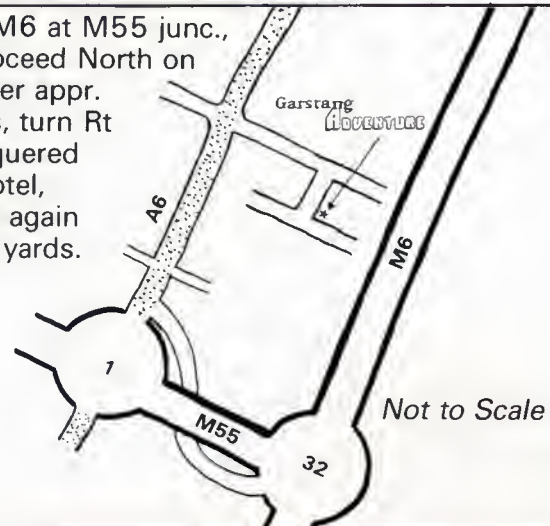
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Paddling the Bio-Bio rapids may soon be a thing of the past

Photographs by Andy Hall

The Bio-Bio is one of the most famous whitewater rivers in the world. Its rapids are rated as the most difficult of any commercially-navigated river; it has been called 'the Olympics of river trips'. A magnificent wilderness, with spectacular forested canyons, a smoking volcano covered with snow, hot springs, native Indian villages, and countless waterfalls cascading off the cliffs along the river.

But all this could be wiped out by a massive dam planned by ENDESA, a Chilean government agency. The Pangué Dam, as the project is called, would be 113 metres high, extending from the river to the rim of the inner canyon. It would be located at 'One-Eyed Jack' rapid, in the 'Royal Flush' canyon, which is in the heart of the river. It would entirely flood the Bio-Bio canyons from the Avellano Hot Springs to the dam site. ENDESA plans to build other dams on the river after it completes the Pangué Dam. These other dams would eliminate all the remaining whitewater and wilderness sections of the Bio-Bio.

The dams would also wipe out the last refuge of the Mapuche Indians, (also known as Araucanians or Pehuenches,) who once lived throughout Southern Chile and Argentina. In the past they were forced off of their other homelands, and now their traditional culture survives only along the upper Bio-Bio. If the dams are built, this culture would be gone, forever.

At present the Bio-Bio area is rich in wildlife, including the Andean Condor, which is an endangered species. The river is the key part of this ecosystem. The dams would probably result in the extinction of several animal and plant species, permanently damaging the environmental health of Chile.

During January and February 1990, an ENDESA crew began excavating on the south side of the canyon at the dam site. ENDESA plans to complete a tunnel around the dam site on May 1991, 500 meters long (1650 feet.) They would then divert the entire river through the tunnel, and begin to build the dam in the dry river-bed.

The project was conceived and approved under the military dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet, who has ruled Chile for the past 16 years. But on 11 March, Patricio Aylwin took office as the new democratically-elected president of Chile. Aylwin is dedicated to social progress, and he is concerned about human rights in Chile, including the rights of the native Mapuche Indians. (His son is a prominent human-rights lawyer in Chile).

Aylwin's government is reassessing all government programmes in Chile. With sufficient public protest from Chileans and other people around the world, the Bio-Bio dam project could be stopped.

National Organisation of River Sports, USA.



construction of the dam has already started



The King and Queen Canyon on the Bio - Bio may soon be drowned

BIO - BIO UNDER THREAT

Preparations have begun for damming the world famous Bio-Bio River in Chile, South America. But the government of Chile has changed hands for the first time in 16 years, so the time is right for anyone interested in preserving the Bio-Bio to speak up!

What you can do:

Write to the Chilean government and make the new leaders aware of the world importance of the Bio-Bio! Address your letters to: President Patricio Aylwin, Palacio de la Moneda, Santiago, Chile, South America.

Write in English or Spanish using if possible the letterhead of your company or organisation.

Emphasize that the Bio-Bio is Chile's most famous attraction for foreign visitors, except perhaps for Easter Island, and that foreign visitors would be much less likely to go to Chile if the Bio-Bio were dammed.

Mention that you are concerned about the human rights of the Mapuche Indians who live along the upper Bio-Bio.

Urge President Aylwin to veto the Bio-Bio dams, for environmental, financial, and human rights reasons - as well as for values of the human spirit.

Chile has always looked to Europe and the United States as a source of cultural influence, manufactured goods, technology, financial aid, and political ideology. Chile needs income from foreign visitors and foreign credit. Your letter will show international concern for preserving the Bio-Bio, and be very influential in Chile!

**DON'T WAIT - SEND YOUR LETTER
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For more information contact any of the following:

The National Organisation for River Sports, 314 North 20th Street, Suite 200, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904 USA. Tel: (719) 473-2466, Fax (719) 630-1892.

The International Rivers Network, 301 Broadway, Suite B, San Francisco, California 94133 USA. Tel: (415) 986 4694, Fax (415) 3982732.

Comite Nacional Pro Defensa de la Fauna y Flora, Casilla 3675, Santiago, Chile. Tel (377) 290.

WHITE WATER RUNS AND TOURING RIVERS OF SOUTH WALES

by Chris Sladden

ISBN 0-9516147-0-3

Available from BCU Supplies £5.50 members, £6.50 non-members.

Reviewed by Ray Batsford

In all 30 rivers are included, popular ones such as the Taff, Ely, Tywi, Usk and of course the ones I use often such as the Gwili and Cothi. The author has taken time to seek advice from local paddlers.

Each river has a very good mapped and symbols description. They vary in length and detail but all include the essential points; access and egress points, weirs, major rapids, hazards and portages. This, in conjunction with the Ordnance Survey map, with number found in the book, gives a paddler a comprehensive guide to the rivers of South Wales.

Chris also includes environmental advice - these rivers are big enough for three or four paddlers, but no more. Access agreements are listed and details from national or local access officers. All these details contribute to a complete picture of what to expect and allow the paddler to plan ahead with confidence.

On the whole, I found the White Water Runs and Touring Rivers of South Wales useful telling me all I needed to know to canoe these rivers in conjunction with the Ordnance Survey map.

CANOEING ACROSS CANADA

For two seasons from ice-out to freeze-up, my husband Gary and I paddled an open canoe from the Gulf of St Lawrence 6,000 miles through inland Canada to the Arctic Ocean. After completing the voyage, we set about writing a book in which we could share our experiences worldwide. From April 16 to May 3 1990, Gary and I embarked upon an interesting adventure of a different kind. Our British publisher Diadem organised a tour through the canoeing fraternity of Britain. Each day we visited a new city or town talking with the radio, newspaper and television about canoeing and Canada. We visited local outdoor shops and bookstores giving out posters and signing books. During the evenings, we put on slideshow presentations in venues from London to North Wales and Newcastle to Nottingham.

Having grown up with canoes in Canada where the geography of land and the amount of freshwater makes possible millions of miles of clean, navigable rivers, it was natural to dream of one day canoeing the entire distance from one ocean to another. So numerous are the waterways, that 10 lifetimes would never be enough time to paddle them all. The journey described in

'Canoeing Across Canada' encompassed a great variety of waterways from the northern whitewater rivers to the vast stretches of open water on Lake Superior and the Mackenzie River, to the tides and ocean storms of the St Lawrence River.

The design of our 18 foot cruising canoe originated in down river racing. The hull length, narrowness and depth made it ideal for tracking swift and straight across the open water, yet allowed it to be manoeuvrable enough in whitewater rapids. It carried a 500 pound load with ease. Our specially-designed tarpaulin which covered the canoe completely, was a great comfort in the rain, rapids and while paddling amongst the whales.

Through the presentations, the media coverage and the conversations with local paddlers in Britain, we reached out to the general population as well as the paddlers with our enthusiasm for the sport. Canoeing can be fast and competitive, or slow and contemplative. Either way, paddlers are close to nature simply by being on the waterways. All over the world, it is paddlers and the outdoors people who must work together to encourage others into any type of paddle sport. We believe that from those experiences stem a desire for river preservation and environmental understanding not only for the sake of future paddlers, but for the sake of our mutual home; Planet Earth.

In the short time we spent in Britain, it is impossible to understand all the issues facing paddlers in Britain. Our low population density in Canada combined with our vast network of clean waterways makes our situation so totally different. However, we felt the over-riding problem was a real lack of understanding between river-users and 'river owners'. Scientific information and education should encourage these entities to work with one another rather than compete. Do paddlers really disturb fish populations? Do paddlers respect the landowners and the fishermen's concerns? It appears to us that all our natural ecosystems are in danger of collapsing around the world. All those that enjoy the waterways should be presenting a unified front for waterways preservation and clean-up as this endeavour is clearly concerned with contributing to the betterment of life for all.

Joanie McGuffin, Ontario, Canada

ALPINE CANOEING

by Steve Wales

ISBN 0-9515987-0-8

Published by Alpine Canoe Holidays

Available from BCU Supplies £7.95 members, £8.95 non-members

Steve Wales has utilised 12 years experience of Alpine paddling to produce this excellent new guide to the whitewater rivers of Austria, the first to this area to have been researched and written entirely in English. The river trips described are all within daily travelling distance from Landeck and include classic paddles such as the Inn, Sanna, Trisanna and Loisach.

Each stretch is given a general description with details of access and egress points,

grade, hazards and notable water features. Particularly useful is the indication of how the grading varies according to water levels and the appropriate gauge readings with which to judge.

The guide is complete with photographs, maps and detailed river plans. Steve has paddled everything described in the book himself and had the details re-checked for accuracy. He also points out, however, that rivers can and do change dramatically even overnight and that there is no substitute for inspection on the day.

Also in the guide are useful chapters on safety, equipment and rescue, particularly orientated towards the first time alpinist. Not everyone would agree with all of Steve's recommendations - his views on throwlines for example being somewhat controversial - but to his credit, he does take trouble to point out that these are his personal views and methods which work for him - rather than universally accepted dogma.

Good canoeing guides to the Alps, written in English, have been lacking in the past, 'Alpine Canoeing' has gone a long way towards filling the gaps. The guide to Austria is intended to be the first to a whole series on the Alps, roll on the next instalment.

BISC CODE OF ETHICS

The British Institute of Sports Coaches has published the first edition of a Code of Ethics and Conduct for sports coaches.

The Code provides guidelines on relationships; commitments; advertising; integrity; and confidentiality, and also outlines personal and safety standards that should be adopted.

Copies of the Codes may be obtained FREE of charge from the Institute office, BISC, 2 College Close, Beckett Park, Leeds LS6 3QH. Tel (0532) 753365.

YEARBOOK UPDATES

Additions/Amendments to the BCU Yearbook, published February 1990

Clubs

Tonbridge & West Kent Canoe Club.
Mr J. Rootes, 2, Simmonds Lane, Yalding,
Kent, ME18 0HA

Hereford Kayak Club, Mrs K W Neate,
3 Hopton Rd, Hereford, HR1 1BE.

Blackwater Valley Canoe Club, Kate
O'Hara, 16, Cripsey Road, Cove,
Farnborough, Hants

If your club was omitted from The BCU Yearbook or incorrectly listed, please contact Caroline Tombs at the BCU office, so that an amendment can be published

Courses

Odyssey Training & River Deep Mountain High. Joint SI Training/Assessment/Conversion. Sunderland. Contact Pete Button, (091) 565 7630.

WYE GUIDE INACCURATE

The 1990 edition of the 'Canoeists' Guide to the River Wye' published by the National Rivers Authority is now seriously inaccurate concerning landing points and camping at Monnington Falls, Preston-on-Wye.

The guide advises landing on the right bank 100 yards below Monnington Falls to find camping with a Mr M C Stephenson of Preston Court, next to the village church. Having wasted a lot of time and energy trying to follow these instructions, it is worth knowing the following:

1. Mr Stephenson no longer lives at the Preston Court Farm, and the people who bought it do not own the land. However, to use the same campsite (a tap in a field!), contact Mr and Mrs Priest, who live in a farm about 200 yards from the church.

2. The actual landing point for the site is at least 500 yards below the falls, past a fishing hut on the right bank at the point where telephone wires cross the river. The suggested landing 100 yards below the falls simply makes no sense.

3. An alternative landing and campsite is on the right bank about 50 yards above the falls, where the road passes very close to the bank. Ask at the farm nearest the landing (sorry I cannot name the farmer) and camp in his lovely orchard. Only problem is it's a longer walk to the pub in Preston village.

Finally, be very wary of nesting swans in this part of the Wye. We unintentionally disturbed a pair by passing too close (paddles shipped and no talking) and were duly chased 400 yards down the river by a very aggressive male.

Despite being three adults in a 17 foot canoe he attacked the boat at least five times without any fear, flying straight at us at head/shoulder height and forcing us to take cover under our paddles. A couple of times he actually crashed into us. All the legends about the dangers of angry swans suddenly came frighteningly true, so be warned.

John Hutchinson, Abergele

YOUNG PADDLERS WANTED

A Youth White Water Kayak Expedition to North America - open to paddlers from all over Britain: do you like the sound of it? I am trying to make it a reality.

This would be open to young canoeists of both sexes between the ages of 14-16 next July/August, giving them the chance to plan and undertake an exciting white water expedition on some famous American Rivers. You would need to be confident and experienced on Grade 3 with a strong roll.

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If you are interested in such an expedi-

tion, and are willing to undertake a lot of hard work and training please write to me as soon as possible for more information: Benjamin J F Love, Station House, Chard Road, Chard Junction, Somerset TA20 4QN. PS I'm aged 14 myself.

Editors note - the BCU are actively supporting Ben in his plans

COMMERCIAL INTERESTS

Regarding people with commercial interests holding influential positions on BCU committees, I feel that members should be told of a recent situation in the diving world.

Committee members of the British Sub Aqua Club are allowed to have commercial interests in the sport. The last diving manual (BCU Handbook equivalent) to be published, whilst being an excellent training book, seems to serve as an advert for one particular company, whose products are in most of the photographs and used as 'examples' of equipment available.

I believe complaints were made within the trade and different publications more recently produced show a fairer range of equipment available.

When this type of problem occurs, one starts to question equipment reviews within magazines, and even the recommendations of a governing body, when equipment is a major part of safety standards.

The British Canoe Union must remain unbiased in all its thinking, at worst there could be cynicism and mistrust of the governing body by its members, especially when the organisation sets safety standards, and 'approves' products.

J.F. White, Isle of Skye

SLALOM EXECUTIVES DO CARE

Regarding Mrs Ellard's letter, "Its not what you say its the way that you say it" (Canoe Focus 65). I totally endorse what she says about abrupt manners of officials, especially at novice events. Chairpersons of juries at novice events this year are well aware of the need to be sympathetic to new paddlers who are in conflict with the rules. They are appointed by the judging co-ordinator with this in mind.

I do not know the circumstances of the girl's run or the jury member who spoke so abruptly. This should not happen at any slalom, especially at novice level and competitors should feel that they have enjoyed the weekend.

At the beginning of the letter you say that not enough effort is being made to encourage canoeists to take up slalom. This may have been true over the last few years, with a steady decline at the lower divisions, and competitiveness being the prime factor. This year however, clubs affiliated to slalom, voted overwhelmingly at the AGM to promote slalom at novice level with fun and enjoyment, not competition being the

main aims. I'm sure that we are succeeding. We are halfway through the season and have attracted over 400 extra paddlers, a large number being Juniors. We are reversing the downward trend.

Paddlers and their supporters should remember that juries have a hard job to do. Protests should be registered on the appropriate form and a decision will be made by the chairperson and two jury members, who should be impartial. Officials should not be harassed by personal approaches.

I hope that Mrs Ellard's club member will continue to compete and enjoy slaloms. I would like to assure her that there are people in the sport at executive level who care about what happens at the lower divisions.

**Peter Hanover,
Novice Slalom Development Chairman**

GROSS DISTORTION

In the letter entitled "Unsung Heroes" (Canoe Focus 65), an incident on the Wye on February 22nd was described by "A Paddler", who, for good reason, did not sign his letter.

The letter is a gross distortion of the truth; please allow me to give a realistic account of what happened.

Two of our paddlers were standing on the river bed, holding on to the downstream side of a tree. I was about four metres away on a shale bank opposite the tree with a throw line. On taking the bag the swimmers would have swung across the current and been picked up by paddlers in boats down stream where there were large eddies. There was no danger to life and NOBODY was trapped in any way. At this point Mark Hickman's group arrived and Mark swam across the current to the swimmers grabbing them and then being pulled back to our side of the river by the rope attached to him. Whose technique was better is arguable but as Mark was prepared to swim across I was quite happy to let him. Saying that the swimmers would have drowned and had to be cut free is a blatant lie.

The only thing that was trapped and had to be pulled free from the trees was a paddle. To do this Mark swam through branches with a rope attached to himself. Whilst I am grateful to him for saving us the time of getting the paddle by other means I was alarmed at the risk that he put himself into for the sake of a piece of equipment. A couple of ropes stretched across the river could have been used to dislodge the paddle more safely.

I assume that no malice was intended by the letter but the writer was seeking to dramatise the event such as to gain public acclaim for his friend.

Can any credibility be given to letters where the writer does not sign their name? Perhaps Canoe Focus should not print letters where the author does not stand by the contents sufficiently to be associated with them. I fully expect Mark to be embarrassed by the letter and I very much doubt if he would agree with the writer's version of things

Howard Goldberg, Cardiff

in the land of the reindeer

Andy Middleton and Shaun Baker visited the Finland Fastwater Festival held at Muonio in Lapland on 16 - 17 June. Photographs by Charles Willis



Finland land of 24 hour sunshine, big stoppers and 24 million mosquitoes. We arrived prepared; between us there were ten different mosquito lotions and potions . The best surprise was yet to come however - there weren't any mosquitoes! This year's contest boats were Stunt Bats; brand new and raring to go . The Sprint was close, but not that close; Shaun's training paid off and took him into third place - capsizing Finns put paid to my chances. The second event was a Paddles Up inspired course of slalom tricks and squirts; entertaining for all concerned. A lunch of sauteed reindeer and mashed potato for the Swedes - who needs glucose? The freestyle/rodeo contest was run in two heats with competitors being judged on their performance in the topper and two surfing waves. In the fast surging water, timing of loops and enders was critical; the stopper was too fast for controlled moves. The final was UK v. Germany and after a close contest, Jan Kellner was placed first, Andy Middleton second, Shaun and Werner Moritz equal third.

The team event was a hoot - sprint down the river to the breakout, leap onto the bank, run upstream and jump in to swim through the uninviting stopper, climb onto the back of your partners boat, roll then sprint for the end. I missed Shaun, in a 15 m, no boat mystery move. But a quick wave had us re-united for the roll and sprint. British second after a close race. Overall Shaun got third and Andy sixth; prizes were novel - a reindeer skin and medal for us, and a Muddy Fox for Jan who won yet again.

Korpi (pronounced Kirpy) the event's genial host now has a fleet of Stunt Bats waiting to be paddled; anyone visiting the far North and wanting to play should write to him: Korpi, Muonio, Finland.

There's no event in Muonio next year but, with the rodeo circuit getting off the ground in Austria in August this year, and the first World Stunt Boat Championships scheduled for the Bitches in mid 1991, there won't be a shortage of places to go.

Andy Middleton

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BCU01 Card Organiser. Blue with silver logo design, holds membership card and up to five other credit/business cards.	1.30	1.00
BCU02 Diary Wallet. Blue with silver logo, incorporates Diary/Year Planner, large pocket compartment for personal notes and two credit/business cards.	1.80	1.50
BCU04 Key Ring. Leather, blue with silver logo design, holds several keys.	1.05	.85
BCU05 Members' Sew On Badge. Oval shaped cloth members' badge, blue logo and edging on white background, colourfast.	N/A	1.00
BCU06 Blazer Badge. Square cloth badge for blazers, embroidered logo in silver, black background.	N/A	1.50
BCU07 Members' Tie. Navy blue with two diagonal stripes and logo depicted in white, machine washable.	N/A	3.90
BCU08 Tie Pin/Lapel Badge. Stick pin suitable for ties or lapels, blue logo on silver coloured metal disc.	N/A	1.85
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BCU10 Smurf Canoeist.	2.95	2.45
BCU11 Cadet Badge. Round cloth badge for cadets, pictures smurf canoeist in colour on a white background, colourfast.	N/A	.50
BCU12 'I ♥ Canoeists!' Button Badge.	.30	.20
BCU13 'I do it . . . with the British Canoe Union' Button Badge.	.30	.20
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BCU16 Hip Flask. Smart 4oz flask, blue leather outer with BCU heraldic emblem in gold.	12.50	10.50
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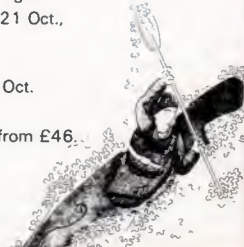


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