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- **SCOTS WIN AT DUTCH SPRINTS,**
- **INTERNATIONAL REPORT,**

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EDITORIAL NOTE

Those of you who read the Editorial notes in the last issue may remember that mention was made of the intention to change the name of our magazine because the circulation was now beyond the limits of club membership and it seemed more appropriate to have a less restrictive title.

The suggestion at the time was "Canoeing News and Review" but at the Club Spring Meeting this was considered to be too much of a mouthful and it was decided unanimously that the name KAYAK was snappy and appropriate. We hope you like it.

This issue of the magazine is a month later than intended but as the whole editorial staff disappeared for the month of July, on holiday, preparations were at a standstill. It would be untrue to say we are sorry because we all enjoyed ourselves so much. Others will have had interesting canoeing experiences on holiday. Why not sit down and write an account of them for our next issue? J.C.

STOP PRESS

ANOTHER OUTSTANDING WIN TO ADD TO SCOTLAND'S HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR:

BRITISH OPEN SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS ON R. TRYWERYN - 31st Aug / 1 Sep 1974

1st JIM DOLAN

AND IN THE TEAM EVENT, A MOST SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE BY JIM DOLAN,
JOCK YOUNG AND DAVID CUTHILL TO TAKE 4th PLACE.

SCOTTISH CANOE ASSOCIATION

16th INTERNATIONAL REGATTA ZAANDAM NETHERLANDS

Sprint
Racing

8th/9th JUNE 1974

A. Manwell
Team Manager.

It was felt that the time and opportunity had come for the Association to venture into the realm of international sprint racing, reflecting the growing interest in this form of racing in Scotland, and a vindication of the lonely sustained efforts of Alistair Wilson and the other Ayrshire paddlers who for so long have carried the presence of Scotland to International events, although never actually as Scottish representatives. Our first venture into this area would have to be exploratory and initially the Gent Regatta in Belgium was considered, but the British Team had decided to take part and thus our participation was excluded. Further enquiries elicited the advice to take part at Zaandam near Amsterdam in the Netherlands.

Thus at 11 a.m. on Thursday 6th June two cars, with six competitors and one official arrived at Harwich en route for the Hook of Holland. Vainly they waited for the third car with three more competitors from Ayrshire, and eventually had to board the ferry without them. It turned out that the car had broken down with "big end" trouble just ten minutes away from Harwich. Their consequent efforts to repair, rethink, hire, re-insure, transfer bookings must constitute an epic in itself, but they did manage to follow on the next ferry and duly arrive in Zaandam to join the others who after an uneventful passage, a rather vague journey through The Hague and a wet passage to Amsterdam, making the final haven at the remarkable canoe club "De Geuzen" headquarters in Zaandam.

The Friday was spent repairing the ravages of travel including a training session on the local water (swimming definitely not advised) and some quiet exploration of Zaandam and a view of the stranger sights of Amsterdam, as well as the fascinating arrangement of the canals and the old city centre. The Saturday involved an early examination of the regatta course and for the Team Manager an incredible leaders meeting, where there seemed to be more leaders than paddlers and with little interpreting being offered, considerable ingenuity in deciphering hand and facial gesture and the intonation of the voices to ascertain whether all was going smoothly or otherwise. However it afforded an opportunity to consider the management capabilities for the various teams assembled from the Netherlands, Belgium, West Germany, Australia and Scotland.

The afternoon's events were centred mainly on the heats for the Youth Classes in which R. Montgomery of Irvine Canoe Club found himself in the fastest heat of the series and his own time of 2.22.3 would have allowed him to qualify easily in any of the other heats. A creditable performance despite his elimination and a good opening to his international career in sprint racing. Following that event he joined J. Dolan and J. Young in the 3000m event which was to be raced along a 2KM stretch of the main canal in Zaandam, to a point where it meets the Nordzeekanal where a turn around a set of buoys is made, to make a final 1000m leg up to the Finish situated at the local rowing club headquarters. In this event our young competitors were able to hold to the middle of the field throughout the event and finished in creditable positions just out of the first six places. However our pleasure in their performance was soon to be heightened as Maureen McClure taking part in the joint Senior Junior Ladies 3000m found herself dominating the Junior event and finished in 1st place to her own delight and to the immense pleasure of the Scottish team. The Mens Senior 10,000m followed and in a very strong and determined field D. Batchelor and A. Burwood battled hard through four long legs of 2 km and five turns to finish sixth and eighth respectively, and we began to feel that perhaps we had been under-rating the standard of competition in Scotland. This feeling heightened as the Mens Junior 10,000 developed and A. Morton stayed with, and appeared to dictate the tactics of the leading group, eventually battling out the last 1000m with Drespa of Dusseldorf and holding off a very strong challenge from Tomansky of Gent, to come out the winner in

a time of 50m 15.8s. So in spite of some apprehension that we might be getting into deep water, it was a well satisfied team that relaxed with the other competitors in the social gathering held in the Canoe Club later that day, but dutifully followed instructions to retire early.

The following day the first competitors involved, J. Dolan and J. Young, found the competition in their heats just too much and although finishing third and fourth were eliminated from the 500m K1 in their age group. Later D. Batchelor, A. Morton, A. Burwood survived their heats in the 500m and A. Morton won through the first round of the 1000m. and to conclude the morning session J. Dolan and J. Young won their heat in the Youth K2 500m. Thus the early fears of being reduced to spectators for the Sunday afternoon session had vanished with our presence in six finals and a venture into K4 racing with a rather untried crew, finding things very hot.

Into the afternoon the sun shone in more than one direction for the Scottish team, for excitement mounted as Andrew Morton came through with a late rush to win the Junior 500m, to be followed later by the valiant efforts of A. Burwood and D. Batchelor who fought hard to remain on terms with the redoubtable Heckstra of Belgium with A. Burwood finishing in a fine 5th place. This effort was followed by the sight of the two leading slalom paddlers in Scotland combining their energies to win Silver Medals in the Youth K2. Jim Dolan and Jock Young pushing an experienced pair from West Germany to a very fast time. Hardly had that excitement died away when A. Morton again struck home to squeeze ahead of Tomanski by .7 sec. in the Junior 1000m and to become the only competitor in the Regatta to win all three of his singles events. Finally after a long day's waiting through all the excitement of the team's successes Maureen McClure produced a sparkling performance to win the Ladies Junior 500m against very strong opposition, to conclude what must be one of the highlights in the paddlers careers and one of the most notable days in the Association's history.

All in all a very creditable performance by a team effort in which individual highlights were sustained by the efforts and support of the whole team, in the knowledge and realization that although this can be a highly individualistic sport, the real satisfaction exists in the feeling of community and mutual support, that all are enriched by a team-mate's success but none are diminished through any lack of success.

Hardly had our euphoria subsided and the team had to tackle the problem of return to Scotland, and thus the Ayrshire group set out to take the earliest available ferry to England and thence by hiring another vehicle for the purpose, to tow their damaged car all the way back to Kilmarnock, battling valiantly for 14 hours, while the remaining two cars made a more leisurely return on Monday.

To conclude this report I must express my thanks to all the team members for their part in the success of the venture, and to hope that with the experience gained, we will be able to continue and extend our participation in a wider field and eventually look to that day when at the 16th Strathclyde Regatta we would be as delighted as our host in Zaandam at the efforts and successes of another "raiding party".

SLALOM AND W/W INTERNATIONAL TEAM NEWS

Team members this year were:-

G. Smith	Captain		
D. Cuthill		S. Ramage	Miss A. Ramage in
J. Dolan		N. Rickerby	ladies events
G. Hatfield		I. Ross	
R. Kennedy		J. Young	Andrew Manwell: Manager.

The team competed in the Mittenwald W/W Race in Bavaria on 20/21st July, in the Slalom and W/W Race at Bourg St. Maurice, France, on 27/28 July and in the Lofer Slalom and W/W Race in Austria on the 3/4 August.

Mr. Manwell organised the trip in his usual efficient and considerate manner and he summed up his instructions to competitors with the following words:

"Finally it should be remembered that in ventures such as this we all have collective responsibility, particularly as members of a small Association such as ours, and although we participate as individuals we are members of a team always. All individual performances whether successful or otherwise are part of our corporate effort on behalf of the Association and a recognition of the time and energies of all competitors in Scotland who contribute to the raising of standards and the sustaining of a real competitive climate and organisation"

MITTENWALD W/W RACE, BAVARIA - 20/21 JULY 1974

D. Cuthill

Two cars set off for the Continent on Sunday 5th July; Team Captain Graham Smith driving his car, containing Jim Dolan, Scott Ramage and myself as passengers. After blowing 3 trailer tyres to bits on the motorway we arrived in Ramsgate on Sunday evening and met up with the Manwells and Irvine Ross.

On Monday morning we hovered over to Calais during a force 8 wind and 2.5 m waves - the effect of which all of us became acutely aware considering our hearty breakfast of sausage, bacon and eggs. After a brief recovery in Calais we motored off heading for Cologne, Germany, where we spent a night on the campsite beside the river Rhine. It was not until late next evening when we pulled into Mittenwald. After some discussion it was decided that we required a campsite with more mod.cons. e.g. hot showers, so we proceeded to find such a site. Meanwhile the heavens opened and released millions of tons of rain. Night fell and the rain persisted, camping sites all full, so we searched in vain for B.& B. lodgings (or Zimmer Frei as they say in German). 4 hours and 2 border crossings later, just when we were thinking in terms of a lowly cattle shed, Scott, David, Jim and Graham found a layby in which we commenced an attempt to put the tent up in the dark. After a noisy night with thunder, lightning and rain we awakened to the sight of approaching disaster. 1 large puddle approaching at about 2 cm/s. In great haste we rescued the food and equipment and repacked the car and trailer. It was still raining and consequently the tent was saturated. We moved to a campsite in Seefeld, Austria and spent the afternoon looking at the course and training on the stretch below, Jim, Scott and myself shooting the rapids and 8 foot weirs with reckless enjoyment freed from the confines of the journey out. We trained on the course on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The rain had persisted all week and the tent leaked badly because it had been put up wet. Sleeping bags were drenched, food was soaking and the ground muddy.

The River Isar is, in the upper stretches of the banks, closed to public road traffic so we had to travel to the start via a forest warden's Volkswagen at an extortionate fare. For practice the water was low but after a week of rain the river rose on Saturday night after the team run in which Graham, Irvine and myself battled our way to 7th place down the foaming cataracts of the Isar Gorge.

The individual results were as follows:- Jim Dolan 1st, Scott Ramage 3rd, D. Cuthill 4th, I. Ross 5th and G. Smith 7th. Although this was a small event with the championship class German paddlers in a separate selection event, the Scottish team did well to achieve these results.

The next day - Monday - we left for Bourg St. Maurice in France, travelling via Innsbruck to Italy for a fast Autostrada trip. Arrived at Bourg on Tuesday 23rd July.

The Tuesday before the event (23rd) the Team arrived from all parts of Europe. From Aberdeen, Glasgow, Mittenwald and one member arrived from another Bourg, having gone to the wrong town for the competition!

The campsite at Bourg for the competitors is situated right beside the Slalom course in a very pleasant setting. However there were a number of undesirable features - no shower, plenty of dust and a busy railway line only 50 yds from the tents. Consequently the ladies of the Team, Mrs. Manwell Annette and Mrs. Morton all insisted that a more suitable site would have to be sought for them! (Mrs. Rickerby, however, decided she had better stay and keep an eye on her husband!) Fortunately there were two very pleasant sites only half a mile from the river and so the team ended up rather scattered along the valley.

The water was dam-controlled and turned on in the morning, leaving the afternoon for relaxation during the training periods. The water and rocks proved to be very sore on the boats as both courses were quite rough and technical. Graham Smith's repair outfit soon became depleted and a blind man could have found the Scots by following the smell of resin through the campsite! Poor Ronnie Kennedy had both his boats wrecked within the first three days, although, to be fair, he only had the pleasure of writing off one of them personally.

The British Junior Team arrived not long after we had established ourselves and they proved to be a headache for our manager. It transpired that there was no Junior event at Bourg and so their manager, Albert Woods, expected to take all the 6 Slalom places and leave Scotland the W.W. race! Andrew and Graham however had their letter files with them to prove their right to compete and eventually after much haggling in French we had to forfeit our Slalom Team Run places to the British Juniors. Of the four runs taken by the Junior teams on Saturday afternoon only one counted, two ended in capsizes and one was abandoned before starting!

After the first Slalom Runs on the Sunday Norbert Sattler of Austria was leading Christian Doring by 1.2 secs. after a sparkling clear run from both paddlers. However, Ulrich Peters from West Germany came through in the second run to win by 4.7 secs. after a rather doubtful judging decision. 5 of us saw him definitely touch a pole but evidently the judge did not. Jim Dolan was also the victim of dodgy judging and was at first given a 50 for ducking under a pole. This was subsequently reduced to a 20 which, with one other 10 gave 30 penalties in total. This made the difference of 10 places to his result.

The rest of the results are tabulated on page

The W.W. race was held on Sunday morning and although everyone in the Team had practised hard, the course was so long and continuous that no one could claim to know their way down all but a few of the main falls. The French and Belgians obviously did know all the course and filled 9 of the first 10 places in the event! The World Champion and Europa Cup champion, Jean-Pierre Burny, won the race one minute 15 secs ahead of the first Scottish paddler, Andrew Morton who was 17th in the event. Irvine Ross was 32nd, Graham Smith 33rd, David Cuthill 35th, Geoff Hatfield 36th and Neil Rickerby 37th in a field of 42 competitors.

Annette Ramage was 8th out of 12 paddlers in her event and finished a minute behind Peggy Mitchel of Britain who won the Bronze medal.

SLALOM RESULTS /

SLALOM RESULTSSLALOM INTERNATIONALE BOURG ST MAURICE 28.7.74.MEN'S K1

Posn.			Europa Cup	1st Run	2nd Run
1.	120 PETERS Ulrich	R.F.A.	CE	241.5+ 50= 291.5	230.7+ 0= <u>230.7</u>
2.	111 SATTLER Norbert	AUT.	CE	235 + 0= <u>235</u>	231.9+ 20= 251.9
3.	112 DOERING Christian	D.D.R.	CE	245.2+ 0= <u>245.2</u>	238.5+ 0= <u>238.5</u>
9.	118 WAIN Nicki	G.B.	CE	265.4+ 110 = 375.4	253.4+ 10= <u>263.4</u>
31.	62 DOLAN James	SCOT.		255.2+ 130= 385.2	302.6+ 30= <u>332.6</u>
32.	107 RALPH Colin	G.B.	CE	278.5+ 60 = <u>338.5</u>	288.4+ 180= 468.4
33.	83 YOUNG John	SCOT		325.2+130= 455.2	290.5+ 50= 340.5
42.	96 RAMAGE Scott	SCOT		302.5+ 90= <u>392.5</u>	332 + 70= 402
47.	72 KENNEDY Ronald	SCOT		293.6+190= 483.5	298.1+ 120= <u>418.1</u>
60.	80 GEENEN Harry	HOL.		abandon	291.4+ 730= <u>1021.4</u>

TEAM K1 MEN

1.	39 DOERING/GIMPEL SCHMIDT	D.D.R.1		279 + 80= 359	279.3+ 20= <u>299.3</u>
4.	48 SATTLER/FAUSTER SCHLECHT	AUT. 1		306.5+ 60= <u>366.5</u>	306.3+ 110= 416.3
15.	43 GRANDE-BRETAGNE 1			capsize	376 + 320= 696
19.	33 GRANDE-BRETAGNE 2			capsize	no start

19 teams competed.

LOFER SLALOM AND WHITE WATER RACE - RIVER SALAACH

After Bourg the team moved on through Switzerland to Austria visiting the Inn and training on that old favourite - the stretch from Imst to Haiming. And so after many alpine passes, at one point having to tow the car with the land rover we arrived in Lofer in time for two practice runs on the slalom course that afternoon. (Wednesday 31st July). The next two days were spent training on the slalom and W.W. Course.

On the Saturday of the event the team rose at 6 a.m. for practice runs at 7.00. The 1st and 2nd Individual runs were in the morning and the team run in the afternoon. The Team WW Race was in the evening at 6.30 p.m.- Quite a tiring Day!

The W.W. team paddlers raced their individual runs on the Sunday. In the afternoon the landrover with Scott, David, Irvine, Geoff and Sue left for home leaving Graham, Jock, Jim and Ronnie to a week's training at Augsburg.

RESULTS OF LOFER SLALOM

<u>K1 MEN (Senior)</u>			<u>(Junior)</u>		
1.	J. TRACH	0 + 189.2 = <u>189.2</u>	1.	P. FAUSTER	0 + 180.4 = <u>180.4</u>
2.	E. EVANS	0 + 191.2 = <u>191.2</u>	2.	Y. BRENAULT	10 + 192.8 = <u>202.8</u>
3.	N. SATTLER	10 + 183.1 = <u>193.1</u>	3.	N. WAIN	20 + 191.1 = <u>211.1</u>
			5.	J. DOLAN	20 + 197.3 = <u>217.3</u>

W/W RACE Senior - (36 entries)

A. Morton 8th - D. Cuthill 23rd - G. Smith 24th - N. Rickerby 28th.
G. Hatfield 31st - I. Ross 36th

Junior - (23 entries)

J. Dolan 7th (18th in Seniors)

TEAM EVENT - (12 entries)

MORTON/ROSS/SMITH 5th
RICKERBY/CUTHILL/RAMAGE 8th

LOFER SLALOM RESULTS (contd.)

<u>K1 MEN (Senior)</u>			<u>LADIES SLALOM</u>	
27.	S. RAMAGE	245.6	1. C. GOODWIN	237.0
44.	D. CUTHILL	275.3	2. M. MITCHELL	242.9
47.	R. KENNEDY	285.3	3. V. BROWN	300.2
48.	G. HATFIELD	287.6	8. A. RAMAGE	419.6
60.	J. YOUNG	317.0		
62.	N. RICKERBY	337.0		

SLALOM TEAM

1.	FORSTRL/KURZE/ZOBEL	West Germany	250.1
4.	WAIN/RALPH/DOLAN	Britain	275.4
10.	HALABY/CAMPBELL/LLOYD	Britain	377.6
25.	KENNEDY/RICKERBY/CUTHILL	Scotland	592.4
	HATFIELD/YOUNG/RAMAGE	Scotland	Cap.

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Marja-Liisa Hormalainen

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R E S U L T S a n d R E P O R T S

F.C.C. TWEED L.D. - 12th MAY

For the F.C.C. Challenge Cup.
Points also counting for the S.C.A.
L.D. Championship.

Senior W/W Class

Walkerburn to Melrose.

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|--------------|----------|------|-------|
| 1. A. Morton | F.C.C. | 1 hr | 53.30 |
| 2. S. Ramage | E.U.C.C. | 1 hr | 58.20 |
| 3. I. Ross | E.W.W.C. | 1 hr | 58.48 |

Junior Slalom Class

Fairnilee to Melrose

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------|-----|-------|
| 1. G. Boag - | Gracemount | 1hr | 03.00 |
| 2. J. Oliver-Roxburgh | | 1hr | 03.05 |
| 3. P. Miller-Boroughmuir | | 1hr | 03.30 |

Junior Ladies Slalom

- | | | | |
|----------------|--------|-----|-------|
| 1. L. Hodge - | F.C.C. | 1hr | 08.06 |
| 2. S. Laurie - | B'muir | 1hr | 08.07 |
| 3. Y. Allison- | Irvine | 1hr | 11.50 |

40 competitors took part. Club points were won as follows:-

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|-----------|--------|-----------------------|---------|----------------|--------|
| 1. F.C.C. | 40pts. | 2. Boroughmuir School | 17 pts. | 3. Irvine C.C. | 13 pts |
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RIVER CLYDE L.D. - 26th MAY

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|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------|-------|------|
| <u>Seniors.</u> | 1. A. Batchelor | - Irvine C.C. | 1 hr | 28.37 | K1 |
| | 2. G. Smith | - E.W.W.C. | 1 hr | 31.05 | W/WR |
| | 3. C. Dunlop | - Irvine C.C. | 1 hr | 32.29 | K1 |
| | 4. F. Nelson | - Paisley K.C. | 1 hr | 32.56 | W/WR |

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|----------------|-------------------|---------------|------|-------|----|
| <u>Juniors</u> | 1. R. Montgomery- | Irvine C.C. | | 55.15 | K1 |
| | 2. G. Brooks | - F.C.C. | | 58.54 | K1 |
| | 3. D. Cameron | - Irvine C.C. | 1 hr | 00.58 | K1 |
| | 4. D. Wolfe | - F.C.C. | 1 hr | 04.08 | K1 |

L.D. Championship Points:

- | | | | | | |
|----------------|----|-----------------|----|----------------|---|
| 1. Irvine C.C. | 50 | 2. Forth C.C. | 14 | 3. HMS Neptune | 6 |
| 4. E.W.W.C. | 1 | 5. Paisley K.C. | 1. | | |

NATIONAL SCOUT/GUIDE FLAT WATER SLALOM 25-26th MAY

This event was organised and run by the F.C.C. for the Scout and Guide Movement. It was surprising the number of canoe club members who are also members of these Movements. The Senior event was won by Ken Fraser of Roxburgh closely followed by his club mate Jim Oliver. In the Junior class P. Brown and I. Renilson of the F.C.C. came 4th and 5th respectively. The Senior girls event was monopolised by the F.C.C. who took the first 4 places and in the junior class Dumfries Guides also finished 1-2-3-4. The Irvine Rangers were notable absentees.

This was a well attended event with 85 competitors. We hope that the experience will encourage many of the Venture Scouts and Rangers to join up with recognised canoe clubs.

RESULTS & REPORTS (CONTD.)

SCOTTISH YOUTH SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS
AND SENIOR SPRINT REGATTA

Maureen McClure.

The 1974 Scottish Youth Sprint Championships took place in May on Loch Vennachar. The regatta was included in the programme of the Trossachs Festival of Inland Water Sports. A regatta for the over 18's was held in conjunction with this giving an entry of 50 competitors over the two events. Prizes were provided by the Callander and District Tourist Association and the Scotsman - the sponsors.

Andrew Batchelor of Irvine was first in the 500m with Andrew Morton of Forth 3rd. First in the Men's K2 were Batchelor and Willie Reichenstein. In the mixed K2 Batchelor was again successful with Yvonne Allison while the Forth crew, Morton and McClure were 2nd. Maureen McClure was first in the Ladies K1 and also in K2 with Christine Linn.

In the Youth Championships William McKinlay was first in the boys Espada A with Meryl Montgomery in the girls. In class B. Robert Montgomery was first in the boys with Yvonne Allison in the girls. Ronnie Kennedy won class C. with Gregory Brooks of Forth 2nd. Montgomery and Cameron came first in the youth K2 event.

LOCH LUBNAIG LONG DISTANCE RACE

Also held in the Trossachs Festival was a Long Distance race on Loch Lubnaig. This attracted about 30 paddlers away from practice for the Leny Slalom. Forth C.C. gained 2 first places - Andrew Morton in Mens WW in 58.45 sec over the 6½ miles; with 1st Lady Maureen McClure 10 minutes behind. Scott Balfour of Forth was fourth man, Irvine CC took 2nd and 3rd places with Ian Speirs and William McKinlay. 1st in the Junior WW was D. Cameron also of Irvine, while first junior in the slalom class was George Boag. Yvonne Allison completed the Irvine success being first in the Junior ladies.

My pleas for better weather this year were answered, making both events very enjoyable. Plans are now afoot for the Trossachs Festival of Inland Water Sports 1975, and it is hoped to incorporate a number of canoeing events in the programme.

LOCH LOMOND L.D. 22nd JUNE

For the Loch Lomond Trophy and points counting for the S.C.A. L.D. Champs.

<u>Senior Class</u>	1. A. Morton - FCC	74 mins. 18 secs.
	2. G. Smith - EWWC	79 " 11 "
	3. F. Nelson - Paisley K.C.	79 " 25 "
<u>Junior Class</u>	1. R. Montgomery Irvine	64 " 08 "
	2. C. Cambyrn-Clydebank	66 " 55 "
	3. G. Brooks -F.C.C.	68 " 35 "
<u>Ladies</u>	1. M. McClure -F.C.C.	68 " 30 "
	2. C. Linn - G.U.	71 " 20 "
	3. C. Cullen - Irvine	83 " 55 "

** Winner of the Loch Lomond Trophy - A. Morton F.C.C.

<u>Club Points</u>	Forth CC 51	Paisley 32	Irvine CC 31	E.S.C.A. 22
	Clydebank CC 17	E.W.W.C. 17	Glasgow U.C.C. 11	
	Strathclyde Un. 11	Boroughmuir Sch. 10	Benmore O.P.C. 7	

RESULTS & REPORTS (CONTD.)

ROUND CUMBRAE L.D. - 16th JUNE

Seniors

1.	A. Morton	F.C.C.	1 hr	34 m.	29 secs.
2.	J. Speirs	Irvine CC	1 hr	36 m.	3 secs.
3.	C. Dunlop	Irvine CC	1 hr	41 m.	48 secs

Juniors

1.	C. Camburn-Clydebank	CC	1 hr	11 m.	14 secs.
2.	A. Adam	-Renfrew Town S.S.	1 hr	16 m.	42 secs.
3.	C. Campbell-	RWS ABC	1 hr	16 m	57 secs.

Ladies

1.	C. Linn	- Glasgow Un.	1 hr	13 m	55 secs
2.	C. Cullen	- Irvine CC	1 hr	27 m	3 secs
3.	B. Cullen	- Irvine CC	1 hr	31 m	6 secs.

Club Points: Paisley 40 Irvine 40 Clydebank 20 Forth 19
 G.U.C.C. 19 RWS ABC 19 Port Glasgow 9
 Strathclyde U.C.C. 7 Renfrew Town Sea Scouts 7.

A W E W H I T E W A T E R R A C E A.Morton

The race was held on the 23rd June and despite the recent drought there was still the usual quota of 450 million gallons allowed down the river on the Sunday.

The weather was excellent, so good in fact, that many found it difficult to rouse themselves from the river bank and enter the race. The total entry was down on previous years and because of the non arrival of stop watches we decided to hold two mass start events, one for W.W. Kayaks and one for Slalom kayaks. There were about a dozen boats in each class so there was no problem with congestion on the river.

No team event was held as there were not enough teams entered and most seemed happy to take a leisurely run down the river and enjoy the sunshine.

Results:

1st W.W. Class	A. Morton
1st Slalom.	J. Hall
1st Junior	D. Cameron
1st Lady	Miss A.Wilson.

NATIONAL SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS - HOLMPTON
17 - 18 AUGUST

Scottish Sprinters again covered themselves in glory at this event. The results were good and are as follows:-

GOLD

1.	DOLAN/KENNEDY	YOUTH CLASS C	K2	500m
2.	DOLAN/MITCHELL/SWALLOW/HUNTER		NOVICE RELAY	

SILVER

1.	A. MORTON	JUNIOR	500m	K1
2.	YOUNG/DOLAN	YOUTH	500m	K2
3.	J. YOUNG	CLASS 'C'	ESPADA	K1 500m

COMMODORE'S COMMENT

The bad news of the summer is that Fay Roberts from Edinburgh, who was leading the British Women's Slalom Championship table, is now out of the running for this year and may have to give up slalom for good, after an accident which resulted in her shoulder being dislocated. It happened on the concrete slalom course at Augsburg whilst on a training run after the main event. This is the second time her shoulder has been dislocated and if it happens again will require surgery to put it back. She has been advised by doctors not to canoe again.

However, Fay intends to strengthen the damaged shoulder by special training over the winter and hopes to be back at Competitions next year. It is desperately bad luck, for this setback, which is one of the worst kind of canoeing accidents, to have happened in her most successful year.

This was the second such accident to have struck the British Team as one of the top British C1 canoeists had a similar but less serious mishap at Merano, Italy, earlier this summer.

The deep water touring fraternity, like the elephants, never forget. This summer we have had visits from two families. The parents did their West Coast Tours twenty years ago and now re-appear with off-spring who are better canoeists than their fathers or mothers ever were. With one family we spent the day at Grandtully having this made very plain to us.

We have made comment in this column before about our international team's "Scottish" badge. The white patch worn this year with the S.C.A. burgee on it was most inappropriate and would not be readily recognised as "Scotland" by the majority of competitors from other countries. It is over 30 years ago since the S.C.A. burgee was devised but it was never intended to be used for international identification. For that purpose I designed one with a thistle motif which is internationally recognised as "Scotland" and used by international teams of rugby, tennis, badminton, cricket etc. I hope the S.C.A. will think again for next year.

We are sorry to learn that the Irvine Canoe Club no longer have that enthusiast Jim Kerr as their Secretary. Correspondence should now be directed to W. McKinlay, 61, Hemphill View, Knockentiber, by Kilmarnock.

The Club night at the Old Royal High School Baths will restart on THURSDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER between the hours of 8.30p.m. and 10 p.m. We are asked to use Bat canoes this session which will not help our slalom enthusiasts gate practice. It is hoped to do something about this.

40th Anniversary Prize Quiz

First prize of a £1 Book Token will be awarded in two classes:

Class A - 17 years or over on the 15th SEPTEMBER

Class B - 16 years or under on the 15th SEPTEMBER

Answer the 20 questions by placing one cross in the appropriate box for each question on the answer sheet at the bottom of the page.

Cut the sheet out and send it to A. Morton, 2, Cedar Place, PERTH, before 15th SEPTEMBER

Answers and the names of Prizewinners will be published in the next issue of the magazine. In the event of a tie, the answers given to the "tie breaker" questions will decide the winners of the competition.

Eligibility

Entries will be accepted if the entrant is:

- 1. A 1974 paid up F.C.C. ordinary member
- or 2. A subscriber to the magazine who is not a F.C.C. member.
- or 3. Enclosed a 40p subscription for the next 4 issues of the magazine.
- or 4. Joins Forth Canoe Club for 1975 (£1 Senior: 75p Junior)

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TIE BREAKER: What do the following trade names stand for?

P.B.K.
 K.W.
 GAYBO
 MENDESTA
 V.C.P.

QUESTIONS:

1. The S.C.A. President in 1972 was:
a. John Young b. Graham Smith c. Drew Manzie d. Duncan Winning
2. The length of a W.W. racing canoe should be less than:
a. 500 cms. b. 450 cms. c. 430 cms. d. 400 cms.
3. In which years did John MacGregor build his 'Rob Roy' kayak?
a. 1825 b. 1845 c. 1865 d. 1885
4. The letters A.C.O. stand for:
a. Army Canoe Officer
b. Area Canoeing Officer
c. Area Coaching Organiser
d. Annual Canoe Outing
5. The highest Spring tides in the U.K. are at:
a. Two days after full moon
b. Three days before new moon
c. Half moon.
d. Two days after half moon
6. A competitor in a third div. slalom will be promoted if he finishes in the top:
a. 5% b. 10% c. 15% d. 20%
7. 13 nautical miles is:
a. 12 statute miles b. 13 s.m. c. 14 s.m. d. 15 s.m.
8. The time for a top K1 competitor to compete a 10,000m Sprint on flat water is around:
a. 40 mins. b. 45 mins. c. 50 mins. d. 55 mins.
9. A competitor passing clear through a gate facing in the wrong direction during a Slalom will receive a penalty of:
a. 10 secs. b. 20 secs. c. 50 secs. d. 100 secs.
10. Who first navigated the Grand Canyon by rowing boat in 1869?
a. James C. Goodright b. John W. Powell
c. Alexander Paton d. Robert E. McDonald.
11. Which of the following is not a sea touring kayak?
a. Anas Acuta b. Tern c. Bidarka d. Hunter
12. A failsafe footrest is one which:
a. Is guaranteed not to break
b. Collapses forward in the event of an accident
c. Forms a complete bulkhead across the kayak
d. Will not trap the feet

Questions (contd.)

13. Which of the following distances are offered for Aprint Kayak paddlers in the next Olympics?
a. 500m b. 1,000m c. 500m and 1000m d. 1,000m and 10,000m
14. The winner of the Men's C1 Slalom at the latest Olympics was
a. R. Kauder b. J. Foerster c. W. Peters d. R. Eiben
15. The S.C.A. was established in:
a. 1929 b. 1939 c. 1949 d. 1959
16. Which of the following is not a form of Eskimo Roll?
a. Steyr b. Screw c. Pawlata d. Scuba
17. On an Admiralty Chart a sandbank is marked 3. The height of the tide is 6 feet at the time of passage. What depth of water will there be under the kayak?
a. 3 feet b. 4 fthms. c. 2 fthms. d. 9 feet
18. The Devises-Westminster race is held annually over a distance of:
a. 50 miles b. 75 miles c. 100 miles d. 125 miles
19. The minimum buoyancy for a buoyancy aid accepted by the I.C.F. is:
a. 6 kgms. b. 8 kgms c. 10 kgms. d. 12 kgms.
20. A kayak with considerable ROCKER is:
a. Easily turned b. Easily capsized c. Stable d. Easily rolled.

C O M I N G E V E N T S

- 17-18th August - National Sprint Championships - Nottingham
(A Scottish Contingent is going to this event)
- 1 September - Junior Sprint Regatta - Edinburgh
(S. Balfour - 80 S.Clerk Street, EDIN. EH8 9PT.)
- 14-15 " ? - Scottish Sprint Championships ~~at Dullater~~
(A. Manwell)
- 21st " ? - L.Lomond L.D. (Irvine C.C.)
- 5/6 October - Scottish Slalom Championships
(Miss S. Coleman, University Union, Broad Street, Aberdeen)
- 5/6 October - Scottish Scout/Guide Sprint Championships-Musselburgh
- 12-13 " - Comrie Slalom-II .Div 3-4-N-J- Ancrum C.C.
(10 Ancrum Road, Dundee)
- 3rd November - Scottish L.D. Racing Championship - Forth C.C.
(D. Cuthill, 2, Merchiston Bank Ave. Edinburgh)
- 10th " - Royal Dee W/W Race
- 16th " - F.C.C. confined event.

Letters to the Editor:

RATHO

Dear Mr. Morton,

On behalf of the Committee of the Leukaemia Research Fund, Edinburgh Branch I have great pleasure in thanking you and your friends for taking part in the recent Sponsored Canoe Race near Callander.

We do not know yet what the Total amount raised is but I hope to let you know early in June.

In all the Fund raising events that we have held no one has worked harder for us and we are all very grateful for the great effort made by all the competitors. The only regret that the Committee have is that we could not have given every competitor a medal, for endurance alone yet you all came back smiling.

Many thanks

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. Carol Oag (Mrs.)
Hon. Secretary.

TILLICOULTRY.
24.5.74.

Dear Mr. Morton,

Please renew my subscription to your excellent magazine (enclosed cheque 40p). I applaud your decision to generalise the magazine. Just what Scotland needs.

Perhaps a series of articles about Scottish rivers could be devised (by the area advisers?) with maps, information on access/egress, people to contact etc. This would help broaden horizons for a school club canoeist like myself, and totally supercede the few sparse lines about our rivers in English books.

Yours sincerely

Sgd. Ralph Dewar.

Editorial Note: Perhaps Mr. Dewar has not read the Scottish Section of the B.C.U. Guide to the Waterways. This was compiled by Forth Canoe Club members and the first edition edited by Michael Carmichael. For the second edition the material on most of our rivers was revised and I edited this edition myself. However it is not the last word and could well do with another revision. J.C.

The new Annual Subscription to Kayak Magazine is 50p, payable to Andrew Morton, 2, Cedar Place, Perth. (Forth Club Members receive their copies free). Contributions are welcome from all who have something to say on, for, or about canoeing and should be sent to Andrew Morton.

DO NOT FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR ENTRY TO THE QUIZ BY 15th SEPTEMBER

POLO - the game with the goal in it !

B.C.U. COMPETITION RULES

1. Area of Play: Any shape and size of water, but goals will face each other and be between 20 metres and 30 metres apart. Goals will consist of a metre square supported vertically with the lower edge 2 metres above the water surface. 'Out of play' areas will be defined on each pitch.
2. Ball; Size 5 plastic football 27" - 28" circumference.
3. Number of players: five each side. Substitutes are only allowed for injury and may not assist the players.
4. Two referees and one time keeper: the time keeper to keep the score and blow for half time and full time.
5. Boats:
 - Length - not less than 2 metres and not more than 3 metres.
 - Beam - not less than 50 cm. and not more than 60 cm.
 - Ends - Plan - a curve at any point not less than 10 cm. radius.
 - Profile - A curve at any point not less than 5 cm radius.
 - Buoyancy - at least 22 lb (10 kg) must be fitted.
6. Propulsion by paddle or hand, single bladed or double bladed.
7. Blades must not be metal tipped, and no part of the blade may have a radius of less than 3 cm in plan. Thin section GRP or ABS blades are not acceptable. Padding or metal tips is not allowed. Referees will disallow the use of blades that are considered to be dangerous.
8. Play will be not more than seven and not less than four minutes each way. Injury time will be allowed.
9. Tie. In this event, decision will be reached by taking the following steps in order:-
 - a) A one minute interval and change of ends followed by play to the first goal with no break. In the event of insufficient time to obtain a goal -
 - b) Goal average.
 - c) Goals conceded.
 - d) Toss up (it is hoped that this should never be necessary).
10. Players will wear team bibs or some easily identified team marking.
11.
 - a) Players will wear suitable helmets.
 - b) Buoyancy aids or padded or pneumatic belts which afford protection to the lower lumbar region must be worn.
12. All teams must be ready to enter the water as the referee requests.
13. At the commencement of play, players will line up with their teams on their own goal line. The ball will be placed in the middle of the playing area. Play commences when the whistle is blown.
14. At the commencement of play, after half time, and after a goal is scored, the positions described above will be taken.
15.
 - a) When the ball is put out of play over the side-line the non-offending team throws it in from the point of exit, but may not throw it in the direction of attack.
 - b) /

BAT POLO RULES (contd.)

- b) When the ball is put out of play over a goal line by an attacker, the defending team has a goal throw from under the goal-board. When the ball is put out of play over a goal line by a defender, the attacking team has a corner throw.
 - c) No goal can be scored from a penalty throw, goal throw or corner before the ball touches some other object.
 - d) For any of the above throws there must be a space of at least three metres between the thrower and his nearest opponent.
16. a) The paddle may be used for propulsion of the canoe, to stop the ball in the air or to draw the ball on the surface of the water. It may not be used to strike the ball either in the air or on the water.
- b) Deliberate misuse or dangerous use of the paddles will be severely penalized.
17. If a player leaves his canoe he will be out of play until he is properly back in his canoe again.
18. If a player goes out of the playing area he will be out of play until he returns to the area completely with no part of his craft over the boundary line.
19. A player may tackle only the man with the ball. When the player has lost the ball the tackle must cease.
20. Obstructive play, removal of spray deck, attempts at sinking or holding under or any other form of play judged to be dangerous or unwanted will be penalized.
21. A player must dispose of the ball within three seconds of having received it, whilst it is in play.
22. Penalties will be at the discretion of the referee, these being as follows:-
- a) Free throw to other side (see 15, c and d).
 - b) Player sent off for two minutes.
 - c) Player sent off for rest of match.
 - d) Player referred to Polo Committee for decision.

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