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All material for publication in KAYAK should be in the hands of the Editors not later than the 1st of the month of publication. i.e. February, May, August and November. We would like to have the stories of your summer Canoeing Adventures for our next issue. Let's hear from you.

EDITORIAL

We congratulate Ian Fisher and his team on the new look "Whitewater" magazine, which seems to become more professional looking with every issue.

The next improvement to aim at is a better printing of the photographs included.

On my occasional excursions into Consumer Research on behalf of Kayak, I discovered that the minds of the majority of readers balk at a wall of type on a page and do not bother to read it. Only the most rabid white water enthusiast is going to read through "Whitewater" in spite of its new attractive format, which is a great pity, because it is full of good stuff.

It makes us feel a bit like the poor relation, but take comfort that Stuart has not forgotten his Scottish connection and quotes KAYAK from time to time as well as including in his publication a fair element of Scottish news.

However we will not have the field to ourselves much longer as the S.C.A. is about to launch out with a publication of its own under the Editorship of Andrew Manwell, whose agitation is mainly responsible for this new venture.

It had been suggested that KAYAK might be taken over as the Scottish Magazine, but we preferred to remain independent and so be free to criticise and comment on the Scottish canoeing scene as the mood takes us.

We shall, of course, co-operate with Andrew in every way and we wish him and the S.C.A. every success - certainly more than I had over 20 years ago when as S.C.A. Secretary I published the "S'CANNEWS" and had to write the whole issue myself. I think the subtlety of the pun in the name was too much for some.

J.C.

Some readers of Canoe Focus may have formed the impression that the militant attitude of the British Canoe Union also applies to Scotland. This is not the case and, not for the first time, we have the situation of a total ignorance of Scottish affairs being widespread south of the Border. At the present rate of progress in England they will have achieved our present level of attainment in access by approximately the year 2000.

This is not to say that everything in Scotland is perfect. The North of Scotland Hydro board will only permit access and water releases on dam controlled rivers at the word of the local angling association. Some landowners - notably those on the Garry and Findhorn - have been endeavouring to state that they own the river and that there is no right of navigation. Incidentally that is what the anglers and landowners on the river Cart in Renfrewshire stated when they started legal action against Paisley Kayak Club. Their action collapsed and was rapidly withdrawn when the S.C.A. backed the Paisley Kayak Club in fighting the action. On the other hand several angling associations have been most co-operative realising that both angling and canoeing can prosper on the same water with some degree of compromise. Typical rivers for this have been the Tay, Tweed and Awe, although in the latter case there have been sporadic difficulties with the Hydroboard.

The present situation on the Awe is that for events the Awe Fisheries board have stated to the Hydroboard that water release during the daytime on a Sunday meets with their approval. (Water releases are designed for salmon to come up river and in the legal statute setting up the hydro-electric schemes the power station manager must release water with the agreement of the local fisheries board. For future power stations it is hoped that other water users including canoeists would also require to be consulted). Access to the full river is difficult i.e. permission is not given by the Hydroboard, but for competitive events access and egress arrangements can be made. Access from the campsite is available - missing out the first part of the river - and of course egress can be made at Loch Etive provided the weir near the power station is portaged. On no account must a canoeist attempt to shoot this weir because of the underwater hazards.

Therefore the major part of the Awe is useable by canoeists, but negotiations for fuller use are continuing and users are requested not to do anything that would be prejudicial to these negotiations - such as trying to shoot the weir.

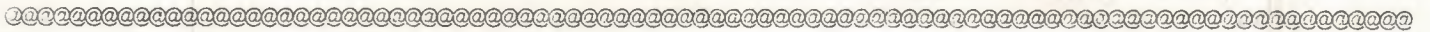
It is the overall view of the Scottish Canoe Association that there is a right of way on all rivers in Scotland. Where access and egress can be made from public land then it is possible to proceed. Otherwise permission must be requested from landowners about crossing their land and /

and of course to park vehicles or camp. The landowner may or may not own the fishing rights and it is not necessary to ask permission from a local angling association to canoe a river.

If a large group of canoeists are intending to canoe a river, it can be of assistance to an angling association to give prior warning. Should a canoeist be questioned when proceeding down the river, he or she should refer the questioner to the Scottish Canoe Association and obtain the name and address of the questioner - and then continue down the river. On no account must any money be paid for canoeing on natural waterways (i.e. excluding canals).

The policy of the S.C.A. is that the use of natural waterways must be shared by all interested organisations and this does not mean that any one sport should operate to the detriment of another. Compromise is necessary but attempts to exclude canoeing by force - i.e. recourse to legal threats - are being and will be resisted. Therefore canoeists should at all times be considerate for fishermen, landowners, hikers, etc. in their actions but not necessarily grant them precedence.

John R. Fryer.



RIVER RACING/MARATHON

The River Racing season is well behind now and it has been one of varying fortunes for Scotland's top paddlers. Kenny Fraser, fresh from snatching the Slalom trophy at Grandtully, struggled to stay in third place half way through the season but came through with a magnificent win at the Scottish River Racing Champs. at Grandtully on the 16th March. He has since bought a racing K1 and looks certain to provide tough competition for Andy Morton at Marathon events in the years to come. At his first trial on the Tweed he beat Andy by over a minute, although Andy was paddling a River Racer "to give British team paddler Dave Taylor a chance"! As it happened, Andy dropped Dave Taylor eight miles from the start and was over ten minutes ahead at the finish of the event, thus emphasising the standard of River Racing in Scotland is not as low as some would claim.

Scotland lost its top River Racing paddler last February when Robin Lang left for a new job and new canoeing prospects in Canada. From all accounts he is doing well and looks certain to be in the Canadian World Championship Team in 1981.

In the youth classes I. Bownes from Royal West has won all the events convincingly and it is to be hoped that such young promising paddlers will be given more support in the years to come by the Slalom and (does it exist?) White Water Committee.

Regretfully, the Loch Lomond Marathon had to be cancelled due to lack of support - the event was to be held on the evening before the Sprint Champs. Drew Manzie, the organiser, was most disappointed since much work had gone into the organisation of this new event and the Marathon Committee may now have some difficulty in persuading the B.C.U. to hold a selection event again in Scotland.

WHITE WATER RANKING LIST 1979/80

- SENIOR MEN - A. MORTON, F.C.C.
- JUNIOR MEN - I. BOWNES, R.W.S.A.B.C.
- LADIES - J. WILSON, F.C.C.

Letter to the Editor

from Stuart Wagstaff,
Benmore Outdoor Centre,
By Dunoon, Argyll.
5th March, 1980.

Dear Editor,

I've just got as far as page 17 in the February '80 KAYAK. In reading it I find that the Grandtully W.W. Race differs from almost all others in Scotland in that "No late entries will be considered".

My attempts to renew my acquaintance with W.W.R. this season seem to have met with much officiousness, inconsistencies and frustration and little of the friendly competition in pre-divisionalization days.

I looked through the year book in October and managed to pry a weekend off from my boss's tightly clenched timetabling fist, for the Washburn and Wharfe races. Promoted on the Saturday, although I didn't know it at the time, I entered the Wharfe on the Sunday. I was met with the response on being unable to produce a B.C.U. card, that this competition was for serious competitors only, not people who had just come along for the fun of it.

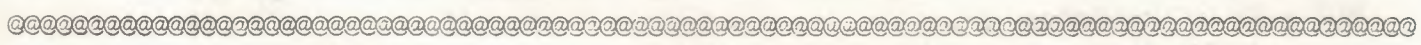
Turning my attention to Div B I found not a single competition in Scotland. Time off, hard to come by, I decided to opt for the two race weekend Tryweryn and Dee, February 9th and 10th. I entered a friend in the Dee Race, lady Div B thinking that ladies were promoted from C to B but still eligible for A. The entry was returned stating no Div B ladies existed, therefore was in A. The entry went off again with the irrelevant change of the letter B to an A. It was returned again two days before the event saying it could not be accepted as the entry fee for A was 50p more than that for B.

However, we still travelled down and had a good time. We were shouted at for disturbing the slalom teams training session on the Serpents Tail while playing around / practising for the following days event. Disillusioned with the scene but having enjoyed the canoeing, we left before the Sunday's competition in search of steep rivers in Snowdonia with banks lined with irate fishermen and gun toting water bailiffs.

Now no entry on the Tay (it's never grade IV). My job as an Outdoor pursuits instructor involves me in interesting kids in canoeing. In 'KAYAK' there were numerous letters about the lack of top class Scottish competitors especially in W.W.R. I for one won't be pointing up and coming canoeists in the direction of serious competition. Unless organisers, God bless 'em for all that hard work, realise that one of their aims should be to enable as many people as possible to take part and enjoy the competition - this entails catering for people's shortcomings.

Yours etc.
Stuart Wagstaff.

P.S. How about using international river gradings in the W.W.R. year book
e.g. Tay (Grandtully) II - III
Washburn I - II
Dee (N.Wales) II - III - IV when high.



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Dear Sir,

May I make one or two comments on Stuart Wagstaff's letter, of which I have been given a preview.

The organisers of the Grandtully WW Race were quite correct in refusing late entries. The rules for Div A. events as published in the year book state this quite clearly. (It takes rather more effort to figure out some aspects of the rules!) I therefore feel there was no real inconsistency here.

I do not think (speaking as a competitor) that the Scottish white water races have lost their friendliness and organisers are still doing their best to accommodate both the serious competitor and the casual paddler. Having said that, I am all in favour of competitors having to produce SCA/BCU cards and I hope that this will be seen not as officiousness but rather as recognition of the fact that there are ranking lists, year books, committees and whatever involved in running the sport.

As an organiser I would certainly like to see a lot more entries (with correct fees!) at least a week and a half before the event - it would make the job so much easier and the race would probably be better run from the competitors point of view. It's hardly surprising that an organiser begins to get short tempered when paddlers are demanding late entries an hour after the race has started.

I know that considerable efforts (albeit unsuccessful) were made to rectify the situation with respect to Div B events in Scotland this season. Next season there will be four Div B races north of the Border.

In conclusion I would say: please don't write off the divisional system or white water racing in Scotland yet * and please do try to enter in advance. There have been difficulties this last season but I think Scottish White Water Racing still has a lot to offer paddlers at every level.

Yours sincerely,

FRED NELSON.

* I can't comment on attitudes and happenings south of the Border.

Ed.Comment: The working of "canoe" minds has always interested me because of the high content of selfishness and irresponsibility to be found in some of them; an interest further stimulated by the letter opposite. Apart from its catalogue of adventures illustrating how the best canoeists should not behave, if he gets into the heads of his young charges that Grandtully is just another Grade II-III rapid, they are liable one day to find themselves in deep trouble.

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The Award Scheme now has 36 registered members and, since its inception in January 1978, 5 have so far gained Bronze Medals i.e. a minimum of 375 miles. At the rate some of them are paddling there should be some applications for the Silver Award soon, which means they will have covered over 1250 miles on their tours.

The five Bronze holders so far are:-

Crispen Heath of the Arrochar Outdoor Centre. He has clocked up vast distances in the Firth of Clyde, the Inner and Outer Hebrides : in one year alone he covered nearly 700 miles.

Allan Law of the Ardentiny Outdoor Centre has done several extended tours to the Inner and Outer Hebrides and a number of river and inland loch trips.

David Shaw of Paisley Kayak Club has circumnavigated most of the Inner Hebrides except Skye and is working his way gradually northwards. Has been South to the Isle of Man.

Robert Todd of the R.W.S.A.B.C. has travelled the length and breadth of the West Coast and is now re-doing it. Has been across to Ireland and the Isle of Man.

Jessie Bowes has done many trips around the Firth of Clyde and in the Oban and Mull areas.

Following the success of the round Bute trip organised by Hugh Kerr last Autumn it has been decided to make the trip an annual event and to present official awards at the dinner on the Saturday night in the Kilchattan Hotel, Bute.

MONSCHAU '80 RESULTS

<u>Junior Men</u>		<u>Time</u>	<u>Pen</u>	<u>C2</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Pen</u>
1. U. Kuhndelt	KC Hildan	235	-	1. Welsink/Czupryna	258.9	-
2. R. Pelzer	Aachen	231	10	4. Young/Munro	G.B.	283.7 -
3. N. Seibert	KC Gladbeck	241.6	-	5. Joyce/Owen	G.B.	
4. D. Trotter	Scotland	243.2	-	6. Jamieson/Williams	G.B.	
	2nd run	(235.4	20)	8. Nixon/Sykes	G.B.	
				9. Smith/Smith	G.B.	
				13. Hamilton/McMorran	Scotland	
				16. Banner/Holloway	G.B.	
				(19 starters)		
<u>K1 Men</u>				<u>Ladies</u>		
1. L. Bundermann	KC Grebenberioch	212.6	-	1. L. Sharmon	G.B.	236.6 10
2. R. Manwaring	G.B.	212.9	-	2. S. Erbers	KC Grebenber..	245.2 10
4. A. Sutherland	G.B.	215.5	-	4. J. Roderick	G.B.	238.7 20
5. A. Edge	G.B.	216.5	-	6. S. Cox	G.B.	262.8 10
6. A. Kerr	G.B.	217.3	-	7. J. Harling	G.B.	263.3 10
8. Godfrey	G.B.	217.6	-	12. S. Garriock	G.B.	268.5 20
13. J. Shackleton	G.B.	225.5	-	15. J. Wilson	Scotland	288.1 20
23. N. Baxter	Scotland	223.6	10	18. K. McLeod	Scotland	285.2 30
31. I. McDonald	Scotland	233.8	10	21. N. Coulthard	Scotland	312.3 20
46. S. Ramage	Scotland	262.8	10	22. L. Morrison	Scotland	295.7 60
(59 starters)						
<u>TEAMS</u>						
1. K.C. Grebenbrioch		242.5	-	<u>C1</u>		
6. Scotland (Baxter/McDonald/Trotter)		250	30	G.B. 1st, 2nd and 3rd.		
8. G.B. "A"		240	50			
17. G.B. "B"		252	110			

This trip started for me on the Saturday morning of Netherton Bridge Slalom when I was informed I was in the team and to be at Stirling on the Monday night. So when I got home from the slalom I had 24 hours to get ready. You can tell a poor canoeist because he gives his excuses first.

Fancy a week with a slalom team on the Continent? Sounds like a good holiday? Ah, but remember you're travelling non stop for a day and a half to start with, and to come back, and you've to compete in the middle. So it sounds a pretty tough schedule. However, this year, the Scottish Team found a perfect recipe.

ONE WEEK TRIP RECIPE

Take a large bowl - or a transit - and mix the following:-

- 5 stunning Scottish lassies (you may use English if they fancy Scotsmen)
- 3 nuts, varieties you can use - Trotter, McDonald or best of all, Baxter.
- 1 Yorkshire Pudding, which has been flavoured in Geordie land; (Spinks brand flavour if possible)
- A double helping of Canadian Dry or C2 McMorran and Hamilton
(Double Scotch on the rocks..Ed.)

This recipe, improbable as it may seem, mixed to a "laugh a day" of a trip and yet, when baked, the team was also dedicated and serious and most important, successful.

I must emphasise this point; the team was relaxed and enjoyed the trip and yet gave a good account of themselves due to their serious approach to training, preparation and the competition itself.

The slalom was fairly well attended with a large British team and several other nationalities.

The water was not too big but gate 1 was a break out at the bottom of a very fast weir which turned you faster than a canoeist downing a pint, and the break-in after it also was faster than you could think.

So by the time you got to gate 4 you were over the worst, unless you were stupid enough to get your bow lodged between two rocks, or sink (ASR) or capsize and roll (world champion British team run), or give a rolling exhibition at gates 17 and 18 (clue, Gillian uses a loudspeaker to shout up to him (D.T.)).

However as the results show; the team - apart from myself - did well; we were not along to make up the numbers.

For the future, how about a minimum of 3 weeks notice to paddlers, and also we don't want our National Team's entries to get in as late as the average entry for Comrie.

What else can we improve? Well, as far as I know, our C2 was the 1st ever in a Scottish team; how about C1's?

Perhaps a full Scottish Team for a training week at Augsburg next year before we tackle the Commonwealth Slalom Championships at Grandtully.

RESULTS AT FOOT OF PREVIOUS PAGE

The Minutes of Official meetings have become increasingly dull, but by next year they may have become more interesting.....like this.....
Any resemblance to actual situations is purely intentional.....

NOT THE S.C.A. COUNCIL MINUTES

D.Cuthill

MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING held on 1/6/81 within the mixed Sauna of the Fingertips Tartan Massage and Health (Grandtully) Co.Ltd. (Est.1980). Proprietor K. Riddell.

APOLOGIES Irvine Ross, EWWC, Alan Eastwood, Fred Nelson, Pete Brown, Dave Brown, Ronnie Kennedy - their wives sent in notes explaining that they weren't letting their husbands out tonight.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING The last sentence of the first paragraph of item 6 on p.3 should be deleted, because no matter what Tom "the gent" McLean's views on the subject, Oliver Cock wouldn't like being called that at all.

TREASURERS BUSINESS

Mr. A. Morton enquired about the 1981 Monschau Slalom Accounts, in particular "Secretarial Services....£250". Mr. N. Spinks, replying, indicated that the S.C.A. had in fact come off lightly as interpreters didn't come cheap nowadays and proposed that the diplomatic staff be paid the same rate as the team coaches. He added that the next foreign team trip would probably make a profit because "it would now be easier to scrounge accommodation and rent rooms to Germans who wanted to see videos of girls in wet T shirts."

Morag Boyd protested that the Scottish Team had taken the Aberdeen personality and catering girls to Monschau instead of her Girls Brigade Pipe Band and Majorettes who had been training hard for selection. Richard Price (FCC) asked Morag if her girls would agree to attend the next Forth Canoe Club topless beach barBQ.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and announced that the purpose of the meeting was to debate the disbursement of a £500,000 grant from the Sports Council which had to be spent by the middle of next week.

Alistair Munro (Paisley Outcasts, Slalom Extra Reserve) wanted a £100 grant for new training shoes plus £20 for a new T Shirt. Mr. Morton wanted to know why so expensive a T Shirt? ... "GUCCI"...replied Bluebell, Mr. Morton offered to produce suitable labels at 36p each in 100 up quantities.

Ian Macdonald commented that £20 was ridiculous for a T Shirt and he could get some at only £15 each. Mr. Munro replied that he preferred the genuine Italian Article - or as near as he could get..... and anyway it was Micky's round.

Mr. J. (Big Jim) Thompson, proposed that a minimum of £250 be allocated for his tour of the oases of Central Glasgow. The Executive decision ruled out Glasgow but would be prepared to consider Norway, as we'd probably have to rescue him from the drink anyway.

Kelso Riddell (FCC) applied for £498,256 for building a new FCC Clubhouse on the Union Canal, Edinburgh. Although planning permission was being held up owing to the height of the fly towers for the cabaret staging, work was going ahead on the revolving restaurant and the computerized scoreboard and if anyone knew of a sectional multi storey car park off the back of a lorry, he'd be interested.

D. Shaw (PKC) offered his services in the construction of the timing equipment but Mr. Riddell declined owing to Mr. Shaw's response time specification.

Mr. /

Mr. G. Cleland (Western Area National Kayak elite Racing Squad) proposed that we should buy the B.C.U. but Mr. Morton replied that there was some doubt about whether the B.C.U. was really there at all and at best would only be valued at the market price of a roomful of used filing cabinets.

Anna Millar, (Kirkcaldy)...commented that the air was far too dry in this sauna, and would someone please put another cup of water on her T Shirt. Miss V. Taylor wanted some cups of water poured over her T Shirt too.

Mr. D. Samuel reported that the C.10's had been ordered but he was looking for somewhere to store them because he was not interested in keeping them at home as they wouldn't fit in his swimming pool.

Mr. A. Manwell requested the full half million be spent on new technology electronic news gathering equipment and automatic magazine production equipment, to get round the problem of who was going to be lumbered with the new S.C.A. Magazine.

Mr. D. Cuthill reckoned that sprint Canadians were a subtle form of torture - most people thought that the difficult bit was making them go - but actually the hard bit is learning to walk again for the next week. He suggested the sprint/marathon team invest in sticks and wheel chairs as a contingency plan. (This bit's serious actually folks - (C class sprint boats should always be used with the correct knee pad (or you'll soon know what I'm talking about.)

Mr. Eric Milne stood up and protested about Mr. Spink's classes for strength training for women. The Chairman pointed out that Mr. Milne's cords had fallen to his ankles in shreds, and that it must have been a wild party last night. Mr. Milne remarked that he was glad the S.C.A. understood his problem.

"A third year Aberdeen University student" (Scottish Ladies Amateur Languages Overseas Management) wanted to improve everyones German and thought the purchase of an IBM 360Z Based Computerized language tutor or perhaps hand held speak-n-translate pocket speaking phrasebooks was justified. However she withdrew this when it was pointed out that the Scottish Team preferred the personal touch.

Mr. Spinks wanted two Range Rovers for the Slalom and WW teams. These would be for the use of the catering staff and physiotherapist/interpreters respectively. A 58 seater coach was required for the twelve canoeists and the secretarial staff. Mr. Shaw and Mr. Todd (Touring Committee) proposed that the name "touring" was too concilliatory and suggested "Commando" or "Special Angmassalik Squad" (SAS - get it?) would be more appropriate. They intended to follow up on the success of the touring award scheme by initiating a new Award - 'Super Hardman of the Year Award' for the paddler with maximum number of miles paddled on a diet of dehydrated curry dinner and Kendal mint cake without taking off his wet suit. They proposed an additional test of skill - opening and setting off of flares while simultaneously pumping out a waterlogged boat and operating a satellite nav aid.

Mr. Todd had produced a paper entitled "How to fit a marine band 2 way radio into your crash hat". Mr. J. Cuthill said Touring was much more fun in the sports jacket and plus fours era.

Miss Annie Airey wanted more money for the Aberdeen Personality girls who were changing their name to the Scottish Ladies International Personality Squad, whilst Miss V. Taylor claimed that the Women's Amateur Longdistance Liaison International Entertainments Society should have priority in any development money because they had to put in more training. Mr. A. Denny asked Vivian (through the chair) of what her special training consisted. Miss Taylor replied that it was most confidential but primarily consisted of lying on your back and cycling your legs in the air.
The /

NEW TROPHY To encourage more participation at Sprint Regattas, the Racing Committee have a new trophy for Inter-club competition.

At all Scottish Regattas appearing on the Calendar points are awarded to S.C.A. members as follows:-

Espada A, B, C Boys and Girls; Junior men and women; Senior Ladies; Novice, AB Men and Veteran classes.

Singles (Espada, Slalom/G.P., K1) 9,8,7.... 3,2,1

Doubles (K2) as points above for each paddler

Fours (K4) as points above for each paddler

A class shall comprise three or more competitors.

NEW EVENT Kirkcaldy Canoe Club are organising a Sprint Regatta and Marathon on the 5th and 6th July respectively.

The Sprint Regatta will be held on the newly opened Lochore Meadows Country Park, reclaimed from old Coal Minings some years ago.

The Marathon is to be held on the Forth Estuary from Kirkcaldy to Burntisland and back for Seniors, and from Kinghorn to Burntisland and back for the Juniors. See next page for details of this event.

ZAANDAM (Holland) The Scottish Sprint team goes abroad again in June after two lean financial years when most of their grant was used to finance the expensive Regattas at Strathclyde Park.

Peters' Motors of Bishopton have kindly assisted the venture by providing two Landrovers at very competitive rates, and the Team Manager Drew Samuel, hopes to have them fitted with multi-V bars to carry around seven racing kayaks on each for the trip. A team of between fourteen and seventeen paddlers will attend, and the selectors will be choosing a predominantly Junior Team to encourage the large numbers of young paddlers who have trained hard over the past few years.

It is expected that the standard will be high with a number of International Teams at the 2 day event. The team leaves on the morning of the 12th June and we wish them the best of luck.

SCOTTISH SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Irvine Canoe Club were unable to field a strong Team for the event again this year, and there seems little doubt that we are not going to see so much of them at Regattas in the next few years.

Ian Spiers is in Saudi Arabia, Gilbert Spiers in Nottingham, and Willie Riechenstein was unable to come up from England where he is training hard for the Olympics. Drew Batchelor, probably the best Kayak paddler Irvine Canoe Club have had over the past ten years or more, has had to quit the racing scene as a faulty heart valve was diagnosed recently when Drew was given a medical before an operation. Apparently Drew has spent many years training hard and competing at top level in both canoeing and running without being aware of the defect, but now must take it easy in case valve failure results from an overstrained heart. Our sympathy goes to him and we can only wish him well in the role of I.C.C. Coach in the 1980's.

Robert Montgomery then was the only Senior paddler to produce good results at the Regatta where he won the two major singles events. In the Junior events Kirkcaldy were again to the fore and there is little doubt Irvine Canoe Club's position as Scotlands premier Sprint Club, is about to be captured by this exciting new club from the east coast.

In the Ladies events, old timer Maureen Pennie was struggling to maintain her long held position as Scotland's fastest Sprint paddler when she narrowly avoided defeat by Lynda Morrison, one of Scotland's top Lady Slalomists. In the Junior events Kirkcaldy dominated all the events with an all Kirkcaldy final in the Junior Ladies 500m. Anna Millar won the event by just one second from club mate Alison Edwards.

HOLME PIERREPONT NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Regatta at Holme Pierrepont on 24/25th May proved an outstanding success for Scottish paddlers, the Kirkcaldy Canoe Club in particular giving an all star performance.

3000m. Espada C - 1st Anna Millar - Kirkcaldy C.C.

500m. Espada C - 1st Alison Edwards - K.C.C.

Girls Team Espada C - 1st Millar;Edwards;Mills;Smeaton - K.C.C.

500m K2 - Espada C - 1st Neil Davidson & Garry Young - K.C.C.

500m Novice Women - 1st Lynda Morrison - FORTH C.C.

Boys Championship Gold Medal 1st Bell; Adair; Richards - Combined team
Espada C. Trossachs / Irvine.

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THE SCOTTISH SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS 1980
STRATHCLYDE PARK, SUNDAY 11th MAY 1980.

The first regatta of the season got off to an excellent start in brilliant sunshine. A strong headwind slowed up the times a bit but the excellent attendance was treated to some good racing.

RESULTS

1000m Men's Open - 1st R.Montgomery, Irvine. 2nd A.Morton. Forth. 3rd.J.Anderson
son RAF.

500m Men's Open - 1st R.Montgomery,Irvine. 2nd K.Fraser,Roxburgh.
3rd J. Anderson RAF.

500m Ladies Open- 1st M.Pennie, Forth. 2nd L.Morrison, Forth.
3rd. C. Wilson

1000m Junior Men. 1st S.Sturgess,Forton. 2nd J. Adair, Irvine,
3rd N. Davidson, Kirkcaldy.

500m Junior Men. 1st S.Sturgess,Forton. 2nd.J. Adair, Irvine,
3rd G. Young, Kirkcaldy.

500m Junior Ladies 1st A. Millar, 2nd A.Edwards. 3rd D.Mills, (Kirkcaldy)

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SPRINT REGATTA AND MARATHON RACE AT KIRKCALDY

An Open Sprint Regatta is being held at Lochore Meadows, Kirkcaldy on 5th July and a Marathon Race on Sunday 6th July (Kirkcaldy to Burntisland).

There are classes for all the Espada age groups both boys and girls, Junior men and women, Novice and Veteran classes and an Open class, all with races for K1 and K2.

Entry forms for the regatta are 75p per seat per event for Seniors up to a maximum of £3.00 and 50p per seat for paddlers under 18 years up to a maximum of £1.50.

For the Marathon race the fees are: Seniors £1.00 and Juniors 60p.

For information and entries contact:

Anne Davidson,
9, Lakeside Road,
Raith Lake,
Kirkcaldy, Fife.

Telephone 0592 66920

COMMODORE'S COMMENT

Tales of mis-spent public funds are frequently passed on and become more absurd with every telling, but I am amazed at the stupidity of a canoeist who abandoned his boat recently without reporting the fact to the local police. When his craft was spotted further down at the river's estuary, full emergency services were mobilised to search for the missing body, and the final cost of calling out police, coastguards and other services is reported at £7,000. Obviously one of our fellow paddlers is not only completely irresponsible, but has plenty of money to throw away on replacement equipment. If you lost a canoe, paddle or lifejacket, please report the matter to the local police without delay to prevent a full scale search for you. You may even get your gear back. Alternatively, please contact me at Forth Canoe Club with details of where and when you lost what. We will be glad to paddle the downstream section next weekend and gain an extra canoe for our club.

It is good to see that Scottish canals are beginning to take on a new lease of life, with increasing activity on both the Forth-and-Clyde and the Union Canals. The Scottish Inland Waterways Association (SIWA) has been coaxing and cajoling the British Waterways Board to improve these stretches, with support from the Regions. Lothian Region now have a Union Canal Project officer, and have produced an excellent series of leaflets on the Union Canal. The time has come to acknowledge this work by making sure that your craft has a current licence for the canals. I have a supply of application forms or you should be able to apply through SCA head office or direct to British Waterways Board, Applecross Street, Glasgow. You need a licence to launch a craft on any canal in Scotland.

At last Scottish canoeists are to have their own news-sheet. Following a proposal from Andrew Manwell in Aberdeen and a study of costs, the SCA council has decided to go ahead with a pilot scheme for a news-sheet. We wish it every success as a complement to our own club magazine, but I hope our contributors will continue to keep up the good work which makes our magazine such a success.

I am concerned at recent reports (at this stage I prefer to call them rumours) of irresponsible behaviour and public horseplay by one or two well known prominent paddlers. We are well aware of the poor public image this kind of behaviour can give to any sport, and it may be that the time has come to prevent some of our members from dragging the rest of us down to the level of hooligans in the eyes of others.

R.K.R.

I must admit to having been a bit sceptical about this piece of hardware when I first heard about it. Footrest and seat comfort is of paramount importance for training and long distance paddling and I could not imagine I would be able to operate the foot pump without some discomfort. However, I was pleasantly surprised when I found I was completely unaware of the pump once I had fitted it and paddled around for fifteen minutes.

After a few days use I nevertheless found some problems but ironed them out and now find that the pump keeps the boat dry in all conditions, without my being aware of its existence.

The modifications were to ensure the pump never became jammed with small sticks and leaves and to ensure that every last drop of water was removed from the boat. I found that the water intake, although very suitable for speedy emptying of a full boat, did not suck out the last half pint or so, and being a perfectionist and not expecting to have to empty out gallons quickly I modified the intake as follows:-

I took a shorter piece of aluminium tubing with no slots, flattened the end to the width of a penny and turned it down as shown in the diagram. This new shape is less likely to suck up large particles and takes the last drop out of the boat if properly positioned just in front of the seat.



In addition, I cut a small piece of J-cloth and stuck it over the end of the plastic intake pipe on the foot rest. This also acts as a filter and prevents small particles jamming the rubber valve. The pump itself goes far better on the top side of the footrest protruding a little over the edge so that ones toes work the pump automatically with the natural movement of the foot during paddling. The outflow pipe is better situated just slightly below the level of the rubber pump so that gravity assists emptying. This also ensures that the water is forced sideways out of the boat and not up into the air like a whale spout.

The pump has now been used continuously for six months and is still working perfectly. Lendal tell me that any part which wears can easily be replaced. Twice last year I won races where other competitors were possibly faster but ended up with water slopping about in their boats.

Anyone seriously interested in Marathon racing must fit the pump and it is obviously eminently suitable for touring and even white water racing if your spray deck is not A1.

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RESULTS

<u>Senior Men's K1 Div A</u>		m.	s.	
1st	J. Hibble	17.39		Leeds C.C.
2nd	D. Taylor	17.56		Gateshead C.C.
9th	K. Fraser	18.35		Roxburgh C.C.
13th	A. Morton	18.48		FORTH C.C.
15th	J. Anderson	18.58		R.A.F.
<u>C2 Men</u>	1st Tannock/Woodgate	21.04		Windsor
<u>Ladies</u>	1st A. Plant	19.52		Birmingham.

This event was publicised as "Postal Entries Only" yet we had to turn down about 15 would-be competitors the night before and on the day. How can the organisers be expected to print and circulate a start list unless entries are received with the regulation 12 days notice. We should be able to make money selling start lists to the spectators but it has got to be complete.

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TWEED MARATHON - SUNDAY 4th MAY 1980

RESULTS

There were much fewer entries for this event than usual but the bitterly cold weather may have had something to do with that. The water level was low and there was some bumping and scraping. Drew Samuel had the misfortune to knock a hole in his boat but managed to finish 4th. Notable absentees were Jack and Betty Cuthill who missed the occasion for the first time in all the years it has been held.

Congratulations to Kirkcaldy C.C. on winning the Forth Canoe Club Challenge Cup. This is the first time it has ever been won by another club. The K2 entries counting for double points proved Forth's undoing.

Kirkcaldy C.C. 79; Forth C.C. 55; Gateshead C.C. 17; Roxburgh C.C. 10

			h.	m.	s.
<u>Senior Men</u>	1st	Kenny Fraser	Roxburgh C.C.	1.43.27	
	2nd	A. Morton	FORTH CC	1.45.16	
	3rd	D. Taylor	Gateshead CC	2.00.31	
<u>Senior Ladies</u>	1st	M. Pennie	FORTH CC	0.55.08	
	2nd	A. Edwards	Kirkcaldy CC	0.58.40	
	3rd	F. Smeaton	Kirkcaldy CC	1.15.43	
<u>Junior Men</u>	1st	A. Davidson	Kirkcaldy CC	0.55.05	
	2nd	J. Gray	Kirkcaldy CC	1.04.04	
<u>Juvenile Men</u>	1st	G. Young	Kirkcaldy CC	0.57.17	
	2nd	G. Wilson	FORTH CC	1.06.20	
	3rd	S. Marshall	Gateshead CC	1.11.49	
<u>Doubles</u>	1st	Mason/Harris	Kirkcaldy CC	1.07.43	
	2nd	Barry/Edwards	Kirkcaldy CC	1.13.46	
	3rd	Davidson/Shaw	Kirkcaldy CC	1.24.00	
<u>Juvenile Ladies</u>	1st	K. Jarvis	FORTH CC	1.17.05	
	2nd	J. Ambler	FORTH CC	1.34.11	
	3rd	A. Jarvis	FORTH CC	1.54.00	
<u>Veteran</u>	1st	R. Gregory	FORTH CC	1.10.30	
	2nd	A. Jarvis	FORTH CC	1.53.00	

The B.C.U. White Water Committee at a recent meeting discussed the possibility of not sending white water Yearbooks to Scottish paddlers. This is a result of the new federal agreement whereby race levies are retained by the national associations (the S.C.A. in our case).

To be fair, I must agree with the stance being taken by the B.C.U. committees, they are basically being asked to provide the same service as previously (yearbooks and ranking lists) without receiving any reimbursements for the expense involved. However the action they are proposing is totally contrary to the conditions of the new federal agreement. The members of the B.C.U. federal committee (mainly full time officers of the B.C.U.) were most surprised to hear that such action has been proposed. Apparently the B.C.U. technical committees have been operating totally autonomously from the B.C.U. Council, they often do not even bother sending their representative to the council meetings. Whilst the B.C.U. council does have the power to bring the policies of sub-committees into line this has never been exercised in the past.

To further increase their autonomy the B.C.U. W.W.R. committee have suggested the introduction of a WWR licence payable to the federal organisations. What purpose would B.C.U. or S.C.A. membership then have? If an English Canoeing Association was formed (the B.C.U. WWR committee seem to be pressing very hard for this) then where would the B.C.U. committee be left? It would certainly have little income and its officers would most probably desert it to serve on the E.C.A. committee.

It is therefore in the interests of all parties for an agreement to be reached concerning the payment of levies to the B.C.U. The S.C.A. slalom and white water committee have written to the B.C.U. WWR committee asking for a proposal on this matter. To date no reply has been received; only this threat concerning the withdrawal of yearbooks. There have even been rumours that the B.C.U. committee will ask for 95% of the levy money. This is obviously just not realistic; around 20 - 25% would seem a reasonable level to cover the B.C.U. committee costs. There is no apparent reason why the B.C.U. sub-committee have not yet put forward an official proposal and let us hope that they will soon do so very soon.

One solution to the problem which has been discussed is that the S.C.A. purchase a supply of yearbooks for distribution to Scottish paddlers. I feel that this is fairer than the percentage proposal.

One of the main reasons why we, the Scots, keenly adopted the new federal scheme was so that money raised through competition in Scotland could be retained in Scotland for the further development of the sport. People were fed up with money disappearing down a large drain somewhere in the South. Next year we should see the levy money being put to good use and hopefully encouraging some of the less well developed aspects of competitive canoeing (i.e. W.W.R., C1 and C2).

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We apologise to our readers for the late issue of Kayak, but the hold-up was due to a series of mishaps over which we had no control. Our duplicator came to a grinding halt - one of the cog wheels in the heart of the machine was stripped. Next our cover printer took a week longer than usual when one of his machines broke down. However, like the wife who appeared in a fur coat the day after the wolf was at the door, we have been able to capitalise on our misfortunes by including the weekend's results from Comrie and Tryweryn.

SOCIAL, PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

The Morton menage moves shortly to another mansion close by the bonny banks of Linlithgow Loch. Will all creditors, Inland Revenue and the like please note that as from 9th July 1980 Andrew and Isabel Morton will have a new address, namely: 8 Jockshill Crescent, Linlithgow. Telephone number Linlithgow 2423.

John Turcan, President of the Scottish Canoe Association is another to change his abode. The Turcan's new address is: 39, Rowallan Gardens, Broomhill, Glasgow. No telephone as yet.

It seems odd that the name of the present Scottish Slalom Champion and also Scottish W/W Racing Champion, Kenny Fraser, Roxburgh C.C., does not feature in any of the Scottish teams. Is there some unpublicised explanation?

Our hearty congratulations to Irvine Ross and his new bride Veronica. Hallelujah the angels sing!

The Scottish Sprint Championships Regatta at Strathclyde Park this year was a particularly well run show, probably the best we have had, and all credit must go to the new organisers of this event. Keep up the good work.

A new canoeing publication makes its debut this month; "FLAT WATER", sponsored by the B.C.U. Racing Committee. It will be published five times a year in May, July, September, November and February. This is surely a must for all sprint racing canoeists, containing as it does information on forthcoming events and results from home and abroad as well as much useful information. It is a spartan-like production with typed pages, but well laid out. One piece of nonsense is the charge of only 20p for 64 pages.

Plans are afoot to send a team to the Liffey Descent on 7th September. The Sprint and Marathon Committee have approved plans for a 6 man team but who will make up the numbers has yet to be decided. Some interest has already been expressed by canoeists outwith the Scottish team so it looks as if there will be some competition for places. Three doubles are planned. Further information may be had from Alistair Denny, 3, Lynedoch Street, Greenock, PA15 4AB. Telephone No. 0475 227 55.

"FLAT WATER" Sorry; in my haste to write the above paragraphs I omitted to mention that "FLAT WATER" can be obtained from Canoe 81 - Nottingham, 72, Bridgford Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. £1.50 for five editions. Cheques made payable to B.C.U. Racing Committee.

FORTH CANOE CLUB NOTES

CRAIGLOCKHART

Our Monday evening sessions at Craiglockhart have now started and are being well attended. The session runs from 1830 to 2000 hours.

As before there is a shortage of paddles. Craiglockhart Centre provides 10 pairs of paddles, this should be a sufficient number. If you have your own paddles then you should bring them along otherwise you may have to wait before getting a shot in a canoe. I have a supply of new Lendal paddles @ £9. - Book a pair next Monday.

As from Monday the 26th of May a new system will be introduced for obtaining locker keys. Instead of the 50p key deposit, it will be required that you leave your current Forth C.C. membership card at the reception. On returning the key, the card will be handed back. The Management of the Centre have given us several weeks to publicise these new arrangements and as from the above date the new system will have to be rigidly adhered to.

A barrier is to be installed at the top of the drive leading to the Sports Centre. This will mean that equipment will have to be carried to the pond from the top car park. Access will not be granted to the lower car park even for delivering or uplifting canoes.

Thanks to the hardwork of some people the bat polo goals have now been firmly re-erected.

CANAL HUT

Following some recent internal modifications more storage space has been created in the hut. More keys have been made and issued to those interested in using the facility.

The Club has obtained the use of 3 Espadas from the S.C.A. coaching committee. These are being stored in the hut and may be used for training on the canal, if you have your own paddles. They may also be used for competitions if a member of the club committee is informed. On Monday evenings the Espadas will be at Craiglockhart.

The club has been successful in purchasing a prefabricated concrete building. The building is situated at British Oceanics in Leith Docks. Work on dismantling the hut has been progressing on Wednesday evenings but there is still much to do and helpers are required. Hopefully we will be able to rebuild this hut at the canal site in the next few months. When I say "we" I mean all able bodied members of our Club. If you wish to make use of our new Clubhouse with a clear conscience you will require to do your stint. Please 'phone me, David Wolfe at 449 2456, or Kelso Riddell at 229 9586 to offer help.

GRANTON - COMPASS CENTRE

Glassfibre work on Wednesday evenings is continuing under the guidance of Richard Gregory. Several members have built their own slalom canoes over the winter and a new Bat is almost completed. It is planned to replace the existing 5 F.C.C. Bats in the next year but unless more of our members are prepared to do their bit, this schedule is unlikely to be maintained.

CLUB RACING COLOURS

The B.C.U. Sprint Committee will be introducing a new organisational system at all Holmepierre Point regattas as from 1981. Firstly all paddlers will have to wear a vest in their club colours. These club colours will have to be approved and registered with the sprint committee.

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All regatta entries will have to be sent in by the club representative. This person will also be the only person entitled to speak at the team leaders' meeting where matters such as late entries and withdrawals are discussed. Maureen Pennie has volunteered her services as the club representative and all persons wishing to compete in National regattas at Holmepierre Point should contact her:-

Mrs. Maureen Pennie, 3, Diana Vernon Court, Helensburgh, G84 7TA, or telephone her at 0436-5786

PADDLING VESTS

Paddling vests will be ordered shortly and anyone interested should contact David Wolfe.

We have seven large size blue Forth C.C. tee shirts for sale cost £2.50 each. Please contact David Wolfe if you are interested.

PADDLES

Castlecliff Workshop, 25 Johnstone Terrace, a charitable organisation, are producing simple low cost canoe paddles. Virtually any size can be made including small paddles especially suited to young children.

DINNER DANCE

Unfortunately the Club Dinner Dance has had to be cancelled. This was due to the very poor ticket sales. It is ridiculous that only 25 people from a total of 150 were interested by this event.

NEW MEMBERS AND ADDRESS CHANGES SINCE THE LAST KAYAK

J. Tony Leaver	44 Greenbank Gdns. EH10 5SN	447 5480
J. Ewan Meldrum	14/3 Oxfangs Street. EH13	445 4704
J. Simon Wallace	6/3 Caerketton Court, Firrhill Drive EH13 9HN.	441 3499
J. Andrew Knight	13 Cluny Drive. EH10 6DW	447 4676
S. Mike Arundel	26/3 Calder View, Edinburgh.	
S. Gill Robbie	28 Acresdale, Linlithgow	329 5585
S. Lynda Morrison	8 Queens Gdns., Blackhall, Edinburgh.	332 3994
J. Ivan Seery	2 Drumdryan Street, Edinburgh.	229 1252
S. David Towsie	Homeacre, Burnwynd, Kirknewton.	333 1240
S. Jane Wilson	7 Alvanley Terrace, Edinburgh.	
F. Jacquelin, John & Steven Renton,	9 Lennox Row, Edin.5.	552 1209
S. Richard Willis	54 Findhorn Place, EH9 2NS	667 1542
S. Christine Arnott,	14 West Savile Road. EH16 5NQ	667 6874
S. Glenn Stewart	60 Inchview Gdns. Dalgety Bay, Fife.	D.B. 823335
S. Andrew Stewart	78 Craighall Road, Edinburgh.	
J. Michael Cormie	36 Swanston Avenue, EH10 7BY.	
F. Ian and Andrew Waters,	7, Swanston Place, EH10 7DD.	
J. Douglas Nicol	50 Oxfangs Avenue, Edinburgh.	
S. C. Moscrop	38 Moat Street, EH14 1PH.	
S. R. Riddelsdell	8, Cortachy Avenue, Carron, Falkirk.	Larbert 4891

The Club membership has now passed the 150 mark. It is most encouraging to see the numbers increasing steadily but a level will soon be reached where the facilities offered by the club will become saturated.

MINUTES of the FORTH CANOE CLUB Committee Meeting of the 22nd May 1980 held at British Oceanics, Leith.

Present: D. Wolfe, K. Riddell, D. Wilson, R. Gregory, R. Price.

Apologies: Apologies for absence received from S. Balfour.

1. Charges at Craiglockhart.

David Wolfe reported that the charge for the hire of Craiglockhart had increased from £2.25 per hour to £4.00 + VAT. The annual affiliation fee was now £25.00. If the club continued to charge 25p as last year, a substantial loss would be made this year. At 30p per person a break even situation may be obtained. It was accepted that the charge would go up to 30p with effect from the 2nd June.

Kelso Riddell explained that a grant could be available from Lothian Region. Kelso to pursue this further and report back.

2. Club Colours

David Wolfe reported on the new situation regarding registered club colours at Holme Pierre Pont (see previous page). After some discussion it was decided that paddling vests with two gold diagonals on a Royal Blue background be the adopted colours.

David Wolfe to purchase a stock of vests after registration of the colours. Others expressed interest in purchasing sweat shirts. It was explained that a minimum order of 12 was required.

David Wolfe to pursue further if there was sufficient demand.

3. New Hut progress

Kelso Riddell reported that he was supervising the dismantling of the new building. Progress was satisfactory.

Richard Gregory reported that plans for the new building were before the relevant authorities.

4. Kayak Records Officer

David Wolfe reported that the workload of the Secretary/Treasurer was very high at KAYAK publication times. It was agreed that the post of KAYAK Records Officer be established. The brief of this officer would be to maintain the list of outside subscribers to KAYAK and to collect their subscriptions. This would take some time to come into effect and initially there may be some confusion and duplication of work. In the long term, however, there would be considerable advantages.

5. Existing Canal Hut

Concern was expressed at the dirty state of the hut. The committee re-affirmed that unnamed canoes would be removed from the hut without notice. Action - Scott Murray.

6. Membership level

David Wolfe reported that the membership level had now reached 150 people. Craiglockhart had brought in many new junior members as in previous years. All agreed that above 150 people the facilities and services offered to the club members would become overloaded and the club officers overworked.

In the interests of all members it was agreed that the club membership be restrained to a level of around 150 people. Membership will not be refused to those with canoeing experience but may be to those who have not.

D. Wolfe.
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer

When the Secretary told me that our membership had broken the 150 mark my thoughts went back to the mid-thirties when a few hardy souls got together to form the Forth Canoe Club. "Wally" (now Dr. John Walford living in Ipswich) was a chap who liked to muck about with small boats and he had made one or two canoes. This interested some of his school pals at The Academy, notably a certain Ronnie Mackay, and in 1934 about 6 of them decided to form a canoe club following some outings in Granton Harbour and a trip down the Tweed. It so happened that they were also members of the Scouts and their Scoutmaster was J.P. Pattullo, W.S., who was a keen sailing man and member of the Royal Forth. He became the first Commodore of the FORTH CANOE CLUB and Ronnie Mackay was appointed Purser.

The first recruits to the new Club were the brothers Michael and Euan Carmichael who were later to have a profound influence on the development of canoeing. They built an open Canadian canoe in their back garden and the initial cruise took them the length of the Union and Forth and Clyde Canals to Bowling on the Clyde. They canoed the Tweed, Spey, Tay in their Canadian including all the rapids and toured the West Coast. Not only did they paddle it, they sailed it as well, with the use of lee-boards.

I did not appear on the scene until 1935. A pal, Jimmy Reid and myself bought a double seater folding canoe for £5. The same day we paddled out to Inchmickery to have a look around, and have a brew-up. It was in this canoe that we did our first tour in 1937 from Balloch to Inverness. (I write that last sentence with some sadness, having just read of Jimmy's death in today's Scotsman - 30th May).

About 1937 the brothers Carmichael started the organised West Coast Canoe tours under the auspices of the Scottish National Union of Students. The 1939 tour ended in some confusion at the end of August. With so many foreign students in the party, their concern was to get home quickly before the outbreak of war which everyone knew would happen at any time.

It was also in 1939 that the Carmichael brothers conceived the idea of a Scottish Canoe Association. A meeting was held with Ian Robertson of the Clyde Canoe Club and the Secretary of the Scottish Youth Hostel's Association and the Committee of the Forth Canoe Club. Euan Carmichael went down to London and got the full agreement of John Dudderidge, then B.C.U. Secretary, and so the Scottish Canoe Association was born. Euan became its first secretary and I took on his job as Forth Canoe Club Secretary, or Purser as the post was called in these days. Our boathouse at this time was a ramshackle wooden shed at the end of Granton Harbour Railway Station. It was used mainly to house the 3 sailing canoes and 2 Canadian canoes because most of the other canoes owned by members were folding canoes and they kept them at home.....

I'll tell you some more in our next issue.....

Jack Cuthill.

THE "DUNCANS SOFT DRINKS" LOCH LUBNAIG CANOE MARATHON

This is a Scottish Ranking Race and counts in the Scottish Marathon Ranking Table.

SUNDAY, 8th JUNE, 1980

VENUE: Ardchullarie Point, Loch Lubnaig. On A84, 6 miles from Callander and 8 miles from Lochearnhead. Grid.Ref. 582135. Parking available beside the water.

START TIME: Briefing at 12.30 hrs. : start for all classes at 1300 hrs.

DISTANCE: S.C.A. Div. 1 & 2 & Open Doubles ... 13 miles
S.C.A. Div. 3 & 4, Ladies and Veterans. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Special Class - Juniors under 15 ... 3 "

CLASSES: The following complies with the S.C.A. classes, which allows a fairer system regardless of boat or age.

PRIZES : Division 1 - 1,2,3 Junior - 1,2,3
" 2 - 1,2,3 Under 15 Boys - 1,2,3
" 3 - 1,2,3 Under 15 Girls - 1,2,3
" 4 - 1,2,3
Ladies Division 1 - 1,2,3 The 5 Trossachs Trophies
Ladies Division 2 - 1,2,3 will be awarded to the winners of
Open Doubles - 1,2,3 Senior K1, Ladies K1, Junion Men K1,
Veteran - 1,2,3 Junior Women K1 and Veteran.

N.B. a. A minimum of 3 paddlers constitutes a class
b. The organisers will be in possession of the ranking status of all Scottish paddlers.

RULES : Each competitor must comply with the BCU/SCA Marathon Racing Committee Rules.

SAFETY : All Espada paddlers, and Junior paddlers under 18 years of age must wear approved personal buoyancy and all canoes must be rendered unsinkable. The organisers cannot accept liability for injury or damage to competitors or their gear.

CAMPING : Camping is available in Callander.

ENTRIES : Entries should be sent to:-

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