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E D I T O R I A L

Following the World Championships, being held in England and Wales this summer, it is hoped that some overseas paddlers can be persuaded to take part in competitions north of the Border. It would be good to think that those who do come will go home with pleasant memories of their trip and a healthy regard for canoeing in Scotland.

It would be unrealistic to expect many of our paddlers to achieve much in the way of results in such company, but all competitors should be preparing now to take them on. I hope the attitude won't be "what's the use?", because everyone's paddling would benefit from preparing with such an objective, and actually competing against such opposition must be a worthwhile experience. Irrespective of results, a good entry of home competitors who have obviously worked hard on technique, form and fitness, would impress the visitors, and perhaps persuade our nearer neighbours to return in greater numbers and more frequently than they have done in the recent past.

When tackling English club officials about participating at Strathclyde regattas, for instance, their usual reply is that the distance is too great - the "for it to be worthwhile" being left unsaid. The impression one gets is that there isn't enough challenge in such a trip. In the past they have come up to find the main opposition coming from those they compete against regularly at events nearer home. Only a raising of standards in Scotland will encourage more participation from South of the Border, and this summer would be an ideal opportunity to demonstrate this improvement to a larger audience.

That it can be done is proved by the elevated position achieved by "Jock" and "Bluebell" in slalom C2, and the Kirkcaldy lads who have attained the Olympic Training Squad in sprint.

T.D.W.

The group was made up of:- Hugh Kerr, Linda Mitchell, Robert Todd and Jessie Bowes who did the full trip. Bob Blanche was with the party from 2nd to 6th August and Alan Hunter joined on the Saturday to paddle across the Minch on the last day.

SATURDAY, 2nd: Assembled at Uig Pier - caught 9.15 a.m. ferry for E.Loch Tarbert - arrived about 11.15 and got builder's lorry to portage over to W.Loch Tarbert - notified Coast Guard of our route etc. - on our way about 1 p.m. down W.Loch Tarbert in a N.W. direction. Sun shining - water easy - wind force 2-3 and freshening. Stopped for lunch on I.of Soay More after about 6 miles. Launched again about 3.30pm and headed for Husinish Point helped by a following sea. Rounded the Point and found good campsite on Scarp Island. English holidaymakers with two charming children bade us welcome at their holiday cottage. Robert and Jessie paddled over to Husinish to 'phone the contact point and report progress - midges fearsome. Weather cloudy, mild and still. Day's trip 14 miles.

SUNDAY, 3rd: Raining - breakfasted and struck camp - launched about 10 a.m. seen off by the English visitors - sea flat to start but swell came up later. Stopped for lunch at Camus Bay. Entertained by two local twins Tracy and Lorraine aged about 9. After an hour, set off northwards for Gallan Head. Coast rocky and uninviting - progress slow against the tide. Rounded the Head about 3 p.m. - no tidal problems - headed Eastwards for Pabay Mor - camped in lovely lagoon with plenty driftwood for our fire. Met four Lothian teachers - lovely countryside - some interesting natural features - had sing song round the fire later. Day's trip 22 miles.

MONDAY 4th This being a rest day, woke late. Spartans had a dip. Paddled round to Valtos to 'phone home and report progress - lunch on Valtos pier - replenished water supplies at local Outdoor Centre. Heavy drizzle at this time. Had a canoe taken away in error - later returned with profuse apologies - visited caves on paddle back to camp. Discovered on arrival back that Robert had left his monocular at Valtos. - paddled back again to find it still lying where it was laid. Misty and damp conditions drove us early to bed.

TUESDAY 5th Raining when we woke - launched and away before 10a.m. Headed N.E. and paddled through channel between Little and Great Bernera islands. Porpoises playing around - passed Loch Carloway - sea conditions became unpleasant with big cross waves caused by recoil off the cliffs - few landing places. Had to stop in Dalbeg Bay to empty out Bob's canoe which had sprung a leak. On our way with little delay as the sea was rough, the coast line rocky with few stopping places and we wanted to make progress whilst still relatively fresh. Seas began to moderate after another 5 miles. About 5pm we decided to land at Loch Mor Barvas behind the shelter of a reef. Nice sandy camp site near a firing range marked "Danger Area" on the map. Soon put our day's ordeal behind us after a good meal in front of a huge fire - bed early. Day's trip approx. 20 miles.

WEDNESDAY 6th Nice bright day so prepared for an early start - thwarted by the low tide which meant a long carry and a slippery launching - Linda became a casualty when she stubbed her toe and aggravated an old knee injury - could not carry anything heavy. Finally on the water just before 10a.m. Weather sunny but progress slow. Reached South Galson about 1 p.m. (8 mls) - necessary to land to empty out Bob's leaky boat - had lunch. Bob fortunate enough to get the assistance of local farmer to transport him and leaky canoe to Stornoway. Off again about 2.15 northwards to Butt of Lewis. Landed on point of Cunnal Bay - Hugh and Robert walked over hill to check the sea conditions around the Butt. Decided on their return that to avoid unfavourable tides speed was essential. Left to round the Butt about 5.30p.m. waves big but manageable - kept well out as N.E. wind was driving us shorewards. Further round, tricky in the big following seas - no room for error here - tide due to turn at 6p.m. so had to keep paddling - idea to land at Port /

Port Ston - abandoned owing to narrow entrance and rough seas. Headed for Port of Ness - welcome haven in the little harbour at 7.15pm. Made meal on wall surrounding swimming pool - spent the night in half-built changing rooms - surf thundering on beach disturbed our sleep. Day's trip 21 miles.

THURSDAY 7th Weather report poor - 'phoned home - visited P.O. - had a look at the conditions and decided this was a rest day. Went walking and exploring the area around. Had tea with a local in the evening.

FRIDAY 8th Still windy - big swell running but with us. Launched about 10.30 and made for Tolsta Head - easier paddling after this. Lunch about 1.45 at Port Beag. Off again about 4.30 and aimed for the Eye Peninsula. Managed to land in the shelter of some rocks - changed into dry clothes and ate - managed to portage half way - energy at a premium after battle with the sea. Nearly dark when we finally made camp. - Hugh 'phoned our control point - exhausted we slept. Day's trip, 24 miles.

SATURDAY 9th Sunshine but the party showing signs of weariness - had breakfast - completed the portage and launched about 11 a.m. - headed for Stornoway - sea choppy. Lunched on the steps of Stornoway harbour. 'phoned Coastguard and contact point. Confirmed arrangements for meeting Alan Hunter - Bob unable to rejoin the party at Stornoway. Left Stornoway about 2 p.m. - headed South to L.Shell, 16 miles away - conditions good - stopped for rest and something to eat on our way through the islands at mouth of L.Erisort - on our way again at 5.15. Troublesome wind rounding the point into L.Shell - met Alan as arranged on Eilean Inyard - had been there since Friday p.m. - made camp and ate well - to bed early to sleep well in preparation for the Minch crossing tomorrow. Trip, 20 miles

SUNDAY 10th Dull and overcast - forecast poor - afloat by 9 a.m. - sea choppy at first - calmed later with a swell. Headed for Shiant Islands - landed 11.45 - had 2 hours stop so made fire with abundant driftwood - left 2pm making South for Fladda-Chuain - planned to return to Shiant Is. if weather deteriorated after 1½ hours paddling. Hit by heavy squall about 4pm but party raised its work rate and good progress made. Conditions improved as we approached Fladda Chuain - difficult landing made about 5.30 p.m. - more westerly gales forecast so decided to push on to Duntulm on Skye whilst going was good - passed through a tide race on the way. Landed on a sandy strip on the rocky shore. Pitched camp near the roadside. Notified coast-guard of our arrival and 'phoned our control point. Tired from our exhausting paddle but enlivened by a sense of achievement, we slept well. Trip 26 miles.

MONDAY 11th
An early stir caused by Alan as he spotted a bus heading for Uig. A well spent 30p took us there to pick up the cars and save an 8 mile walk. Drove back to camp for breakfast - packed the cars - although tired the excitement of going home and a buoyant sense of achievement made a happy ending to our epic holiday, and 150 paddling miles.



The changes in the Slalom penalty rules for the 1981 season can be very briefly summarised:

1. A touch will, in future, be penalised by 5 secs per pole (Thus there can now be no 20 penalty; only 0, 5, 10 or 50)
2. The "live gate" rule is rewritten. In future only the gate one is attempting is live for touches, but all gates on the course not so far completed are live for passage through them. As a result, several points need clarification. If a touch is incurred in the course of passage through a gate out of sequence, this 5 will be scored as long as the gate has not been previously completed (see iv below); also deliberate displacement to avoid passage through a gate will be penalised as if passage occurred (see v. below). e.g.:-
 - i. Paddler hits Gate 5 while attempting Gate 4. No penalty for Gate 5.
 - ii. Paddler goes through Gate 5 while attempting Gate 4. 50 for Gate 4.
 - iii. Paddler goes through Gate 10 while attempting Gate 4. 50 on each of Gates 4 to 9 (300 in all)
 - iv. Paddler hits Gate 5 and carries on through it while attempting Gate 4. 50 on Gate 4, and 5 on Gate 5.
 - v. Paddler deliberately displaces Gate 5 to avoid going through it (and would otherwise have gone through it) while attempting Gate 4. 50 on Gate 4, and 5 on Gate 5.

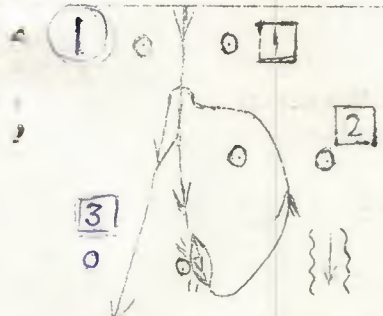
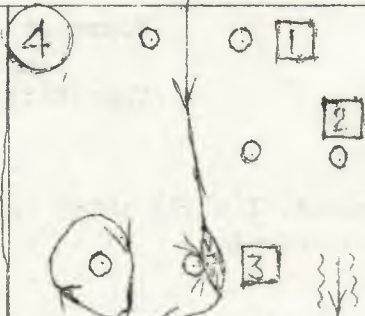
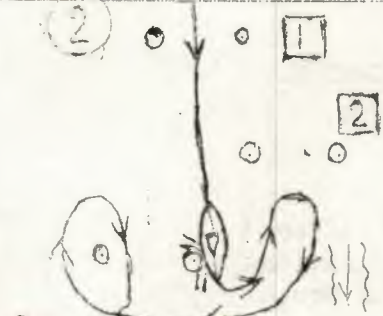

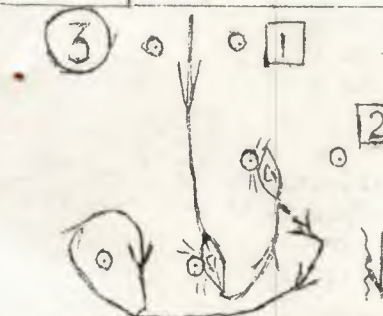
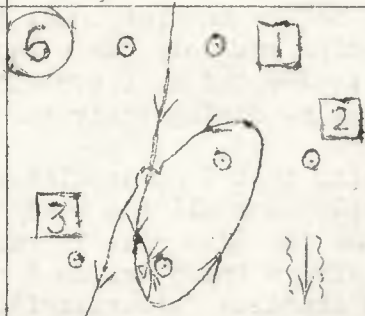
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Pictures illustrating new rules

Scott Balfour

Neville Unwin has been kind enough to clarify the new rules. "Diagram 2 represents a situation which has yet to be clarified by I.C.F. - until then the B.C.U. will give the penalties as indicated."

The diagrams represent the same sequence - gates 1 and 3 forward downstream and 2 forward upstream.

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Members both at home and abroad. I for one anticipate much greater problems and expense in attempting to travel to events in Wales in the future.

I cannot comment on the present organisation, as I am concentrating on academic studies in my final year at University, and have not yet attended a "new" Squad training weekend. However, I was not impressed by the lack of official information available to Squad members (and anyone else) concerning the new arrangements and officials : all I received was rumour. In addition, I know a great deal of ill-feeling has been caused in connection with the selection policy for this year's Squad; and several (particularly younger) paddlers are feeling pretty disillusioned. Were Squad Members (and surely they are the ones whose opinions should count) asked beforehand if they wanted these changes? - I wasn't.

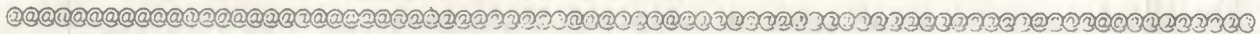
Finally, although all the above is entirely my own personal opinion, I am certain I am not the only member of the Squad who feels that Irvine and Neil have been badly treated. And - even if no official recognition of the work that they did is to be given, I am sure there are others who, like me, would wish to express their personal thanks.

Yours etc.

Nonie Coulthard.

P.S. On a lighter note - I was highly amused by one of the "Facts about Killer Whales" given in the report on Alistair Wilson's Alaskan Adventure - namely, that this animal is "recognised as being the world's most intelligent Mammal". Might not certain members of MENSA disagree??

Nonie.



Compass Adventure Centre,
Granton, Edinburgh.
February, 1981.

Sir,

On the subject of Hospitality

We hae bin auld freens for monie years an monie freens we hae gaithert, wi' crack roon the fireside hearth an laughin and drinkin the gither, sae blithe. Sae, when askit tae keep a' the wid for yer new boatie hoose for a week or twa, oor herts went oot tae sic auld freens an hert gled we war tae offer oor Hospitality.

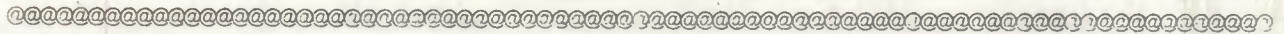
Syne, a third o' oor ha' was strewn wi a' kinds o' wid fu' o' sharpit nails and muckle bolts tae stab oor shanks, an' stabbit thro the soles o' oor shoon an sen' us hirplin. But, we haud oor tongues, wi' nae girnin as the months gang bye.

Whit trials still tae thole - a kist o' bolts, nuts and washers scaittert roon like cauf sae sair tae oor een, an' wairst o' a' thae rousty washers fit Jack's pinba' machine, but we haud oor tongues wi' nae girnin.

Wi' oor respects tae yer Commodore,

Yours etc.

JACK VINESTOCK.



OUR FRONT COVER

The photograph was supplied by the Central Regional Council Sports Development Scheme via Andrew J. Michie.

It is interesting that Dan Trotter and Iain McDonald are members of Forth C.C. and, if one adds Dave Cuthill from the same club, and Martin Roe, to the three in the photograph, you have the "Central Belters" Team that won the Scottish Bat Polo Championships, beating the Forth "A" team by the convincing margin of 7 - 1. Regrettably the prizes were with-held from the Central Belters because they were not a club affiliated to the S.C.A. However, under the label "Scotland" they will have the pleasure of playing at Crystal Palace.

The three in the photograph did not represent a club affiliated to the S.C.A. when they won the B.C.U. Div 1 Slalom Team prize and the Mike Jones Memorial Trophy. Such inconsistency is surely something that requires the immediate attention of the S.C.A. Council and they should instruct their committees accordingly. So long as participants are all members of the S.C.A. it matters not how they are grouped. Under the S.C.A. Constitution clubs are of little consequence and don't even have a vote to put this matter right.

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SPRINT RACING

Hopefully 1981 will see a return to the larger fields and more competitive racing of previous years. For most, the opportunity to see the results of their winter's training will come at Strathclyde on May 10th. Included in a full programme will be Scottish Championship events in the following classes:-

- MEN 1,000m K1, K2 and K4 Open, novice and junior.
- 10,000m K4 Open and novice
- 6,000m K4 Junior.
- LADIES 500m K2 and K4
- 6,000m K4
- ESPADA 3,000m K4

Incorporated in Kirkcaldy C.C.'s Regatta at Lochore on June 6th will be the Espada K2 Championship races over the appropriate distances for each class. This event, held for the first time last year, proved very popular and deserved much better support.

Both these events should provide a chance to put a competitive edge on performances for the forthcoming Commonwealth Regatta.

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SOCIAL, PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

We welcome to the KAYAK Editorial Board one of the club stalwarts: T. Douglas Wilson, to replace Andy Morton who unfortunately had to resign. Our Douglas Wilson is not the one whose name appears on the S.C.A. Coaching Committee and there is no connection between the two.

Dougie is already up to the lug'oles in the work, and his literary gems litter the pages of this issue.

It was a pleasant surprise to have a recent visit to David Tuttle frustrated by the arrival at the hospital coinciding with his departure for a party in town. Strapped into the front seat of a pal's car, Dave was as cheerful as ever and rarin' to go. It would be surprising if he was back in time to meet the Ward Sister's 11.30 p.m. deadline!

An afternoon's enjoyment spectating at the Bat Polo Championships was slightly marred by the thought that there was no doctor in attendance. Luckily the only incident witnessed hardly ranked as an emergency. It is not known what record these events have of injuries, but it did appear that there was a fair element of risk involved, and the presence of at least a trained First Aider would be desirable. Any volunteers to carry the "Wee Black Bag" at future events?

It was encouraging to watch on a recent very cold and windy Sunday, a group from the Kirkcaldy club out training on the canal at Ratho. Intended as a change from their usual Sunday stint on Kinghorn Loch, the fact that they were out in such conditions showed a dedication which will be reflected in the results this year. Their coach, David Maycock, who was braving the elements with them in a lovely veneer K1, had reservations about too much use of the canal for K-boat training, maintaining that a lot of paddling in such comparatively shallow water can play havoc with one's stroke. An interesting point which some of you might like to discuss with David sometime.

Great efforts have always been made to get the parents of our members involved in the running of events so that all our members could paddle whilst the judging, time-keeping, safety boats, stewarding and entry-taking etc. were all in the hands of non-paddlers.

It is therefore with some dismay that one reads of the suggestion to have a Parents' class in the Tweed Race. Surely if there are parents all that keen to have a paddle on the Tweed, a social outing on the river could easily be arranged on some sunny Sunday at another time, and leave the pot hunting and glory to the youngsters.

It is never a good thing for parents to muzzle in on the prerogative of their off-spring.

If any of our readers should still have a copy of the FEBRUARY 1978 issue of KAYAK and it wouldn't break their heart to part with it, the Editorial Keeper of the files would really be eternally grateful to have it returned to repair a regrettable omission in our records. Please 'phone Jack Cuthill - 031-447-3954.

Friday 13th turned out to be a surprisingly lucky day for the many past and present members of Glasgow University Canoe Club who attended the Athletic Club Centenary Gala on that evening.

About eighty members and their friends turned up and even some of the auld enemy from Glasgow "Tech" were to be seen at the pool side.

The evening was organised around a series of Team events with a total of four teams competing in a number of light hearted and not so light hearted competitions. There was a Mini Slalom, a Chariot race, relays, Bat polo and the inevitable Rolling competitions.

F.C.C. dignitaries, Kelso Riddell and Andy Merton were to be seen competing for the winning team, the "Former Commodores", and each received a Cadbury's Egg for their efforts. When one considers the mean tricks and professionalism employed by the team, it was about all they deserved.

The evening concluded with a riotous party at a nearby flat from which your contributor had to extricate himself at an early stage due to a demanding training schedule (well, that's his excuse, there are rumours he is past it).

G.U.C.C. may not figure well in the Ranking lists which abound, but they deserve a large "pot" for retaining their position as number one Social Club in Scotland. Moreover, not only did Club members enjoy themselves on the thirteenth, the proceeds from the "entry fees" were donated to that special fund on the go at the moment. Congratulations G.U.C.C.

New Trophies for Canal Race

The Forth and Clyde Marathon is fast becoming one of the top races in Scotland due mainly to the efforts and enthusiasm of its organiser Hugh McGinlay. A local sportsman who competes himself occasionally, Hugh has done much to encourage canoeing in the Falkirk area. The race is designed with the local youngsters in mind and the course, although quite long, is safe and pleasant to paddle. Parents and friends have little difficulty in following the progress of the event and the finish is in the town itself where the press have easy access to good shots.

Prizes have always been of the highest quality due to the backing of the District Sports Council, and this year they have been enhanced with the addition of four new perpetual trophies which will be awarded to Junior and Lady paddlers.

DON'T MISS THE RACE - 17th MAY.

SPECIAL SELECTION EVENT

The S.C.A. White Water Committee have decided to hold a special selection event for the Commonwealth Championships on SUNDAY, 12th JULY. Further details will be published later.

GRANDTULLY

At long last Grandtully is on the verge of being legally S.C.A. property. All the preliminaries have now been completed and there just remains a legal document or two to be signed. Our neighbours who own the river banks are co-operative, so there can be no holding us back now. There is no time to be wasted if we are to host the Commonwealth events at Grandtully in August.

A sense of urgency will have to be built up among the Scottish canoeists to get the place properly fitted out and looking respectable for our international visitors.

ALL SCOTTISH CANOEISTS SHOULD BE MEMBERS OF THE S.C.A. START PERSUADING YOUR FRIENDS NOW.

SJOA 81 (NORWAY) AFTER CANOE '81.

1st and 2nd AUGUST 1981

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For the first time, in the year of 1981, Norway is going to stage its first international wild water race. 1981 will be the 10th anniversary of Norwegian slalom and wild water canoeing. The first competition was organised by the introducer of this sport to Norway - Karel Stork, from Czechoslovakia, now a Norwegian citizen. It was a slalom on the river Lysakerelven in the outskirts of Oslo. Since then the interest for slalom and wild water canoeing has gradually increased, spreading over the country. There are now 12 clubs with about 200 paddlers in the southern parts of Norway who take interest in the sport.

For those who don't know; the word "slalam" is an old Norwegian word where "sla" means a track and "lam" means a hillside. You also have the expression the "Telemark turn"; Telemark is a famous skiing area in Norway. Both terms originally stem from skiing of course, which has very long traditions in Norway.

The natural conditions for canoeing on rivers in Norway should, however, also imply an early start of slalom and wild water canoeing in this country. Well, at last we are on our way. This is why we now want to stage our first international wild water race on the river which by experienced foreign paddlers has been termed as the best canoeing river in the whole of Europe, the river Sjoa. Sjoa is visited every summer by paddlers from Britain, Germany and France. The judgement is unanimous; beautiful.

The river coming from the glaciers in the Jotunheimen mountain area and running into the Gudbrandsdalen valley contains about 30 km of continuous paddleable wild water of all grades. The upper 15 km, the Murudalen, being unsuitable for river racing, is one of the most exciting and scenic stretches of non-stop wild water in Norway. This is followed by the 10 km very fast racing course from Bjolstadmo to Faukstad which among others runs through a deep gorge, "Juvet". The course consists of fast flowing water of varying grade from III to a good IV or V depending on the water level. There are big waves and some diagonal stoppers and a few boils, but there are just no boat-wrecking rocks anywhere. Since Sjoa is a glacier river there will always be plenty of water in the summer.

The wild water course is followed by some flat bits and then there are some really heavy grade VI stretches which can only be paddled by very experienced paddlers. This ends up in a sudden fall which must not be paddled under any circumstances.

There are also other nice white water rivers in the area which would take too long to describe in this little space.

The organisers therefore invite all experienced paddlers from any club to take part in Sjoa 81 on the 1st and 2nd of August, just after Bala 81. Entries will be accepted in all classes, individual and team.

For further information and entry forms please write to:-

ODD AANSTAD,
HOVLANDSVEIEN 138
3250 LARVIK
NORWAY.

COMMODORE'S COMMENT

At the Crystal Palace Exhibition last week it was sad to note that the folding canoe has at last disappeared from manufacturers stands. Only about 15 years ago it was compulsory to paddle a folding (F1 class) canoe in Division I slaloms, and top paddlers were experimenting with straps for thigh and hip grips. The eskimo roll was occasionally demonstrated as a herculean feat. Now I note that even glassfibre has been usurped by other materials - many manufacturers offer diolen construction as standard - and several designs are available for ABS or similar vacuum or centrifugally moulded boats. I wonder what kayaks will be made from in another 15 years.

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Congratulations to the Forth C.C. Juniors who came back from Crystal Palace with medals for Canoe Polo. They have clearly shown that this is a game where teamwork is more important than individual ability, and practice together more than lonely training. If they keep pestering me for sessions as persistently as over the last few weeks then we can expect great things by this time next year.

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While the general theme of this column is exhibitions, may I remind you that there should be several discount bargains available at the Scottish Canoe Exhibition next month. I spoke to some of the exhibitors at London, and they indicated that it would be well worth hanging on till the show to get paddles, lifejackets, spraydecks and other accessories. So try not to break your paddles for another couple of weeks. Certainly some of the discounts available at Crystal Palace were well worth the trip. With inflation running at about 15% for the man in the street and yet another oil price rise due shortly (remember resin for GRP canoes comes from oil) it makes sense to take advantage of these exhibitions to get fully kitted-out early in the year at bargain prices, even if this does break the bank for a time. We picked up some seconds paddles for £12; they normally retail for £27 plus carriage, and by the end of the year they may well be about £30. So, if you are a junior, start to behave well and sweet-talk your parents; if you are a wage earner, cut your hair and talk nicely to your bank manager.

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Congratulations to our F.C.C. slalomists, Jock and Bluebell, British C2 Champions, and Dan Trotter and Iain McDonald, members of the team which won the British Slalom Team Championship. Our ladies in particular are to be congratulated with Kathy McLeod top Scot in Div I and Val Adamson top Scot in Div II.

R.K.R.

W.W. SCENE

The first two W.W. races of 1981 were held in very contrasting weather conditions. Competitors on the Teith launched in the car-park into a very swollen river and, at one stage, were paddling in a blizzard.

Compared to this, Thistlebrig II, three weeks later, was almost balmy, with the water on the low side.

Both events, however, produced some interesting racing, most classes on the Teith being closely contested, with Gardner getting within a second of Andy Morton's winning time in the Open section. Outstanding at Thistlebrig were Kenny Fraser's excellent run in under 13 minutes, and the times of Scott Ramage and Lynda Morrison in the respective Divisions C. David Wolfe celebrated his promotion with a good victory in Division B. E.U.C.C. are to be congratulated on organising the event a lot better than previously.

Prize winners at these events were:-

TEITH 4.1.81

<u>OPEN MEN</u>	A. Morton.	FORTH,	15.20	<u>OPEN LADIES</u>	S.Ward	Fife	17.22
	P. Gardner	G.U.C.C.	15.21		J. Wilson	EUCC	17.24
<u>DIV C</u>	D. Wolfe.	FORTH	15.52	<u>DIV C (L)</u>	N.Adamson	FORTH	18.07
	R. Montgomery	Irv.	15.55		S.Malone	Wal.H.S.	18.14
<u>C.1.</u>	M. Rawson	Dalguise	17.34	<u>JUN</u>	A. Bownes	RWSABC	16.01
<u>G.2.</u>	Young/Munro	FORTH	17.22	<u>JUV</u>	S. Russell	Ind.	19.34

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THISTLEBRIG II 25.1.81

<u>OPEN MEN</u>	K. Fraser	Rox.	12.57	<u>C.1.</u>	M. Rawson	Dalguise	15.56
	A. Eastwood	GKC	13.13	<u>C.2.</u>	Laing/Lees	F.C.A.G.	16.22
<u>DIV B.(M)</u>	D. Wolfe	FORTH	13.52	<u>DIV B (L)</u>	G.Robbie	Stirling	14.30
<u>DIV C.(M)</u>	S. Ramage	FORTH	13.43		D.Riddell-Black	S.U.C.C.	15.40
	M. Forde	FORTH	14.26	<u>DIV C (L)</u>	L.Morrison	FORTH	14.23
					A.Millar	E.U.C.C.	16.11
<u>TEAMS</u>	<u>W.W.</u> Eastwood/Gardner/Liddon	GKC	14.16				
	Sla. Brown/Bownes/Chapman	Scratch	15.29				

<u>SLALOM (M)</u>	G. Wilson	FORTH	15.18
<u>(L)</u>	N. Adamson	FORTH	-

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A thing I've observed which perturbs me somewhat is the lack of rescue technique displayed by a large number of the Sprint/Marathon and W/W paddlers.

On several occasions over the last couple of seasons I've observed efforts following a capsized which have been inept to put it mildly, the necessity to get the swimmer out of the cold water quickly appearing to be less important than retrieving his canoe and paddle. I appreciate there are difficulties involved in effecting a rescue in a K-boat, but a drill should be evolved and practiced so that those involved are got ashore as quickly as possible by the same method. Perhaps a session devoted to such techniques could be included in a Sprint/Marathon training day at Stirling. It is assumed that all competitors are aware of the rule that they are bound to go to the aid of a fellow competitor in difficulties even if it means the sacrifice of winning. Failing to do so means disqualification. T.D.W.

COMING EVENTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

1981					Organiser
March	1st	Nith W/W Race.	C - Open	...	6
"	15th	Grandtully W/W Race	A-B-Open-Scottish Champs	selection event N.B. Postal entries only.	7
"	21st	Surf Selection event	- Fraserburgh.	...	17
"	21/22nd	Fairnilee Slalom	2-3-J-Can.-Scottish Univ.Champs..		30
"	28/29th	Scottish Canoe Exhibition,	Meadowbank.		
April	4/5th	Home International Surf Champs	- Bude		
"	4th	Awe Marathon	...	...	16
"	5th	Awe W/W Race	B-C-Open	...	16
"	4/5th	Comrie Slalom I	4-N-J-Can.	...	9
"	11th	Canal/Kelvin Marathon	...	...	22
"	11-12th	B.U.S.F. Slalom Champs	- Grandtully - confined-J...		4
"	18-19th	Grandtully Premier Slalom	1-J- ...	...	31
"	25-26	Netherton Bridge Slalom	2-3-J- ...	...	36
May	2-3rd	S.E. Scotland Surf Comp.	- Seacliff, North Berwick..		26
"	2-3rd	Teith Slalom	4-N-J ...	...	11
"	3rd	Tweed L.D.	...	...	24
"	10th	Scottish Sprint Regatta	- Strathclyde Park	...	3
"	17th	Forth & Clyde Canal Marathon	...	...	21
"	23-24th	Awe Slalom	2-3-J ...	...	37
"	30th	Regatta	- Kirkintilloch	...	28
"	30-31st	Leny Slalom	N-J ...	...	8
"	30-31st	N.E.Scot. Surf Comp.,	Sandend, near Cullen	...	14
"	31st	Cumbrae L.D.	- Scot. K2 Marathon Champs	...	12
June	6th	Kirkcaldy Regatta	- Lochore Meadows-Espada & K2 Champs.		15
	7th	Lubnaig Marathon	2

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37. M. Forde, F.C.C., 143, Warrender Park Road, Edinburgh. EH9 1DT.

COALIE PARK BOATING CLUB INAUGURAL CANOEING REGATTA

SATURDAY, 16th MAY 1981

WATER OF LEITH - BELOW JUNCTION STREET BRIDGE, LEITH

ALL CANOES AND STANDARDS OF COMPETENCE WELCOME

Full details will be published in "Evening News" later
or 'phone Trevor Knox 031-554-1456 for information

SCOTTISH SLALOM RANKINGSLADIES DIV IBCU Rank

5	Kathy McLeod	Forth
6	Nonie Coulthard	D.U.C.C.
13	Lynda Morrison	Forth
14=	Nanette Adamson	Forth
14=	Jane Wilson	EUCC
-	Gill Robbie	Forth

DIV I C2

1	Young/Munro	Forth
8	Hamilton/McMorrin	U.V.S.
10	Cuthill/Brown	Forth

PREMIER DIV MEN

27=	Neil Baxter	Forth
46	George Robertson	GKC (demoted)

DIV I MENBCU Rank

6	Dan Trotter	Y	Forth
7	Iain McDonald		Forth
The above are promoted to premier			
34	Alan Eastwood		GKC
54	Eric Milne		Forth
78=	Alan Meikle		Linlithgow

The following have no points for short season, they remain in Div I

Gordon Anderson	Dundee
Gareth Davies	Selkirk
Russell Johnson	Stirling
Brian Moore	Fife CAG

The following are promoted to Div I

Martin Rowe	Fife CAG
Alan Ashby	Strathclyde Univ.

The following have been demoted to Div 2.
D.Cuthill, T.Liddon, G.Mowatt, G.Tough.

Congratulations to those who have been promoted. However it is obvious that the depth of class in Scottish Div 1 is still desperately shallow. The ladies and the 3 premier paddlers, and Jock and Bluebell show strong promise as world championship material, but for the majority the rewards at the top are not inspiring sufficient effort.

FORTH CC JUNIORSMEDALS FROM CRYSTAL PALACE

"OUR LADS": Derek Newport, Kevin Marron, Tony Leaver, Gerry Moffatt, Angus "Paddy" Dickson. Reserve "Our Lad" Moray Simon. Team Coach: Dave Shearer and Blue Teddy. Team Manager and transit smasher extraordinaire: Kelso Riddell.

Production of this article Louise Henderson (also chief cheer-leader). Assistant cheer leaders Sue Ledingham and Cynthia 'Bash-my-head' Berry.

We arrived at the Hilton, Park Lane, about 9 o'clock but decided that the Astor Hostel in Chelsea was a higher class joint. At £4.60 a night it was also slightly cheaper. After a plate of spaghetti in Victoria we had a quick tourist eyeball around Piccadilly and central London before returning to the basement disco in the Astor.

Following a substantial breakfast of a cup of coffee and a roll and jam, we arrived at Crystal Palace about 10 a.m. to wander around the show but with strict instructions to watch every senior session of Polo. It was disappointing to watch the Scotland Senior team beaten 3-1 by Germany but we could see clearly that teamwork counts in this game more than individual ability.

Sunday morning Gerry and Paddy allowed us to sleep till 8 o'clock, and following another huge repast of coffee and a roll (each) the team set off for a warm-up session in the pool. At last came the semi-final, against the Keyhaven Bandits. We really thought the lads were leaving it rather late when the score was still 0-0 at half time. But after a pep-talk from David Cuthill and some frantic cheering and teddy waving from Sue, Cynthia and Louise, Paddy surprised us all by not fumbling a pass to the centre, not missing the goal, and actually scoring twenty seconds before the final whistle. Into the final.

To celebrate getting into the final, Kelso took us all out of the Crystal Palace site to try to find a more expensive salad roll than the paltry 45p they were charging in the exhibition, but a minor argument with a London lady driver put paid to that outside the main gates. The team made do with a packet of peanuts and returned to the exhibition ready for the final against Luton Tigers, while Kelso and Dave Shearer straightened out the transit bodywork and the local casualty department straightened out Cynthia's hairdo. Unfortunately they were too late back to support 'Our Lads' which is probably why they were just beaten 3-0. However, they are the first Scottish team to come back from Crystal Palace with medals, and can take consolation from being the second best Junior Canoe Polo team in Britain.....Two hours across London, a quick carry-out kebab, and on to the M1, with forewarnings of snow. A good run home to bed about 3.30am. The Commodore would like to know who got to school on Monday at 9am.

CANOEING ON THE CHEAP

Following a blunder on the fall before the finish of the Teith W.W.R., Kelpie and its owner parted company, the canoe continuing downstream at a rate of knots, the paddler coming ashore very cold and suitably abashed. Owing to the state of the river, the rescue boats at the finish were unable to halt Kelpie, which has not been seen since.

Built (some would say "hand-knitted") at a school in Durham, Kelpie was bought very second-hand in 1975 for £25 including spray-deck, and served as an introduction to the sport for her new owner. A "sort-of-Soar-Valley-type-thing", she proved an ideal beginner's boat, having a roomy cockpit and excellent stability. On her first outing in new hands the only problem was the width of the canal, not the length of it. Having overcome the usual learner's difficulty in making forward progress, other skills followed and the following years saw Kelpie paddled in waters as distant as the Sound of Sleat and the River Thames.

Her owner having enrolled in Forth C.C., Kelpie will be remembered by many as their first 'command'. On the competition scene, she displayed her versatility by taking part in Long Distance and White Water events, and she was in great demand for the slalom class at regattas. Paddled by a variety of youngsters, she was seldom unplaced. In fact, she was the fastest slalom boat overall at Thistlebrig in the event before her finale.

Over the years, Kelpie has been joined in her 'stable' by a number of other canoes, as her owner's ambition expanded, and these have all cost an awful lot more than she did. But I am willing to bet that none will provide the pleasure and satisfaction that she did, and I can assure any youngster reading this that it is not necessary to spend a lot of money to enjoy yourself and be competitive in this sport.

T.D.W.

GET YOUR CANAL PERMIT BEFORE 30th MARCH, 1981

CANAL CHARGES 1981FORTH & CLYDE (EXCL. BOWLING), MONKLAND & UNION CANALS

Charges for boating on the above Canals have not been changed since 1975. Inflation has been rampant in the intervening years and it is therefore proposed to increase the charges as follows:-

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| a) Canoes - £6 per annum | (was £3) |
| b) All other hulls (excluding engines) £8 per annum | (was £4) |
| c) Engine Surcharge £6 per annum | (was £4) |

These charges will become effective from and after 30th March 1981. Apply for your permit to:
British Waterways Board, Old Basin Works, Applecross Street,
Glasgow G4 9SP.

As before, these charges do not apply to craft which operate for hire or reward, where special rates will be agreed which will in general be considerably higher than the private use figure.

LEUKAEMIA SPONSORED CANOE EVENT

On SUNDAY, 14th JUNE, 1981, a sponsored canoe event is being run to raise funds for Leukaemia Research at Edinburgh Royal Hospital for Sick Children. The event will be run on the River Tay from Stanley to Perth, a distance of ten miles on grade 2/3 water.

The groups will be divided as follows:-

1. Sponsored paddlers paddling purely for pleasure with the incentive of a new canoe as a prize for the paddler who raises and deposits the largest sum raised through their sponsorship.
2. Sponsored groups from Schools or Clubs paddling for pleasure with a new canoe-trailer as a prize and the Lennie Muirhead Memorial Trophy (to be held for one year) for the group raising and depositing the largest sum raised through their sponsorship. A group shall consist of not less than four and not more than eight paddlers. (We also have a canoe for 2nd prize in this section).
3. The Donald Marshall Memorial Trophy - a race for the competitive paddler with the Trophy as first prize (to be held for one year). Entrants for this race must be sponsored or pay a £2.00 entry fee. Starting at Kinclaven Bridge this will be a ranking event.

Groups 1 and 2 will start between 10 a.m. and noon, and rescue boats will be in position at Stanley Weir and Thistle Brig.

Group 3 will start at 12.00 noon.

All paddlers must have a lifejacket/harishock, spray deck, helmet and paddle in groups of not less than three.

To be considered for a prize, all money raised must be deposited by the 3rd JULY 1981 and bank receipt forwarded to:

Ron Day, Hawthorn Cottage, Main Street, Ratho,
Midlothian. EH28 8RT. Telephone No. 031-333-1429

It is hoped that there will be a large entry for this event, thereby assisting to raise funds for a worthwhile cause as well as promoting a greater interest in this sport.

Why not bring the whole family and make a day of it.

SPONSOR FORMS AND ANY FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE SENT ON REQUEST.....
PLEASE SEND A STAMPED AND ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO RON DAY as above.

Thanks are due to B. & S. Trailers, 10 Newlandrig, By Gorebridge, Midlothian and A.S. Ramage (Canoes), Kinleith Industrial Estate, Currie, Midlothian for their sponsorship in providing major prizes for the 1981 event; Also Forth Canoe Club who have undertaken the responsibility of running the competitive section of this event.

FORTH CANOE CLUB (Affiliated to S.C.A.)

GRANDTULLY WILD WATER RACE

SUNDAY, 15th MARCH, 1981

DIVISIONS A, B and OPEN. Held under B.C.U. Rules

COURSE As in previous years, distance approximately 5 km.
Grade II for most of the course. Grandtully Falls Grade III - IV.

START The race start is at 10.30 a.m.
All competitors are to launch from the pre-start point at least 30 minutes before their race start time.
The Pre-start is at the monument adjacent to the river when leaving Aberfeldy by the B846 (Kinloch Rannoch Road).
The actual race start is at the Lagg, 2½ miles below the pre-start.

FINISH The finish will be about 350 metres below the bottom fall at Grandtully.

ENTRIES Must be on W.W. Entry Cards including the appropriate fee and proof of BCU/SCA membership.

Entries should be sent to: David Wolfe,
4, West Clifton Cottages,
East Calder, West Lothian. EH53 0HT.

<u>FEES</u>	Division A	...	£1.50	(Men and Ladies)
	Division B and Open..		1.00	
	Teams	...	2.10	

CHEQUES ETC. SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO FORTH CANOE CLUB

Entries should arrive no later than the 3rd of MARCH.
A start list will be sent to those including two S.A.E.
N.B. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

SAFETY Competitors must abide by the B.C.U. rules regarding safety and conduct during the race. Competitors with boats not clearly numbered cannot be guaranteed timed runs.

PRACTICE: Competitors wishing to practise should do so on Sunday morning. It will help our relations with the fishing interest if Saturday practice is kept to a minimum.

PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded in the following classes according to entries:

Div A Men's K1	Div A Men's C2
Div B Men's K1	Open K1 Men
Div A Ladies' K1	Open K1 Ladies
Div A Men's C1	Team event.
Youth and under 16 classes	

The prize giving will take place in the old station yard at Grandtully after the finish of the team event.

PARKING: Competitors and spectators are urged to park their cars in the old station yard at Grandtully.
Cars must NOT be parked at the LAGG.

SCOTTISH PADDLERS This event combines the Scottish White Water Racing Championships and a selection event for the Scottish Team.

All Scottish paddlers are eligible for entry.

Scottish Championship prizes will also be awarded at the end of the team event.

ENQUIRIES: Any evening to David Wolfe: Tel. 031-333-3836.

SCIENNES BATHS The last session of this year will be on Tuesday, 7th April. There will be no baths sessions on the 14th and 21st April due to the school Easter Holidays.

CRAIGLOCKHART The first of our summer sessions will start at Craiglockhart on Monday the 27th of April at 6.30 p.m. All arrangements will be as for last year but just to remind you they are reproduced below.

Locker keys will be issued on production of a current F.C.C. membership card (so hurry and pay your membership now!)

Cars will not be allowed into the lower car park even for depositing and uplifting of canoes.

The weekly charge of 30p may well have to be increased in view of our deficit on this operation last year. The exact level of the new charges will have to be decided by the club committee and will be intimated in due course.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE.....

Rates:	Senior ...	£5
	Junior ...	3 (under 18 on 1st January)
	Family ...	7.50
	Canal Hut storage.....	4.00

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHEQUES ETC. (Made payable to Forth Canoe Club) to:

David Wolfe,
4, West Clifton Cottages,
East Calder, W.Loathian, EH53 0HT.

RIVER RACING ROUND UP

As happened last year, events are proving anything but monotonous. Water levels have been very high at some races and rarely have consecutive races been won by the same paddlers.

Div C and B races have been quite well attended and Paul Gardner, (G.U.C.C.) and David Wolfe, deserve congratulations for moving from Div C to Div A within three months! Other paddlers from Forth who have been placed first or second in their classes at one or more events are: Miles Forde, Lynda Morrison, Nanette Adamson, Pete Easson, Grant Wilson and Brian Chapman.

In the Senior A class Kenny Fraser, from Hawick, and last year's winner of the Scottish Championships, is proving hard to beat, and should top the Ranking List and win the Scottish Champs again if he can maintain his form.

Readers of SCAN will note that there are to be two teams taken abroad this year and that selection will be based primarily on results attained at Makerstoun and Grandtully. This latter event, which is the Scottish Championship event again this year, is organised by Forth CC. We shall be looking for your help in running this and also the Tweed L.D. (3 May) and the Awe Slalom 23/24 May.

As Touring Secretary, my aim is to encourage rather than organise touring. I see the job as being the collection and dissemination of information - what canoes are available, who has got a towbar, who is keen but lacks transport, who is thinking of organising a tour. I am particularly keen to promote touring for those without experience (such as me).

For touring on the sea or lochs, there are a number of lath and canvas canoes at Granton. As most potential tourists are not accustomed to these boats, there will be paddling sessions on Wednesday evenings from Granton whenever the weather is suitable. This will start at 18.30 on 22nd April. Please bring suitable clothing, life jacket and paddle.

There will be an "Introduction to touring" evening at Jack Cuthill's house on Monday 2nd March at 1900.

There will probably be a tour over the Easter Weekend on Loch Lomond. John Young (Senior) has provisionally agreed to lead this. As it is likely to be cold, accommodation will be in Youth Hostels. Please, would those interested let me know so I can book ahead.

As well as touring, I will try and co-ordinate surfing, Tweed trips for Juniors etc. As these events are usually laid on at the last minute - after seeing the Friday weather forecast - I need to know who is keen and can get hold of his equipment in time. Those without lifejackets, paddles or spraydecks will receive little encouragement.

The amount of fun we can have will be in direct proportion to the information exchanged and the individual efforts of those who want to participate. Now is the time to ensure you have the kit you will need.

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THE COMPASS ADVENTURE CENTRE, 11 West Granton Road, Edinburgh.

Some curiosity has been expressed about the who, why and wherefore of the Compass Adventure Centre where our club does its canoe building.

It is a loose umbrella sort of organisation having under its cover Scouts, Guides, Youth Centres, individuals, the Universities and the Forth Canoe Club, all affiliated and free to make use of its facilities. Under its constitution it is also bound to give some facilities to the local youth at Granton.

The F.C.C. pays an affiliation fee which gives its members the use of the facilities which includes a Club Room in the Centre.

It was started by Jack Cuthill, assisted by Jack Vinestock, about 20 years ago and lives on a local authority grant plus affiliation fees, membership fees, and storage fees.

Basically its aim is to provide facilities and advice on canoeing and sailing at cost price to all who wish to participate.

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