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E D I T O R I A L

There was never any way that Canoe '81, The Triple World Championships, could be repeated at the "Commonwealths". Grandtully is not Bala, and Strathclyde Park no Holme Pierrepont. But in terms of relative resources in budget, manpower and equipment, it could be said that the Championships just concluded here in Scotland were an equally commendable effort.

It was obvious that a lot of people had worked very hard to make a success of these events and there would appear to be no doubt that the gratitude expressed by the Commonwealth Canoeing Federation officials at their conclusion was sincere. Equally gratifying was to hear these sentiments echoed by the team leaders themselves.

As was said at one closing Ceremony, it would not be right to select individuals for praise because the outcome was the result of team effort, both official and "press ganged". The efforts of the Slalom, Sprint and White Water Committees were obvious and have been duly recognised. Equally deserving are those S.C.A. officials whose duty it was to meet with and represent the Association to the visiting dignitaries. This was particularly evident on the part of our S.C.A. President who was to be seen at various venues many hundreds of miles apart in his official capacity, and the way in which he carried out his ambassadorial duties was remarked upon.

No doubt these Championships will have their critics within Scotland. There were problems, but most of these were overcome, and for something that was largely a first attempt, the results were completely gratifying. Many lessons have been learned, much experience gained, and with it the knowledge that we can confidently look forward to hosting an even more successful series when the Championships return in 1986.

T.D.W.

Although this project has taken many hundreds of thousands of pounds and three years to bring it to fruition, it was a low budget World Champs compared to Jonquierre in 1979. The River Trywerwyn was altered at many points particularly the slalom site, to make the most of the smallish river.

The White Water Race events were dominated by the French, who took 7 out of the 10 available gold medals. The race was lost to Britain on the shallow flat stretches after the slalom site. Jeremy Hibble was 10 seconds up on splits at the slalom site but lost it all and more to the superior French team. This French team have been training together for most of this year and making the most of the available water releases on the Trywerwyn. They also had faster hulled boats - more semi-circular than the D shaped British boats. I arrived there just before the slalom and the atmosphere was one of shock amongst the British camp. There was also some doubtful timing in the white water race. It would appear that the characteristically stubborn white water individualist is a breed which has difficulty organising their own events be it World or Commonwealth championships.

RESULTS SUMMARY

<u>K1 MEN</u>	FRANCE	26.18.03	ITALY	26.26.54	GBR (4th)	26.38.00
<u>C1 MEN</u>	FRANCE	30.15.67	FRANCE	30.37.98	GBR (8th)	31.53.94
<u>C2 MEN</u>	FRANCE	29.21.33	FRANCE	29.36.89	GBR (7th)	30.39.52
<u>K1 L</u>	FRANCE	28.58.82	BRD	29.00.87	GBR (3rd)	29.26.22
<u>K1 T</u>	FRANCE	26.39.45	GBR	26.57.27		
<u>K1 LT</u>	BRD	29.54.65	SWISS	30.29.85		
<u>C1 T</u>	FRANCE	31.12.58	U.S.A.	32.12.07		
<u>C2 T</u>	FRANCE	29.56.70		31.12.15		
<u>C2 Mix</u>	U.S.A.	31.01.88				

The weather was absolutely dreadful for the slalom. The military music that was sometimes played, kindled a Great War atmosphere which matched the ankle deep mud which appeared all down the bankside and around the sideshows.

The event was extremely well organised from every point of view except press interest and TV coverage. There was not sufficient fuss made over the brilliant wins by Richard Fox the new World Champion, and the Golds won by the K1 and C2 teams plus the ladies silver winning team.

The course was not very good for large numbers of spectators as it was difficult to see much of it at once, but it was great for the competitors who had the benefit of the entire left bank segregated off for pass holders only. The overkill factor on the organisation was enormous. A team of about 70 results-checkers in addition to two shifts of judges - in specially constructed huts - and a large timing team communicated over a vast radio and telephone network. The commentary by Rodney Witter was brilliant and many people just watched the leader board and listened to the commentary. The bulk of the ladies were of a disappointing standard and didn't seem to have worked out the gates before starting. Liz Sharman was particularly below par especially where I saw her on gate 24. A very large and very informed crowd roared their approval as a French girl spun for 24 rather than mess up the direct line as all the previous girls had done. The crowd, who outroared the water, was a fantastic boost for the British competitors. Jim Dolan visibly speeded up when he heard "DO IT FOR SCOTLAND JIM!" from our hardy band of Scots supporters. Jim finished tenth.

The /

The Americans Dominated the Canadian class events and although Jock and Bluebell ended the first runs of the individual by being knocked into second place by the French Calori/Calori, the second runs started coming in with a vengeance and they were chopped ruthlessly down to sixth position. This is still the best ever result in British World Championship C2 individual. The C2 event was won by Garvis/Garvis, U.S.A. This is a great result for them as they invented the close cockpit C2, the biggest revolution in canoeing since fibreglass.

The American C1s were really impressive to watch and the raw animal aggression displayed on Jon Lugbill and David Hearne's runs made their boats explode through the waves. The C1 team event was won by Lugbill/Lugbill/Hearne and would have placed them 2nd in the men's Kayak team event! The C1s are coming closer to the Kayaks because of boat positioning and stroke economy. The kayaks must learn more about letting the water do the work.

As the Team event results came in I thought Britain was going to sweep the board. However, the Men's winning Kayak run was superb. The best win of the afternoon was the C2 Team of Jock and Bluebell, Jameson and Williams, and Joce and Owen. This was completely beyond anyone but Jock Young's expectations and is a fantastic result for Britain and Scotland in particular.

RESULTS SUMMARY

K1 M	Richard Fox	GBR	211.94	
K1 L	Ulrike Deppe	BRD	257.69	(Jane Roderick 289.89 10th)
C1	Jon Lugbill	USA	234.58	(Martin Hedges 247.39 4th)
C2	Garvis/Garvis	USA	264.23	(Jock & Bluebell 281.25 6th)
C2 M	Hayman/Haller	USA	355.12	
K1 T	Fox/Wain/Kerr	GBR	246.55	
K1 LT	Deppe/Erbers/Colman	BRD		(Sharman/Small/Roderick 2nd)
C1 T	Lugbill/Lugbill/Hearne	USA	251.02	
C2 T	Munro/Young; Jamieson/Willing; Joce/Owen	GBR	338.17	

The Witters organised a GRAND PRIX slalom. This started at gate 13 and finished at gate 24. Richard Fox won over the 50 second course by 5 seconds! This type of slalom is tremendously exciting and makes very good television.

The prize-giving was held on a large sports field in front of a massive crowd. The Scots mustered under the silver saltire on blue, held proudly aloft. The sun shone, anthems played, flags flew and the Scots roared when Jock and Bluebell got their medals. The whole thing finished with a late night Riot in a marquee at which Foxy sprayed champagne and was thrown to an adoring crowd who passed him aloft and helpless on outstretched hands right around the audience.

It had been an unforgettable and brilliantly organised Slalom with great results for Britain. As for the future there will be big changes; many well known names are giving up top competition. After the lull of anticlimax new names will emerge to take on the World next time in Merano and I am sure there will be more Scots among them.

D.C.

AT THE COMMONWEALTH CHAMPS.

It was a lovely mild and sunny evening as the crowds gathered at the Victoria Park, Aberfeldy, for the Opening Ceremony of the first ever Commonwealth Canoeing Championships in White Water Racing and Slalom. All the high heid yins had gathered for the official opening at 7 p.m. and John Dudderidge, a stickler for protocol and punctuality, was beginning to get fidgety as the minutes ticked by to 7.35 p.m. This was due to the pipe band from Stirling having had difficulties on the way up. However, at long last, we had our official words of welcome from the Hon. President; official thanks to the S.C.A. for hosting the event from Frank Whitebrook, President of the Commonwealth Canoeing Federation from Australia; and finally words of cheer and good wishes for the success of the event and official opening from Peter Heatlie, President of the Scottish Sports Council.

The pipe band, having had time to get enough breath back to blow their pipes, led a march, headed by the V.I.Ps., of all the teams participating and proudly carrying the flag of their country on high, with the local kids, dogs and holiday makers bringing up the rear. The march through the streets of Aberfeldy was orderly, dignified and good publicity for the canoeing which was to follow.

This was the curtain raiser to a week of competition and pleasant social activity. The sunshine created a relaxed atmosphere and holiday mood, and the results of the events showed a reasonable spread of medals over the participating Commonwealth teams.

During the week our KAYAK Roving Reporter took the opportunity to speak to some of the visiting team leaders to get their impressions of the week's events. The first to speak was our Australian friend, Mr. Gardner (Ian's father) who was with a bunch of his countrymen including Ian, and Robert Delderfield of the gold winning W.W. team, and Robert Crick and Larry Adams who were silver medallists in the C1 WW team event. They were all enjoying themselves, especially the lovely warm sunshine, but their main comments were about the lack of publicity. They evidently went to Aberfeldy and found that few people seemed to know anything about the Commonwealth Championships. The Australians thoroughly enjoyed the opening Ceremony and March behind the pipe band but this again should have drawn a larger crowd. However, they were in great admiration of the superb organisation of the canoeing events and the spirit of co-operation and discipline shown, was first class, they said. Mr. Gardner then declared "I watched one bloke telling seven others to go and do certain jobs on the erection of slalom gates.....and they went and did it!..... You wouldn't have done that in Australia - there are too many individualists in Australia and you just can't organise them.

One of the highlights of the Championships was the Reception given at Glenburn House for Team Leaders, various canoeing personalities, and some of the local people who were giving great help over the week's activities. After the initial introductions and drinks all round, a magnificent cold buffet was spread before the assembled gathering and everyone proceeded to eat their fill. Our Roving Reporter, armed with a wee notebook, took advantage of the situation and first of all spoke to Chris Dodd and members of the New Zealand Squad. Chris was from Hastings, and said that their main endeavour was to come to the World Championships at Bala where 7 New Zealanders competed; however 5 decided to take the Commonwealth Champs into their itinerary and they were very impressed with this part of Scotland. They were having a very enjoyable week. The slalom course was good although it was unfortunate that the water level was so low. They were especially enjoying the more relaxed atmosphere at Grandtully, allowing them to get to know competitors from other countries. They were enjoying the hospitality.

Elizabeth /

Elizabeth Hayman and Dan Isbister from Washington D.C., U.S.A. said they were having good fun and thought the event was well organized. Elizabeth said that the American Competitors were having a good holiday after the tensions of the World Champs and they were surprised to see that the Scottish organisers were treating the competition as a top grade event..... Also at their table were Sixten Bjorklund from Sweden and Renata Weilguny from Austria who were enjoying the opportunity of getting to know some of the other canoeists.

Norman Uprichard (pronounced Yooprichard) of the Canoe Association of Northern Ireland, felt that White Water Racing was not really their scene and they hadn't done very well. They were more interested in slalom and were looking forward to the competition on Saturday/Sunday. There were 11 paddlers from Northern Ireland plus himself as Leader and a few others with them. The Ferry people "Townsend Thorensen" had subsidised the trip and the team track suits were provided by Sperrin Textiles of Coleraine. They came on here from the Worlds thinking that it would be an ideal type of competition for them and would strike the sort of level that would suit the N.Ireland paddlers - a more relaxed atmosphere with just the edge of competition. They felt that the S.C.A. was doing an excellent job of organisation. "Of course", Norman continued, "another thing which made me keen to bring the team over was to get away from Northern Ireland for a spell and let them see how people live in a country free from the Troubles". They were obviously enjoying the holiday.

During the slalom competition next day a fine splash of red track-suits attracted our Reporter who went over to our Welsh friends and spoke to Roger Hayward the Team Leader. They were all happy and enjoying the event and looking on it as a holiday and relief from tension which they all felt at the World Champs. He said the weather was wonderful and such a contrast from the rain which they had at Bala. They were a bit upset at the lack of English tracksuits, but relieved to see that these turned up at the Saturday slalom.

An English Tracksuit was then spied and it was found to be worn by Brian James. He was most impressed with the organisation which he felt compared very favourably with most Class C events (i.e. Open Internationals like Merano and Monschau). He was pleased to see that the other U.K. teams were showing a great deal of improvement and was glad to see that they were developing in strength both in paddling and in numbers coming to events. Asking Brian about the Tracksuits, he said that they were for the slalom teams only. They had to pay for their own (with a little help from Adidas). He felt that the English teams were under a slight disadvantage by being under the B.C.U. umbrella without having a separate English identity. Brian hoped that the Commonwealth event would be a regular occurrence and that there would be a good representation in Australia in 1982. The sunshine had been marvellous and he thought that the S.C.A. must have a very good prayer mat.

Speaking to Robin Lang from Canada (Scottish W.W. Champion 1978) we learned that the Canadian contingent was another group to be enjoying the sunshine and relaxing after the tensions and weather of Bala. Canadian canoeing lays greater emphasis on Sprint Racing than White Water and Slalom and when the grants come to be shared out next year it may make the difference to whether or not a W.W./Slalom Team can be sent to Australia in 1982. The time involved was another factor against a Canadian Team going to Australia next year.

The Commonwealth Slalom Team events concluded the Championships on the Sunday afternoon and the President of the Commonwealth Canoeing Federation, Frank Whitebrook returned, with his wife, from Strathclyde Park in time to present the prizes and make a farewell speech. Fred Nelson our S.C.A. President, thanked all those who had contributed to the success of the event and wished those who had participated "Bon Voyage" and "Haste ye back".

This event almost got cancelled as late as May, but a small band of officials got it off the ground without sponsorship but with great help from the Scottish Sports Council.

The events started with a rolling competition at Aberfeldy, won in a time of 16.2 seconds for 10 rolls by a Welshman.

The fantastic weather made the whole event a resounding success. The atmosphere was relaxed and there was good representation from Commonwealth Countries plus a few more international teams to enhance the competition.

The Whitewater Racing Committee failed to accord to the occasion the status due to an International event and consequently their organisation was less than perfect. There was no independent back-up timing and official times were shown to be less accurate than the team managers' unofficial times. It did our case for inclusion in the next Edinburgh Commonwealth Games no good at all when a Press headline read "Commonwealth Championships results controversy". The Team event was timed with two independent finish checks plus the entire finish on clock video. The crowd were kept informed on both days by a very good commentary with split times to that point.

The Scottish organisers and teams took over the Glenburn Hotel. This turned out to be a vital factor in the success of the event as it provided the facilities for office work and team leaders' meetings around which the entire event was based. It was worth every penny. As the weekend approached, a completely new unity of purpose and realization of the scale of the event dawned upon the Scottish team and all the judges and helpers.

The Slalom ran perfectly to the split second. Results were posted on the leader board as the competitor came off the water and the commentary was excellent.

The SCATTI (SCA Timer Telephone Installation) behaved impeccably. Back-up times were recorded at start and finish. The judging was unbelievably good; there were few protests, none of which were upheld; and only two re-runs (caused by two English C2's colliding). The course was a low water level but clear of rocks. The poles were just right, making for few clear runs. The Scottish slalomists showed a new dedication studying videos over and over again, walking the course. The Scottish girls team did extremely well to get the Bronze. Jock and Bluebell were very disappointing as they had not paddled since the World Champs and put up a very poor time. John Reid did very well. He would have made the British World's team if he could have got time off for the selection event in Poland. Jim Dolan put up a great fight and was amongst the top times; he took the bronze medal. The Scotland team of Dolan/McDonald/Meikle just missed 3rd place with Jim Dolan sinking after being speared. The Scots Youths were disappointing, the B team beating the A team. I think the Scottish team can look forward to a tough winter's training.

This event has done Scottish canoeing a big favour. We have come out of it very well indeed and the S.C.A. has shown that it is possible to put on an International Slalom to a very high standard. All we need now is dam controlled water! As one of the organisers I wish to thank George Clelland the event director, and everyone who helped make the event a great success.

D.C.

A SPECIAL "THANKYOU" FROM THE SLALOM COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Organising an International Slalom has been an unusual event for the Slalom Committee, but we hope that the organisation looked well managed, despite the small hitches that were bound to occur. The slalom committee are only too aware that its success was mainly due to the scores of canoeists who turned up to assist with judging and ancillary tasks and for this the slalom committee thank you.

Morag
Boyd.

8. COMMONWEALTH CANOEING FEDERATION, SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS - GRANDTULLY 1981.
RESULTS SUMMARY

C1 MEN

1. M. Hedges	ENG	233.3
2. P. Keane	ENG	240.5
3. L. Adams	AUS	272.5
4. J. Reid	SCO	282.0

C2 MEN

1. Felton/Christensen	AUS	238.5
2. Jamieson/Williams	ENG	243.2
3. Young/Munro	SCO	260.8
7. Laing/Lees	SCO	304.8

K1 MEN

1. N. Wain	ENG	201.5
2. R. Manwaring	ENG	204.2
3. J. Dolan	SCO	206.6
18. N. Baxter	SCO	235.6

K1 MEN'S TEAM

1. ENG. Wain/Edge/Manwaring	228.1
2. AUS. Delderfield/Gardner/ Christensen	246.8
3. SCO. Dolan/MacDonald/ Meikle	250.0

K1 LADIES

1. Eliz Sharman	ENG.	217.2
2. Jane Roderick	ENG	236.8
3. Sue Garriock	ENG	243.4
5. Jane Wilson	SCO	265.9
7. Kathryn McLeod	SCO	267.0
9. Nanette Adamson	SCO	271.4
10. Louise Berry	SCO	277.2
11. Susan Ward	SCO	277.5
15. Gill Robbie	SCO	301.7

K1 LADIES TEAM

1. ENG. Sharman/Small/Roderick	272.8
2. SCO. McLeod/Wilson/Adamson	296.7
3. CAN. Charles/Henderson/Fraser	366.2

C1 MEN'S TEAM

1. ENG. Hedges/Keane/Bell	278.6
2. N. IRL. Cameron/McNally/Waring	392.1
3. SCO. Young/Reid/Munro	400.4

<u>MEDALS</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>GOLD</u>	<u>SILVER</u>	<u>BRONZE</u>
	ENGLAND	12	5	1
	AUSTRALIA	2	3	1
	SCOTLAND	-	3	9
	N. IRELAND	-	3	-
	CANADA	-	-	3
	NEW ZEALAND	-	-	-
	WALES	-	-	-

COMMONWEALTH CANOEING FEDERATION, W/W RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS - GRANDTULLY 1981
RESULTS SUMMARY

K1 MEN

1. D. Taylor	ENG	22.14.9
2. R. Campbell	ENG	22.23.8
3. K. Fraser	SCO	22.44.9
9. T. Liddon	SCO	23.32.8

C2 MEN

1. Goode/Williams	ENG	27.01.7
2. Crick/Butler	AUS	27.12.5
3. Cooper/Haydock	ENG	27.27.6
4. Tannock/Woodgate	SCO	27.30.3

K1 LADIES

1. Susan Hornby	ENG	24.24.3
2. Morna Fraser	CAN	26.00.3
3. Debbie Donovan	AUS	26.31.0
4. Gill Robbie	SCO	26.43.8
6. Linda Morrison	SCO	27.35.1
8. Jane Wilson	SCO	28.12.3

C1 MEN

1. Glen Gaynor	AUS	27.32.7
2. R. Evans	WAL	29.26.2
3. A. Stanley	ENG	30.17.8
5. J. Young	SCO	30.55.4

K1 MEN'S TEAM

1. AUS. Delderfield/Gardner/Doyle	23.37.12
2. SCO. Morton/Fraser/Liddon	23.54.55
3. ENG. Taylor/Swallow/Bayliss	24.17.88

LADIES K1 TEAM

1. ENG. Hornby/Cox/Harling	27.52.72
2. SCO. Robbie/Morrison/Wilson	28.30.28
3. WAL. Dalimor/Alexander/Hayward	Cap.

C1 MEN'S TEAM

1. SCO. Young/Meikle/Rawson	31.22.40
2. AUS. Crick/Adams/Gaynor	31.30.95
3. ENG. Stanley/Fletcher/Holloway	32.25.39

<u>MEDALS</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>GOLD</u>	<u>SILVER</u>	<u>BRONZE</u>
	ENGLAND	7	1	9
	AUSTRALIA	4	5	1
	SCOTLAND	3	6	1
	CANADA	-	1	-
	WALES	-	1	-

Tim Liddon

The Team Members were:

Kenny Fraser, Tim Liddon, David Wolfe, Ian and Alan Bownes, Miles Forde Gill Robbie, Lynda Morrison and Tom McLean (Team Manager)

Most of the team congregated in London late Wednesday night and prepared for the long drive down to Spain. The two new Merlins were tied on the roof with loving care, whilst David stretched his roof to make room for five boats, the resulting overhang caused several anxious moments, especially with the Franch customs officers.

The drive down to Spain took two days, having been held up in Paris during the rush 'three hours'! The first night was spent beside the river Loire and so we went out for a paddle. We eventually reached Andorra at midnight Friday after a long day, and we stopped for a bite to eat. Seo was only 10 km down the road and in our haste to get there both cars drove through the Spanish border, which did not amuse the guards - could have sworn that it was a garage forecourt!

We were awakened by Strathclyde University who told us that we had an hour and a half before our race! Due to the water level the race had been brought forward by two days, thus meaning that we had missed the team event. Rather reluctantly we loaded the boats and joined the cavalcade of cars for the start.

The Segre was running high and was a coffee colour - not the best conditions to race tired and unseen. Tim split his Machete open on a "solid wave", and David took in a lot of water forcing him to empty out. When the results went up Kenny had won by a clear margin and Miles had won the youth event. The ladies raced over the shorter course and also did well, Gill and Lynda taking first and second places respectively.

Tom arrived with Ian and Alan soon after the race to complete the team. The next few days were spent training on the Segre and Valira. The Segre provided some good water but the large number of rocks proved hard on the boats. The Valira was a shorter run down to the campsite, with fast rough water all the way down from the slalom site. However the Valira provided a problem in getting the transport back through a long queue of traffic waiting for customs. The Lower stretches of the Valira and Segre provided a good stretch for interval training combined with rough water.

On the last night of the festival there was a farewell meal at the campsite. Having obtained tickets for this prestigious event we looked forward to a good feast. However this was not to be; cold raw ham, smelly cheese and water melon, plus "wine" served out of five gallon drums.

Having more or less exhausted the local rivers we decided to move to Graus in preparation for the L.D. at the weekend. After a long and tedious drive we arrived in a very dry region, and the nearest campsite was said to be about 50 km from where we were at Graus. So we travelled on to Boltana where we found dry river beds - but an excellent campsite. "Perhaps it may rain overnight and bring the rivers up". That night we had a violent thunder storm - so violent that Kenny tied the new boats to the trees! Alas, however, in the morning the river had merely changed colour and had not risen.

Near to Boltana there was a large turquoise lake and so we spent a day flat water paddling - a welcome respite. After a long paddle in the morning, rounded off with a few sprints, a twenty minute time trial was in order, and fitness began to show.

The next day we paddled the Esara ; - the morning's stretch included a gorge from which most people escaped unscathed. However both Lynda /

Lynda and Gill emerged boasting successful rolls in huge stoppers!

On Sunday we had entries in the Graus L.D. This typically Spanish event started off with all the participants driving around Graus in a convoy with horns blaring and thunderflashes going off. A little different from Aberfeldy on race day. Once at the start there was utter confusion - an L.D. but it was only 5 miles - was there a Le Mans start? - why were we not going to shoot the weir? After a lot of shouting and whistle blowing all the river racers got on the water, while the K boats had the Le Mans start.

Most of us had a poor start since we didn't know whether the whistle was for us or the ladies or what. However, seeing the K boats starting assured us that we were off. It was very encouraging to have spectators all down the course, the constant cheering gave one a good lift. This was the first outing for the new Baron Merlins and they travelled well, Kenny and Tim only being beaten by one K2. Miles came 5th and David 7th. Gill paddled excellently, beating Ian, Lynda and Alan, to come in first in the Ladies.

After Graus we drove across to Sort and sadly Gill had to leave us to join Stirling University at the Dordogne Gorge. The first few runs down the Noguera Pallerosa caught people out, Ian rolling and David and Miles swimming. Though Miles must be commended for saving a drowning pink teddy bear! Unfortunately the river dropped slowly all week, but this did not deter Lynda from doing pullups on trees and frightening large snakes! The rest of us contented ourselves with paddling and trying to memorise the lines.

The organisers decided there would only be one class in the team event and so we decided to field our strongest team chosen after a time trial. We took one practice run down the course, which was pretty flat, apart from one rapid that is imprinted in Tom's memory banks and a lot of injured tourists from the "Touristic descent"! Somehow in the confusion we were the last teams to be set off. It was a long course with a lot of flat stretches where wash hanging was critical. Kenny, Tim and Miles took first place in 27.50 and David Ian and Alen took 2nd place in 28.40 despite David Wolfe temporarily losing his paddles in a tree.

The Ladies event was on the Friday over the bottom 2/3rds of the Senior course and involved several tricky rapids. The start order was somewhat confusing since one's number bore no relation to one's start time. Lynda was given no peace from a mobile support crew urging her on to take first place in 18.24.

The opposition for the senior event was unknown. All we had seen was one Frenchman who appeared to be going well. Again the start was somewhat chaotic since your number was not your start position. The top half of the course was very testing, trying to stay on line, out of the holes and stoppers, and fighting against being spun out, especially as more water had been released for the event. Once under the road bridge, however, one could increase the pace. At the finish Kenny was lying first in 23.01, the Frenchman 2nd and Tim third in 23.38. But as the last result went up it transpired that a mysterious Spaniard had come down in 22.58. David paddled a good race to come in 7th with a time of 24.18. In the Youth event Miles took first place beating Alan and Ian, who took third and fourth respectively.

Though the competition could have been keener, this was an excellent outing for our paddlers who were able to train and compete with the sun on their backs and must have been a worthwhile preparation for the sterner stuff at Grandtully and Strathclyde Park.

SOCIAL - PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

In our last issue of KAYAK I was very critical of the seeming lack of imagination, initiative and action of the organising committee in their preparations for the Commonwealth Championships at Grandtully. The W/W Committee did not appear to have even started thinking about it at that time, and this showed during the race event, in spite of some valiant efforts by their secretary.

The Slalom Committee, however, excelled themselves and completely allayed my worst fears. During the Saturday morning of the slalom at Grandtully, a late arrival asked me how things were going.....I pointed out that the answer was before his eyes....There was George, Dave, Jim and Morag, all key members of the organisation scattered about in the crowd, quite relaxed, and looking confident knowing that all their preparations were completed whilst the slalom ticked over like a well oiled machine, to the accompaniment of Ewan's commentary with its wealth of personal information on the passing competitors. The iron hand of Scott Ramage was in control of the judging and Maggie Souter and Tina Young were beavering away processing the results.

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One well kent face not to be seen amidst the social whirl at the Commonwealth Championships was that of the Editor of the S.C.A. periodical S.C.A.N. There was enough material to be gleaned from all the many contacts to be made there to fill two issues, or certainly a summer special.

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Tony Leaver, one of Forth C.C.'s young slalom stars, has shown his versatility by winning the Scottish heat of the "Junior Superstars". Held at Grangemouth Stadium, Tony's opposition included champions in judo, ski-ing and cycling. The Final, to be held shortly at Bracknell, is to be filmed for televising later in the year.

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Somewhere in the S.C.A. slalom records there must be the name of Sue Whitebrook - daughter of the Commonwealth President - who was over here two or three years ago and won the Ladies Confined Slalom at Grandtully. Being a confined event she did not get the winner's medal which grieved her sorely, or so her father told me.

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We congratulate the Glasgow Kayak Club, which is prospering, on the production in May '81 of their "Summer Special" magazine even if the summer referred to is 1980.

We are grateful to Tim Liddon, one of their members, for his report on the Scottish Spanish Tour published in this issue of KAYAK, but may I suggest that place names in such reports should be printed in caps.

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Is it a sign of advancing years that one of our leading Marathon paddlers fell fast asleep in his car immediately after one race and completely missed the prize-giving? (clearly "Andy Dominie")

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SOCIAL PERSONAL & OTHERWISE (contd.)

Our special Congratulations to Gary Young who has been chosen to represent Great Britain at Sofia in Bulgaria this month. The first Kirkcaldy member to be so honoured, Gary is in the Junior Olympic Training Squad, where he is ranked among the first three sprint paddlers.

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Don't be alarmed by the numbers of "Romanian", "Bulgarian" and "Australian" paddlers appearing at future events here. They are not refugees or coppers who have missed the boat. It's all the result of much, often hilarious, wheeling and dealing in track suits, sweat shirts and racing vests, which went on at Nottingham and Strathclyde. It is to be hoped that those who exchanged their Scottish track suit will replace it since its award should be regarded as an honour and its possession cherished. (Having said that, has anyone got a Scottish top which does not belong to them? Lost at the Strathclyde May regatta it is the easily recognisable one with the misprint on the badge. Contact Grant Wilson who will duly reward them).

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Credit to Kirkcaldy C.C. who, when their event had to be abandoned half way through due to worsening sea conditions (Kirkcaldy-Burntisland Marathon 5th July), quickly rearranged their venue to give the short course paddlers a race on Kinghorn Loch.

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Our sympathy to Drew Manzie who, over the last three years, has ended in trouble not of his own making, in running the Loch Lomond event. This year it was the non-arrival of the promised engine for the inflatable rescue boat.

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We had a bevy of newlyweds in our midst at Grandtully during the Commonwealth events in the sunshine. Jock and Tina at long last took the plunge and got themselves married on 30th July. After his triumph of a Gold in the C2 team event at Bala World Championships, Jock was game for anything. They will become near neighbours of Scott Balfour, as their new home will be in the Buckstone area, just up the road from the Balfour menage. As teachers they will be welcomed in this educational ghetto.

Another well known local paddler and assistant manager at the Dalguise Centre, Bill Kersel took the fatal step and married Jan Harries from the English/Welsh borderlands. She was a P.E. Student at Liverpool and has taken the Outdoor Education Course at Moray House in Edinburgh. There is no truth in the rumour that the broken leg she suffered last year was due to Bill's over-robust wooing - she had said 'yes' before that. The honeymoon was spent true to type, surfing on the Cornwall beaches. They are now resident in the Cottage at Dalguise.

Recently enough married to be included, Stuart Fisher married his Becky during May this year. No doubt they will live happily ever after at his Beck and her Call.

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Is it not strange that Wales - the home of Slalom - could not produce a Medal Winner at the Commonwealth Slalom Championships?

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Is it not even stranger that in the 17 years since the formation of the Commonwealth Canoeing Federation, England has still no official canoeing organisation to affiliate.

COMMONWEALTH CANOEING FEDERATION SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPSSTRATHCLYDE PARK - 8th/9th AUGUST 1981

Lacking the surroundings, the sunshine and the numbers at Aberfeldy, the Opening Ceremony held at Strathclyde was therefore a little less impressive, but equally successful.

Led on by the traditional pipe band, the competitors were addressed by a local dignitary, The S.C.A. President and John Dudderidge, before Dr. Whitebrook of the Commonwealth Canoe Federation declared the competition open. An inspired bit of imagination saw the flags of the competing nations run up to the mastheads of sailing dinghys moored off the Watersport Centre, where they remained for the duration of the regatta.

The Ceremony was followed by a Reception at which it was pleasant to meet our visitors in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. They all appeared favourably impressed by what they'd seen of Scotland and their reception here. The Canadians had taken the opportunity to do some sightseeing and were lavish in their praise of Perth, St. Andrews and, would you believe, Portobello! The cheerful Hong Kong contingent had spent two days in the Lake District under the impression they were in Scotland!

The team leaders' meeting on Saturday morning was ably presided over by Ed. Davidson. It was good to see the lack of fuss and quiet confidence with which the regatta officials went to their various duties. All right - it was only a regatta, and they'd been rehearsed - but it was a show piece occasion and it was desirable to create a good impression. Racing got under way about 15 minutes later than scheduled (as usual) thereby causing confusion in certain quarters between "real" time and "regatta" time (as usual!)

With their numerical superiority and "ground" advantage, it might have been hoped for Scotland to have figured more prominently in the results. It was encouraging that most of our paddlers performed to their potential, and the fact is that their best just wasn't good enough. Some questions may be raised about certain selections for the team, but some idea of the quality of the opposition may be had from the fact that Andy Morton, for instance, could only manage 10th place in the 10,000 metres.

It was interesting to observe Gary Young's encounters over the weekend with his Olympic Squad team-mate Sturgess of England, and gratifying to report that Gary came out ahead. Kirkcaldy's leading ladies also put up some fine performances, unfortunately on this occasion, not as the Scottish entry. Of the others, the White Water Racers were impressive, in some events taking more than one place, and had they been paddling as a nation, must surely have finished well up. As it was, Canada retained the Commonwealth Cup, comfortably beating Australia with England third. Run concurrently, the Home International was won by England from Scotland and Wales.

Although the proceedings ended on a slightly discordant note with a protest over a disqualification in the final race, the main prize-giving was well arranged with the medals being borne on cushions to the rostrum by some of tomorrow's paddlers. There they were presented by regatta sponsors or C.C.F. Officials.

As with the other Commonwealth events, the success of the Sprint Regatta was the result of a combined effort, but there can be no denying that its main architect was Anne Davidson who can regard with pride the outcome of her work.

COMMONWEALTH CANOEING FEDERATION, SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS - STRATHCLYDE PARK 1981.
RESULTS SUMMARY

MEN'S K1
500 metres

1. SHAW CAN
 2. PEPPER AUS
 3. SPIERS SCO

1,000m

1. BERTRAND CAN
 2. WOODEN AUS
 3. LUCAS ENG
 (SCO 5th)

10,000m

1. SHAW CAN
 2. MARTIN AUS
 3. LUCAS ENG
 (SCO 5th)

K2
500m

1. SHAW/MERCER CAN
 2. MARTIN/PEPPER AUS
 3. FRASER/G.YOUNG SCO

1,000m

1. DOAK/DOAK AUS
 2. BERTRAND/THOMSON CAN
 3. SPIERS/MORTON SCO

10,000m

1. THOMSON/MERCER CAN
 2. FRASER/MORTON SCO
 3. HISTON/STURGESS ENG.

K4
500m

1. WOODEN/DOAK/
 MARTIN/DOAK AUS
 2. MERCER/THOMSON/
 SHAW/BERTRAND CAN

3. LUCAS/MIDDLEHURST/
 BISHTON/TRAIN ENG
 (SCO - Disqualified)

1,000m

1. DOAK/DOAK/
 MARTIN/WOODEN AUS
 2. BERTRAND/THOMSON/
 MERCER/SHAW CAN
 3. LUCAS/MIDDLEHURST/
 BISHTON/TRAIN ENG
 (SCO - 4th)

MEN'S C1
500m

1. RICHENSTEIN SCO
 2. BOTTING CAN
 3. TRAIN ENG

1,000m

1. BLISS CAN
 2. TRAIN ENG
 3. RICHENSTEIN SCO

10,000m

1. TRAIN ENG
 2. BLISS CAN

LADIES K1
500m

1. BLENCOWE AUS
 2. GUAY CAN
 3. HAWS ENG
 (SCO - 4th)

1,000m

1. BLENCOWE AUS
 2. OLMSTED CAN
 3. HAWS ENG

6,000m

1. GUAY CAN
 2. HAWS ENG
 3. MORRISON SCO

LADIES K2 500m

1. OLMSTED/GUAY CAN
 2. HAWS/DAWSON ENG
 3. MILLS/EDWARDS SCO

1,000m

1. OLMSTED/GUAY CAN
 2. HAWS/DAWSON ENG
 3. MILLS/EDWARDS SCO

6,000m

1. OLMSTED/GUAY CAN
 2. HAWS/DAWSON ENG
 3. MILLS/EDWARDS SCO

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COMMODORE'S COMMENT

Since our Club's publication is the only current magazine going the rounds at the moment North of the Border, it is our duty to record thanks due to all those involved in the organisation of the international events we have seen recently at Strathclyde Park, for the racing fraternity, and at Grandtully, for the white water and slalom world. I have heard excellent reports of most enjoyable competition at both venues from several people. To all those organisers and assistants, both official and impromptu, thank you. In many cases you may feel that your efforts are completely unappreciated, but your success can only be measured by the lack of complaints, and the absence of these is a measure of the success of these ventures. Thank you all again.

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I wonder, with interest, what the organisers of the Auchenrioch regatta have in store for us in mid-September. Last year I regret not having entered the veterans 500 metre (or was it 250) dash for a gallon of whisky, but I hope to make it this year. With any luck Andy Morton will not be allowed to compete and we lesser mortals will have a chance. In any case, if the canoe Polo is as fast and furious as last year, and the chariot race as wet, someone in Forth will have to win some liquor to keep up the spirits of the rest of us. Oh, if you have not yet sampled the delights of Auchen-where-is-it, just check out mid-September, the Lochview Motel, Crocketford, which is between Dumfries and Castle Douglas. They will give you all the info for a really good week-end of fun and low-level competition, except for that veterans race, of course. Phone Crocketford 281 unless they have moved since last year.....

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Canoe Slalom competition seems to have changed completely in character since its beginnings over thirty years ago. Gone are the 100 seconds penalty for missing out a gate, and the gate line now stops at the end of the poles instead of being considered to be extended down to the water. With the advent of super-lowline craft, designed to duck under the poles, we were able, for a time, to pass through the gates virtually sideways-on and receive no penalty. Now it seems we must positively present the bow or stern to the gateline to avoid a penalty for wrong presentation. It seems to me that we might be better to do away with the judge altogether and adopt the 'Grand Prix' course, with heavy rigid gates and no penalty for touching, as the standard competition course. It would certainly save both on manpower for judging, and avoid any dispute as to whether a competitor touched a pole.

In addition, rather than take the best result of two runs, would it not be a truer measure of a competitor's ability to add the sum of his two runs together to give his final score. I notice from the results of the Commonwealth Championships at Grandtully that most people's counting scores are taken from their second run. This would indicate that they are still using their first run for practice and going for a counting score on their second run. If both runs are cumulated, we find several changes in position, and can sort better the most consistent paddlers, which surely is the objective of the competition.

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Can anyone say why Marathon was not included in the recent World and Commonwealth Championships?

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TO WIN THE WORLDS (SLALOM)by William T. EndicottPrice £8.90

This book was available for the first time at the World Championships and includes data up to the 1979 World Champs at Jonquierre. It includes more than 200 photos, diagrams, tables and drawings.

This is the Textbook for top slalomists and more importantly, their coaches. It is packed full of detail referenced to world champions themselves. There is particularly valuable information on Canadian Class technique. The book is also strong on the race psychology and covers motivation, planning, thinking, even down to what the coach should say when his athlete has won the gold medal! If it makes you believe you can win: the book leaves the reader in no doubt of the awesomeness of the task involved. Mandatory reading for all top slalomists and Coaches.

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Andy MortonTHE COMPLETE BOOK OF CANOEINGAND KAYAKING by Gordon RichardsPrice £8.

Gordon Richards, former B.C.U. Director, has timed the publication of his book to coincide with the World Champs in England; a shrewd move without a doubt. "The Complete book of Canoeing and Kayaking" does not live up to its title, the use of the word "complete" in these days of Sales Description Acts, was ill advised.

However, Gordon does look at Canoeing and Kayaking from a new angle and concentrates a good part of his writing on the Competitive side of the Sport. There are useful and interesting anecdotes and tips, and the script is very readable. The line drawings leave something to be desired and I remain unable to trace their origin! However, the photographs are adequate and up to date, and illustrate points made in the script. A little expensive at £8 perhaps, but a worthwhile addition to the addict's library!

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DAVID TUTTLE

There is good news of David. Thanks to the generosity of canoeing colleagues and others, the fund raised sufficient money to provide him with a car, insured and ready for the road. It is a Peugeot 504 Estate car which has been fitted with a tow bar so that he can pull his canoe trailer. He is at present on Hayling Island after having spent most of the summer touring around Scotland enjoying the independence which his car has given him. He has been practising canoeing in the baths and can manage to get out of his boat without too much trouble. We wish him continued success.

COME ON THEN - WHO'S GAME?

Glenbrae Riding Club, Linlithgow, are considering the idea of a Charity Marathon Relay involving Running, Canoeing, Cycling and Horse-riding. The basic idea is that each team member takes part in one activity; the event is run on a time basis and the first team across the finish line is the winning team.

A suggested route would be from Callander to Beecraigs Country Park near Linlithgow, with the stages as follows:-

Callander	-	Doone	...	Running
Doone	-	Stirling	...	Canoeing
Stirling	-	Muiravonside...		Cycling
Muiravonside	-	Beecraigs	...	Horse-riding

We would hope to offer prizes for the following:-

Best overall team	Best Ladies Team
Second overall team	Best Mixed Team
Third overall team	Best Junior or School Team

and in addition it may be possible to offer prizes for individual winners in each section. We would hope to run this event in mid 1982 and, if the response is sufficient, to make it an annual event.

We have spoken to quite a few people about the idea and the reaction has been very favourable. We have had offers of sponsorship from two Companies and we hope that if we can get the idea off the ground, we will be able to attract major sponsorship. However, before we can approach any company for sponsorship we need to have some idea of likely numbers entering the event and for this reason we are writing to most clubs and organisations in the area. We would therefore be grateful if you could let us know by means of the enclosed slip, the likely response from your club.

Teams do not have to be restricted to membership of any club and can be made up of four individuals willing to participate. It may be that individuals would wish to enter but do not have anyone to compete in, say, canoeing or horse-riding. The organisers would hope to put such individuals in touch with others in a similar position so that teams could be made up.

As our knowledge of the requirements for running, cycling and canoeing is limited we would welcome any assistance or guidance in the organisation of those parts of the marathon as well as assistance in the horse-riding section.

If we can get the response we hope for we would like to call a meeting in SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER this year so that we can get down to serious planning.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR SLIP (which is enclosed with your KAYAK mag.) by 30th SEPTEMBER 1981, to:-

Mrs. Karen Black,
Glenbrae Riding Club,
49, Highfield Crescent,
Linlithgow,
West Lothian.

COMING EVENTS

Organisers

1981

SEPTEMBER

5 - 6	Tay Marathon	1
"	Scottish Surf Championships - Sandend	2
12 - 13	Teviot Bridge Slalom 4 - N - J	3
"	Auchenrioch Regatta - Dumfries	4
19 - 20	S.C.A. Slalom Championships - Open - J	5
26 - 27	Comrie Slalom 4 - N - J	6
27	Scottish Sprint Regatta, 500m K1 K2 K4, 10,000m K2 Champs Espada K1, K4 Champs - Strathclyde Park.	7

OCTOBER

3 - 4	Royal Deeside Slalom 2 - 3 - J - Can	8
4	Leven L.D.	9
10	White Water Training	10
11	Scottish K1 10,000m champs - Strathclyde Park	7
17	Three Bridges L.D. - Perth	11
17 - 18	Dinnet Slalom 3 - 4 - J	12
25	Clyde L.D. - Scottish K1 Marathon Champs	13
31 - 1 Nov.	Seaton Park Slalom N - J	2

NOVEMBER

8	Royal Dee W/W Race B - C - Open	12
22	Thistle Brig W/W Race C - Open	14
29	Grandtully W/W Race B - C - Open	15

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When thinking of Scotland the first tune to come to mind is "The Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond" ! Loch Lomond has that special magic for millions of people the world over and conjures up a romantic Scottish scene of rugged grandeur, dark waters extending to the snow capped mountains of the Highlands. This is the image of the loch, but can it remain so?

The Regional Councils of Strathclyde and Central, and the District Councils of Dumbarton and Stirling, have taken a positive step towards conservation of this beautiful asset for future generations. A Local Subject Plan has been produced, sponsored by these bodies, to cover such diverse subjects as road access, architectural aspects around the loch, and the use of the loch as a recreational facility. One of the recommendations in the Subject Plan was that a Water User's Management Committee be instituted. Following a series of public meetings, the Loch Lomond Association was formed at a general meeting in the Balloch Hotel on 30th April 1981 and the Management Committee elected to represent Angling, Sailing, Cruising, Water Skiing, Rowing, Scottish Sub Aqua Club, Canoeing, Hotel Owners, Boat Hirers, Land Owners, Statutory Bodies and 3 individuals. Those elected members represent all participants of their sports using Loch Lomond. The Association has as its basic tenets:

"To preserve and improve the use of the water of Loch Lomond and its immediate environs for the enjoyment and convenience of those using it for sport or recreational activities; the conservation of the flora and fauna on and in the vicinity of Loch Lomond and to Liaise with the statutory bodies and others."

The Management Committee has met on two occasions since the inaugural General Meeting and members have noted several conflicts of interests amongst the loch users. It is realised that every problem cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of all but it is hoped that you will assist the Loch Lomond Association to draw all sports together harmoniously in order that Loch Lomond remains the jewel it has always been.

The Management Committee of the Loch Lomond Association has decided that a code of conduct will be published in the near future and it is hoped that all sportsmen and women will appreciate the need to follow the code. Should the Committee be informed that this voluntary code is not being adhered to then it will have no alternative but to approach the statutory bodies for bye laws to be introduced.

Our canoeing representative on this Committee is Dr. John Fryer, Laurel Bank, Cardross, to whom all problems to do with canoeing on Loch Lomond should be referred.

Letter to The Editorsfrom Duncan Winning, 22, Brisbane Glen Road,
Largs, Ayrshire.

Dear Sirs,

I protest at the inaccurate and misleading statement which appeared on Page 5 of the May 1981 issue of "Kayak Magazine" under the heading "S.C.A. Notepaper."

As an elected office bearer of the Scottish Canoe Association from late 1961 to late 1971, I attended almost all the Association Council meetings during that period; i.e. I may have missed one! I still have most of the "Records of Decisions" issued after each meeting in addition to which I have the drafts of the Council minutes for the four year period that I was Association Secretary. After examining these, it is my opinion that it is not the inclusion of the reference to the "British Commonwealth Canoeing Federation" on the Associations notepaper that "is a piece of nonsense" but rather the statement in "Kayak Magazine".

To be specific, the Scottish Canoe Association was in fact one of the founder members of the British Commonwealth Canoeing Federation. The guiding light behind the formation of the Federation was a Mr. Clements of the Canadian canoeing body. Far from being "not eligible for full membership" the S.C.A. provided the first Secretary and Treasurer of the Federation. At the period in question, the current agreement between the British Canoe Union and the S.C.A. acknowledged the Association as the governing body for Scotland and, I quote from the agreement, "that the Union in recognising the Association as the governing body of the sport in Scotland.....". The statement in Kayak does, however, highlight the problems that existed in the late 60's, when despite assurances from the B.C.U. Council that S.C.A. members would not be barred from B.C.U. events, the B.C.U. sub-committees took unilateral action and subsequently won the day, thus breaching the S.C.A./B.C.U. agreement and putting it into disrepute.

After the founding of the B.C.C.F., all the members, the S.C.A. included, were pressing their respective Commonwealth and Empire Games Associations to have canoeing placed on the list of optional sports for the games and, in 1966 at least, it looked promising. The current situation regarding the games I cannot claim any knowledge of and do not.

With regard to the "new set up", which I take to mean the current S.C.A./B.C.U. agreement, of which I am a supporter, I thoroughly commend our office bearers who negotiated it. It is, in basic principles at least, similar to the one from the 60's, although much more detailed and comprehensive.

None of the foregoing is to deny any S.C.A. member the right to suggest the removal of the subject heading from the Association's notepaper. But if this is to be, let it be through a proper approach to the Council for proper stated reasons and let any statements in support of the move be founded on and confined to fact, not falacy.

Yours faithfully,

Duncan R. Winning.

Editor's Note: John Dudderidge, Secretary and Treasurer of the Commonwealth Canoeing Federation assures me that Duncan is quite right - my apologies to all. J.C.

Canoeists chosen for the Commonwealth Canoe Championships next year in Australia should note that canoeing is not included in the official programme of the Commonwealth Games. The Australian Commonwealth Games Committee has, however, given us its blessing to hold our own Championships concurrently with the Commonwealth Games, but not its official recognition. In the 1986 Commonwealth Games to be held in Edinburgh, Canoe Sprint Racing will be included for the first time, as part of the Rowing, but much talking and arm twisting will be necessary to get slalom and W/W Racing included in the official programme. It is hoped that the show we put on this year at Grandtully will carry some weight in getting their acceptance.

SPRINT

Contributing to the success of the World Championship Sprints at Holme Pierrepont were several of our S.C.A. Officials. Drew Samuel was engaged in Start/Alignment duties and Harold Young's linguistic talents were utilised in the Secretariat. Ed Davidson manned an Umpire boat, while wife Anne and Jeannette Adair had a very hectic week on Secretarial duties. Congratulations to Ed and Anne who found time to sit, and pass, the final part of the I.C.F. Officials Examination, Anne evidently only the second lady to do so.

As expected, the East Europeans were dominant in the World Sprints, although some gritty performances from Swedish and British crews were notable, and it was particularly pleasing to see Norway's Einar Rasmussen get the Gold in the K1 10,000 metres.

MARATHON

Top honours in recent Marathon events have gone to either Kenny Fraser (Rox) or Andy Morton (Forth) with only Robert Montgomery (Irvine) breaking this monopoly with a win at Loch Ken. John Adair (Irvine) has proved the outstanding junior, while Roddy Christie (Ind) and George Logie (Forth) have made rapid progress up through the divisions.

Among the ladies, Alison Edwards (Kirkcaldy) and Lynda Morrison (Forth) have been the main contenders, with Gill Robbie (Forth) having a winning debut to this type of racing in the Tay Leukaemia Event.

Generally the K2 class has been poorly supported, the largest entry being at Cumrae for the Championship event. This was won easily by A. Denny/P. Easson (RWSABC/Forth) on what has proved to be their last appearance together. Perhaps this powerful partnership will flourish again following Alistair's recent shift through to the East.

Entries have been disappointingly small at the majority of events, Loch Lubnaig attracting the largest field so far. It is hoped that the remaining six races of the season will see a larger turn out in all Divisions and make promotions more meaningful.

TAIL O' THE BANK L.D. 22nd August 1981. RWSABC Greenock.

For the want of opposition, Andy Morton (Forth) had to take on four K2's as he was the only Div 1 K1 paddler to turn up, and he managed to beat three of them. The winning K2 of Alistair Denny and Alan Murray (RWSABC) were the only crew to beat him. The Trophy makes impressive reading as Andy's name has been the only one engraved on it each year since the inception of this race 6 years ago.

MARATHON TEAM NOTES

The Scottish Marathon Team will attend the unofficial Marathon World Champs at Gudena in Denmark on the 19th and 20th September. The composition of the Team will be finalised after the Tay Marathon on 5/6th September. Listeners to Radio Tayside will hear more about this event on Wednesday morning around 9.30, 2nd September.

There is no truth in the rumour that selection for future Scottish Teams is dependent on how quickly you can complete a Rubik's Cube.

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BIBS The numbered bibs used at the Commonwealth Slalom and White Water events may have been a good advertisement, but as aids to the public, judges and time-keepers they were a dead loss. The commentator had even to use binoculars to confirm the identity of the competitors.

WHITE WATER NEWS

The Season is almost upon us again. Budding White Water racers should note the following:

It is hoped there will be a three tier Coaching system in operation this winter.

1. Scholarship Grant to top White Water racer to enable him or her to go to British Team training weekend(s)
2. Training weekend at Benmore for beginners and Youth paddlers (End of October or early November)
3. Training weekend at Trywerwyn. (January or February 1982)

A computer calculated Ranking List for the 1980-81 season is almost ready and should appear in the next issue of SCAN. The Ranking list takes into account times in races and the number of events attended in the year.

For further information contact David Wolfe, 4, West Clifton Cottages, East Calder, West Lothian. EH53 OHT
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GRANDTULLY

During the Commonwealth events we had ample opportunity to look around and study the changes and improvements carried out at the Old Station Yard at Grandtully; indeed there was even work being carried out during the event. Jimmy Knox for example, was to be seen digging a soak hole at the stand-pipe after he had done his W/W competition run. A thing to note is that the Water supply is metered so please NO WASHING DISHES etc. at the tap. The grass is growing well to the East of the cottage and will be an excellent campsite soon provided they keep the cars off it.

The Portaloo acquired through the influence of Kelso Riddell has yet to be linked up to the water supply and sewage systems and will be a boon for big events. We are assured, however, that when Morag started to plug that old ditty "The merry merry Pipes of Pan" at a social evening she was not alluding to this particular piece of field furniture. As well as coaching canoeing, we may have to do some coaching on how to keep such places clean and tidy. The Local Authority Loo was not a pretty sight inside; both male and female sections were a disgrace, and one lady just about-turned and came out. It looks like a case for another official S.C.A. appointment - and we shall need a hose.....

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COMMONWEALTH CANOEING CHAMPIONSHIPS 1982AUSTRALIA

(To be run concurrently with the Commonwealth Games)

SLALOM and WILD WATER	: NYMBOIDA	- SEP. 25-26
MARATHON	: BRISBANE RIVER 60 Kms	OCT 3
SPRINT RACING	: STANTHORPE	OCT 9-10

All these events are located in the Brisbane Region
Nymboida is about 230 miles from Brisbane
Stanthorpe, 100 miles, and Lismore, 130 miles.

Contact: Secretary: Australian Canoe Federation,
140 Cotham Road, Kew, Victoria.

This will be a very expensive trip so those interested should start saving now.

Action notes on Committee meeting held at 24 Hartington Place, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, 9th June 1981.

Present: R.K. Riddell, D. Wolfe, A. Williamson, T.D. Wilson, B. Chapman, M. Forde, G. Logie, R. Gregory.

ACTION1. Loudhailer

Kelso Riddell had obtained a satchel-type loudhailer on approval which was passed round for comment. Doug Wilson will try it outdoors and at the Tay Leukaemia event for final approval before purchase. TDW
Cost approx £30 + tax.

2. Awe Slalom (2,3,)

Brian and Miles reported that the event was well received despite a last minute rush to organise final details, and problems with results. Miles unwilling to pre-organise for next year, but keen to help at the event.

AGREED Brian Chapman to be official organiser for 1982 and date set 29/30 MAY 1982. Advise Slalom Committee. BC
Surplus for this event (100 competitors) £30 approx.

3. Tweed Marathon

Alastair Williamson reported small entry of approx 30. Generally agreed that we have this event at present in the middle of exams, and later in the summer gives problems with water level. AGREED to move date to September for 1982. David Wolfe to be organiser. DW

4. Secretary

David Wolfe reported heavy work commitment and anticipated work abroad prevents him from continuing as Secretary. AGREED Alastair Williamson appointed as interim Secretary to end of year. Liaise with David to take over. DW/AW

5. Kayak List

As a result of 4 above, AGREED George Logie take over the 'KAYAK' address list. Liaise with Alastair Williamson. AW/GL

6. Craiglockhart

Scott Balfour tests 15th June and 29th June. Secretary to confirm and publicise. AW
Booked to 7th September. Proposed mini-regatta on last day to be organised by Richard Gregory. Chariots, sideways race, rolling, mini-slalom etc. Silly prizes - sugar dummies. RG/TD

7. Baths

Baths (Sciennes) start 15th September. Secretary to check booking. Contact Mat Myles re coaching. AW

8. Touring at Granton

Richard reported wind has been prevailing westerly and choppy conditions not very suitable. Some short trips with Mat Myles, but not much interest. RG

9. Thursdays at Canal

Slalom training taking place almost every day. Racing group under TDW needs another Espada. DW to obtain another boat from Ron Day. DW/TDW

10. Old Hut

Major clear-up required. BC to obtain latest list of key-holders from /

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from Secretary and impound non-authorized boats.

AW/BC

Hut needs creosoting. TDW to co-opt Grant Wilson and Louise Henderson, TDW obtain creosote and carry out maintenance.

11. New Hut

RKR to chase Lothian Region.

(Award of £400 expected approval in by end June)

(BWB lease now finalised)

(Nat Playing Fields grant available - RKR to liaise with AW)

RKR/AW

All concrete sections to be moved to other half of site to allow access for foundations and GPO to change telegraph post position.

(All)

12. Racing Vests

Yellow stripes not visible from a distance. Condemned at Nottingham. Brian Titus wife will modify by sewing tape over printed diagonal stripes. Alastair Williamson has vests in stock.

AW

13. Holdalls

RKR to go ahead with order for 10 holdalls from Alpha Sails. Initial order for 10, with end panels screen printed.

RKR

14. Tay (Leukaemia) Race

TDW timing the race. GC in charge of safety/rescue boats.

River is likely to be high with main danger points at Campsie Linn and Stanley Weir.

Although race start is 1200 at Kinclaven Bridge, there will be sponsored paddlers on the water from 1000. Safety boats required at Campsie from 1030.

15. Honorary Membership

AGREED to give honorary membership to Ian Dean for his donation of envelopes to KAYAK. AW to send note. RKR has already written thanking his father.

AW

R.KELSO RIDDELL
COMMODORE.

FORTH CANOE CLUB NOTES

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Monday evening meetings at Craiglockhart end with a special FUN REGATTA NIGHT on 7th September at 6.30 p.m. Bring your own PADDLE if possible.

Thereafter, individuals or small groups of like-minded canoeists can pursue training, surf or river activities.

Winter activities on a formal or regular basis are detailed below:-

WINTER 1981 - 1982

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|----------------|--------------------------|--|---|
| 1. TUESDAYS | 7p.m. - 9 p.m. | Sciennes Primary School
Pool - Beginners and
Rolling | 20p per evening
15-9-81 to 22-12-81
(except 20-10-81)
and 12-1-82 to 20-4-82 |
| 2. WEDNESDAYS | 7.30 p.m. -
9.30 p.m. | Compass Centre,
11, West Granton Road,
Granton, Edinburgh. | Repairs and canoe
maintenance etc. |
| 3. THURSDAYS./ | | | |

3. THURSDAYS. 6.30 p.m. - Liberton High School
8.30 p.m. £1 per term

Keep Fit, Circuit
Training etc.
26-10-81 to 17-12-81
and 8-1-82 to 15-4-82

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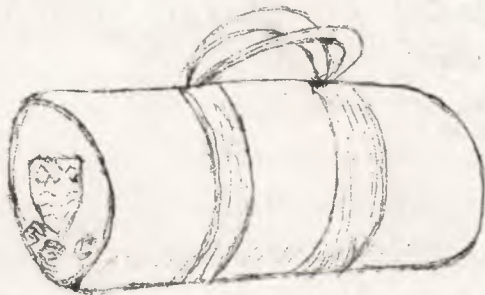
1. The pool sessions have in past years proved popular with members who want to perfect the "Eskimo roll", as well as being a way of introducing canoeing to the younger set. If numbers become too great, it may be necessary to introduce a rota system. Experienced canoeists - please contact the Secretary and volunteer as instructors -- entry fee waived for the evenings you can help.
2. Compass Centre is a useful place to meet fellow members to plan outings, build or repair canoes etc.
3. Scott Balfour leads these "keep fit" sessions with great enthusiasm - join him for these entertaining and enervating evenings.

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