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E D I T O R I A L  
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In this issue we recall a canoeing epic of ten years ago - the legendary "McHANNIBAL" Expedition of 1972. The front cover shows the team just before departure from the Old Royal High School, Edinburgh. Dave's new boat cost £35 (but that was two weeks wages) and is still in existence in the F.C.C. Hut. That Cag has lasted ten years too! The Van cost £100 and most of us worked hard to clean and paint it. Colin deserves the most credit for arranging the sponsorship and doing most of the mechanical work too.

Conditions could be right for a similar expedition today. Bigger and faster ex-G.P.O. lorries are coming on to the market at reasonable prices and could be just what our Scottish or Club team trips need.

On a much more serious note - the problems facing canoeing at Grandtully were commented upon in the last "KAYAK". I regret to write that the local residents are considering taking some action against canoeists at Grandtully. Every effort must be made, and be seen to be made, to show the residents and authorities, that S.C.A. canoeists have the virtues of trustworthy and responsible members of society.

S.C.A. officials are working hard for the development of canoeing at Grandtully and it is to be hoped that S.C.A. members, and everyone else who canoes on rivers, would give their assistance to the S.C.A. when asked. But also by doing things to help without being asked - even by picking up litter as a matter of course, by refraining from parking on the road, especially in front of the Hotel, and by making more use of the station yard instead of making the shop car park area look untidy.

Grandtully really needs a manager on-site....someone who could become part of the community and who could provide management, on a business-like basis, of present and future facilities and services for canoeists. The present long lines of communication and supply are the major limiting factors in the speed of development of Grandtully at present. There must also be a much greater contribution from canoeists in the Perthshire area. A Grandtully Canoe Club would be a very worthwhile venture to encourage.

D.H.C.

Ten years after the event they ask you to write about it - an old man like me, tell you young whipper-snappers about the old days at the dawn of time. McHannibal the Brave, the Colossus Colin, Sheena the Sex Symbol, Andrex du mort, Kamikaze, Oliver More - names from the past now, but once they rang out on a thousand voices. Well, Listen.....for here is a tale that will be retold round the campfires till the rivers run dry.

Ten winters ago, the young blades of the Edinburgh Clans grew restless sitting round the log fires in their turf lodges. As the grey days dragged by, they talked of mad ventures, crazy warplans. Colin of the Black Jag and Knackered Austin rose and spoke of plunder - beyond imaginations; rivers of white, far to the south, over wild seas and high mountains.

Paddles flashed from the cupboard and bold oaths were sworn that come the summer they would swoop south, run these rivers, wash out the winter cobwebs in those wild waters.

The daffodils were not yet blowing their yellow trumpets at the sun when canoes were being emptied of leaves and crisp packets; extra canoeing gear lying unwashed all winter was taken out at arm's length and the mould brushed off.....But, how to get there??

An old van was bought from Inglis Green Laundry for £100 and painted blue for the luck of the sky. Cunning Colin Aston painted the symbols of many firms on the van and made them give us money by threatening to rub their names off and probably thus rubbing away their luck.

Old bus seats were bolted in to give luxury travel; windows put in to let us see the panoramas as we headed south, and racks for canoes put inside and on the roof. We even had a cooker and a kitchen sink.

Nine were chosen to go: Colin Aston, Sheena Williamson, Maureen McClure, Alex Jeffrey, Andrew Morton, Dave Cuthill, Annette and Scott Ramage, and Donald the Driver. Colin prepared his brand new Diolen (what's that people said) Olymp Four - we needed big volume in those days. Dave Cuthill had 2 Iseres lashed to the roof, blow torch, karabiners, fibreglass, tilley lamp and 4 pairs of paddles. There was loads of food and 2 cases of 'Dynamo'.

McHannibal was ready to go; relatives waved goodbye; one wee laddie closed the front door and.....the window fell out. We got it mended in a jiffy and headed south with barrels of gifted diesel, which was a very illegal colour. McHannibal managed 50 m.p.h. with the 9 of us and all our canoes and gear. We chugged south driving nonstop, caught the ferry and headed for a series of slaloms and races in the south of France - Les Quinzain Descent, Des Alpestres. The only trouble was McHannibal was so slow, we kept arriving a bit late, but usually the villages annual festival coincided with the arrival of Le Quinzain canoeists and the festivities were still in progress. Also, because diesels lose power at altitude, at every incline we all had to get out, apart from the driver (who always seemed to be Colin) and walk. Some of these Alpine hills take some walking; the girls had a touch of sunstroke at the top of one - the vast Col du Galibier.

At one slalom, on the Verdon, a bit like the Awe, and also dam controlled, we arrived early. The course consisted of one pole per gate; not a bad setup. Andy, Dave and Scott won the team event against International competition. At the prizegiving McHannibal won a cup for coming the farthest (and slowest) and we did a lap of Honour in the town square, sitting on top of the van roof. Then the festivities began; 5 gallon drums of wine were shared out. The Scots competed against some Belgians at downing prize-cups of wine. The results were - some very drunk heroes, who set off in search of the Princesses of the Forest at midnight. Alex Jeffrey sat down at the edge of the road for a rest under the moon and passed out, rolled down a slope over a small cliff and woke up /

up as he hit the river. Dave Cuthill wandered round in the dark looking for his Tillie Lamp. In the morning, people staggered from tents let down in the night, with heady reminders of their festivities. But in those days the training was so tough we could quickly recover.

Another event was an organised descent of the fifteen mile, eight hundred foot deep Gorge du Verdon. This was closed to females, which ours were not happy about. But it was a very tough paddle. When you're in its a hell of a walk out. There were continuous rapids, the main ones marked with 1 2 3 or 4 stripes on the rocks - You couldn't stop to look first - it was "Geronimo" stuff all the way. At one place the river goes underground and there was a long portage which required climbing gear. At another, the river went under a giant dome; you came in at right angles to the main current half way down a twelve foot fall, you then probably had to roll. At the end of the dome the current went against the dome and down into the depths. A lad from Manchester got trapped at the wall with his body only occasionally visible and Dave pulled him out of his boat and just saved him from being sucked to a watery grave. Then they went back for the boat, but it disappeared from sight and is probably still there.

Large boulders were everywhere where the water went under as well as round - these were deadly. At one point the gorge narrowed and Alex found himself caught sideways; the current pushed him over, he rolled up,..... this continued for a fair length of time till a Frenchman paddled under him - leaving the ends of Alex' boat stuck 3 foot up each side and his head and shoulders in the water. Some climber nut scrambled down the cliff to free his bow. Gravestones showed where others had not been so lucky.

After eight hours paddling we were all shattered by the end. It was getting dark and we tried telling the girls they were lucky not to have been allowed to go. Actually it was so hard, several of the team were considering packing in canoeing.

McHannibal headed on through Italy and Austria where he fell very ill, but a friendly garage put us homeward bound again. In the meantime we'd paddled the Oetztalesche, Inn, Sanna - six weeks and six thousand miles.

It was an ACE trip. It was also the first, but unofficial, Scottish Slalom Team Tour. Six of its nine members competed for Scottish Teams later.

Also it was a lesson in preparation, Foreign competition and Continental canoeing. After a few years of more faithful service McHannibal's body retired to become a horse stable. Colin once again overhauled the engine and it chugged on in his landrover. Finally, last winter, it gave up the ghost, - Ten years after McHannibal, and countless years as a laundry van.

The end of an old friend, the end of a story, but not the end of the spirit which still sends canoeists out to fresh adventures. Who knows, maybe there will be a McHannibal II.

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#### ANOTHER MEMORY

Gordon Cuthill

It is also the 10th Anniversary of another very successful expedition by the Edinburgh Schools Canoe Association, organised by Graham Smith, Scott Balfour and others. Representatives from several Edinburgh Schools took part; these included future Scottish team members such as Fay Roberts, Jimmy Dolan, Bob Foley, Eric Milne, Ronnie Kennedy and Gordon Cuthill, for whom this was their first taste of continental waters.

The group travelled to rivers in Germany, Italy and Austria and met up with the McHannibal Expedition at Landeck in Austria, where joint river trips were made on the Oetztalesche and Inn.

The route home included a memorable visit to Augsburg to watch the Olympic Slalom events.

Andy Morton.

It seemed as if the weather would have to break before the day of the Marathon. We had weeks of dry weather before, and no one believed it could possibly last - but it did, and we had a dry though not particularly sunny, day for our Marathon.

Over forty Teams assembled at Callander for the start at 10 a.m. on Sunday 25th April. The first leg was run from Callander to Deanston (Doune) and Major General Graham started the runners precisely on time. At Deanston the first runner arrived well before eleven and thereafter there was a constant stream of runners coming in and handing over their bibs to the canoeists who took over the next leg to Stirling. The river was rather low and many ran aground once or twice, including Alistair Denny who nevertheless arrived at Kildean well ahead of the others. The cyclists set off then to Muiravonside near Polmont where the last leg was run on horse-back to Bo'ness.

Although the Denny Team had been in the lead at Stirling, they lost much ground as their cyclist did not know the correct route and therefore added some extra miles quite involuntarily. This was a great pity, not for their team, but for the whole organisation of the event.

Inevitably there was a protest from another Team since their rider had not followed the correct route, and the Protest Committee had a difficult decision to make. Could they allow the Denny Team to win because they had added extra miles to their route and had thereby handicapped themselves, or should they disqualify them for taking the wrong route? The committee decided on the former course of action and awarded first prize to "Napier 'A'" as below.

What a pity that poor preparation for the event should spoil an otherwise perfect day. Be warned, next year, major deviation from the route will lead to disqualification, whether or not the Team loses ground!

The organising committee was well prepared for the event and there were remarkably few problems for a first try. They had excellent radio back-up a large number of stewards, police assistance and help from the Scouts and Air Training Corps. The event was filmed on Video and the film is to be shown at a wine and cheese party at Strathcarron Hospice on the 26th June, where prizes are to be awarded to those who raised the most money for the Hospice.

We look forward to an even more successful event in 1983.

<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>Runner</u>	<u>Canoeist</u>	<u>Cyclist</u>	<u>Horse-Rider</u>
<u>OPEN 1st</u>	Napier 'A' A.McDonald	A.Denny	M.Lindsay	J. Bont
<u>" 2nd</u>	Torwood Marathon Team	D.Mepham	E.Paterson	C. Bryce A. Roberts
<u>" 3rd</u>	Linlithgow Canoe & Adv.Club	A.Kerr	D.Marshall	G. Ward T. Brash
<u>LADIES 1st</u>	Tarduf Terrors	J.Ingram	A. Brown	J. Duff A. Haughie
<u>JUNIOR 1st</u>	Larbert	M.Reid	D. Grant	F.McIntyre M. Law
<u>(equal)</u>	H.S.'D' Grangemouth Giants	A.Meldrum	J. Bates	J. Sloane A. Shields

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 The above event was organised by Glenbrae Riding Club in association with Stirling District Sports Council and was sponsored by Graham Tiso.  
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

8, Leven Street, Pollokshields,  
GLASGOW, G41 2PQ.  
15th March, 1982.

Dear Sir,

As you know I have come back to the 'Paddling' scene after a long number of years away and find, after careful consideration, that I am compelled to write this letter.

As a result of looking closely at the 'Paddling' Scene over the last year I am a little disappointed in some of the 'goings on'.

Unnecessary inter-discipline friction continues to create problems, I find it somewhat disturbing that the Slalom Chairperson finds it necessary to run Slalom Training Weekends at times when there is a Scottish Championship event being run; whether it is an S.C.A. or Scottish Universities Championship. This has been the case on two occasions already this year, 27th February '82 S.U.S.F. Bat Polo, 14th March 1982 S.C.A. W.W. Racing Championships.

The Bat Polo Championships were particularly affected by losing some of the top paddlers. Where is Scottish paddling without the Universities?

Drew Samuel also ran an event on the weekend of 13/14th March 1982 for sprint/marathon, even though he was informed it would clash with a Championship Event.

Even worse, we have paddlers who are told they have not to train for other disciplines on pain of removal from the "SQUAD". However, if any research is done it can be shown that at World level, crossing disciplines is not uncommon.

Martyn Hedges paddled C1 White Water and C1 Slalom, Anne Plant paddled K1 White Water and K4 Sprint, and even more so, Elizabeth Blencow paddled K1 White Water, K1 Slalom, K1 500m Sprint and stroked the Australian K4.

It is good to see crossing of discipline and in the recent past we have seen a Slalom paddler take a medal at the Scottish WW Championships and a Sprint paddler take prizes in WW also. Why do people change disciplines? mainly I think to stop boredom setting in and to improve their overall understanding of the "WATER".

Let us look at some of the other problems we face, in the Sprint Scene 50% of the Scottish Championship Winners in Crew boats were from two or more clubs and in two K4 events the winning crew consisted of three clubs.

Am I to believe that Forth cannot produce a K4 crew of their own and that Roxburgh, with Fraser, Baxter and Denny cannot find A.N.Other and still win the K4 event? Or is it perhaps the chances of getting a medal are less?

No one would complain if these crews got together and raced at other events, perhaps even going to Nottingham to race as a 'Scottish' K4 but they don't so why not try and promote the sport by helping some of the youngsters in these clubs, by paddling with them in home events.

Now to things even more serious.

I am sure many people will be annoyed to hear that non-members of the S.C.A. have been receiving finance from the S.C.A. and have received medals and a trophy in Scottish Championship Events. You think that's bad, the aforementioned even represented Scotland at the recent 'International Bat Polo Championships at Crystal Palace earlier this year. It gets worse, how about this person being on two committees, one as secretary, and being a Technical committee representative.

A right stirrer we've got here you are thinking, but I'm not finished yet, My aim is not to stir things just for the sake of it but to try and break the stranglehold of apathy that seems to have struck in the last few months.

There were loads of C1's trying to get places for the Commonwealth Championships and we had a winning team but we only managed to put one on the water /



water for the Scottish Championship W.W. racing, and only one C2 as well.

So where are you paddlers? Are we not organising the events you want? Have you got your own ideas but don't know how to implement them? Don't let our paddling slide downhill, let's see you at the events and hear your ideas; let's show the people south of the border our standards are high and rising and our events are worthwhile coming to. After all, you pay your membership to the S.C.A. so get your moneys worth out of it, but don't forget to put something back.

Yours,  
a keen paddler, in most disciplines,  
Sgd/- KENNETH BRYCE.

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20, Glencairn Cresc.,  
EDINBURGH.  
March, 1982.

Sir,

It seems that the days of training in the cold and dark are over. If certain members of the S.C.A. have their way, then we shall see a different type of racing in the near future.

Instead of training, one sits in front of the fire in the evening and pours over the small print in all the racing rules you can lay your hands on. You then turn up at any given competition and, having seen the results, proceed to eliminate everyone above you on a list of technicalities until you are the eventual winner.

A bit far fetched? Not if you take heed of some of the comments and pieces of paper being passed around recently.

In my view, competitions are won by the most competent paddler on the day, based on his ability to paddle faster or show more skill than his opponents. If, as some people would prefer, it is more to do with what club you are a member of, or if you paid your subscription on time, then most of the top competitors may as well stop wasting their time training as this would be an effective method of lowering the already shallow standard of competition in Scotland.

Although we can boast a few British and even World class paddlers, in general the depth of top competitors is lacking and, if we start presenting small technicalities which deny paddlers the choice of team mates, then the overall standard will fall. If one club puts together a strong team, it is in the nature of other competitors to join together in an attempt to beat the favourites, therefore raising the standard of competition and not lowering it as has been suggested. A fact proven recently in the K4 10,000m Championships which provided a new Scottish record time and a very exciting race between three crews.

This also raises the question of what constitutes a club. The dictionary definition of a club is "an association of people with a common interest". Therefore, if the common interest of three slalomists, four sprinters or five polo players is to compete at a high level, then that constitutes a club. All that is required is a name and affiliation to become as legal a club as Forth or Irvine.

The future of the sport is to encourage participation at a high level and not to impose restrictions which can only have the converse effect.

Yours etc.  
Sgd/- ALISTAIR M. DENNY.

Ron Day must have been reasonably content with the results of the great amount of organisation he put into the Exhibition again this year. Attendances were slightly down - better weather over the week-end and a cut-back in the pre-publicity budget might account for this. Ron is again disappointed in the response from groups to take advantage of discount tickets, and there certainly wasn't much evidence of organised parties. (Fife Canoe Activities Group and the Compass Centre appearing to be the exceptions). Also failing to come up to expectations was the raffle, and perhaps re-timing it to take place in the summer when there is more activity within the clubs would stimulate sales.

The amount of business done appears, overall, to have been slightly less than last year. Being realistic, this was perhaps predictable, because few folk buy a new canoe or equipment every year and trade was apparently satisfactorily brisk twelve months ago. Ron must be well satisfied with the support he gets from the Trade, and they must be reasonably happy with their returns to keep coming back. In fact, some applicants had to be turned away for lack of space on this occasion.

The stands were most attractive, ranging from the simplicity of the Scott Ramage display, to the more elaborate set-ups of the likes of Lendal and Afton. It was good to note Graham Tiso's expansion and hopefully it was reflected in the amount of business done. Of particular interest and in such contrast of sophistication (and price) were the wooden K1 kit from Granta and the Carbo-craft K1 on the Pyranha stand. Of note also was the large selection of open Canadian type craft on display, and there is apparently a growing interest in these in Scotland.

Of the non-Trade stands, it can be said - with all due modesty - that the best was that of Forth Canoe Club. Entirely the work of the Newports (pere et fils) it attracted a lot of favourable comment. Thank you John and Derek. Incidentally the policy on the stand this year was not to treat the Exhibition as a recruiting drive for new members; the aim this season being to provide more coaching and outings for existing members. (More of this on the Club pages).

Margaret Winter and Fred Nelson were kept busy over the weekend on the S.C.A. stand where the Sprint/Marathon people had provided a useful, if somewhat familiar display. The other disciplines had managed virtually nothing between them, and can't complain if they find themselves without space next year. By all accounts, the films were very popular again this year.

The paying customer got his money's worth. Those already into canoeing had the opportunity to see the latest gear and compare value under one roof as well as meet friends and have a natter. Those new to the sport got their questions answered and given the guidance necessary to get them safely on the water.

The opening ceremony, well performed by that friend of sport, Peter Heatly, included presentations to Jock and Bluebell (from the S.C.A. in recognition of their achievements at "the Worlds"; and Tony Leaver (Pyranha's Young Paddler of the Year).

With its attendant Bat Polo and Disco, the Exhibition has established itself on the Scottish Calendar as a very well organised and eagerly anticipated event. We are fortunate that Ron Day has devoted so much of his time and talent over the years to bring this about.

REPORT ON A.S.C.O.T.\*\* on Saturday, 3rd April, 1982 in aid of the Mike Jones Memorial Fund. Carol Logie

The first difficulty I faced on the morning of the Cardboard Canoe Champs, was making breakfast, or more precisely, getting to the fridge - the way having been blocked by George's contribution to the fun and frivolity the day was expected to bring. The next problem was getting the aforementioned chunk of cardboard/canoe out of the kitchen and on to the car without ruining all the efforts of the previous day. However, having overcome these problems, we and the canoe (still in one piece) made it to Grandtully in good time. In fact we were in very good time since the cardboard extravaganza was not due to start until 4 in the afternoon. This gave us plenty of time to put finishing touches on to the boat and gave others time to start thinking about a boat and getting it built, using the adequate supply of material donated by the organisers. The organisers were Glasgow University Canoe Club under the direction of Andy Watt.

An hour before the race began there was an inspection and general display of boats. Any material used in the manufacture of the craft, or additions which might conceivably add to the waterproofness of the canoe were removed. Happily though, nearly all the boats were considered to be constructed "in the spirit of the competition".

The briefing merely consisted of being told where the start was, where the finish was, and that the average English success rate was 25%, a fact which did little to boost confidence. It was now the turn of the canoeists and not just the spectators, to look around and assess which boats were likely to make it down the rapids, let alone which might win.

Slightly deflated (but determined to do better than the English!) the paddlers made their way to the other side of the river where the race began, 40m above the top fall. It soon became obvious that the time began before you were in your canoe. No sitting in and being taped up! Perhaps too, it was felt that the longer you sat in your canoe the less likely it became that you would make it down to the finish!

"Canoes" of all different shapes tried their luck - from slalom type to white water racers, to coracle, battleship and raft shaped. Kenny Bryce was in a class of his own, paddling a C1 and the Ross twins from D.U.C.C. became Indian Chief C2 paddlers who unfortunately got swamped before they reached the finish. Clearly whisky boxes and heavy duty cardboard rolls were good materials to use. Neil Baxter was only one of several who discovered that strips of cardboard and tape were generally not enough. Of course it depended how it was put together.....Alistair Denny demonstrated admirably that a well shaped, well constructed boat, even of the most basic materials, reaped rewards. He paddled furiously in the R.C.C. (Reids Corrugated Cases) craft, and came away with first prize.

I am sure that all the spectators and photographers would agree that the winners were all those who took part in the event. There were the canoes that did not even make it down to the main body of spectators, and those that went back for a second run - certainly the success rate was higher than 25% - but all those who entered A.S.C.O.T.\*\* (about 30 - 35) were contributing not only to the Mike Jones Memorial Fund, but to the image of canoeing as a fun sport (albeit for psychopaths!). Who cares if you get wet!!

\*\* A SILLY CARDBOARD OPERATION ON THE TAY

<u>RESULTS:</u>	1st Scot	A. Denny (F.C.C.)	Most original	J. Gray, D.U.C.C.
	1st Br.Univ.	C. Taylor	Biggest Flop	N.Baxter (F.C.C.)
	1st Multi-Seat	Cameron/Renton (F.C.A.G.)	Biggest Multi Flop	S.U.C.C.

SOCIAL, PERSONAL and OTHERWISE

You will all be interested to know that the British Canoe Union "Award of Honour" has been presented posthumously to Jack Cuthill "in appreciation of his services to the sport of canoeing".

Betty asked John Dudderidge, President of Honour of the B.C.U. and Jack's friend over many years, to receive this award in Jack's name. The presentation took place at the B.C.U. annual meeting in March.

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The organisers of slaloms over the last 19 years will have heard of the Slalom Organisers Handbook - "out of print" it always says in the yearbook. NOT ANY MORE - The B.C.U. have re-published it and we have a special copy in the editorial safe.

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Kenny Fraser spent the Easter Weekend piloting a post-vintage Austin 7 from John O'Groats to Lands End.

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Brian Chapman and Sherrie Carnegie have nothing to report to readers of this magazine.....yet.....

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Always adept at pulling the wool over folks eyes - Bill McKinley has recently set himself up in the knitwear business. Best of luck to you Bill (I suit any colour but red) (T.D.W.)

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Congratulations to Gary Young of Kirkcaldy who has been successful in obtaining a sports bursary. Gary is a member of the British Olympic Sprint Racing Squad.

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Congratulations to the following winners of raffle prizes drawn during the Scottish Canoe Exhibition by Clive Freshwater on 28th March.

1. Andrew Boyd, 23 Ayr Road, Prestwick - Weekend for two in Paris
2. Patrick Bardoul, French Dept., Dunoon Grammar School - Portable Black and White T.V.
3. C. Given, 50 Ratho Park Road, Ratho, Midlothian - Digital Watch.
4. Audrey Butter, Save & Prosper, Queen Street - Sweatshirt
5. Mr. Williamson, 67 Fenwick Road, Glasgow, G46 6AX - Sweatshirt
6. J. Perry, Baker Yuile Ltd. Glasgow - Sweatshirt
7. Mr. A. Lowrie, 50 Kidd Street, Kirkcaldy - Sweatshirt.

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We had hoped to print the announcement of the advent of the Morton MARK II, but, as at the date of going to press, MARK II has decided he'd rather stay where he is! Isabel doesn't think much of this and Nicholas is waiting anxiously for his brother/sister to show up. All success to the coming event, Isabel and Andy. POST SCRIPT: A 'phone call from Andy 9am. "ISABEL GAVE BIRTH TO A LITTLE GIRL at 5 o'clock this morning" (Saturday 22nd) CONGRATULATIONS to you all!

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I HEAR YOU COLLEEN.....An advertisement in the Glasgow Herald recently says "COLLEEN'S MASSAGE PARLOUR - PRIVATE APPOINTMENTS - 'Phone 031-229-5758" You'll never believe this, but that is Nanette Adamson's 'phone number. They had numerous 'phone calls at all hours of the day and night..... The Glasgow Herald says "It was a mistake".....

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To the Secretary of the Fife Branch of the Peter Easson Fan Club:- We regret we have no news of Pete's return to racing. Meantime we will send you the address in Hawick you have requested.

A DAY TRIP TO MONSCHAUJane Wilson

On Thursday, after finally sorting out ferries, tickets, money etc. we went off to pick up Neil, only to find he had an attack of "glandular fever" so we had to leave him in the company of a couple of girls and we three - Keith Brown, Brian Moore and I raced down south to Felixstowe. An uneventful trip saw us at the port in  $7\frac{1}{2}$  hours, in time for some scran and a drink before boarding the ferry. Being hardy Scots we had no need for cabins and managed to snatch a few hours sleep curled up on the lounge floor.

Belgium loomed out of the early morning mist and we were soon off down the autobahn towards Germany. Typically, as we got near to Monschau, it started to snow and this cold weather stayed with us all weekend.

There was little to do on Friday except set up camp (Quote from the English "You're not CAMPING are you????!!) and then raid the coffee houses. Keith demonstrated his fluent German by ordering three chocolate cakes with cream, only to receive three cups of hot chocolate - still, we're not all perfect.

As relaxation on Friday night we decided to have a sauna, at one of the surrounding villages. What can one say about a nude, mixed sauna except that it really was very enjoyable!! (ask Keith).

The competition was all to be run on Saturday, both individual and team events. Practice runs were mid-morning, just after the water came on - some people didn't even have time to see the course properly before their run, and then first runs were immediately afterwards. The men's events were over before the Canadians and Ladies had started, so I was able to watch and cheer on all the British boys before I had to get going. Both Brian and Keith had reasonable runs but were up against a high standard of competition, and Keith was hampered by spearing the Welsh paddler in front of him. It also seems to take a lot of hard work to get a re-run organised in Germany.

In the ladies event, Jane Roderick was on top form beating all the top German girls soundly, including Urike Deppe the World Champion. Clear runs were the order of the day, so with a couple of touches, I ended up down the list a bit.

The British Canadian paddlers did well taking the top 3 prizes and Pete Godfrey was 4th in the individual.

Without Neil in our team we were at a slight disadvantage, but even taking only one run, we weren't last and would have been higher placed if we'd managed to discover which gate was the team gate. As it was, Keith was halfway down the weir after gate 16, well in front of Brian and me, when someone helpfully told him he'd just gone through the team gate - can't win 'em all!

So, with no prizes to take home, we were able to relax and sample some local beer and wine, have a few fights with the English - who always seem to turn up everywhere - and generally have a good time.

On Sunday we decided to visit Brussels and spend a few francs, mainly on food and drink, before heading back to the ferry and the long drive home.

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A FEW RESULTS OF WASHBURN PREMIER DIV 1 SLALOM 8/9th MAY

DIVISION 1 MEN -	Tony Leaver	2nd	(F.C.C.)
	Keith Brown	11th	(F.C.C.)
LADIES -	Sheila Malone	1st	(F.C.C.)
PREMIER MEN	- Neil Baxter	12th	(F.C.C.)

FORTH SLALOMISTS ARE TOP SCOTSNanette Adamson

Forth Canoe Club have shown once again that they are a force to be reckoned with.

The first two Premier/Division I slaloms are over and the Scots have shown the English what they are made of.

With these events being selection events for the British teams, it was vital for competitors to do well. For three people in particular it was proved that their winter training had paid off; for Jane Wilson, Jock Young and Alistair Munro have been selected for the British 'A' team to paddle in the Europa Cup and Pre-Worlds this summer. The trio, all members of F.C.C. gained very good results at both Grandtully and Trywerwyn. Jock and Bluebell won both events, while Jane was fifth at Grandtully, and second at Trywerwyn, Bala.

This is Jock and Bluebell's second season in the team. For Jane, this is a great reward, reaching her ambition after a hard winter's training programme.

Two other Scots in the team are Jimmy Dolan and Sue Garriock, who both live South of the Border. Jimmy was first and second respectively, while Sue won both events.

The Europa Cup consists of three events in Europe: Tacen in Yugoslavia, Lofer in Austria, and Augsburg in Germany. These take part during June/July and the Pre-Worlds, which are being held in Merano, Italy, takes place mid-June.

I'm sure all fellow canoeists wish the British team the best of luck, and we're right behind you two guys and Jane.

Two other paddlers who gained distinction are Keith Brown and Tony Leaver, who both paddle for F.C.C. Tony won Grandtully, while Keith, who was third, gained first place at Trywerwyn. Unfortunately, Trywerwyn was not a ranking event for Division One men, so Keith missed out. These results show great promise for the season ahead. It's good to see Keith at the top, after having had a rather disappointing last season.

Tony's plans are to be selected for the G.B. Youth Team, hoping to follow last year's success as top youth in Division One.

Both Tony and Keith are aiming for Premier next season.

Another paddler to be noted is Susan Ward. Always a consistent performer she gained sixth place at both events in a top class field.

The winners of the Men's Division One team at Grandtully, was Rainbow One (Brown, Leaver and McDonald), while the winners of the team at Trywerwyn were Rainbow Too (Brown, Leaver and Andy Barkham of F.C.A.G.).

I hope the remaining slalom season will be successful, and with these present results it shows that we can make it.

Forth Canoe Club should be proud of the following results:

Grandtully

Div I Men - 1st Tony Leaver (Forth)  
                   3rd Keith Brown (Forth/EUCC)  
 Div I Ladies - 3rd Gill Robbie (Forth/SUCC)  
 Premier Ladies 5th Jane Wilson (Forth/EUCC)  
                   6th Susan Ward (Forth)  
 Premier Men - 1st Jimmy Dolan  
 Div I C2 - Munro/Young (Forth) 1st  
 Div I Men Team - McDonald/Leaver/Brown 1st  
                   (Rainbow One)

Trywerwyn

Div I Open Men- 1st Keith Brown  
                   (Forth/EUCC)  
 Premier Ladies -2nd Jane Wilson (Forth)  
                   6th Sue Ward (Forth/  
   EUCC)  
 Premier Men - 2nd Jimmy Dolan  
 Div I Men Team Brown/Leaver/Barkham 1st  
                   (Rainbow Too)  
 Div I C2 - Munro/Young (Forth) 1st

It is sad to report two recent incidents in the Firth of Forth which reached the local press. In the first, a young man bought a canoe from a friend and decided to set off in the sea from Granton. After half an hour he got into difficulties and his kayak capsised. He tried to right it but only succeeded in filling it to the gunwhales. He was not wearing a lifejacket and was alone. Fortunately he was rescued by a policeman after some forty minutes immersion in cold water with high winds. The second incident concerns a student at Napier College, quoted as claiming 'several years experience' who set off from Dalgety Bay with a novice he was instructing - again in the recent cold and very windy weather, and again got into 'difficulties'. Both incidents had fortunate outcomes, but it does underline to us our mutual responsibilities to ensure that those who buy boats from us know what they are doing and are able to recognise their own limitations. It is also clear that we should approach anyone we see with a canoe, to urge them into the structure of organised canoeing and membership of a Club, where they can receive appropriate instruction and experience in safety. Otherwise it will reflect on ourselves, and we are likely to find harbourmasters, coastguards and others very unco-operative.

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My personal congratulations to George Clelland in particular and to those others in general who have completed the groundwork of an excellent campsite facility at Grandtully. With a continued impetus, this site will become one of the best in the country. But it is clear that the whole mass of slalom and whitewater competitors, who will after all benefit most from Grandtully, will all have to give up some time to complete the project which has been started so well. Perhaps it would not be too much to ask those who take part and whose names are published on the ranking lists to make a firm date on the calendar to make their contribution. The second toilet block requires to be located at the far end of the site, plumbed for drainage (a septic tank?) and water for both these toilets and a standpipe requires to be laid. The task is not really very difficult, it merely requires everyone to contribute.

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Gordon Cuthill is taking over the reins of Forth Canoe Club Secretary/Treasurer from Alastair Williamson, whose business commitments and matrimonial arrangements are interfering with his duties. It is not easy to keep tabs on all our members with changing addresses and various dues to be collected, to fight a running battle with the Local Authority over the rates and keep the Inland Revenue happy about Corporation Tax on interest gained in our bank deposit account. Thank you Alastair for your work for the Club. Gordon was Secretary of the now defunct Edinburgh White Water Club, and also Treasurer of Heriot-Watt University C.C., so he knows what he is taking on. Beware all late subscription payers and shirkers.....

R.K.R.

MARATHON RACINGHasler Trophy

The Hasler Trophy is the most prestigious team trophy for Marathon racing in Britain. It was presented by Lloyds Underwriters to commemorate the raid up the Gironde river in December 1942 by 10 Royal Marines led by Lt.Col. R.G. Hasler in five two-man canoes, to destroy enemy shipping at Bordeaux. There were only two survivors.

List of Hasler Races in Scotland - Season 1981-82

The HASLER FINAL will be held at Peterborough on 2nd October 1982.

Scotland East

Kirkcaldy  
Tweed  
3 Bridges Tay  
Glasgow - Edinburgh  
Leukaemia

Scotland West

Kelvin  
Lomond  
Clyde  
Irvine  
Leven  
Tail-o-the-Bank  
Lubnaig

The Hasler Trophy Rules are:-

- a) Each region should run its own league championships throughout the year. The regions will be defined as the sports regions for England plus Scotland East, Scotland West and Wales.
- b) The best three clubs from each region may compete in the final, together with one team each from The Army, The Navy and The R.A.F.
- c) Each region will decide which races to count. It is hoped eventually there will be enough races in each region to have the best eight results.
- d) Each club will be allowed as many competitions as it wishes.
- e) The points system throughout the year and in the final will be as follows:
  - (i) Division 1 - 7 will count for points
  - (ii) Points will be awarded for paddlers both in singles and doubles 10 for first, 9 for second and so on down to 1 for all finishers. Pro-rata if less than 10 starters
  - (iii) Each club will count its best seven scorers in any division for singles
  - (iv) Each club will count its best two scorers in any division for doubles
  - (v) For each race the winning club will get ten points, nine for second and so on. Pro-rata if less than ten clubs in race.
- f) The final will be early October 1982.

NOTE

- 1) In the regional races leading to the final, only those clubs within the region will score for points. i.e. Paddlers from other regions will not be taken into account when calculating points.
- 2) Competitors must be Scottish Canoe Association members if racing in divisions 1 - 6. Numbers must be quoted on entries and results. Competitors failing to provide their Scottish Canoe Association numbers will not be eligible for points or prizes.

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SCOTTISH MARATHON RACING 1982  
CANAL/KELVIN RACE 17th APRIL 1982  
MARYHILL - TORRANCE - KELVIN WALKWAY

Ed. Davidson

In this first Scottish Marathon of 1982 the weather could not have been better. Dry, little wind and reasonably warm requiring only a racing vest and shorts. Is it really the month of April?

The venue Maryhill, Glasgow and the time 13.00 hours. No K2's this year, so the Division 1 and 2 were positioned for the start two boat lengths ahead of Division 3 which in turn lined up ahead of Division 4, a technique necessary to give a clean start on the narrow canal.

Under starters orders, Ready - Go, and paddles flying, the canoes surge forward to find clear water; backwash from the canal bank, rubbish and reeds to dodge, and this year its Angus who goes for a swim. Division 3 veteran almost up the bank, apologies from intrepid team mate; the fast lads are settling down and veteran looks for a handy wash - he chases a lady paddler and is promptly burned off. Ah-well there's always the juniors - woops, they've gone as well. "On your own lad", settle down, mind over matter, plod on they can't keep this up - Angus hammers past fair drookit and in hot pursuit - thought it was a K2 at least. Seven miles to Torrance Bridge and the longest portage in Scotland, a long way but the scenery is good on this stretch passing the wide sections where canal boats used to turn, past the landing stages and stables. Children cry out: "hi mister, this a race?", - "yes" puff, "aye it is" - "how far" - "14 miles" - "jings your daft mister" - "gie's a shot". Paddle on - no one run aground yet this year must all be using overstern rudders, round the bend, paddlers in sight again and no one close has passed. Second wind, the portage in sight and meet the first short course paddlers on the turn, paddle to Maryhill.

This portage is more of a hike for half a mile but all downhill to the River Kelvin and the return 7 mile journey.

Gain one place and race off without putting on spray deck, into the first small rapids where a good line gains more breathing space; Derek catches up but I gain his wash and after a cat and mouse session we settle down and I try to burn past whenever the rapids permit. Bravado really, as he would soon catch me up again if I succeeded, nevertheless I try at each opportunity, but finish the race on his wash and glad to be there.

All paddlers meet for the prize giving at the Kelvin Walkway, and the times show some hard training has been done.

In Division 1 and 2 Roderick Christie wins the Senior Shield with a time of 1-40-10 - an improvement of 0-16-48 over last year, and Alan Davidson knocks 10 minutes off his previous best to come second.

In Division 3 Derek Newport (Junior) clips 33 minutes off last year's results but is beaten by Paul O'Brien who wins the Junior Cup.

In Division 4 Gordon Henderson wins this year in a Sea Tourer, knocking 12 minutes off his last year's time.

All in all a good race, but the course record remains intact and the paddlers all gave their best in sporting fashion, achieving the results below:

		<u>canal</u> <u>time</u>	<u>total</u> <u>time</u>	
Div 1 & 2 14 miles	R.Christie I.C.C.	40.53	1.40.10	Short course Seniors:
	A.Davidson K.C.C.	42.12	1.41.11	
	A.Watt G.U.C.C.	44.37	1.44.02	R.Duffus 44.29
	A.Morrison I.C.C.	47.45	1.49.10	J.Little 47.17
Div 3 14 miles	P. O'Brien (Jun)	45.34	1.54.07	Short Course Juniors
	D.Newport (Jun)	50.23	2.00.20	
	E.Davidson (vet)	51.26	2.00.22	
Div 4 14 miles	G.Henderson		2.11.16	C. O'Brien 52.40
	R.Cole		2.29.17	
	L.Smith		2.46.07	

THE AWE MARATHON held on 1st MAY 1982.REPORTGeorge Logie

Fresh from the success at A.S.C.O.T., Andy Watt (of Glasgow University Canoe Club) set about organising another novelty event!

By 1 p.m. on May Day, all the competitors for this year's Awe Marathon (held, believe it or not, on Loch Awe) were lined up and ready to go.

The lack of surfing boats was a surprising feature of this year's event when considering the size of the waves, but the paddlers and their K Boats set off with grim determination to enjoy at least the first half of the race with the wind strongly at their backs.

At the turn, Kenny Bryce was being challenged by the Glasgow University K2 but the combination of wind and waves was making it difficult for the K2 to co-ordinate and Kenny stayed in the lead. I was having a private battle with the Irvine K2 but they decided to do the short course and walked home!

Now that the field had been reduced by 25% we struggled back up the loch into the teeth of a typical Pass of Brander gale.

Having finished in the record (!) time of 2 hours and 1 minute, Kenny Bryce had to dig the time-keepers out of hiding in their cars, to tell them he was there, as did the other 3 paddlers still in the race. Still, who could blame them? - cars offered at least some protection from the wind, sleet, hail and rain.

It was good to see all of the paddlers attending the prize-giving, where a specially constructed rostrum helped to capture the sense of "awe" no doubt necessary for such an event.

Perhaps next year all those canoeists who arrived with K boats on their car roofs, but who did not take them off and paddle, will think again and be challenged by the elements always in evidence on this magnificent stretch of water.

<u>Prize-winners</u>	1st K1	K. Bryce	Div 2	Strathclyde University C.C
	2nd K1	G. Logie	Div 2	Forth C.C.
	1st K2	A. Watt/A.Morrison		Glasgow University C.C.
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SPRINT/MARATHON

We are grateful to George Logie and Ed Davidson for their reports on this front.

K4, 10,000m Championships, Strathclyde Park, 6th April 1982.

This eagerly anticipated event provided a real thriller with the lead changing hands several times and the first two crews home inside the existing record. Less than half-a-minute separated the first three finishers. There were seven starters, five of whom completed the course.

RESULTS:

1st	Roxburgh/Kirkcaldy/Forth (Fraser/Davidson/Denny/Knox)	41 min. 17 sec.
2nd	Trossachs/RAF (Samuels/Speirs/Young/Barrie)	41 " 26 "
3rd	Irvine 'A' (Montgomery/Batchelor/Murphy/Dunlop)	41 " 41 "
4th	Irvine 'B' (Christie/Adair/Douglas/Duffus)	45 " 23 "
5th	Aberdeen University (Douglas/Stoddart/Saddler/Jacobs)	54 " 47 "
	Dundee and Strathclyde University crews retired.	

In the 6,000 metres Ladies/Junior Men's event, the Kirkcaldy/Irvine Ladies (Edwards/Mills/Kinninmonth/Little) beat Kirkcaldy 'A' Juniors by nearly a minute.

WHITE WATER RACING

Gill Robbie

The first Div A Race of the 1981/82 season was eventually held on the River Tees after the postponement of the December Tees race and a cancellation of the January Usk race because of the weather. Paddlers from all parts of the country seemed to have been kept out of their boats for several weeks because of the snow and ice, and there were fairly universal claims about lack of paddling fitness. However, given enough water, the Tees is a good river, particularly the top part of the race course where there are some big waves and a couple of sharp, bouncy corners. The water level for the race was good, with a few of the rocks that had been catching the unwary on Saturday, covered. The lower part is flatter and this, and the length of the course, did show those who'd managed to maintain fitness. Altogether, though, it was a really good weekend's paddling and really nice to be back on the water again.

<u>RESULTS:</u>	Div A. K1 M	1. J. Hibble	21.59
		5. K. Fraser	22.48
		16. T. Liddon	24.06
		51. D. Wolfe	25.57
	K1 L	1. S. Hornby	23.54
		5. G. Robbie	25.43
		10. L. Morrison	26.47

WELSH DEE The next week's Div A race on the Welsh Dee was quite well attended by the Scots, some of whom would also have been at the Tees, but for a clash with the S.U.S.F. race at Stanley Thistle.

Div A K1 M	1. J. Hibble	12.41	K1 L	1. S. Hornby	14.08
	9. K. Fraser	13.23		3. G. Robbie	14.58
	23. T. Liddon	14.06			
	36. K. Bain	14.35			
	43. A. Denny	14.45			
	52. A. Watt	15.05			
	58. C. Douglas	15.16			

BRITISH TEAM SELECTION

The British W.W. Team Selection Policy was announced as being based on results on the Washburn (two races totalled) and the Trywerwyn. The Washburn is a short (10 min. or so) race on a very narrow, fast river, which has a few weirs on it. The Trywerwyn race, in contrast, is a  $5\frac{1}{2}$  mile,  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour race, where lines are often obscure and devious, particularly on the lower stretches.

<u>RESULTS:</u>	<u>WASHBURN</u>	Sat. K1 M	1. J. Hibble	8.38	Sun.	1. J. Hibble	8.36
			2. R. Campbell	8.42		2. R. Campbell	8.41
			3. DRH Taylor	8.44		3. D. Taylor	8.43
			4. J. Dunseath	8.49		4. M. Smith	8.47
			5. M. Smith	8.51		5. J. Dunseath	8.51
			6. <u>K. Fraser</u>	8.59		6= A. Bayliss	8.57
					6= <u>K. Fraser</u>	8.57	
	K1 L	1. A. Plant	9.30	K1 L	1. A. Plant	9.28	
		2. S. Hornby	9.31		2. S. Hornby	9.29	
		3. A. Mylett	9.38		3. A. Mylett	9.43	
		4. F. Mitchell	9.43		4. <u>G. Robbie</u>	9.44	
		5. <u>G. Robbie</u>	9.46				

TREWERWYN (no results sheet as yet!)

LADIES /

TREWERWYNLADIES

Sue Hornby	30.13
Ann Plant	30.49
A. Mylett	32.00
Gill Robbie	32.35

SELECTION: BRITISH W.W. TEAM

K1 Men	R. Campbell	K1 Ladies	A. Plant
	J. Dunseath		S. Hornby
	J. Hibble		A. Mylett
	M. Smith		<u>G. Robbie (Travelling</u>
	D. Taylor		<u>Reserve)</u>
	D.R.H. Taylor		
	<u>K. Fraser (Travelling Reserve)</u>		

The British White Water Team will compete in three Europa Cup Events (Vezere in France, 29/30 May; Simme in Switzerland, 5/6th June; Lofer in Austria, 17/18th July); and the Pre-World Championships at Merano, Italy, on 12/13th June.

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RESULTS:MACKERSTOUN W.W.R. 21st February 1982.

<u>OPEN</u>	K. Fraser (Rox)	17 min 11 sec.
	T. Liddon	18 " 05 "
<u>DIV C</u>	G. Young (Tross)	20 " 01 "
	A. Garrity (K.W.S.A.)	
<u>YOUTH</u>	S. Marshall (Gateshead)	18 " 38 "
<u>LADY</u>	G. Robbie (St.Uni)	19 " 24 "
<u>TEAM</u>	Gateshead	

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TEITH W.W.R. 7th March 1982

<u>OPEN</u>	K. Fraser (Rox)	14.44.49 (course record)
	I. Bownes (R.W.S.ABC)	
<u>DIV C.</u>	R. Jordan (Napier)	
	R. Townsend (Lochiel)	
<u>YOUTH</u>	G. Young (Tross)	
	S. McCartney (P.K.C.)	
<u>LADY (OPEN)</u>	G. Robbie (St.Uni)	
" ( <u>DIV C</u> )	A. Forrest (G.U.C.C.)	
<u>C1</u>	A. Munro (Forth/Pyranha)	

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AWE W.W.R. 2nd MAY 1982.A. Watt

Atrocious weather conditions decimated the attendance at the Awe, with a few stalwarts braving the strong (but following) wind and heavy rain. Some, however, decided to stay in their tents at the campsite, notably Strathclyde. Still, the Glasgow crew bravely ran the race, (some members wearing wetsuits) to cope with the pouring rain, with two slalom boats in Div C, 8 Div B and 9 Open. However the obtuseness of some canoeists who shot the Inverawe weirs ignoring organiser's instructions and commonsense alike, augurs badly for the future of a race which is heavily dependent on the good will of landowners, HydroBoard etc.

GRANDTULLY W.W. RACE, 14th MARCH, 1982.

Selected Results

MEN'S K1 DIV A.	1. J. Hibble	Leeds	15.31.57	
	2. M. Smith	Leeds	15.35.46	1st U 18
	3. K. Fraser	Roxburgh	15.44.44	
LADIES K1 " "	1. S. Hornby	Deptford Swimmers	16.34.17	
	2. A. Plant	Lichfield	16.37.73	
	3. G. Robbie	Stirling Uni.	17.09.93	
OPEN MEN'S K1	1. I. Brown	Aberdeen Uni.	18.37.63	
	2. C. Campbell	Stirling Uni.	18.53.05	
OPEN MEN'S C1	1. K. Bryce	Strathclyde Uni.	20.24.56	

SCOTTISH W.W. RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

\* Prizewinners Scottish Champs.

MEN'S K1	* 1. K. Fraser	Roxburgh	15.44.44
	* 2. N. Baxter	Forth CC	16.30.66
	* 3. A. Denny	Roxburgh	16.39.71
LADIES K1	* 1. G. Robbie	Stirling Uni	17.09.93
	* 2. D. Riddell-Black	Strathclyde Uni.	18.46.64
	3. J. Kirkland	Aberdeen Uni	19.53.51
MEN'S C1	1. K. Bryce	Strathclyde Uni	20.24.56
C2	1. Meikle/Bain	Strathclyde Uni	17.56.97
TEAM	* 1. Fraser/Knox/Denny	Roxburgh 'A'	16.53.78

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WHITE WATER COMMITTEE NOTES

Andy Morton

There was little good news to report from the latest White Water Committee meeting. The Continental Tour had to be cancelled due to lack of finance from the S.C.A., and misconduct at a recent River Race was reported.

The committee have decided to send a large team to the International event on the Dee at the end of the year (October) and a selection event will be held on the second weekend of October at Grandtully. Those wishing to be selected should keep this date free.

At the Awe river race a number of competitors saw fit to ignore all warnings and instructions both verbal and written, and paddled over one or both weirs below the finishing line of the race. This kind of behaviour cannot be tolerated because it puts in jeopardy the very race to which these competitors came. It is hard to understand their motives, especially since some were well respected competitors. If they have been seen by the Hydro Board or by Landowners, or members of the Community Council, then we can expect serious repercussions. In the meantime the committee will recommend a ban on these paddlers in some or all of S.C.A. competitions at least to the end of this season and quite possibly into 1983.

Paddlers under the age of 18 on the 1st January 1983, (and organisers), will be pleased to hear that the committee have decided to reduce entry fees to 50p per head in all events except Div A races. There will be no levy on such paddlers and it is hoped this will encourage more participation at Youth level.

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NEWS FROM THE SPRINT SCENE

Gary Young of Trossachs Canoe Club and Neil Davidson of Kirkcaldy CC flew out to Amsterdam after their Physics Papers on the 7th May to take part in the International Regatta at Bosbaan on the 8th and 9th May. Neil wearing the Great Britain track suit for the first time did well to win the silver medal in the K1 500m event and also a 3rd place in the K4 500 and K2 6,000m events. Unfortunately he had to fly back before taking part in the 1000m K2 final, after being fastest qualifier with his partner Pete Evans of Lincoln. Fellow schoolmate Gary was in the winning crew of the K4 500 and 1000m and also took third place in the K1 500m. On the strength of their performance both/

both boys have been selected, as part of the eight strong British Junior Team to travel to the 4 Nations Match at Deventer, Holland on the 5th/6th June.

Also sporting G.B. track suits in 1982 were Gibbie Speirs of Trossachs Canoe Club and Robert Montgomery of Irvine Canoe Club.

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SCOTTISH SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS  
STRATHCLYDE PARK, 9th May 1982

Anne Davidson

The weather reflected the golden feeling of Irvine Canoe Club as they swept the Medal table almost clean. Irvine, which for a few years has been in the doldrums, have hit 1982 with a bang. It was good to see the club unity and excellent performance once again.

Robert Montgomery showed us why he has gained a place in the British Team competing in the 4 Nations Match at Deventer, Holland in June; he won clearly the 1000m K1 and with Drew Batchelor, won the K2 1000 and 10,000. He was also in the Gold Medal K4 crew along with Murphy, Batchelor and Christie to win the 500 and 1000m races.

Not to be outdone, Clyde Douglas won the gold medal in Junior 1000m K1 event and Irvine Ladies Jackie Little and Yvonne Allison won the 6,000m Ladies K2.

Completing the Kayak Medal table were the two Kirkcaldy Juniors Paul O'Brien and Lindsay Blacklaws who won the K2 1000m race.

Strathclyde University are to be congratulated in their encouragement of the Canadian Racing Class and at last the Sprint Committee can stage these races. Kenny Bryce of SUCC won the gold medal in the 1000m C1 class.

SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 500 and 10,000m  
LINLITHGOW LOCH, 16th May 1982.

Andrew Morton.

This was a new venue for these championships, - an ideal setting with the Palace in the background and the town close by. Another asset was that the finishing line was where spectators could see the actual finish and observe who had won - unlike Strathclyde Park where the finishing line is remote from observers.

This was a buoyed course, not quite up to the standard of Strathclyde Park - there were 6 lanes. It was a lovely sunny and calm day with only a shower of rain towards the end of the regatta.

Robert Montgomery of Irvine C.C. carried away the major senior prizes. Garry Young of Trossachs won the Junior events; Jackie Little of Irvine C.C. won the Ladies 6,000m and Anna Millar of Kirkcaldy won the 500m.

Irvine C.C. are now leading in over-all points for the Trophy, Kirkcaldy being runners up. Sprint points so far are: Irvine 554 and Kirkcaldy 493.

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STOP PRESS - further to page 12 on British Selection

Neil Baxter has been picked for the British under 21 slalom in Czechoslovakia. In fact he is away there now. 23 May.

Tony Leaver, who won Grandtully, was 2nd at Washburn, has been chosen for the British Youth "A" Team at Spittal.

Andrew Barkham will be going to Merano with the British Youth "B" team.

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OUTWARD BOUND LOCH EIL CANOEING COURSES - JUNE AND OCTOBER.....  
We have been advised that there are still vacancies from 12 - 19 June,  
19 - 26 June and 9 - 16 October. Contact Secretary of F.C.C.

COMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>		<u>Organisers</u>
<u>JUNE</u> 5th	Kirkintilloch Regatta	...	28
6th	Leukaemia Sponsored Paddle and L.D. **	...	24
6th	Lubnaig Marathon	...	02
5th-6th	Slalom - Tryweryn, Bala		
12th-13th	Teviot Bridge Slalom, 4, N, J.	...	35
13th	Loch Lomond Marathon (am) Scottish K2 Champs Rowardennan		25
13th	Rowardennan Fun Regatta (pm)	...	22
12th-13th	Washburn Slalom, Harrogate. Div 2		
20th	F.C.C. outing to Tweed or Tay		
21st	F.C.C. Star Tests for Novices, Craiglockhart.		
19th-20th	Tryweryn - Bala Div 2.		
26th	Kirkcaldy Regatta	...	15
27th	Loch Ken Marathon	...	32
27th	F.C.C. Barbecue Outing, Seacliffe		
26th-27th	Linton Locks, York. Div 2.		
28th	F.C.C. Regatta, Craiglockhart.		
<u>JULY</u> 4th	Kirkcaldy - Burntisland Marathon	...	15
17th-18th	Tryweryn - Bala Div 2.		
31st-1st Aug	Washburn - Harrogate Div 2.		
25th-28th July	- see below at foot of page. Canoe Life Saving Course		
<u>AUGUST</u>			
21st-22nd	Fairnilee Slalom 4, N, J.	...	13
21st	Tail o' the Bank Marathon	...	06
22nd	Central Scotland Surf Competition, Montrose (especially for beginners)	...	39
22nd	Irvine Marathon	...	32
28th-29th	Grandtully Open Premier, 1, J, Home International...		36

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39	Paul Jackson, 2 Rossie School, Montrose.	0674-82293
	** Please note change of organiser to 24	(cancellation number)

CANOE LIFE SAVING COURSE

25th July. Port Glasgow High School 10am - 5pm  
 26th-27th-28th July Royal West Boat Club - 7 - 9p.m.  
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S.E. SCOTLAND SURF COMPETITION, SEACLIFFE, NORTH BERWICK. 1/2nd MAY 1982.Derek Isles.

Owing to the lack of surf, the heats due to be staged on Saturday were, unfortunately postponed. At 9 a.m. on Sunday, a trail of vehicles sped along the coast from the campsite to the surf beach, everyone with fingers and legs crossed, praying for surf.

Fortunately the wind had dropped allowing small waves to form and, after a conference with colleagues from down south, it was decided to hold the competition.

Bravely the Novice surfers donned their wetsuits and took to the sea in their competition craft. The results were:-

Surf shoe/ski handling	1st	C. Ballard	Aberdeen Univ.C.C.
	2nd	B. Pickering	Leeds
Slalom Kayak handling	1st	H. Lyon	Linlithgow Loch CC
	2nd	C. Marshall	" "

The juniors competed next:-

1st	C. McKinnon	" "
2nd	T. Isles	" "

Only one lady had entered the competition but unfortunately she chose to go home on Saturday and did not compete.

In the surf shoe and surf ski events competitors could choose which canoe they wish to use. These two events were combined this year to reduce time. The Results were:- (Number of competitors 12)

1st	B. Hoten	Sunderland
2nd	J. Streets	Scarborough
3rd	A. Cowe	Aberdeen Univ.CC.
4th	M. Butland	Ilkley College
5th	A. Fulton	Keith WW Club

Last but not least was the Slalom canoe handling event, which most Scottish paddlers take part in and dominate. The Results were:- (Number of competitors 8)

1st	R. Strachan	Elgin
2nd	A. Fulton	Keith WW Club
3rd	D. Black	Linlithgow Loch CC
4th	A. Cowe	Aberdeen Univ.CC.
5th	C. Bull	Gwent, Wales.

The Surf had totally died by about 3 p.m. so those who had remained till the end started the job of tidying up. Fortunately it was all finished before the torrential rain reached North Berwick.

Entries overall were down on last year, which is very discouraging for the organisers. It is also disappointing to see the small number of Scots paddlers entering compared with the numbers travelling from England for the competition. However, on counting the entry money it was found to be enough to pay for the trophies. It had been a good weekend despite the lack of surf.

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FORTH CANOE CLUB PAGES

GET OUT YOUR DIARIES NOW and pencil in the following dates:-

JUNE 20th	Club outing to Tweed (or Tay)
27th	Sea paddle, surfing & barbeque, Seacliffe, N.Berwick.
28th	Craiglockhart Fun Regatta: Chariots, 5gate slalom, polo relays, sideways race etc; Prizes.

In addition, teams are required for Fun Regattas on:-

JUNE 5th	Kirkintilloch	HELP WITH TRANSPORT TO THESE
13th	Rowardennan.	EVENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
		HOW ABOUT ROPING IN YOUR PARENTS?

MARATHON TRAINING Come and enjoy the masochistic delights of marathon training. We meet every Thursday at the Club Hut at 6p.m. All levels are catered for including complete beginners wanting their first attempt in a K1. For further details contact:-  
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P.S. Did you know that everyone who enters a marathon race receives a free raffle ticket from Cape Industries that could win them a new K1?

CANAL HUT A reminder to members who have access to the hut at the canal that storage fees for this year are £7.00 per canoe seat. Fees were due at the beginning of the year and any unauthorised or un-named boat is now liable to removal. To avoid inconvenience, please pay Gordon Cuthill or Kelso Riddell without delay. The following members are recorded as having paid: Susan Ward, Keith Brown, Louise Henderson, Miles Forde, Derek Newport, Brian Chapman, Kelso Riddell, Tony Leaver.

NEW CANOE STORE AND CHANGING ROOMS AT UNION CANAL

R.Kelso Riddell.

Those members who make regular use of the canal hut and the basin for training will have noticed signs of work beginning for the new facility we are building on the other half of our land at Lower Gilmore Place. Following long delays in obtaining the new 21 year lease on our site, we have at last received our official offer of grant from the Scottish Sports Council and this has enabled us to start work.

The turf has been cleared and we have been fortunate in finding that underneath the ground is virtually prepared since it already consists of 'ash-blinded hardcore'. We are now awaiting quotes from contractors to bring in the services (water, drains and electricity) and to form the concrete pad, and we expect this work to be in progress by the end of May and complete by mid-June.

Then the work starts in earnest for ourselves, and all members will be asked to contribute to the erection of the shell of the building.

As soon as it has been topped-out, we will fit it out with changing rooms and two showers and toilets, while the main area will be racked out for canoe storage.

All this work has to be carried out by ourselves, since we are on an extremely tight budget, and costs have escalated since the original costings (on which the grant is based) were made almost two years ago.

I estimate that to complete the project will take about 20 hours of every senior members time. Please do not wait to be asked to help, but give me a call on 031-229-9586 to see what you can do.

The Club committee has decided that members working hours should be logged and a suitable discount structure for subscriptions and storage fees will be worked out for those who spend more than their quota on the project.

If the project runs over budget, it may be necessary to raise a levy on members to cover the final cost, although I hope this will not be required. Meanwhile, if you have any skills as a brickie, plumber or joiner, please contact me. We have a deadline to complete the project by the end of August or our grant will be withdrawn, so everyone's co-operation will be needed to make this a success to provide the best facility for canoeists in the centre of the town.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHINGT. Douglas Wilson

We all like a bargain. Even better is something for nothing. But surely there can be no satisfaction if it is gained at the expense of one's club-mates or associates.

It came as a shock when sorting out the last edition of 'KAYAK' for delivery, to realise just who wasn't going to be getting a copy, having never got round to paying their club subscription last year.

Among those were several regarded as prominent club members who compete regularly for the club and avail themselves of club facilities. At least one is the recipient of a canoeing grant from the local council!

What makes these transgressors so special that they feel their paddling should be subsidised by the rest? The old "impecunious student" bit has worn a bit thin, to my ears anyway; not that all those involved are not wage-earning. There always appears to be sufficient funds available to cover the beer money - and not just on the odd occasion at that.

It is hoped that the secretary will take a much tougher attitude in future on those who haven't paid up in a reasonable time - irrespective of who they are - and consider imposing a surcharge for late payment.

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SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS from Forth Canoe Club to our very successful members who have been selected for the British Team. Jane Wilson, Gill Robbie, Jock and Bluebell, Neil Baxter, Tony Leaver and Keith Brown.

We are proud of you and wish you all every success in the International Scene. Do keep us informed of your adventures.

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MEMORY JOG: Alistair Williamson and Anne Piper are being married on 24th July  
George Clelland and Alison Downie are being married on 21st August.  
We wish both couples happiness for the future.

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ANOTHER MEMORY JOG - WITH A DIFFERENCE

It must be impressed upon all members of FORTH that they should pay their membership subscriptions promptly.

It will be realised that the production of KAYAK magazine is very costly and if you expect to keep receiving your copy, you MUST pay up. If you do not, then there will be a financial penalty introduced before you can rejoin the club.

Gordon H. Cuthill  
Secretary/Treasurer.

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