

# SCAN

Scottish Canoe Association Newsletter



## CARDBOARD SOGS ...OK?

For an event which started as a silly suggestion at a Scot Uni's meeting; progressed to a hilarious evening as three of us sat in a bar concocting humorous rules and entry forms; and ended up with a bigger number of spectators than most other Scottish canoeing events, ASCOT would seem to have done 'OK'. ASCOT (A Silly Cardboard Operation on the Tay) had 29 competitors (16 finishing) and raised £60 for the Mike Jones Fund.

The challenge was to build a canoe entirely from cardboard (no waterproofing allowed), and to race it down 200m of Grandtully falls. The original exponent of the art, John Waters, expressed admiration for the durable and stable designs produced by the Scottish paddlers. Carpet tiles were much in evidence (or, hidden under a welter of cardboard sheets) and seams were taped, stapled or sewn. Some of the competitors put up times that would have been respectable in glass-fibre boats. They were led in the singles event by Al Denny, whose Red Cardboard Boat narrowly beat the Benmore 'A' machine.



Blunt approach from Benmore I (or was it II?). (Photo: P. Christie)

However, the nutty spirit of the event was more important especially to us, the organisers. Ignoring Scottish Canoe Association rules, we charged late entry fees at half the going rate, required all



UWIST I going strong. (Photo: A. Denny)

boats using Kellogg packets to carry a free gift and we attempted to hold classes in Conversational Nepalese in the hotel bar.

Joining in this spirit were those who hastily constructed canoes which, more often than not, foundered on the course, to the delight of the assembled crowds. Among those were Lawrence Bradley, whose Argentine navy (complete with helipad and guns) ran into



Kenny Bryce in a 'C1'. (Photo: A. Denny)

heavy seas on Grandtully ocean, and sank before the top fall; Neil Baxter's 'Wully' which was a simple craft of humble lines (two cardboard sheets stapled together and a mast to hold on to) and the Ross Bros in Indian dress, in their Hia-wata, which is precisely what the water level did in their boat.

The most original design was judged to be Jamie Gray (DUCC) in the 'Ugly Duckling', complete with speedometer and anti-back loop device. Alas, GUCC's Alan (Mache) Mackintosh vainly defended his title of Scottish Champion won at the 1981 World Championships (he was the only Scotsman there and survived only for 10 yards).

A multi-body class was also run and here cardboard boats showed their true qualities as they disintegrated, dissolved or just disappeared. These included the bowler-hatted Downieson and Donaldie, disastocraft of Abercrombie and McMorran, and the

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# SCOTTISH CANOE EXHIBITION

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*Peter Heatly jokes with Jock Young after presenting framed copies of the winning photographic competition entry to Young and C2 partner, Alistair (Bluebell) Munro at the Exhibition. (Photo: P.F. Nelson).*



*Pyranha Youth Award Winner Tony Leaver chats to Peter Heatly, Chairman of the Scottish Sports Council after the presentation of the Award to Tony who was the highest ranked youth padler in Britain in 1981. (Photo: P.F. Nelson)*

## PRIZE WINNERS

The raffle winners were announced at the Exhibition on March 28th after being drawn by Clive Freshwater, Hon. Vice-President of the Scottish Canoe Association. Many thanks to all who took part in the raffle especially to our heroic Treasurer, Alasdair Torrance who managed to sell 70 books of tickets!

- 1st Prize:** Andrew Boyd, 23 Ayr Road, Prestwick — Weekend for two in Paris.
- 2nd Prize:** Patrick Bardoul, Dunoon Grammar School — Portable Black & White TV
- 3rd Prize:** C. Given, 50 Ratho Park Road, Ratho Digital Watch
- 4th Prize:** Audrey Butter, c/o Save & Prosper, Queen Street — Sweat-shirt
- 5th Prize:** Mr. Williamson, 67 Fenwick Road, Glasgow — Sweat-shirt
- 6th Prize:** J. Perry, Baker Yuill Ltd., Glasgow — Sweat-shirt.
- 7th Prize:** Mr. A. Lawrie, 50 Kidd Street, Kirkcaldy — Sweat-shirt.

## GRANDTULLY

Bookings for use of the cottage at the Station Yard and/or the Slalom equipment are now being channelled through the Office. If you wish to use these facilities at Grandtully, the charges are as follows:

**Cottage: 1 night £5; Weekend £10; Week £25**

**Slalom equipment: Training Equipment — £5 per day; International/Div 1 Event — £50 per event; Div 2 or lower event — £30 per event.**

Booking forms are available from the Office to whom all fees should be sent in advance. On receipt of the appropriate fee, the keys for the cottage or slalom store will be sent out. Please give as much notice as possible of the date(s) required.

All bookings should be made to: Mrs. M. Winter, Scottish Canoe Association, 18 Ainslie Place, Edinburgh EH3 6AU.

## Tayside Canoe Polo Festival



Ten teams from six Tayside Canoe Clubs took part in the 1st Canoe Polo Competition to be held in Dundee Leisure Centre. Thanks must go to the Manager and Staff of the Centre for letting this new venture take place.

The Ducclings from the University got through to the Final by beating DWWC Six-five Special 1-0, a bye in the Quarter Final and a convincing 3-0 win against the Sea canoeists.

The DWWC Lonies Lads beat Ancrum 1-0 in the 2nd round and then overwhelmed the Montrose Water Babies 3-0.

This left the way for an Interesting Final. Both teams started off in a determined

fashion but with the match shortened due to pool time left, the Ducclings took the lead, due to a better positioning of their team players and this proved to be the winning goal.

The Festival proved to be a success and will probably run annually as an important Canoeing and social event for all types of canoeists in Tayside.

**PAUL R. JACKSON**  
Regional Coaching Organiser.

# LEUKAEMIA EVENT

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Thanks are due to every one of the 100 or so paddlers who turned up on a foggy Sunday to participate in this year's sponsored event.

As yet it's not clear how much money has been raised, but judging by the enthusiasm of many — particularly young paddlers who took part, the Leukaemia Research Fund of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh stands to gain substantially.

Particular thanks are made to the following people for support and/or sponsorship:

**Scott Ramage** who provided 2 boats from the Scottish Stallion Stable as prizes for the largest amount of money raised.

**Don Morrison of Graham Tiso** who erected a marquee at the Finish on the North Inch, Perth, and who provided welcome hamburgers and juice for all participants.

**Avon Cosmetics** who provided cologne sticks and shower gel gifts for all competitors.

**Prestonpans Pottery** who provided handsome pots for race prizes. **John Young, Snr**, who organised a mini-bus service from the Finish to Stanley for drivers.

**Doug Wilson, George Logie** and members of **Forth Canoe Club** who organised the ranking race from Kinclaven Bridge.

## LEUKAEMIA L. D. RESULTS

|           |                    |      |
|-----------|--------------------|------|
| Div 1:    | 1. Alan Davidson   | KCC  |
| Div 2:    | 1. Alistair Denny  | ROX. |
|           | 2. Kenny Bryce     | SUCC |
| Div 3:    | 1. Paul O'Brien    | KCC  |
| Div 6:    | 1. O'Brien/Maycock | KCC  |
| 1st Lady: | M. Kinninmonth     | KCC  |

## INSURANCE

Following reports in the National Press recently, regarding an Insurance claim lodged by a young gymnast against her Coach for injuries received while participating in gymnastics, some concern was expressed as to whether such a claim could be made against a member of the Scottish Canoe Association/British Canoe Union. To allay any fears among coaches or Instructors the position is as follows:

### Public Liability

"The Policy will indemnify the British Canoe Union and/or its Officials and/or members and/or Affiliated Clubs (insofar as concerns canoeing and social activities) against claims for legal liability, personal injury and property damage to Third Parties.

The Policy covers all canoeing activities, member to member liability and also premises risks of the British Canoe Union and Affiliated Clubs".

(British Canoe Union incorporates the SCA, WCA and CANI).

## ALVIN BRIAN

Sprint canoeists will be sad to learn of the untimely death of **Alvin Brian**, a Canadian canoeist who competed at the Commonwealth Regatta at Strathclyde Park. Alvin was a friend of **Robin Long**, the expatriot Scot, who now paddles for Canada — in 1980 Robin and Alvin were members of the K4 1,000m crew who won the Canadian National Championship. An intensely dedicated athlete, Alvin will be greatly missed in the sprint world and by Scottish paddlers who got to know him well during his stay at Hamilton College.

# Award Winning Canoe Films

For those of you who missed the Exhibition there was a second chance to see canoeing at its best on the box.

Mike McDonald gave a first class talk on canoeing in British Columbia and showed some excellent slides of the Fraser River during the Exhibition. The moving pictures proved even more enthralling and the most exciting viewing of the six films in the Mike Burke awards, was definitely the Fraser River Expedition 800 miles of magnificent scenery and canoeing which I can only describe as the nearest thing I've seen to attempt suicide not unlike lemmings going over the cliff edge. No frills. Just straightforward comments and sheer adventure made it the most gripping viewing for some time. No dreary facts or figures of creatures mating habits, just homo sapiens against nature in the spirit of the late Mike Burke, sheer adventure. Congratulations to the team

members and I look forward to seeing and hearing about the planned trip to Turkey this summer.

Also on the box and pre-viewed at the Exhibition was **Chris Hawksworth's Raging River of Annapurna**. This was good viewing especially as there were no breaks for adverts, but I personally felt we had seen it all before. Sherpas doing all the carrying, problems of language etc., and the inevitable squabbles which arise in large expeditions. It certainly did not hold me as well as the Fraser River Trip. For the non-canoeists who watched though all comments I have heard were good.

This is the sort of thing I feel we need to push canoeing forward and it is to be hoped that BBC and ITV will give our sport some more coverage.



*Does anybody go sea canoeing these days?*

## TOURING COMMITTEE

The following Open Tours have been organised for the forthcoming months:

July 10th—11th  
Organiser: Firth of Lorne Grade B  
David Shaw, 1 MacKenzie Drive,  
Kilbarchan, Renfrewshire.  
(Tel: Kilbarchan 4880)

July 31st — August 8th  
Organiser: Ardnamurchan — Coll — Tiree Grade C  
Robert Todd, 9 Sunart Road, Wemyss Bay

August 14th—15th  
Organiser: Greenock Grade A  
Ian Webster, 104 Montford Avenue,  
Glasgow G44 (Tel: 041-649 6886)

September 11th—13th  
Organiser: Bute/Kilchattan Grade A  
Hugh Kerr, "Heathfield", Horsewood  
Road, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire  
(Tel: Bridge of Weir 612687)

Grade A — Elementary Grade B — Intermediate Grade C — Advanced

# CONGRATULATIONS GARY!



Our congratulations to Gary Young from Kirkcaldy who has been awarded a sports bursary at Stirling University.

Gary who is 17 is one of the youngest canoeists to be part of the British Olympic Training Squad and won 4 gold medals at last years Commonwealth events.

The bursary is awarded by Cape Insulation and it helps cover the costs of tuition fees, travelling and coaching expenses.

## 1982 PHOTO COMPETITION

Following the encouraging results of the first competition in 1981, the Scottish Canoe Association are running another competition in '82. We are after *any* type of photo — from the masterpiece to the snapshot. The only restriction is that they must depict canoeing. So, fire away — the whole season is ahead of you.

There are two categories:

- (a) Best action print or slide
- (b) Best Family/Recreational print or slide

If there are sufficient entries suitable prizes will be awarded for the first three in each category.

Rules:

- (a) Prints must not be smaller than 6" x 4" and not larger than 12" x 10".
- (b) Each print or slide must have the entrants name and address and category entered for clearly printed on the back.
- (c) No material will be returned and they may be used by the Scottish Canoe Association in future publications without claim by the entrants.
- (d) The judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

All entries should be sent to Mrs Margaret Winter, 18 Ainslie Place, Edinburgh EH3 6AU not later than 31st October 1982.

## River Awe Dilemma

Several recent incidents on the River Awe has led to fears that future river races and slaloms may be in jeopardy.

Following the death of a canoeist on the lower weir two years ago it was recommended that the lower weirs should on no account be paddled and to this end a line of buoys was strung across the river as a warning.

However, despite this potentially lethal hazard, unconfirmed reports have reached the Scottish Canoe Association Office that groups have been seen paddling these weirs much to the consternation of the landowners and Hydro-Board on whom we depend for access. Disciplinary action is also being taken by the White Water Committee against several paddlers who negotiated the weirs at the end of the Awe River Race in May, in violation of the race rules. It is to be hoped that paddlers will heed

the warning about the weirs and not attempt to shoot them in future.

### LIFT OFFERED TO FRANCE

The Slalom Team bus will be travelling out to Vichy, France almost empty, leaving Edinburgh on Wednesday 21st July 1982. Anyone who would like a lift out there (one-way only) is asked to contact Morag Boyd (067483-227) as soon as possible. A contribution to the petrol expenses would be expected.

### FOUND

At Teviot Bridge Slalom (12-13 June) "Howarth Sport" canoe cagoule Reclaim by phoning Kelso 24045 and giving colour and identifying mark.

### THREE BRIDGES L. D. PERTH

The above event was inaugurated in 1980 and the entry was exceptionally poor even although it was widely publicised.

The Perth CC Committee decided however to continue the event for a second year in the hope it may have attracted a larger entry especially since last year it was the event that immediately preceded the Scottish Championships.

Alas, this was not so — the entry remained the same and consequently the Club suffered financially over the two years, it being an unsponsored event.

Thus, I regret to inform you that the Committee have decided unani- mously to terminate the running of this event and there will be no race this year.

It is intended to recover the shields that are competed for annually and to have the centrepieces replaced in order that we can boost the prize list of the Comrie Slalom which we run annually in April.

Ian Robertson  
Perth Canoe Club

### Editorial Comment

I hope it is not too much a reflection of our times that a good competitive event like this should be abandoned, when the 'soggy' events seem to go from strength to strength. However, I am reassured by the interest shown for the Deeside Triathlon — already more than 30 entries prepared to paddle 18 miles after cycling 27 miles and running 11 miles. I hope that Perth CC will not be too discouraged, you have a good event and it takes time for it to be absorbed into the pattern, particularly in marathon racing — look at the long history of the Tweed LD.

## CANOES and ACCESSORIES

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# FROM THE ARCHIVES

Just occasionally, in between the requests for yet more slalom entry cards, coaching handbooks and the last issue of Focus which you didn't receive because "I've moved and didn't tell you my new address", I receive the odd gem of a letter which really makes my day. I've chosen two which I'm sure you will agree are classics:

From Horst Hettinger in Berlin:

Dear Sirs!

My name is Horst Hettinger.

You know that I have a collapsible (folding). It is for me as a wife. I am married with it. It is always beautiful to me. At contrary to a wife. And it is faithful and has a good education.

Next year in the summer (July and August) I will paddle along the coast of Scotland from the Shetland Islands about the Orkney Islands to the Isle of Arran. I have time for 50 days. But this is a not simple undertaking. And therefore I make this. It is very dangerous and therefore I write you because you can support me while you can give me informations about this. I am a poor man because I have no information about for examples:

1. The weather. It comes daily thunder and light about the islands and the shore. Its always clouding. Therefore the islands and the shore are not habitable about all. And then the wind. I have heard that the wind is very strong.

2. When it gives sharks and another dangerous fishes I have no chance to paddle on the coast.

You can help me while you write me the right answers about my questions. And it is very fine when you can give me another tips. I am be dependent on you. I will go in this beautiful part of the world. And not by car, feet, train or other things. No will go by folding. And I live for this way of looking at life. Very thanks for your trouble. Very thanks advance.

Yours sincerely,  
Horst Hettinger

Have you ever looked at your canoe in this light before?!

And from "Wee Lynne" in Selkirk:

Dear Kind Person,

You're right, I'm after something. I need a new SCA card as my last one died after fighting the washing machine from the inside. I am a Lady Novice and as you can see I have a problem if I want to get in to Div 1 (But then again I might wait until next year to give the others a chance).

The reply to 'ANON' was:

Dear "Wee Lynne" what a pickle you're in With your SCA card in the washing machin' Enclosed is a new one and I think you oughter Please in future keep it out of white water!

KEEP 'EM COMING!

Margaret Winter  
Administrator

## WHITE WATER RACING



Photo: R. Cameron

## COMMITTEE NOTES

The White Water Racing Committee held a meeting recently at which the following decisions were taken which we felt should be widely publicised.

### 1. Summer Tour

The Committee has had to accept that it cannot afford to finance anything more than a very limited summer tour and with our two top paddlers, Gill Robbie and Kenny Fraser, both having been chosen for the British team, the standard of the team would inevitably be reduced. We have therefore reluctantly decided to abandon our plans for a European tour and instead shall be sending a team to the Home International in Wales in October. Selection for this team will be from an event to be held at Grandtully on 9th October and whilst details will be sent to squad members, others should note that the event will be open to all SCA members. Details from T. McLean or D. Wolfe nearer the time.

### 2. Entry Fees

We have been unhappy at the level of entry fees for the past season, but these were merely a straight copy of those set by the BCU, since we feel that this may have led to reduced entries especially in the junior classes. With this in mind we will be recommending that at all races other than Div A the under 18 entry fee should be 50p and our levy will be waived; we will also

be asking the BCU to accept this. Hopefully this will go some way to solving the problem which was typified by the fact that only one junior took part in the Scottish Championships this year.

### 3. Awe River Race

Most readers will be aware of the situation which has prevailed at the Awe for the past two years, the difficulties that event organisers have experienced in arranging water releases during the day and the Hydro-Board's attitude to people shooting the weirs since the fatality. The race rules for the recent Awe river race included a statement that paddlers should not shoot either of the two bottom weirs. This rule was well publicised both in writing in the start list and notices and verbally at both the start and finish. Despite this, a number of paddlers shot the weirs. The organisers have notified us of the names of those concerned and we have recommended to Council that disciplinary action be taken against these individuals.

Would all competitors in all events please remember that rules are not made lightly, but are there for perfectly good reasons. Please obey them.

T. McLean

# SPRINT AND MARATHON

## CANAL/KELVIN RACE — 17th APRIL 1982

### Maryhill — Torrance — Kelvin Walkway

|                              |                       | Canal Time | Total Time |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Division 1 and 2<br>14 miles | R. Christie ICC       | 40.53      | 1.40.10    |
|                              | A. Davidson KCC       | 42.12      | 1.41.11    |
|                              | A. Watt GUCC          | 44.37      | 1.44.02    |
|                              | A. Morrison ICC       | 47.45      | 1.49.10    |
| Division 3<br>14 miles       | P. O'Brien (Juniors)  | 45.34      | 1.54.07    |
|                              | D. Newport (Juniors)  | 50.23      | 2.00.20    |
|                              | E. Davidson (Veteran) | 51.26      | 2.00.22    |
|                              | G. Henderson          |            | 2.11.16    |
| Division 4<br>14 miles       | R. Cole               |            | 2.29.17    |
|                              | L. Smith              |            | 2.46.07    |
|                              | R. Duffus             | 44.29      |            |
| Short Course Seniors         | J. Little             | 47.17      |            |
|                              | M. O'Brien            | 48.26      |            |
|                              | C. O'Brien            | 52.40      |            |
|                              |                       |            |            |

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 K2s 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 the 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" — "gee's a shot". Paddle on no one run aground yet this year must all be using overstem 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 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 as listed over.

## HASLER 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 ten 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.

### The Hasler Trophy Rules are:—

- 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.
- The best three clubs from each region may compete in the final, together with one team each from:—
  - The Army;
  - The Navy;
  - The R.A.F.
- 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.
- Each club will be allowed as many competitions as it wishes.
- The points system throughout the year and in the final will be as follows:
  - Division 1-7 will count for points
  - Points will be awarded for paddlers both in singles and doubles ten for first, nine second and so on down to one for all finishers. Pro-rata if less than ten starters
  - Each club will count its best seven scorers in any division for singles
  - Each club will count its best two scorers in any division for doubles
  - 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
- The final will be early October 1982.

### NOTE

- 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.
- 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.

## NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Holme Pierrepont, 22-23rd May 1982

Kirkcaldy's young paddlers came home with a fistful of medals from the National Youth Championships at Nottingham. Their training in the Scottish climate stood them in good stead as they battled through winds gusting between 15 and 20 knots and torrential rain, not to mention the thunder and lightning.

In the Youth D class (Scottish Junior) Neil Davidson of Kirkcaldy took gold medals in 500 and 1000m K4 and 6000m K2, a silver medal in the 1000m K2 and bronze in the 500m K2. In the same class Gary Young of Trossachs lifted gold in the 1000m K2 and bronze in the 500 and 1000m K1. Kirkcaldy's under 15 (Youth B) K4 proved their worth in taking bronze in the 500m. The crew was A Chisholm, M O'Brien, P Maycock and S Maxwell.

Gold in the under 13 (Youth A) went to Andrew Maycock of Kirkcaldy who also took silver medals in the 250m K1, K2 and K4 events. Chris O'Brien also of Kirkcaldy claimed the bronze in the K1 250m and silver in the K4 250m.

Also among the medal winners was Jackie Little of Irvine who partnered with Christine Belcher of Mercia (wife of Robin Belcher of Tay Marathon and Lubnaig fame) won the Ladies B K2 6000m.

In the ordinary part of the Regatta Roderick Christie of Irvine paddling his new wooden cleaver won the 500m K1 and was 3rd in the 1000 and 10,000m K1 Races in Men C. Linda Morrison of Trossachs took third place in the final of the Ladies B K1 500m.

Also reaching finals were Ralph Duffus, the Irvine Veteran and Gavin Douglas also Irvine, paddling Novice C1.

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The Forth and Clyde canal race organised by Falkirk District Council will take place on 15th August.

Division 1, 2 and 6 Kirkintilloch — Falkirk. Rest of the Field: Wyndford Loch — Falkirk.

Contact Mr. J. Dempsey, Kilns House, Kilns Road, Falkirk (Falkirk 24911) for further details.

## SCOTTISH K4 CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 10,000m — Strathclyde Park Tuesday, 6th April, 1982

#### SENIOR MEN 10,000m

|   |                          |               |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Fraser/Davidson/<br>Denny/Knox         | Roxburgh/Kirkcaldy/Forth | 41mins 17secs |
| 2. Samuel/Speirs/<br>Young/Barrie         | Trossachs/R.A.F.         | 41mins 26secs |
| 3. Montgomery/Batchelor/<br>Murphy/Dunlop | Irvine 'A'               | 41mins 41secs |
| 4. Christie/Adair/<br>Douglas/Duffus      | Irvine 'B'               | 45mins 23secs |
| 5. Douglas/Stoddart/<br>Saddler/Jacobs    | Aberdeen University      | 54mins 47secs |

## GLASGOW — EDINBURGH MARATHON

They said it couldn't be done. They said it would be done, a brave band of voyagers set out from Port Dundas on Saturday, 29th May and showed Scottish Paddlers how it should be done. Despite all the sceptics, the Forth and Clyde Canal and the Union Canal, a total of 59 miles, was paddled in four stages over 2 days in a record breaking time of 8 hours 38 minutes and 19 seconds. Dull skies heralded the start of the Marathon at Port Dundas and did nothing to brighten this part of the Canal which contained all sorts of rubbish including the kitchen sink. To Ruchihill the water was pretty grotty and the portage difficult to say the least.

After Maryhill the canal improved and by Torrance was very picturesque, the weather by now had improved and the hot sunny weather very enjoyable for the spectators and support groups, but rather too warm for the paddlers.

The paddlers arrived in Kirkintilloch in the middle of the Gala procession, where a welcome stop was made for lunch.

After a 45 minutes break, the paddlers and support set off for Falkirk; this was a very familiar part of the canal for most paddlers and the portages

were tackled with the usual variety of techniques. The leader of the pack paddled into Falkirk in an accumulated time of 3 hours 38 minutes.

Next morning saw the adventurers once again gathered on the banks of a canal, but this time the Union Canal in Falkirk. This was new ground to most of the pack; the first obstacle being a three quarter of a mile long tunnel – pit helmets would be an advantage here! Then the smelliest portage ever over the A801 then a culvert at Vellore – “get the speed up, then duck” said the locals! No-one tried these tactics! Next the aqueduct at Linlithgow then through the pit bings before the most picturesque part just outside Winchburgh more pit bings then a welcome stop for an hour at Port Buchan. This was followed by an assisted portage around the M8. The next part was most interesting – the high aqueduct over the Almond and the Pride of the Union at Ratho and into Sighthill where there was another assisted portage to Wester Hailes and the journey through the built up area into the Lochrin Basin at Fountainbridge.

The organisers had set up a super welcome part, pie, beans and coke all round at the Tartan Centre after welcome showers, followed by the prize giving where the prizes ranged from a portable television, deep fat fryer and luggage through to clock radios. The organisers are to be congratulated for a super event which catered for the whizz kings and novices alike, there was a terrific friendly atmosphere among all competitors, the two lads who patrolled the tow path by motor bike were an especially welcome innovation.

1st Div. 1 – Neil Davidson KCC accumulated time 8:38:14:50  
 1st Div 2 – Kenny Bryce SUCC accumulated time 8:45:36:59  
 1st Div 3 – Paul O'Brien KCC accumulated time 8:56:24:68  
 1st Div 4 – Jerry Cross IND accumulated time 10:49:24:96  
 1st Veteran the indomitable Ed Davidson KCC 12:52

So next year why don't you dust down the paddles, wash down the canoe, gather your support group together and head for the Glasgow-Edinburgh Marathon.



Neil Davidson approaching the finish at Lochrin Basin. (Photo A. Davidson)

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biggest flop, an SUCC craft which sank before the Island and showed crew member Kenny McNair swimming in in good form – the fastest overarm crawl yet seen on Grandtully!

The event was an undoubted success. Many people put a lot of effort into designing and building their boats, many joined in for a laugh and the spectators all found something to laugh at. Our biggest headaches (of safety and of removing the cardboard from the river) were adequately taken care of.

However, too many well made boats completed the course so some simple ideas for next year include: (1) Mass start for pre-constructed boats; (2) Time trial for boats constructed on the day within (e.g.) 2 hours – cardboard provided.

There is also the problem of when to hold the event – ideas include the Division 2 and 3 Slalom in Autumn 1983.

So why not have a go? As a special offer this month GUCC will be offering bits of soggy cardboard as a contribution to next years boats.

Thanks to the jury of Johnny Watson, Peter Christie and John Gatfield and to all those who took part. Ta.

Andy Wett  
Craig (Wet & Soggy) Scollick &  
Lawrence (Argie-Basher) Bradley

PS Could anyone who has photos (preferably black and white) please send me copies (refund provided). Phone 041-334 1652.

### ASCOT RESULTS

#### Singles

|                     |         |       |
|---------------------|---------|-------|
| 1. Al Denny         | 1.09.7  | ROX   |
| 2. Benmore 'A'      | 1.09.8  |       |
| 3. Cliff Taylor     | 1.18.0  | UWIST |
| 4. Paul Gardner     | 1.22.0  | GKC   |
| 5. Roly Cameron     | 1.24.0. | GKC   |
| 6. Tom Renton       | 1.26.0  | GKC   |
| 7. Craig Douglas    | 1.34.0  | AUCC  |
| 8. Kenny Bruce (C1) | 1.36.0. | SUCC  |
| 9. Jamie Gray       | 1.38.0  | DUCC  |
| 10. Charles Bristow | 1.40.0  |       |
| 11. George Logie    | 1.49.0  | FORTH |
| 12. Alan MacKintosh | 1.50.0  | GUCC  |

#### DNF

|                  |  |       |
|------------------|--|-------|
| Lawrence Bradley |  | GUCC  |
| Neil Baxter      |  | FORTH |
| John Costello    |  | GKC   |
| Benmore 'B'      |  |       |
| Steve Laing      |  | GUCC  |
| Dave Scott       |  |       |

#### MULTIS

|                   |               |     |
|-------------------|---------------|-----|
| 1. Cameron/Renton | 1.43.0        | GKC |
| 2. Hall/McWhirter | 1.46.0 (just) | GKC |
| 3. Benmore II     | 2.12.0        |     |

#### DNF

|                      |  |      |
|----------------------|--|------|
| Downieson/Donaldie   |  | GKC  |
| Ramsay/MacLean       |  |      |
| Loro/Jack            |  |      |
| Abercrombie/McMorran |  |      |
| SUCC                 |  |      |
| Donard/Conroy        |  |      |
| Ross Bros            |  | DUCC |

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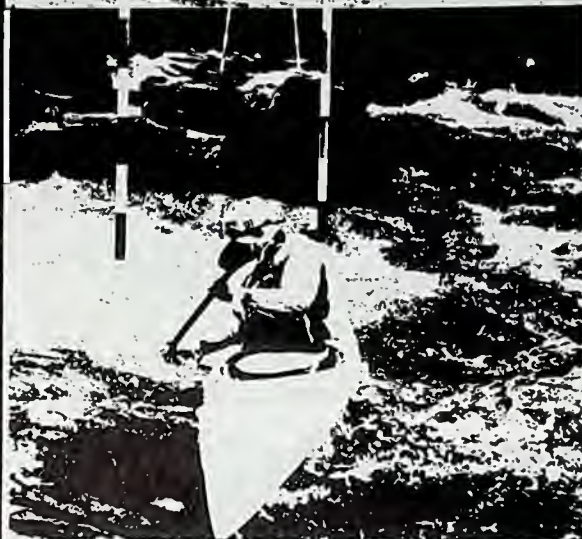
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