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E D I T O R I A L

Like a harbinger of Spring - whatever that may be - the arrival of the S.C.A. Year Book prompts thoughts of the coming season. O.K., so you White Water types are in the middle of yours, but to others less hardy (less masochistic?) this is the time of year when thoughts turn to getting into shape for the challenges the year will bring. Each will be considering what goal to strive for over the coming months, with competitors ambitions towards improving their ranking, winning a championship or being selected for 'The Squad'. For the non-competitor, perhaps 1983 will see that long planned tour take to the water, or that passage, contemplated so long, undertaken. We all have our personal goals; we all have a contribution to make for the furtherance of the sport and that includes those of us who may never sit in a canoe or on a committee.

It is unfortunate that there will be no Scottish Canoe Exhibition this year. This was always an indication to many that their winter hibernation was over. But there are welcome stirrings in other directions. There is evidence that efforts are being made to create interest and introduce variety to the scene. The White Water Racing folk are to be commended on the introduction of White Water 'Marathon' and G.U.C.C. on offering two races for the price of one by running a handicap race following the individual runs on the Clyde. Scott Ramage's suggestion of a multi-discipline week-end appeals (see page 4) and is deserving of support (but when Scott? have you seen the calendar?). Gordon Cuthill is re-introducing the once popular F.C.C. West Coast Tour this year, an event which at one time drew dedicated paddlers from all over Britain not to mention the occasional paddler from the Continent. There is talk of other Tri-athlons at which the canoeists distinguished themselves among other athletes last year, and there is to be another multi-sport relay (see page 5).

No doubt the various S.C.A. committees with their sprinkling of new faces will be working hard towards a successful season and we earnestly wish them all good luck in their endeavours. May their business be attended to in harmony and good humour. To those of you who will be paddling we say - enjoy yourself!

T.D.W.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

GLASGOW KAYAK CLUB

How about this for an idea for winter activity. The following story has been sent in by a member of Glasgow Kayak Club:

The weather was mixed, to put it kindly, the weekend G.K.C. decided to get away from the Christmas Rush. We had rented two log cabins at the head of Loch Lubnaig and were beginning to feel that old age wasn't so bad when, forsaking the soggy tents of youth, you could opt for the unashamed luxury of solid walls and 10p-in-the-slot-heating.

The plan was that there was no plan at all, and everyone had come equipped with paddles, climbing boots and salopettes, to indicate the range of activities on offer.

Not that there was any rush, of course. The question of how best to spend Saturday was discussed at length over hot coffee and bacon butties; the only civilised way to conduct an argument.

Forsaking canoes for the more chic skis, some took to Glencoe; some chose to ramble in the rather watery sunshine, and the rest of us settled for an easy paddle down the river to the loch, which would have been fine if the loch hadn't been frozen over.

The evenings brought snow, and with it, snow-ball fights, sing-songs and mulled wine.

Who said you had to be competitive to enjoy a canoeing weekend? Come to think of it, who said you had to canoe, to enjoy a canoeing weekend?

COWAL KAYAK CLUB

On Friday the 19th of November the Kayak Club A.G.M. was held in the Mayfair Hotel, Kirn, with a very good attendance. President, Allan Law welcomed members and guests and reviewed the year's kayaking. Though this was the first year of the Club's existence as a constituted club, there has been a vast amount of activity in the spheres of sea touring, surfing and white water as well as pool training, with a multitude of trips to such places as Loch Craignish, Cuan Sound, the Grey Dog, the Gulf of Corryvreckan and Gigha. Surf canoeing on the Cowal shore and at Ganavan and Macrihanish was enjoyed by a group of enthusiasts and thanks to the efforts of various members, excellent river trips to the Spey, Avon, Awe, Ruel, Fyne and Orchy were organised through the winter.

It is hoped that next summer we can introduce sprint racing and some members intend competing in White Water Racing and Slalom.

After votes of thanks and some business details, the President introduced Mr. Robert Todd from Wemyss Bay, a very experienced sea canoeist, who delighted the members with his slides and descriptions of his expedition round Lewis and across the Minch.

The evening continued with a social evening and folk singing by Ian Williams and Jamie Allan. A good time was had by all.

Editor's Note NEWS FROM THE CLUBS is a new column in which we are offering space on the activities of other clubs in Scotland. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. LET US KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING.

COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF KAYAK IS THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

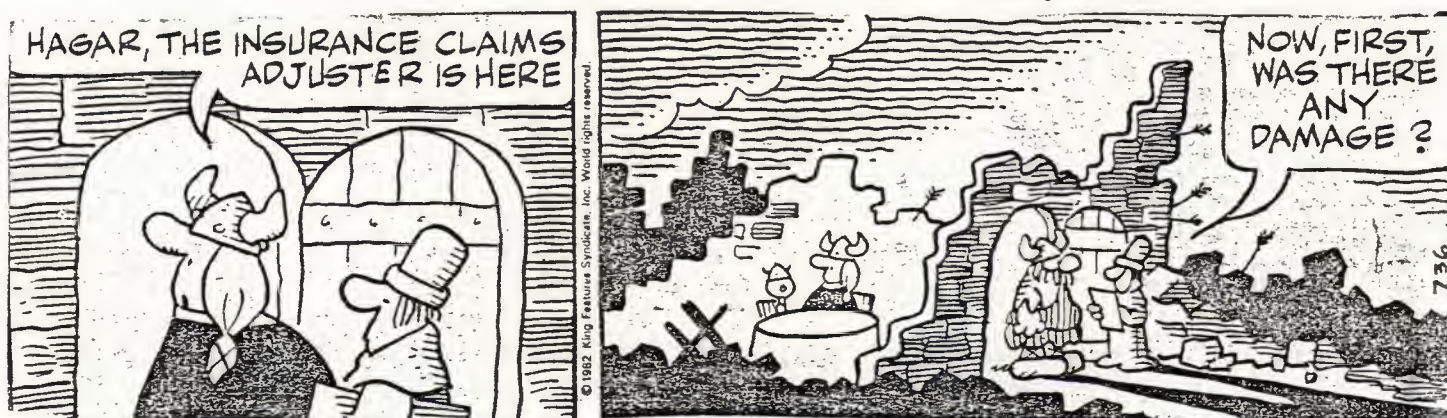
A.S. RAMAGE,
The Scottish Stallion Stable,
Kinleith Industrial Estate,
Currie.

Dear Editor,

I write to complain about the S.C.A. forcing senior members to insure through them. If they wished to offer the service, fair enough, but by combining it with membership they are blackmailing us into handing them more money. What about members who are already paying insurance for their canoes privately? Full details are available from the S.C.A. - if these are available why were they not sent out with the memberships?

I was angered by the advert in canoe focus that told me I was not insured against theft unless I paid another £8.50 to buy a lock to lock boat and paddle to the car! How many members are unaware of this? What other little gems has this insurance company thought up? What the S.C.A. has done must surely, on purely financial terms, be making members swither about rejoining.

Yours sadly,
A. Scott Ramage.



Dear Editor
and Slalom Organisers in General,

Another letter from Scott

Before another slalom season gets under way, I would like to suggest an idea to slalom organisers.

At the busiest practice periods at slaloms, how about dividing up the time, an example is given below:

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6 a.m. to 9 a.m.	Free Practice
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	Division 4 (1-50)
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	Division 4 (51-89)
11 a.m. to 12 noon	Division 3 (90-117)
12 noon to 1 p.m.	Judges
1 p.m. to 2.15	Free (complete runs only)
2.15 to 3.30	1st Team runs
3.30 to 4.45	2nd team runs
5 p.m. to -	Free Practice

If everybody is allowed to jam any of the popular courses at once, very little successful practicing takes place. Boats, tempers and bodies end up injured.

All the best in '83 to all paddlers and all organisers.

C.U. AT TULLY.



STRATHCARRON MARATHON

SUNDAY, 24th APRIL, 1983

RELAY FOR FOUR PERSON TEAMS - RUNNING - CANOEING -
CYCLING - HORSE RIDING

Forty three teams took part in the event last year, and approximately £3,500 was collected for Strathcarron Hospice and to provide sports equipment for the disabled. This year it is hoped for an increase in the number of entries and a subsequent increase in monies collected. All the proceeds from team sponsorship will go to Strathcarron Hospice.

The relay for four person teams will commence in the Square, Callander at 10.00 a.m. when Maj-Gen. F.C.C. Graham, C.B., D.S.O., Lord Lieutenant of Central Region (Stirling and Falkirk) will signal the runners off on the first leg. Eight miles further on the runners will hand over to the canoeists at Deanston. The paddlers will cover the eight miles to Kildean Auction Mart, Stirling, before handing over to the cyclists in the teams for the nineteen mile run to Muiravonside Country Park, near Linlithgow. The final leg will be on horseback from Muiravonside circling through the countryside for twelve miles before returning to Muiravonside once more.

There will be trophies for the winners and winning Ladies, Juniors and Veterans teams. There will also be prizes for the individuals who gather the largest amount of sponsorship money.

Further details and entry forms can be had from :

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REPORT ON FIRST SCOTTISH RIVER RACE MARATHON

A. Morton

Perhaps the term is misleading and will reduce interest in the event - just what was NOT intended. Barely a Marathon, just an extended White Water Race with a massed start!!!

The idea was first floated (excuse pun) at a White Water committee meeting and it aroused considerable interest. The entries to white water events have dropped in the past few years for a variety of reasons, one of which the White Water committee is sure, is the high entry fee for the events. For this reason we are resisting the increase in fees again this year and will go it alone if need be.

So why a massed start long distance event? Another problem at White Water events, at least in Scotland, is the poor timekeeping. WE have tried valiantly to improve the situation but still find the task almost impossible. In a massed start event, although timing and placing competitors is more difficult, the competitors themselves know their position and know it accurately, at least with respect to their closest rivals.

The race distance has been extended to allow for the competitors to spread themselves out more, to allow for a longish stretch before any serious rapids, and to make the day's outing a little bit more worth while than a ten minute dash down the river (for some of us at least!).

The Teith was chosen as the first venue although many of the Scottish rivers lend themselves to the idea. The entry fee was unfortunately £1.50, which was not the intention. We had hoped the organisers would charge no more than 50p per head. We do not want a levy for the W.W. committee and we do not want big prizes. Let's fact it, almost all the competitors know that they are not going to win first prize, so why should they pay for Joe Bloggs or whoever, to increase his collection of pots!

The massed start appeals to me and many others, there is so much more interest and fun in racing alongside others. I certainly found the race most enjoyable as Alistair Denny and I collided all the way down in an effort to take first place - I lost! Because of the nature of the water and the boats, one can take and lose the first place very quickly.

Keep your eyes and ears open for news of the next event. It may be a Potarch to Banchory race. Future venues to be considered are : Kinclaven to Thistle; Aberfeldy to Grandtully and Stonebyres to Rosebank.

TEITH WHITE WATER 'MARATHON' - SUNDAY 9th JANUARY, 1983. RESULTS:W.W. CLASS

1.	A. Denny	Rox. C.C.	S.K1	23.06.44
2.	A. Morton	Forth C.C.	S.K1	23.09.68
3.	I. Bownes	R.W.S. B.C.	S.K1	23.24.75
4.	G. Robbie	S.U.C.C.	L.K1	23.40.00
5.	G. Young	S.U.C.C.	S.K1	23.45.96
6.	T. McLean	Ind.	S.K1	23.48.63
7.	K. Bryce	Strath. U.C.C.	S.K1	24.20.48
8.	A. Mackintosh	G.U.C.C.	S.K1	24.24.17
9.	D. Wolfe	Forth C.C.	S.K1	24.45.67
10.	G. Logie	Forth C.C.	S.K1	25.12.87
11.	D. Bean	Rox. C.C.	S.K1	26.10.27
12.	R. Rogers	C.S. C.C.	S.K1	26.40.64
13.	L. Smith	G.U.C.C.	L.K1	27.15.54

SLALOM CLASS /

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1.	L. Jamieson	C.S.C.C.	S.S.	29.34.96
2.	R. Morton	C.S.C.C.	S.S.	29.38.15
3.	D. Wilkie	Forth C.C.	Y.S.	29.38.20
4.				29.56.88
5.				30.02.74
6.	I. McCaddie	C.S.C.C.	S.S.	30.02.80
7.				30.12.88
8.	C. Speedie	C.S.C.C.	V.S.	30.41.42
9.	M. Havard	C.S.C.C.	S.S.	31.26.26
10.	C. Payne	Napier C.C.	Y.C1/S	31.29.74
11.	J. Barrie	G.U.C.C.	S.C.1/WWR	32.15.73

N.B. Nos. 205, (T. Payne), 207 (S. White) and 208 (P. O'Brien) were poorly numbered, and their orders of 4, 5 and 7 were not determined by the Judges.

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MARATHON MUSINGS

T.D.W.

That low turn-outs for marathon races is a matter of widespread concern is borne out by the fact that no fewer than three contributors to our last edition stress this very point. I feel that Andy Watt is pretty near the mark when he is quoted as saying that in his opinion it is partly due to the fact that it can be taken too seriously. I know there will be those among you who maintain it has to be if you want to get to the top, but not everybody does. There are plenty who regard canoeing as a recreation and could be persuaded along to marathons if they were going to have a few laughs. Your keen competitor will still emerge at the top even if he indulges in a bit of levity on the way there. Look at Neil Baxter. You won't get a bigger clown than him at times, yet he still comes out Scottish Champ., G.B. Team, and able to paddle in the best of company. Presumably, he is subject to the same squad discipline as the rest, but he's still an individual and does his own thing. Nor is he unique in these circles and I hope he won't take offence at me citing him as an example. Is it just coincidence that one of the more memorable L.D.'s of last season was the Forth/Clyde Canal event when there was a gang of slalom paddlers enlivening the proceedings - and, incidentally, winning prizes?

White water races have been generally well attended, one reason being that they attract entries from the University Clubs. With the notable exception of Kenny Bryce's Strathclyde people, we see little of them at marathons. We should be attempting to interest these sources in racing and certainly if any university or college student in the Edinburgh area wishes to try their hand in a racing K1, we in Forth would be delighted to accommodate them. - (Free of charge and with no obligation!)

The Lubnaig marathon, always a popular race, had the added attraction this year of being the K1 Championship decider. Hopefully, this will draw a large number of paddlers to this pleasant part of the country. Why not make an event of it by spending the week-end up there, setting up a canoeist commune on the site by the Leny used by the slalom folk? A glance down the calendar suggests that several events lend themselves to such an approach.

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WHEN REPLYING TO OUR ADVERTISERS PLEASE MENTION 'KAYAK' MAGAZINE

MARATHON RANKING LIST FOR 1983DIVISION I

101	A. Morton	F.C.C.
102	J. Adair	Irvine
103	N. Davidson	K.C.C.
104	G. Young	Trossachs
105	K. Fraser	Roxburgh
106	A. Murray	RWSABC
107	R. Montgomery	Irvine
108	A. Davidson	K.C.C.
109	K. Bryce	S.U.C.C.
110	R. Christie	Irvine

LADIES DIVISION I

L 1	A. Edwards	K.C.C.
L 2	M. Kinninmonth	K.C.C.
L 3	D. Mills	K.C.C.
L 4	L. Morrison	F.C.C.
L 5	G. Robbie	F.C.C.
L 6	A. Millar	K.C.C.
L 7	D. Riddel-Black	S.U.C.C.
L 8	C. Berry	F.C.C.
L 9	V. Taylor	G.K.C.
L10	G. Little	Irvine

DIVISION II

201	S. Murphy	Irvine
202	A. Denny	Roxburgh
203	J. Knox	Roxburgh
204	G. Logie	F.C.C.
205	A. Morrison	G.K.C.
206	G. Wilson	F.C.C.
207	M. Forde	F.C.C.
208	A. Watt	G.K.C.
209	T. McLean	P.K.C.
210	S. McCartney	P.K.C.

211	P. Easson	F.C.C.
212	F. Nelson	F.K.C.
213	I. Linn	E.W.W.C.
214	A. Meikle	S.U.C.C.
215	K. Bain	S.U.C.C.
216	K. McNair	S.U.C.C.
217	I. Bownes	RWSABC
218	A. Batchelor	Irvine
219	A. Samuel	Trossachs
220	D. Wolfe	F.C.C.

DIVISION III

301	H. Kerr	RWSABC
302	E. Davidson	K.C.C.
303	J. Gray	K.C.C.
304	D. Newport	F.C.C.
305	B. Scott	Roxburgh
306	C. Dunlop	Irvine
307	R. Duffus	Irvine
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309	I. Webster	P.K.C.
310	C. Douglas	Irvine
311	A. Manzie	S.U.C.C.
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315	G. Miell	P.K.C.
316	N. Dalgleish	K.C.C.
317	H. McGinley	F.K.C.
318	A. Edwards	K.C.C.
319	A. Gray	P.K.C.
320	G. Kerr	G.K.C.
321	A. Jamieson	G.K.C.
322	E. Paterson	F.C.C.
323	A. McNamara	K.C.C.
324	B. Beeley	Irvine

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A DAY AT THE RACES

T.D.W.

If this was the popular press, the banner headline would scream "KENNY FRASER BEATEN BY GIRL IN SLALOM BOAT". Rarely is Kenny defeated by anyone these days, so this historic event is worth recording... but later.

It was with interest that we headed west on February 6th to attend G.U.C.C's Clyde W.W.R. Whetted by the amount of advance publicity we were immediately impressed by the amount of detail which had obviously gone into the organisation by Andy Watt and his minions. They had even gone to the length of correcting their spelling mistakes (with suitable expletives) on the multitude of notices concerning the event! Access problems to Stonebyres which would have daunted a lesser character than the irrepressible Andy, had been overcome and it was gratifying to see the number of paddlers the event had attracted. Apart from the cold wind blowing up river, the weather was good although conditions underfoot on the long portage from car park to start, were gey mucky. The race itself went predictably to Kenny, with a touch of piquancy being added to the duel between Alistair Denny and Alan Meikle following events at Thistlebrig II. This pair kept 'The White Yifter' (Jimmy Knox) off the prize list. Jimmy claims he is short of fitness, which one finds hard to believe, and Kenny Bryce refutes that his lack of form is due to old age. Disaster struck Fred Nelson even earlier than usual when he broke his paddle walking to the start. (At least he was on the water before he came to grief when last we saw him race.) Gill Robbie showed her usual form - and who will complain about that - to win the Open Ladies award.

It would be lovely to report that the Handicap race in the afternoon resulted in a forty-five way dead heat and everyone sharing first prize. Well, reality fell somewhat short of this ideal conclusion, but it was a worthy attempt and most importantly, the majority of folk enjoyed it. Craftily, Andy Watt merely announced a Start Order when the mornings results were known, thereby avoiding pre-race hassles as to individual handicap times. perhaps a little more time spent studying these would have made for a closer finish, but a point made by Kenny Fraser at the end is worth considering. He reckoned that he and the other ranking racers had probably returned almost identical times on both runs, (i.e. they couldn't improve on their morning times) whereas the morning's 'also rans' would benefit from the confidence and experience gained to do better in the afternoon. Thus we had Susan Johnston gaining the distinction of beating the best of Scotland's W.W. racers and in congratulating her, we suggest she retires from racing now, while she is at the top!

A pleasant day's proceedings were concluded by the prize giving carried out by Duncan Winning (Hon. President S.C.A.) in the august presence of both the S.C.A. President and Vice-President which all added to the sense of occasion. Well done, G.U.C.C.

DIV C. MEN

B. McMorris	Uddingston	13m 38secs.
H. Gordon	Strathclyde U.	13 50

DIV C. LADIES

J. Bevan	G.U.C.C.	15m 51secs.
A. Gibson	S'clyde U.	16 59

OPEN MEN

K. Fraser	Roxburgh	12m 00s
A. Denny	"	12 25
A. Meikle	S'clyde U.	12 39

OPEN LADIES

G. Robbie	Forth	13m 24secs.
D. Riddell	Black.St.U.	14 42
C. Berry,	Forth	15 01

HANDICAP RACE - Susan Johnston G.U.C.C.

Anyone want a race to run? The unpredictability of the Nith which has plagued this race for years, was predictable enough to strike again on December 19th, the day of this year's race organised by Strathclyde University.

Entries prior to race day were very encouraging, both in their numbers and that several were from south of the Border. However, the enthusiasm of the casual University paddler was soon dampened as the weather deteriorated the farther south we drove. Howling wind and driving rain made it an unpleasant journey and there was so much water on the moor that we thought it almost feasible to run the event down the road.

For the most part, one look at the swirling brown water in the river was enough to cause a dramatic swelling in the ranks of helpers, such that there were about five to every competitor.

A reconnaissance trip from Eliock Bridge to Enterkinfoot by Alan Meikle and Rod McKinnon confirmed our feelings that it would be dangerous to run a Division C event, as there was no possibility of stationing effective rescue boats. Instead a closed race for ranked paddlers only was held but this attracted only four people.

Dave Bean lost an argument with one of the many exceedingly large boils and had a long and nasty swim of about two miles before being hauled out by a throw line.

The whole five mile stretch took Kenny Fraser only 18 mins. 41.5 secs; Alan Meikle, 19 mins. 04.5 secs, and Rob Kennedy (slalom) 26 mins. 02.9 secs.

Between last year's total freeze up and this year's washout, not to mention sundry boat bending episodes of previous years, this race has acquired a reputation as a "no go area". This results in entries being generally low. Strathclyde University has run the event only over the last two years but both times has made a considerable financial loss. It would perhaps be sensible to find a new venue where water levels are less uncertain.

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KEEPING UP WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGY

The S.C.A. Bulletin contains news of interesting new 'gadgets' to be available to us shortly in the form of a black and white tele-recorder with (presumably) play back equipment and the new Chronomic timing system. There can be no doubt as to the value of the video set-up as a training aid for all branches of the sport, being worth a thousand words in demonstrating dramatically deficiencies in technique and affording comparisons with the experts.

I do not know exactly what the new timing equipment does other than provide a print-out of times and this is certainly a desirable adjunct as it eliminates one source of error. What must be borne in mind (and this is equally true of the video equipment) is that it is only as good as the person operating it. We would stress to all organisers the necessity of providing a responsible team, familiar with the equipment and operating a reliable back-up system, in order to prevent the embarrassment and annoyance of not being able to provide accurate times (and therefore, in some instances, places) to competitors.

On hearing that our Gordon's recently acquired "Klepper" folding boat was an object of much admiration at Rowardennan last summer, and that it evoked a feeling of nostalgia amongst the older paddlers present, I thought the time might be ripe to indulge that nostalgia and perhaps give some of the newer paddlers an idea of the kind of canoeing we used to do. One of our main interests in canoeing was the annual summer tour of the west coast of Scotland and in the 1940's, 1950's and early 1960's the craft used were foldboats. These were beautifully constructed boats and were much prized. We used the German "Klepper", "Leipziger" and "Pioneer", the English "Tyne" and the French "Hart". The foldboat was constructed of stringers, frames, bow and stern pieces, all beautifully made of wood. The rubberised canvas skin was made taut over the wooden skeleton by pressing down on the ladder, which was the floor of the boat, and fixing the metal lock to make the whole rigid.

Three weeks before a tour, we assembled our boats at home - in the garden if the weather was good - in the house if it was wet (I've seen a double 17'6" long, and two singles 15' long, side by side on our lounge floor). The skins were patched and repaired; perhaps a new keel strip stuck on; sometimes the hull needed painted with special rubberised paint; the spray-sheets sometimes needed sewing or patched, and the buoyancy bags tested. (We had no plastic in those days so the spraysheets were made of waterproofed canvas). The stringers were given a rub with linseed oil and the metal fastenings were given a rub with vaseline. - Then all would be packed into two bags - a long bag for the stringers and a square bag for the frames and skin. Also into the square bag was usually put a supply of tins of meat, soup, fruit etc. These bags were tied to a trolley (two wheels with a bar of wood between) and on top of this would be strapped one's tent, kit bag which contained sleeping bag and personal clothing, and also old kit bags of food and utensils.

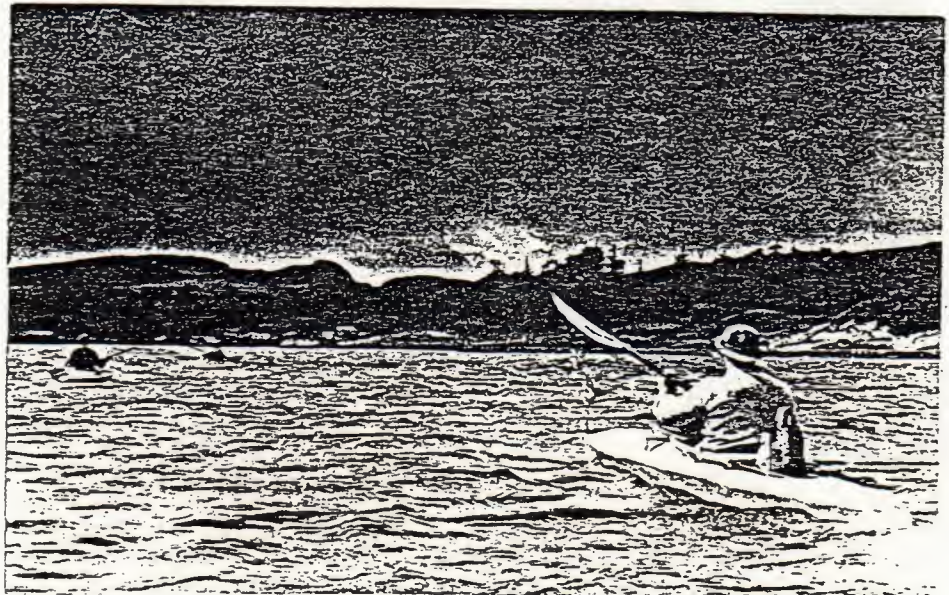
There were very few cars in those days and we usually piled everything into a taxi and went to the "Caley" or Waverley Station. At that time canoeists were given a special concession which enabled canoes to be carried free in the guard's van. Trains took us to the nearest point of launching on the west coast of Scotland and we could usually pick up a train at the end of the tour (sometimes inveigling a friendly farmer to transport us all on his lorry to the station). Canoes were built on the beach (usually with an admiring audience of locals) and then loaded very carefully as the boats sat in the shallow water.

Everything had a place in the canoe - the tent right down in the bow; waterproof bags of clothing etc. stuffed down next. Boxes of food and cooking utensils were put on the floor of the boat and the "tinnery" (a bag of tinned food) wedged in a convenient space just behind the seat. It was usual to have a canvas bucket with a primus stove and food in it kept handy for a lunch stop, and always we had a box of home made swiss milk tablet for quick energy giving whilst having a breather en route. We carried a famous canvas bucket of fresh water on the back deck of one of the boats. It had been bought in the 1940's

for the unbelievably expensive price of eight shillings, but it went on all the tours for about 20 years. It was cleverly designed and sat snugly on the deck and never moved even although we went through some pretty exciting seas.

One /

Approaching Tallyvallich
Loch Sween 1959. Note
water carrier on stern
deck.



One always had a waterproof bag with one's sleeping bag in it to sit on, and particular attention was given to making a comfortable back-rest. All was meticulously packed and, eventually, paddlers sitting snug on their comfortable bags, and with spray sheets press-studded on - we were off oh! the wonder and joy of it. After the weeks of preparation we were afloat, boats well loaded and sitting trimly on the water. We were completely self-sufficient for three or four days before we need find a village shop for fresh food. I cannot describe that feeling of exultation and freedom; the way the waves could be felt on the hull below you (these boats were very pliant and moved with the waves, the stringers sometimes giving a comforting creak) and the knowledge that you were off on an adventure. Each boat had a rudder which was worked by a rudder bar at one's feet, so paddling was steady and regular. When you felt like it, you could lean over and look down into the clear sea water and see the life below - the forests of multi-coloured sea weeds, the fish, the jelly fish, and you could identify with the seals that sometimes popped up inquisitively a few yards off and kept pace with the flotilla for a while. A view of distant blue islands beckoned invitingly and we knew we could go anywhere we chose, given the weather.



We had a route mapped out, of course, and our leader (usually my husband Jack) had consulted the West Coast Pilot, refreshed his memory of the "Guide to the Waterways" re tides, tide races, currents etc. We could not say where we would camp each night because wind, tide and the varied abilities of our paddlers could not be foreseen; so it was all delightfully unplanned. We did not mind how many or how few miles we did each day. It was our holiday and we were not in the business of achieving records.

There we were, paddles glinting in the sun as we embarked on our voyage of discovery and ALWAYS, Jack said (as in the old film travel documentaries of the 40's and 50's) "and as we say farewell..."

In future issues, if there is space, and if people are interested, I will write more about some of our interesting tours and of the different people who came on them; many were from England and some from the Continent, who turned up year after year for the

unique pleasure and adventure of a West Coast Tour.



TO KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT

We have been taken to task for certain omissions in the last edition of "KAYAK" and are glad to publish the following in the interests of keeping the records straight.

"A unique sprint achievement was omitted from the Sprint Report of 1982. At the age of 18, Gary Young was the first junior Scottish paddler to win an individual gold medal in the Junior K1 1000 metres while representing Great Britain in the Four Nations Match, an international competition held in Deventer, Holland, in June 1982.

Gary won 3 gold medals and 1 silver medal in this regatta and was commented on by Mr. Roland Lawler, Director of the Olympic Training Squad, as having paddled "a very impressive 1000 metres race for Great Britain".

Great Britain won the Four Nation trophy.

Commonwealth Regatta, Brisbane

Gary Young and Lou Barry won two gold medals in the K2 open international events, while representing Scotland, at the Commonwealth Regatta, Brisbane, Australia.

Gary finished his last year as a Junior, 1982, with 11 gold medals, 4 silver medals and 3 bronze medals to his credit. 7 of the gold medals were won in international events."

Editor's Footnote

We are delighted to hear of Gary's achievements as a junior, where his hard work and dedication have paid off and are an example to young aspirants in all disciplines.

Scotland is fortunate, too, in having an "heir apparent" in Neil Davidson who is to be congratulated on his "SKOL" Silver Star award for his successes in 1982 (Reported in our last issue).

FOR SALE

C1 DOWN RIVER RACER - Half Kevlar
Excellent Condition £ 150.

C1 SLALOM "STORM" CANOE - Diolen
Good Condition £ 150.

C1 SLALOM "ELECTRA" KAYAK - Diolen
Brand New £ 150.

Canadian Slalom Paddles £ 20.
All brand new.

Please contact Alistair "Bluebell" Munro
(031-447-7938)

SPRINT & MARATHON OPEN DAY STIRLING UNIVERSITY - DECEMBER 12TH 1982Anne Davidson

A typical Sprint & Marathon training day - Sunday morning threw up a snowstorm, Airthrey Loch froze, but despite the weather a fair number of clubs and paddlers turned out to mull over the exploits of '82 and to look forward to the '83 season.

Gibby Speirs opened the proceedings with a talk on the "Australian Experience". He had a wealth of tales to tell and photographs of the tour to display, some of which certainly made Australia look a very attractive proposition.

Alistair Wilson then took charge of the proceedings and after a run, discussed circuits, followed by a session in the multi gym. A hard but enjoyable session of circuits completed the paddlers' work-out for the day. Alistair closed the day with a talk on the intricacies of paddle-making followed by a discussion on the merits of differing makes and types of paddle.

TRAINING DAY, IRVINE, JANUARY 30th 1983.

Weather this time - white out on the M.8. Standstill in Glasgow - but the training went on unhindered. Understandably there was not a large turnout but Irvine club members, Paisley Kayak Club and Kirkcaldy C.C., braved the storm! Once again Alistair Wilson organised the training session and this time water was available on the River Irvine where an enjoyable paddling session took place despite the snow showers. The paddlers responded well to Alistair whose warm manner and a positive approach at all levels does much to encourage novice and international paddler alike.

Drew Batchelor led a successful circuit session in the magnificent Magnum Complex after lunch.

TRAINING DAY, DULLATER, FEBRUARY 5th 1983.

Freezing weather prompted a call to Kirkintilloch police to ascertain whether the canal was ice-bound. Much to the surprise of those in the East, after contacting a patrol car, assurance was given that the canal was running freely. After a 50 mile trip to Dullater it was discovered that at the bridges and locks there was no ice; 20 yards up (or is it down) stream, the ice was two inches thick. Luckily the turnout was only three car loads, so only eight paddlers returned home disappointed.

O.T.S. TRAINING, HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTINGHAM - JANUARY 1983

An intrepid group from Kirkcaldy attended this training and enjoyed an intensive programme. High winds on the motorway made driving difficult on both journeys and it says a great deal for their determination and grit that they attempted the journey at all.

NEWS B.C.U. RACING COMMITTEE A.G.M. 15.1.83

1. New Sponsorship Rules have been passed by B.C.U. for details contact appropriate Committee.
2. New Veteran Rules. Veteran A - for experienced canoeists over 35.
" B - for novice canoeists over 35.
3. New Class C4. Old style C7 with modified rear portion.
4. National Championships Paddlers may only enter in one class per event.

AVAILABLE FROM S.C.A., 18, Ainslie Place,
 SUPER LAMBSWOOL SWEATERS WITH S.C.A. MOTIF
 AND "SCOTTISH CANOE ASSOCIATION" £ 13.95.
 SAME IN ACRYLIC £ 9.00 approx.

SOCIAL, PERSONAL & OTHERWISE

CONGRATULATIONS to George and Carol Logie whose son Alistair John was born on the First of February. Best wishes to the proud parents and we would also like to say a special 'thank you' to Carol who wrote the addresses on the envelopes of 'KAYAK' subscribers BEFORE SHE HAD HER BABY.

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CONGRATULATIONS ALSO to Maureen and Nigel Pennie whose daughter was born on 9th November last year. Her name is Fiona Elizabeth Maureen and she is being brought up in the Faith. She attended the S.C.A. A.G.M. when under a month old! Again, Best Wishes to the proud parents.

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By the way, all this business of producing the next generation did not put George Logie off taking a school group through to the Bat Polo at Greenock on 29th January. They had a good time but George, who was looking after his pupils well, forgot about his own equipment and has lost his Crash Helmet. It is a Blue ACE with a white cross over the top. Please contact George at 26 The Square, Kirkliston, W. Lothian, 031-333-3086, if you know anything about it.

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Would anyone like a job for the summer months Mid-June to Mid-September? The Training Officer at the Water Sports Centre, South Queensferry, Oliver Ludlow, would like to hear from anyone with sea Canoeing experience, and if possible, experience in sailing or windsurfing, who would be interested in becoming an instructor. The job is full time but is only temporary for the summer months. Please 'phone Mr. Ludlow at Port Edgar ... 031-331-3396 for further details.

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NEVER SMILE UPSIDE DOON

(Scribbled by the Jaws o' the Tay by A.S.R.)

Smiling Jack they called him
as they went tae the Tay,
He thought he'd gae tae Thistle
gang doon the Silvery Tay.

They launched their craft at Stanley
Smiling Jack heard Campsie's Roaring Call,
He laughed, "Tae the weir my bonny boys
and there we'll have a Ball"

But when he shot the famous fall,
it birlled him upside doon,
He merely smiled at his misfortune ...
but ye mustnae smile when yer upside doon..

Fer an auld cock salmon grabbed his teeth
and cried "Noo they'll ca' me "Jaws" "
and smiling Jack he smiles nae mair
he only sooks and blaws.

(LOST at Stanley Weir, 1 pair white dentures, if found please contact Jack Morrison, 0592 - 201414)

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COMING EVENTS FOR NEXT 3 MONTHS

				<u>Organiser</u>	
<u>MARCH</u>	6	RIVER AWE	WHITE WATER INVITATION TRAINING		07
	5-6	GRANDTULLY	SLALOM SQUAD TRAINING		01
	5-6	CARLISLE	CARLISLE, 3, 4.		46
	6	CALLANDER	TEITH WW RACE, DIV.C. OPEN		02
	12	EDINBURGH	DELL INN		49
	13	GRANDTULLY	GRANDTULLY WW RACE A,B, OPEN SCOTTISH CHAMPS (Entries closed 25th Feb.)		07
	20	UNION CANAL, RATHO	OPEN SPRINT AND MARATHON TRAINING		33
<u>APRIL</u>	2-3	GRANDTULLY	GRANDTULLY PREMIER, 1, J.		31
	9-10	COMRIE	COMRIE 4, N, J.		09
	16-17	FAIRNILEE	FAIRNILEE, 2,3,J. (SUSF CHAMPS)		30
	16	FORTH & CLYDE CANAL	CANAL/KELVIN MARATHON		22
	23-24	TRYWERYN			
	24	GRANDTULLY	GRANDTULLY 2 WW RACE B, OPEN		20
	24	CALLANDER	STRATHCARRON MARATHON		48
	30-MAY	CALLANDER	TEITH 4, N, J.		11
<u>MAY</u>	1	LOCHORE MEADOWS, FIFE	KIRKCALDY REGATTA K1, K2 500m, YOUTH A, B, C, CHAMPIONSHIPS		15
	1	RIVER AWE	AWE WW RACE B, C, OPEN		41
	8	FIRTH OF CLYDE, LARGS	CUMBRAE L.D.		12
	14	EASTWOOD BATHS, GLASGOW	WEST OF SCOTLAND CANOE POLO CHAMPS		44
	15	LINLITHGOW LOCH	SCOTTISH 500m K1, K2 CHAMPS 10,000m, 6,000m, 3,000m K2 CHAMPS		03
	21-22	CALLANDER	LENY, N, J.		40
	28-29	RIVER AWE	AWE 2, 3, J		37
	28-29	FORTH & CLYDE, UNION CANALS	GLASGOW/EDINBURGH MARATHON		21

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Some confusion and general dissatisfaction has been expressed over the new insurance package offered by the S.C.A. as part of its membership subscription. This was introduced as one way of trying to offer a bit more to the "average recreational canoeist" who constantly gripes that the S.C.A. only caters for the competitor. Initially this move was welcomed and first indications were that the policy could only benefit canoeists; however as with most good ideas, when put into practice there are inevitably a few problems.

Problem number one is the cost. Contrary to popular belief, the policy does not cost £3.25 per member (ie the difference between the 1982 and 83 subscription rates). The cost is only £1.85 per member and without the insurance your membership for 1983 would have been in the region of £9.75-£10.

Problem number two was created with the publication in the Winter 82 issue of "Canoe Focus" of an advertisement for a roof-rack lock for canoes. According to the advert, only with this lock would your boat be covered for theft. This is not true. The policy states clearly that theft cover is "restricted to theft from a building following forcible and violent entry except while the building is open for normal use."

However, unknown to the S.C.A. an extension to the theft clause was added which covered theft of canoes from roof-racks provided that the canoes were securely attached to the rack by a B.C.U. approved Pyranha manufactured locking device. Naturally we are concerned about this since it would appear that any good bicycle lock could serve the same purpose at a lesser cost to the paddler. Also it is impossible to attach a Pyranha lock to a K (racing) boat - are such craft to be excluded from cover? How about boats on a trailer? Must each one be securely attached? These questions and several others have been made to the insurers direct at the time of going to Press and we await their reply with interest.

Other sections of the policy are fairly straightforward with no hidden pit-falls. If your canoe is written off in an accident then a claim should be made to the insurers who will require the boat to be inspected by an approved manufacturer, a list of whom is available from the Insurers at the address below. The first £25 of each claim is excluded as are paddles, spraydecks and ancillary gear.

Third Party public liability insurance up to £500,000 is included as is Personal Accident insurance up to a maximum of £3000 for adults and £500 for under-18s which covers you whilst participating in any canoeing activity on inland and/or coastal waters (up to one mile offshore) in the U.K. or travelling to or from any canoeing activity.

Please remember that this insurance package is "on trial" for 1983. If you don't like it then let the S.C.A. know - the whole scheme will be re-evaluated at the end of the year. We will try to get the best deal for you - it's not in our interests to 'con' you.

Copies of the Insurance Policy are available from the S.C.A. office on receipt of a stamped self-addressed envelope. All claims should be made to:

Weller & Co. (Insurance Brokers)
Conservative Club Chambers,
16c Main Ridge West,
Boston,
Lincs. PE21 6QQ.

MARGARET WINTER

EL COMMODORE

Strange as it may seem, there are those in canoeing who have not heard of Robert Kelso Riddell, Commodore, Forth Canoe Club. Well, not everyone is into Bat Polo and it is a long time since he paddled with a number on, but I tell you this - canoeing could do with more like him in all its branches. He gets things done. Frequently, by doing it himself, but he is adept at mustering the troops when the occasion demands it. I mean, do you know anyone who has said 'no' to him!

Take the new hut, for instance. Our own premises on the canal had long been the dream of our late Commodore, Jack Cuthill. A dream he had once seen realised only to have destroyed. Well, once again we are to have a roof over our heads and there can be no doubt that it's all thanks to R.K.R. He it was who was instrumental in 'stealing' the building to begin with and he has been the prime-mover behind its dismantling, transportation, alterations and re-erection - and that's only half the story! The planning, organisation, interminable dealing with various authorities, dare I say it, 'fiddles', have all been down to Kelso (and that will be my defence when the case comes up!!). Others, too numerous to mention, have given generously of their time and energies and to them we are duly grateful. But I venture to suggest that without the enthusiasm of 'El Commode' all we'd have right now is piles of timber and slabs at various sites around town.

I could go on at some length on how indebted Forth Canoe Club is to Kelso, most of which he would not thank me for divulging here. Suffice to say that, out of a different mould from Jack, he is none the less a very worthy successor. Need I say more?

NOTE RE : GRANDTULLY WHITE WATER RACE

The event will take place on SUNDAY the 13th of MARCH. It had been hoped to run the team events on the Saturday of the weekend, in order to finish earlier on the Sunday, but opposition from the controllers of the fishing lets prevented this. Anyone intending to camp over the weekend should note that I have been unable to secure the opening of any toilet facilities at Grandtully. I think these occurrences show that the establishment of our national facility at Grandtully is far from complete.

The B.C.U. White Water Committee have now ruled that as from the 1st of March, the use of "life decks", (or bigbuoys) as the sole source of personal buoyancy is not permitted. This follows a similar ruling by the I.C.F., the reasons for which seem unclear. This rule will hence be applied at the Grandtully race.

David Wolfe.

Landowners win a cut in rates

OWNERS of some of the prime salmon fishing beats in Scotland have successfully appealed for a reduction in rates because of the increasing number of canoeists on the river Tay.

Landlords who own the fishing rights on the river Tay between Grantully and Aberfeldy claimed at a meeting of the Land Valuation Appeal Committee in

Perth yesterday fishermen were being deterred from renting the beats because canoeists were destroying the tranquillity always associated with that part of the river.

Mr Renton Finlayson, representing the landowners, explained that since the river Tay had become popular with canoeists the letability of the beats had

reduced "dramatically."

The committee was told the river was used by canoeists almost every day, sometimes by as many as 60. The majority proved to be very discourteous to the fishermen and made a day's fishing almost impossible.

The fish stocks were also said to be suffering. One of the estate ghillies ex-

plained salmon would not lie where they were apt to be disturbed constantly but would move further down the river.

The estates involved, which include those of Viscount Ridley, Major W. D. Gibson and Henry Seuart Fotheringham of Grantully, were all granted a 10% reduction in the rates which were set in 1978.

COMMENT FROM FRED NELSON, S.C.A. PRESIDENT

What was your reaction to reading this? Was it only "Good - the fishermen have publicly accepted that canoeing takes place on the River Tay", (and it is good news), or were you also concerned by the statement that most of the canoeists behave inconsiderately, in fact discourteously is the word used.

Now we can speculate as to how thickly the landowners were laying it on for the benefit of the Committee, but nevertheless this is bad publicity we can do without.

Past evidence has generally shown that the Press will be on the fishermen's side - so even when a fisherman isn't considerate, make sure you and the rest of your group are.

I believe most canoeists are considerate to other water users, but until we can rid ourselves of the discourteous minority, it is very difficult to do anything about statements such as this one which appeared in the Scottish Press.

NEW ADDRESS: Fred Nelson's address is :-

11 Barnton Park Place, Edinburgh, EH4 7ET. Tel: 031-336-4779

We apologise for getting it wrong in our November issue of 'KAYAK'.

LOCH EIL OUTWARD BOUND CENTRE : During the coming season a series of canoeing courses are to be run here, as follows :

GENERAL COURSE-SEA AND INLAND-PROFICIENCY : April 2nd-9th and 9th-16th.

SEA TOURING EXPEDITIONS-WEST COAST OF SCOTLAND : June 4th-11th and 11th-18th
PROFICIENCY : July 2nd-9th and 23rd-30th.

SHORT SEA SKILLS COURSE : May 27th-31st.

Further details may be had from "Achdaliu, Fort William, Inverness-shire, PH33 7NN".

DRYBROUGHS - THE DELL INN - MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY CANOE RACE WATER OF LEITH - SATURDAY 12th MARCH

A fund raising sponsored canoe race is being run by Drybrough's on the 12th March. The idea is to have teams of 3 competing in a time race, with the best overall timed team winning a trophy, plus a trophy for the fastest single timed competitor. The race would start at the Currie Area and finish at The Dell Inn.

Details of starting times and Sponsor Forms can be obtained by contacting Mr. A. Mackintosh, Manager of The Dell Inn, 27 Lanark Road, Edinburgh.

PUBLICATIONS

Someone - Margaret Winter, perhaps? - is to be congratulated on the new S.C.A. handbook. It really is excellent, benefitting obviously from the amount of advertising it has attracted. Surely it must compare favourably with that of any other similar Association and must impress any "outsider" into whose hands it falls.

Losing much of its value by appearing needlessly early in the season, the Sprint/Marathon "annual" contains an interesting addition this year. This is a record of best times in all classes for most Scottish Marathon courses. Very worthwhile, and should make intriguing reading over the years. One would expect however that this publication would contain the season's "fixture list", ranking numbers and committee members.

"Canoeist" (nee 'White Water Magazine') appears to cater mainly for its original subscribers in spite of devoting its first "Profile" to a Flat Water racer (Kevin Smith). It will be interesting to see whether it achieves its aim of "reflecting the various facets of canoeing as manifested in the wide range of approaches to enjoyment of canoeing". Meantime it was interesting to scan, looking for Scottish successes south of the border (and gratifying to find some too).

This issue of "KAYAK" celebrates our tenth birthday - about which we kept quiet, not wishing to be inundated with bouquets of flowers, bottles of champagne and singing telegrams! It also sees us trying out a new format in the hope of lessening the burden on the production team and our ageing equipment. However, we are not sure if circumstances will permit the continuation of this standard of production. Time will tell.

POST SCRIPT TO CLYDE RACE

Andy Watt

There have been various letters in Kayak talking about making canoeing events more interesting etc.etc. I think G.U.C.C. with its Pool Galas, Annual Dinners, cardboard Canoe races and now, a re-vamped Clyde Race, has shown that, providing some people get off their rear ends, canoeing can become more interesting, with bigger attendances.

Next year? A shortened race (Hazelbank to Crossford) for schools slalom canoes, perhaps a schools prize (if we get the turnout), better newspaper publicity and better prizes. Then the Clyde Race might become as popular with the average punters as it used to be!

A.S.R.

Whose been watching 'Boys from the Black Stuff' then? Long live Yosser Hughes! Did you know the Scottish Canoeing Scene boasts its own Yosser? Like Yosser Hughes he's slightly round the twist. He went to Ingliston car market to sell his old car and in trying to up the bidding bought it back.

You know how Yosser says, "Gie's a job, go on gie's a job", well our Yosser went one up and in an argument with his boss was heard to say "go on then, gie's the sack, gie's the sack then".

His identity? TOMMY PRENTICE of KELSO who now demands that this season everyone calls him YOSSER PRENTICEand No Buts!

SCOTTISH CANOE POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS 29.1.83

Once again Greenock baths was the venue chosen for the Scottish Canoe Polo Championships. The organisers were rewarded by an entry of twenty teams, all showing great enthusiasm.

Although the rules of the game were available at the event, it was obvious that this was the first chance that many teams had had to study them and it proved impossible for the referees to enforce them rigidly. It is to be hoped that teams at future competitions will be prepared to play by these rules.

The preliminary rounds in the senior competition led to the expected semi-finals: Forth v. Strathclyde University and Royal West v. Canoe Polo Club (C.P.C.). In both games the advantages of regular team practice showed through and Strathclyde and C.P.C. went on to the final.

In the final the techniques learned from water polo were used to good effect by C.P.C. in their convincing victory.

The junior event was won by West Lothian and the Ladies by the female section of C.P.C. "Bathing Belles".

The development of canoe polo now depends on the S.C.A. canoe polo Committee's ability to organise the enthusiasm shown at Greenock into regular competitions played to the proper rules and supervised by properly trained referees. With a little effort polo could well become a major part of Scottish canoeing and we could look to more competitive and less predictable Scottish Championships.

Brian Chapman.
Sherrie Carnegie.

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CRYSTAL PALACE 19-20 FEBRUARY, 1983

The Scottish Canoe polo team had a most enjoyable weekend at Crystal Palace. There were 6 competitions (2 groups of 3 on a round robin basis). In the first game against England the Scots were beaten 5-0 but to their credit the number of goals scored against them was well under the average of the other teams competing. The Scots beat France 2-0 and went on to play off for 3rd and 4th place against Wales who beat them 4-1. The English Team were 'Luton Tigers' League Team and were in a class of their own; going on to the final against Germany the score was 5-1 for England. The Scots wore white buoyancy aids and SCA blue helmets and were complimented on their turnout. They have been invited to go to 4 more international tournaments in Ireland, London, Brittany and Italy. Dave Bean has a quantity of 1983 BCU Canoe Polo Handbooks @ 20p each. His 'phone no. is 089687 - 222.

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" A SNAP "

Gordon Cuthill

At every canoeing event you may care to go to there is practically always somebody there with a camera "snapping" their friends or 'idols' at the most spectacular part of the competition.

But whatever happens to the photos?

KAYAK Magazine is always looking for good photographs to adorn the front cover.

What we need are good quality black and white pictures of a topical subject with good sharp focus, good contrast, and not too 'grainy'. Preferably around 10" x 8" in size, or alternatively, send the negative for us to enlarge.

All materials will be returned whether used or not, so why don't you load up with black and white film next time and take an opportunity to display your work to a fairly large audience. We can't afford to offer anything in the way of payment except the prestige of having your own picture on the front cover with an acknowledgment inside. You've got till the 1st of May for the next issue so start thinking about it soon.

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EXTRACTS FROM:

MINUTES OF FORTH CANOE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SCOTTISH SPORTS COUNCIL, 1 St. Colme Street, EDINBURGH on 16th December 1982 at 7 p.m.

Members Present : Kelso Riddell - Commodore
Gordon Cuthill - Secretary

Douglas Wilkie	Scott Ramage	Alistair Williamson
Martin McQueen	Chris Brodie	Grant Wilson
Susan Ward	Lynne Thomson	Sherrie Carnegie
Brian Chapman	Richard Willis	Pete Downie
Derek Newport	George Logie	Ingrid Murray
Douglas Wilson	Keith Brown	Tony Leaver
Jane Wilson	Richard Gregory	Miles Forde
Neil Baxter	Cynthia Berry	David Lumbard

Apologies were received from: Trevor Lunn, David Wolfe, Robert Clarkson and Louise Henderson.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

The following charges were accepted for 1983.

Senior Membership	£10.00
Junior Membership	6.00
Family Membership	12.50
Boat Storage per Year	9.50
Key Hire per year	3.00
Key Hire per Year without Boat Storage	5.00

A Joining Fee for new members was introduced to encourage members to renew their subscriptions promptly.

Senior / Family Joining Fee	£ 3.00
Junior Joining Fee	1.00

New members must pay the Joining Fee. A member will be deemed to have resigned if his subscription is not paid by 31st March and thereafter must re-join as a new member.

Sessions at Craiglockhart will be charged on a weekly basis as before, but with an increased charge for non-members.

CLUB CANOEING ACTIVITIES FOR 1983

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORGANISER</u>
Kirkintilloch Fun Regatta	June 4	D. Wilson
Rowardennan Fun Regatta	June 12	G. Logie
Tay Leukaemia Event	June 19	K. Riddell
Day Trip to Tay	To be arranged	M. Forde
Day Trip to Tweed	To be arranged	S. Carnegie
Barbeque	To be arranged	R. Gregory
Sea Touring Weekend	Provisionally 30 Apr./1 May	R. Gregory
		I. Murray, G. Cuthill
Auchenreoch Regatta	Sept. 10-11	-
Still Water Slalom	Sept. 14	-

The annual 2 week summer west coast tour will be revived, route and dates to be decided. Organiser - G. Cuthill. Provisionally July 2nd - 16th.

COMPETITION DATES FOR 1983.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Organiser</u>
Grandtully WWR	13th march	D. Wolfe
Awe Slalom	29th-30th May	B. Chapman
Tay Leukaemia Race	19th June	D. Wolfe
Tweed L.D.	18th September	G. Logie

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS.

Honorary Commodore, Betty Cuthill; Commodore, Kelso Riddell; Secretary/Treasurer, Gordon Cuthill; Equipment Officer, Scott Ramage; Coach, Cynthia Berry.

HELPERS WANTEDGRANDTULLY WHITE WATER RACE - 13th MARCH

The notice of this race has already gone out and entries are now complete. All we need now is a dedicated team of helpers. David Wolfe is organising and needs help. PLEASE 'PHONE HIM NOW at 031-333-3836 if you are free to go so that he knows he has a back-up team.

AWE SLALOM - 28/29 MAY

Once again Forth is organising this popular slalom but it is important that we get more volunteers than last year to help organise. No one knows what it is like to organise a slalom unless you have done it yourself and it really takes some doing.

The intention is for an advance group to leave Edinburgh on Thursday morning to prepare the site and erect the course. More people will be needed over the weekend to man, control and maintain the course during the event.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING EITHER OF THESE GROUPS SHOULD CONTACT BRIAN CHAPMAN (Tel. 031-447-2728) as soon as possible so that we can get together and get organised.

CRAIGLOCKHART POND

Monday night sessions at Craiglockhart Pond will be starting again on 11th April. This will be the main meeting place for club members and prospective members for the season. We are in need of club members to attend these sessions to supervise, advise, coach and even to go canoeing! If you are free on Monday evenings from 6 - 8 p.m. then PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN IN. 'Phone Gordon Cuthill (031-447-3954) for information.

FORTH CC WEST COAST TOUR 1983

Gordon Cuthill will be holding a meeting of members interested in a summer West Coast Tour in JULY. Weekend practice trips, routes, equipment etc. will be discussed so if you fancy a week or two of the best canoe touring you can find, then 'phone Gordon (447-3954) and let him know you're coming to the meeting on THURSDAY 31st March at 7 p.m. at 2, Merchiston Bank Avenue, (near Napier College, third opening on the left down Colinton Road from Holy Corner).

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE ? YOUR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION IS DUE NOW!

If you do not pay up then this will be your last KAYAK MAGAZINE. If you leave it till after 31st March then you will have to pay a fee to rejoin (see page 23) All members who still have equipment in the old wooden hut at the Canal, should remove it as soon as possible. All unmarked equipment NOT claimed after 31st March will revert to the Club. Boats are currently being charged for storage at the rate of £1 per month as from 1st January.



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