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Olympic Appeal

In the beginning of the year all clubs and individual members received an appeal from the British Olympic Association for donations to send the British contingent, including the canoeing team, to the Olympic Games in Rome. Only few forms have been returned to the Appeal Secretary. The BOA Appeal is quite distinct from the BCU Olympic Training Fund which is being used to give our team the best possible preparatory training. What is the good of preparing a team if the money is not there to send it to Rome? The Union is responsible for the return of all forms, and clubs and individual members are therefore requested to return the forms, with any donation, as soon as possible, as until the Appeal Committee knows the amount of money available the BOA cannot decide on the numbers of competitors to be sent.

APOLOGIES

are due to members for the late publication of this issue. The delay is due to the fact that we wished to include the latest news on the Olympic team—quite apart from the fact that at the time when we should have gone to press, practically no reports had been received from clubs and committees.

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PAUL FARRANT

We mourn the loss of Paul Farrant, the British canoeist who in 1959 carried off the Slalom World Championships at Geneva, and who died on Easter Monday as a result of injuries received when his motor cycle was in collision with a coach.

To his many friends at home and abroad the news of Paul's death came as a great shock and brought a deep sense of personal loss and bereavement. To a wide circle of canoeists in Britain, who may never have met him but knew of his achievement, Paul personified their own hopes and aspirations. Their pride in his success was so deeply felt that it gave many of them a sense of participation in it. To an even wider circle of canoeists all over Europe, particularly the devotees of slalom, Paul symbolised the best type of British sportsman: single minded, competent, modest and with a sense of humour which could meet success or defeat with equanimity. Wherever canoeists meet this year at the great international slaloms, Paul Farrant will be remembered with affection and respect.

Paul, 25 years old and a member of Chalfont Park Canoe Club, made his debut in slalom in 1951. By 1952 his progress was sufficient to merit his inclusion in a team being sent to an international slalom at Lippstadt. In 1953, in his new and rather unorthodox canoe "Platypus", Paul won the British Slalom Championships and was a member of the British team competing in the World Championships at Merano. Two years later he competed at the World Championships at Tacen, and in 1957 he went to the World Championships in Augsburg where he put up the best British performance.

Encouraged by this and by his coach, Oliver Cock, who was to have an increasing influence on his progress, Paul entered upon serious preparations for the 1959 World Championships to be held in Geneva. Much of his training was done on the rough water

below Hambledon Weir on the Thames. His progress was evident quite early in 1959 when he gained third place at Anseremme and played an important part in the success of the British team which won the team event at Lippstadt. When Paul went to Geneva, he went full of hope and high ambition and became world champion, finishing, with the runner-up, a full minute ahead of the rest of the field.

We have received many letters of condolence from individuals and organisations at home and abroad, and these have been sent to Paul's parents who have been greatly sustained by them. We are sure that all our members will join with us in our expressions of sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Farrant in their bereavement.

The Union has decided to sponsor a "Paul Farrant Challenge Trophy" which is to be handed to the ICF Slalom Committee for competition in the F.I class at World Championships.

JOHN W. DUDDERIDGE,
President
The British Canoe Union

Olympic Hopes

THE TEAM

The Selection Committee of the Union has decided to send the following paddlers to Rome to represent Great Britain in the canoeing events of the 1960 Olympic Games:

Ron Rhodes, Bob Lowery, Ray Blick, Ted Cronk, John Harris and Bazil Pratt for the men's events with Alan Young as a reserve, and Marianne Tucker for the women's race.

Apart from Ron Rhodes who in view of his previous performances is the obvious choice for the K.1 1,000m. event, it has still to be decided in which events the individual paddlers will be entered.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

John Dudderidge has sent us the following message to our Olympic Team:

"This will be the last issue of "Canoeing in Britain" to appear before the Olympic Games in Rome, and it gives me great pleasure to say a few words on behalf of all members of the Union, to the few who will represent Great Britain in the canoeing events on Lake Albano.

The last few years have seen a steady rise in enthusiasm and standards, and the results achieved last year in the European Championships in Duisburg have put heart into every competitor, as only the taste of success can. However, there is no false optimism, and all appreciate full well the standard and determination of their opponents. We say to them: Good fortune go with you, and doing your best, may you achieve success."

THE TRIALS

Following the traditional Easter Training Course, this year held on Ravens Ait on the Thames, a series of trials and weekend courses have been held in various parts of the country. The first of the trials were held in Bedford on May 14—15, ably organised by the Bedford Group of the Canoe Camping Club. With the support of the Bradford-on-Avon Rowing Club to whom we are greatly indebted, another weekend course with time trials were organised June 11—12. The final trials were held June 25 on the River Lea in Edmonton in London.

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

All competitors who after the Bedford weekend had been put on a short list of possible Olympic candidates were entered in a triangular match Germany—Poland—Great Britain held on June 18—19 in Duisburg. Each nation was allowed to enter two crews in each event.

As far as placings are concerned, the results were slightly disappointing—partly due to the fact that with our small numbers we had to cover too many events, but the times showed considerable progress since last year when we competed over the same course in the European Championships. The high light of the regatta was, from our point of view, the K 1 1,000m. event in which Ron Rhodes took an easy second place with Bob Lowery in fourth place. The winner in this race was M. Scheuer (Germany) in 4 min. 20.4 secs., Rhodes' time was 4 min. 23.8 secs., followed by F. Briel (Germany) in 4 min. 25.7 secs. Lowery's time was 4 min. 28.3 secs. In the K 1 4×500m. Relay our two teams took fourth and fifth place.

The Olympic Team will compete in another international regatta in Berlin on July 23—24.

L.D. Races

LEAMINGTON RIVER RACE (APRIL 10)

Results:

K 1 Seniors: 1. R. Rhodes (Royal CC).

NCK Seniors: 1. T. Barnacle (Royal Leamington Spa CC).

Class 3 Seniors Open: 1. D. Olorenshaw (Royal Leamington Spa CC).

Class 4a Seniors Handicap: 1. T. Dunkley (Richmond CC).

Class 4c Ladies Handicap: 1. M. Tucker (Richmond CC).

Class 4b Juniors Handicap: 1. G. Downing (Wolverhampton CC).

Class 5 Seniors Pairs Open: 1. A. Young—B. Pratt (Royal CC)

Class 6a Senior Pairs Handicap: 1. R. Payne—M. Allen (22nd SAS Regt.)

Class 6b Junior Pairs Handicap: 1. A. Hemming—C. Pearce (Camp Hill School CC).

Class 6c Ladies Pairs Handicap: 1. J. Howells—R. Needham (Royal Leamington Spa CC).

CHELMER CANOE RACE (JUNE 12)

- Class 1 Open K1 Seniors: 1. J. Dalton (Canoe Touring Club).
 Class 2 Open NCK: 1. L. D. Green (CCC).
 Class 4a Handicap Senior Singles: 1. L. R. Rollins (West London CC).
 Class 4b Handicap Junior Singles: 1. J. Fisher (Indep.).
 Class 4c Handicap Ladies: 1. S. Theobald (Chelmsford BC).
 Class 5 Open Double Kayaks: 1. L. R. Fish — B. Smith (Canoe Touring Club).
 Class 6c Handicap Double: 1. J. Bristler — C. Summersby (West London CC).
 Class 6b Handicap Junior Doubles: 1. R. Pertwee—C. Chilcott (Felsted School CC).
 Class 6c Handicap Ladies: 1. E. Sewell—S. Baldwin (Royal Leamington Spa CC).

New Charges for Canoes on Canals

In January British Waterways introduced a new system of charges for pleasure craft on canals. Unit charges and mileage charges have ceased to apply, and the old pink application form CPO 865 was abolished.

Canoes are now classified as "Unpowered Vessels Class D or E" according to whether they use locks or not, and "Powered Vessels under 25 feet" if driven by outboard motor. Licences are given for fixed periods and for any part of the canals and navigations under the control of British Waterways, including the Crinan and Caledonian and other Scottish canals.

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Crinan Canal: Canal Office, Ardrishaig, Argyllshire.

Caledonian Canal: Canal Office, Clachnahary, Inverness.

Applications should be made on printed form BW/T.1, obtainable from the divisional offices. The form does not mention the special weekly rate for canoes which British Waterways recently agreed to introduce at our suggestion. The Divisional Offices have, however, been informed of this.

Slalom Results

BRITISH NATIONAL SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS:

First Division: 1. J. Shaw (Manchester CC), 2. I. Carmichael (Twickenham CC), 3. D. Lucas (Royal CC).

Second Division: 1. M. Rohleder (Manchester CC), 2. John Critchley (Manchester CC), 3. D. Sanders (Harrow CC).

Third Division: 1. J. Schmitz (Twickenham CC), 2. R. Adamson (Manchester CC), 3. Joyce Critchley (Manchester CC).

SCOTTISH OPEN SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS:

First Division: 1. K. White (Manchester CC), 2. I. Carmichael (Twickenham CC), 3. John Critchley (Manchester CC).

Second Division: 1. I. McQueen (Tay CC), 2. A. Sharples (Manchester CC), 3. G. Dimsdale (Twickenham CC).

INTERNATIONAL SLALOM, ENGLAND—FRANCE (JUNE 26th):

England beat France in the international slalom at Shepperton by taking the first three places in the individual events and also winning the team event.
Results:

1. K. White (England) 301 pts., 2. I. Carmichael (England) 326 pts.,
3. D. Lucas (England) 332 pts., 4. C. Fuerst (France) 341 pts.

Team Event: 1. England "A" 635 pts., 2. France "B" 717 pts., 3. France "A" 797 pts., 4. England "B" 815 pts.

THE BCU SHOP

Stocks of the 1951 "Guide to the Waterways . . ." are now exhausted, and a new edition is now with the printers. Our pamphlets, which have sold so successfully in the past, are now being prepared for publication in a new style. The text will be printed, and the size of the pamphlets is being reduced to that of this Bulletin. The new series, of which four will be ready later in the year, will be extended to include pamphlets dealing with Canadian canoeing, whitewater touring, racing etc.

In response to the demand of a number of our members, we are now able to supply a blazer badge, hand-embroidered in silver wire, to the same design as the cloth badges. At the moment, delivery of these badges is 4—5 weeks from date of order, but if the demand grows, we shall hold a stock to enable us to meet orders immediately.

We are now holding stocks of booklets published by other organisations. They are a little booklet "Guide to Canoeing" and a booklet in the "Know the Game" series, "Boating".

Club Secretaries should make a special note that the Shop allows a 10% discount on orders of 12 or more of any item.

NEW HANDBOOKS

The London Federation of Boys Clubs has published a handy and cheap pamphlet "*Guide to Canoeing*" which in 14 pages contains all the information which the young canoeist should have. An admirable publication which clubs might hand out to their new members. Price: 8d from the BCU Shop.

A more comprehensive publication has been brought out in their "*Know the Game*" series by Educational Productions: "*Boating*", giving a technical introduction to rowing, canoeing and punting. Over half of the text is devoted to canoeing, and the section has been written by the Union. Price: 2/6 from the BCU Shop.

From the Clubs

The membership of the following clubs in the Union has lapsed:

- Balmoral School Canoe Club.*
- Norton Canoe Camping Club.*
- Thameside Canoe Club.*
- Weston Bay Canoe Club.*
- Wey Canoe Club.*

The following clubs have been affiliated to the Union:

22 SAS Regiment Canoe Club: OC "A" Squadron, 22 Special Air Service Regiment, Bradbury Lines, Hereford.

RAF Hereford (Boy Entrant Wing) Canoe Club: Flt./Lt. R. E. H. Meves, RAF Greford, Credenhill, Herefordshire.

Alabaster Passmore's Sports Club, Canoe Section: J. B. Miles, 37 Tovil Road, Maidstone, Kent.

GNTC Wallasey Unit Canoe Club: 2nd Officer Davidson, GNTC, 65 Church Street, Wallasey, Cheshire.

Another very useful handbook has been written by Roy McCarthy "*The Outdoor Guide*", giving a general introduction to all the many outdoor activities available in this country, their organisations etc. Published by Crosby Lockwood & Son Ltd., "*The Outdoor Guide*" costs 10/6.

CANOE STOLEN

On May 21/22 a new Gmach glassfibre single seater canoe was stolen from the grounds of the Youth Hostel Association, Trevelyn House, St. Albans, Herts. The canoe is 15'9" long with a beam of 25" with a white hull and orange deck. Only half a dozen of these boats have been sold. Will any of our members, particularly in the NW London and Hertfordshire area, keep an eye open for this canoe and report any suspicion to Peter Hull, YHA, Trevelyn House, St. Albans, Herts.

Junior Leaders' BN RASC Canoe Club: Major K. H. Crockford, MC, RASC, St. Lucia Barracks, Bordon, Hants.

New Secretaries:

Royal Marines Canoe Club: Capt. H. B. Musto, RM, Joint Services Amphibious Warfare Centre, Poole, Dorset.

West Yorkshire Canoe Club: P. B. Walton, 36 Blenheim Road, St. John's, Wakefield.

Lakeland Canoe Club: Miss Ann Braithwaite, Mealbank, High Laverock, Kendal, Westmorland.

Exeter Canoe Club: M. H. Peart, 38 Prospect Park, Exeter.

Bishops Stortford College Canoe Club: E. C. Tait, Alliot House, The College, Bishops Stortford, Herts.

Broxbourne Canoe Club: Miss M. Hepburn, 43 Edmunds Tower, Wed-hey, Harlow, Essex.

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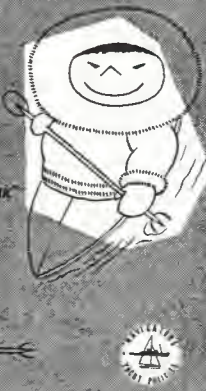
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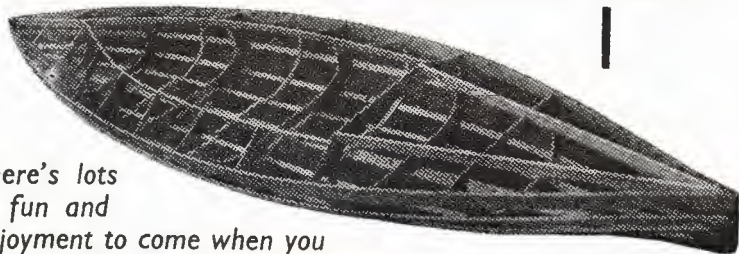


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