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Silver Jubilee

Four canoe clubs founded the British Canoe Union in 1936. When next year the Union will celebrate its Silver Jubilee, we can look back on a period of steady growth. Plans are in hand to mark the occasion in an appropriate form. Details will be announced later. In the meantime note that the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on January 28th, 1961, in the Caxton Hall, St. James Park, London.

MOTIONS

for discussion at the AGM must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than November 30th. They must be signed by two Full Members of the Union. By the same date

NOMINATIONS

to fill the vacancies on Council must be forwarded. Elections will be by

POSTAL BALLOT

The pre-requisite of the Postal Ballot is the

NOMINAL ROLL

of all Full Members, with their addresses, which club secretaries, together with the annual Membership Return, must send in not later than November 21st. Please note: No Nominal Roll, no right to vote in the Postal Ballot or in the AGM. You have been warned!

PLANNING AHEAD

is one of the pre-requisites for the smooth running of any organisation. The BCU Technical Committees will meet in January to finalise their plans for 1961—but for this purpose they will need to know details of the fixtures of the clubs.

OLYMPIC POSTSCRIPT

The Fifth Olympic Canoe Regatta on Lake Albano is a thing of the past. Those of us who were privileged to be present look back on sunny days by the shores of this delightful lake which provided the glorious setting for a magnificently organised event—sometimes perhaps over-organised with an overdose of red tape.

The USSR have regained their position of the leading racing nation of the world, reversing, though only by a small margin, the order established at last year's European Championships when Hungary took first place. The overall picture is one of slightly more balanced strength: the medals were spread more evenly over a greater number of nations. Germany is still in a good third position. The remarkable feature of the competition was the return of the Scandinavian countries to success after some years of partial eclipse. Denmark reached six, Sweden four of the seven finals and each gained one Gold and one Bronze Medal. A cause for some surprise was the success of the Italian team in reaching five finals and gaining the Silver Medal in the Canadian Pairs, a class which is dominated by the countries in Eastern Europe....

...As far as we are concerned, we have no reason to join the crowd by sending up a wail of woe because we did not bring back a medal. Whoever thought we would do better, cannot have had a clear picture of the tremendous strides made in technique and training in many of the European countries as shown in the almost unbelievably fast times in all races. Our team was the strongest one ever sent to the Games, but for all practical purposes we started our preparations just a year ago, and one cannot build up a top ranking international team in such a short period. In these circumstances we did very well indeed to reach one final—with a fifth place—and two semi-finals out of the four events for which we had entered.

And where do we go from here? The efforts made in this Olympic year will be wasted if they are not made part of a long-term programme. Technique, style and tactics are the points which need stressing in any future training programme now the one essential, physical fitness, appears to have sunk in. We have with the Olympic team as a nucleus the making of a good and strong national team—in particular since a number of Juniors seem to come along, but it is distressing to learn that now that they have attained highest honours by representing Great Britain in the Games, some members of the team have expressed their intention to retire from competitive canoeing. How disappointing—and what a waste!

Olympic Canoe Regatta 1960

A fantastic amount of money must have been spent on the creation of the regatta base for the Olympic Canoe Regatta 1960 at Lake Albano, the crater of an extinct volcano some miles south of Rome, with extensive boat houses, changing rooms, work shops, medical centre, stands for spectators, officials, TV and radio, including miles and miles of new roads. The course had been laid out in a way which was quite perfect and beyond criticism—apart perhaps from the slightly diagonal slant which in the absence of a running commentary, made an accurate assessment of the position of the crews in a race up to the last 500 metres or so difficult.

Our greatest hopes were concentrated on the *K.1 1,000m. event for men* in which Ron Rhodes, bronze medal winner in last year's European Championships, was thought to have a good chance to be well placed in the finals. In his heat he took second place in 4 min. 1.68 secs. compared with the winner's, E. Hansen from Denmark, time of 3 min. 57.04 secs. The other heats were won by I. Szoelloesi (Hungary) in 4 min. 4.23 secs. and I. Khasanov (USSR) in 4 min. 6.14 secs. In the semi-final Rhodes won his race in 4 min. 5.20 secs. compared with the times of 3 min. 57.31 secs. taken by Hansen and 3 min. 57.71 secs. by Szoelloesi in their semi-finals. In the final Hansen set a terrific pace from the start. Up to the 500m. mark the first five competitors were bunched together with Rhodes in fifth place. His usual final sprint did not materialise this time, and he did not even bypass Khasanov who was lying fourth and whom he had beaten into second place in the semi-final.

Results: 1. E. Hansen (Denmark) 3 min. 53 secs.; 2. I. Szoelloesi (Hungary) 3 min. 54.02 secs.; 3. G. Frederiksson (Sweden) 3 min. 55.89 secs.; 4. I. Khasanov (USSR) 3 min. 56.38 secs.; 5. R. Rhodes (Great Britain) 4 min. 1.15 secs.

In the *K.1 500m. for women* Marianne Tucker came in fourth in her heat in the time of 2 min. 21.06 secs. The winner's time, D. Walkowiak (Poland) was 2 min. 15.34 secs. The second heat was won by A. Seredina (USSR) in 2 min. 8.82 secs. with her old rival T. Zenz (Germany) in second place. By coming up in third place in the repechage in 2 min. 21.04 secs. M. Tucker moved up into the semi-finals where, alas, she was eliminated by coming in fourth in 2 min. 18.96 secs. M. Tucker got off to a slow start, but recovered and was steadily moving up—another 20 metres and she would have overtaken A. M. Werner-Hansen (Denmark) who came third. Her semi-final was won by D. Walkowiak (Poland) in 2 min. 11.07 secs., the other two semi-finals by A. Seredina (USSR) in 2 min. 7.20 secs. and T. Zenz (Germany) in 2 min. 8.51 secs. respectively.

Results: 1. A. Seredina (USSR) 2 min. 8.08 secs.; 2. T. Zenz (Germany) 2 min. 8.22 secs.; 3. D. Walkowiak (Poland) 2 min. 10.46 secs.

In the *K.1 4 × 500m. Relay* our team, Blick, Cronk, Lowery and Rhodes took a second place in their heat in 8 min. 17.29 secs. The winners, the Dutch crew, took 8 min. 4.32 secs. The other heats were won by Germany in 7 min. 54.38 secs. and Hungary in 7 min. 50.51 secs. Our crew was eliminated in the semi-final by coming in fourth in 8 min. 11.52 secs. with Hungary in 7 min. 50.03 secs. in first place. The times for the other semi-finals were 7 min. 53.86 secs. (USSR) and 7 min. 43.92 secs. (Germany).

Results: 1. Germany 7 min. 39.43 secs.; 2. Hungary 7 min. 44.02 secs.; 3. Denmark 7 min. 46.09 secs.

In the *K.2 1,000m. event for men* our crew, Harris-Pratt, came in last in both their heat and repechage. Their time in the heat was 3 min. 58.25 secs. (winner's time—Holland—3 min. 43.98 secs.) and in the repechage 3 min. 59.33 secs. compared with 3 min. 49.34 secs. taken by the Belgian crew which came in first.

Results: 1. Sweden (Frederiksson-Sjoedelius) 3 min. 34.73 secs.; 2. Hungary (Szente-Meszaros) 3 min. 34.91 secs.; 3. Poland (Kaplaniak-Zielinski) 3 min. 37.34 secs.

Other Results:

C.1 1,000m.: 1. J. Parti (Hungary) 4 min. 33.03 secs.; 2. A. Silaev (USSR) 4 min. 34.41 secs.; 3. L. Rotman (Romania) 4 min. 35.87 secs.

C.2 1,000m.: 1. USSR (L. Geyshter-Makarenko) 4 min. 17.04 secs.; 2. Italy (Dezi-La Macchia) 4 min. 20.77 secs.; 3. Hungary (Farkas-Toro) 4 min. 20.89 secs.

K.2 500m. Women: 1. USSR (Shubina-Seredina) 1 min. 54.76 secs.; 2. Germany (Zenz-Hartman) 1 min. 58.22 secs.; 3. Hungary (Fried-Egresi) 1 min. 59.03 secs.

STAND OF THE NATIONS.

	<i>Participating in No. Events</i>	<i>Reached Finals in No. Events</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
Hungary	7	7	1	3	2
USSR	7	7	3	1	—
Germany	7	7	1	2	—
Denmark	7	6	1	—	1
Sweden	6	4	1	—	1
Poland	5	4	—	—	2
Italy	7	5	—	1	—
Romania	5	4	—	—	1
Czechoslovakia	7	5	—	—	—
Bulgaria	3	2	—	—	—
Finland	5	2	—	—	—
Austria	5	2	—	—	—
Great Britain	4	1	—	—	—
Norway	2	1	—	—	—
Holland	3	1	—	—	—
Canada	4	1	—	—	—
France	4	1	—	—	—

Australia, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Switzerland, USA, Luxembourg and Spain did not reach the finals in any event.

ICF Congress 1960

European Sailing Championships 1961 at Hayling Island

Twenty-four national federations were represented at the Congress of the ICF held in the Palazzo dei Congressi in Rome on August 31 and September 1, 1960.

In the absence of ICF President Dr. Karel Popel, who shortly before the Olympic Games and during his period of office had resigned, Vice-President Charles de Coqueraumont acted as Chairman of the Congress.

ACCEPTED PROPOSALS.

1. A number of amendments of the Racing Rules were adopted, the principal being that one connected with the shape of racing craft: that all sections and longitudinal lines of the hull of canoe and kayak shall be convex and uninterrupted. This rule will, however, not come into force until after the 1962 World Championships.

2. A Hungarian proposal that member federations be free to take part in competitions organised by non-member federations was agreed—with an amendment laying it down that this is only allowed where no association affiliated to the ICF exists.

3. A proposal from Sweden reducing the weight of the C.1 from 20kgs. to 16kgs. was adopted in view of the weight of the new C.2 being made 20kgs.

4. The draft rules for slalom, wild water races and combined events were adopted with a supplementary rule that boats must conform to the rules demanding convex lines and sections.

5. A proposal from the Sailing Racing Committee that European and World Championships in Canoe Sailing be instituted was adopted. The terms agreed were that the European and World Championships be held alternately and at two years intervals, starting with European Championships in 1961. The holding of the championships shall depend on a minimum entry of 3 nations for the European and 4 nations for the World Championships.

6. Congress accepted in principle a proposal from the USSR that steps should be taken aiming at enlarging the International Olympic Committee by bringing in representatives of the International Sports Federations.

REJECTED PROPOSALS.

7. A proposal to hold an ICF Congress every year in connection with the championships of that year was rejected.

8. A proposal to adopt Russian as fourth official language in the ICF was rejected.

9. A proposal that in the event of resignation or decease of an officer of the ICF or of a member of the Board, his own federation be entitled to replace him was rejected in favour of one stating that the substitution has to await the next Congress which alone can make a new nomination since officers and members of the Board do not represent their own federation.

10. A proposal that no federation be allowed to name a proxy at Congress was defeated as was another proposal that no federation be allowed to put forward a motion for Congress unless able to be present at that Congress to speak to the motion.

POSTPONEMENTS.

A decision on a number of proposals was postponed until the ICF Congress in 1962. Among these proposals was one from the USSR to include a K.1 4 × 500m. event for women in European and World Championships, one from Poland for the inclusion of K.4 500m. races for men and women and another from Hungary for a C.1 4 × 500m. event. The German Canoe Association (DKV) had submitted a proposal for the introduction of Junior Championships. The Paddling Racing Committee was instructed to study all suggestions and submit its own proposals to the 1962 Congress.

FIXTURES.

The venues for the following championships have been fixed:

- Racing*: European Championships 1961 — Poznan (Poland) 17th—19th August.
European Championships 1963 — Moscow (USSR) — possibly in connection with proposed European Games.
World Championships 1962 — Essen (FGR) probably in August.
Slalom: World Championships 1961 — On the Weisseritz near Heinsberg (DDR) — 22nd—23rd July.
World Championships 1963 — On the Lieser near Spittal (Austria).
Wild Water: World Championships 1961 — On the Weisseritz near Heinsberg (DDR) — 26th July.
World Championships 1963 — On the Lieser near Spittal (Austria).
Sailing: European Championships 1961 — Hayling Island (Great Britain). 24th August—3rd September.
World Championships 1963 — Venue not yet fixed.

ELECTIONS.

- President*: Ch. de Coqueraumont (France) 1960—1962
1st Vice-President: O. Vorberg (FGR) 1960—1964
2nd Vice-President: O. Bonn (Hungary) 1960—1964
Secretary-Treasurer: O. Verner (Sweden) 1960—1964
Organising Vice-President (Slalom): W. Heinicke (DDR) 1959—1961
F. Zimbelius (Austria) 1961—1963
Organising Vice-President (Racing): A. Bazaniak (Poland) 1960—1962
Members of the Board: America — Radford (Canada)
Zuk (USA)
Europe — Dudderidge (Great Britain)
Lukatin (USSR)
Holocek (CSSR)
Australia — Varcoe
Asia — Furuichi (Japan)
Paddling Racing Committee: Chairman: Berglund (Sweden). Members: Boehle (FGR), Granek (Hungary), Holemans (Belgium), Krasnopevtshev (USSR), Kwasniewski (Poland), Orsi (Italy), Vacek (CSSR), Vautrin (France).
Slalom Committee: Chairman: Landgraf (DDR). Members: Czech (CSSR), Engel (Luxembourg), Popovchich (Austria), Saroch (FGR), Spuhler (Great Britain),

Zimmermann (Switzerland). Corresponding member: Zuk (USA). For wild water racing: de Liege (France).

Sailing Committee:

Chairman: Emus (Great Britain). Members: Neveling (Sweden), Schmidt (FGR), Whiteman (USA).

Touring:

Chairman: Schmidt (FGR). Members: de Liege (France), Lotsch (DDR), Misik (CSSR), Plebanczyk (Poland), Radutziu (Romania), Svircevic (Jugoslavia), Unger (Hungary).

ICF BULLETIN.

The Congress appointed *H. Thelen* (London) as editor of the ICF Bulletin with *J. de Liege* (France) and *H. E. Vesper* (FGR) as members of the Editorial Board and responsible for the French and German edition respectively.

The Serpentine Regatta

Entries were down for this year's Serpentine Regatta, but racing conditions were ideal which gave our Olympic Team the chance of a final try-out before setting out for Rome. Some of the course records which had been established as long ago as in 1953 went overboard. A new event introduced this year for the first time, was the K.1 4 × 500m. Relay.

RESULTS:

- K.1 Men Seniors:* 1. R. Rhodes (Royal CC) 3 min. 15 secs.; 2. R. Blick (Richmond CC) 3 min. 19.7 secs.; 3. R. Lowery (Richmond CC) 3 min. 20 secs.
- K.1 Men Juniors:* 1. P. Kosijer (Serbian Canoe Federation) 3 min. 30.9 secs.; 2. V. Aleksic (Serbian Canoe Federation) 3 min. 31.6 secs.; 3. R. Still (Royal CC) 3 min. 32 secs.
- K.1 Cadets:* 1. V. Binstead (Richmond CC) 3 min. 45.8 secs.; 2. J. Marshall (CCC) 3 min. 58.5 secs.
- National Chine Kayak Singles Men:* 1. D. Salter (Exeter CC) 4 min. 6 secs.; 2. D. Green (CCC) 4 min. 7.6 secs.; 3. M. F. Clarke (Richmond CC) 4 min. 7.8 secs.
- K.1 Women:* 1. I. Sjöo (Swedish Canoe Association) 3 min. 49.6 secs.; 2. M. Tucker (Richmond CC) 3 min. 51.8 secs.; 3. I. Wallgren (Swedish Canoe Association) 3 min. 56.2 secs.
- K.2 Men Seniors:* 1. R. Lowery—R. Rhodes (Richmond/Royal CC) 3 min. 5.1 secs.; 2. R. Blick—E. Cronk (Richmond CC) 3 min. 9.5 secs.; 3. J. Harris—B. Pratt (Birmingham/Royal CC) 3 min. 11 secs.
- K.2 Men Juniors:* 1. V. Aleksic—P. Kosijer (Serbian Canoe Federation) 3 min. 13 secs.; 2. T. Shenton—R. Still (Royal CC) 3 min. 15 secs.; 3. J. Dalton—M. Clarke (Richmond CC) 3 min. 24.5 secs.
- K.2 Women:* 1. M. Bohlin—I. Wallgren (Swedish Canoe Association) 3 min. 30.5 secs.; 2. M. Tucker—H. Porzel (Richmond CC) 3 min. 36.2 secs.; 3. D. Ignjatijevic—Z. Zoric (Serbian Canoe Federation) 3 min. 40 secs.
- K.4 Men Seniors:* 1. Royal CC, 2 min. 46.2 secs.; 2. Richmond/Birmingham CC, 2 min. 49.6 secs.; 3. Serbian Canoe Federation, 2 min. 55.6 secs.

K.4 Men Juniors: 1. Royal CC, 2 min. 49.7 secs.; 2. Serbian Canoe Federation, 2 min. 50.4 secs.; 3. Richmond CC, 3 min. 1.8 secs.

K.1 4 × 500m Relay: 1. BCU "A" Team, 8 min. 17.2 secs.; 2. BCU "B" Team, 8 min. 44.4 secs.

A New Deal for Sport ?

A "new deal" for sport is proposed in the report of the Wolfenden Committee on Sport, "Sport and the Community". It recommends the creation of a Sport Development Council, on the lines of the Arts Council, with £5 million a year from the government to foster sport and recreation. In addition local and educational authorities should be allowed to spend an extra £5 million a year in addition to what they are already permitted to spend on providing sports and recreational facilities.

The Committee was set up by the Central Council of Physical Recreation three years ago. It took evidence from practically everybody concerned with sport and recreation in this country. The BCU had submitted a long and detailed memorandum on the subject.

Among some of the main recommendations of the Committee are the following:

There should be a much clearer and more effective linking up between the Youth Service, statutory and voluntary, on the one hand and the bodies responsible for games, sports and outdoor activities on the other.

More should be done to ensure that people in their last months at school and their first months at work are well informed about the opportunities open to them in the field of sport.

Coaching opportunities in this country should be improved and extended.

No fundamental change is suggested in the general pattern of our sports organisation, but greater co-operation and integration are needed (a) between the governing bodies of sport themselves; (b) between youth organisations and specialist clubs; (c) between the Youth Service and the national specialist bodies; (d) between local authorities and local education authorities in the provision and use of facilities; and (e) between local education authorities and the specialist sports bodies.

It is not felt that the case for establishing a centrally situated "Headquarters for Sport" in London or the other capital cities has been established — a proposal which was mentioned in the BCU memorandum.

More efficient headquarters administrative machinery is needed for many activities; good administration is inseparable from the successful coaching and development work.

One section of the report deals with those national associations which are responsible for both non-competitive and competitive outdoor activities such as the BCU which is specifically mentioned as an example. They "play an immensely important part in providing propaganda, encouragement, facilities and training, as well as in offering technical services, safeguarding standards and keeping an eye on legislative issues affecting their activity. They are harassed by financial problems and administrative inadequacies and many of them have a strong claim (or much need) for some assistance towards strengthening their administrative machine. It must be remembered that virtually none of them has any access at present either to public funds

or to any revenue from spectators. Most of them are magnificent examples of the principle of self-help and voluntary service based on personal and long-sustained enthusiasms. There is much friendly co-operation between them, and we have been less conscious of a jealously-guarded autonomy on their part than we have been in the case of the governing bodies of sport."

Well—here is a great amount of food for thought and—maybe—hope. All political parties, in their election programmes, have committed themselves to help sport. Here is a ready made scheme which, whether one agrees with particular details or not, could, if the government were to act on it, get things moving. However—we have become rather cynical, haven't we?

"Sport and the Community" is published by The Central Council of Physical Recreation, 6 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1, from where it can be obtained at 3/6d. post free. Go and buy it!

Competition Results

MANCHESTER CC SLALOM — LLANDYSSUL, JULY 31.

- 1st Division:* 1. M. Rohleder (Manchester CC) 353 pts.; 2. K. White (Manchester CC) 365 pts; 3. D. Lucas (Royal CC) 424 pts.
2nd Division: 1. J. Schmidt (Twickenham CC) 327 pts.; 2. G. Dinsdale (Twickenham CC) 334 pts.; 3. P. Mayhew (Chalfont Park CC) 341 pts.
3rd Division: 1. T. Woodcock (Twickenham CC) 181 pts.; 2. B. Baldwin (Reading Kayak Club) 190 pts.; 3. J. Argent (Twickenham CC) 196 pts.

CHALFONT PARK CC SLALOM — MARSH LOCK, AUGUST 21.

- 1st Division:* 1. and winner of Paul Farrant Challenge Trophy, K. White (Manchester CC) 213 pts.; 2. I. Camfield (Twickenham CC) 238 pts.; 3. G. Dinsdale (Twickenham CC) 260 pts.
2nd Division: 1. K. Miles (Chalfont Park CC) 180 pts.; 2. P. Mayhew (Chalfont Park CC) 186 pts.; 3. R. Bryenton (Richmond CC) 201 pts.
3rd Division: 1. D. Marlow (Chalfont Park CC) 182 pts.; 2. B. White-man (Windsor and District CC) 190 pts.; 3. D. Mitchell (Chester CC) 196 pts.
Team Event: 1. Twickenham CC 542 pts.; 2. Chalfont Park CC 679 pts.;

MIDLAND CC LD RACE — JULY 24.

3. Manchester CC 684 pts.
Class 1: Open K.1 Seniors.
P. White (Canoe Touring Club).
Class 4A: Handicap Senior Singles.
J. Richards (Worcester CC).
Class 4B: Junior Handicap Singles.
J. Marshal (CCC).
Class 5: Open Double Kayaks.
T. Hardy—J. Cann (22 Special Air Service CC).
Class 6A: Senior Handicap Doubles.
R. Payne—J. Allen (22 Special Air Service CC).
Class 6B: Junior Handicap Double.
C. Pearce—H. Hemming (King Edwards School).

Canoe Tests

It has now been agreed that *all* candidates who are successful in their Tests may wear the special badge issued by the British Canoe Union. This decision is to act in retrospect. Therefore all those to whom certificates have already been issued may now buy a badge for 3/-, whether they are members of this Union, or of affiliated clubs, or not.

Application can be made to Oliver J. Cock, "Rivertrees", Wargrave Rd., Henley-on-Thames, Oxon., enclosing a postal order for 3/-, and giving the number of the applicant's certificate.

As from the 1st July, 1960, the fees for Tests will be as follows:—

All members of the Union or of affiliated clubs	...	3/-
All others	5/-

ADVANCED TEST.

A syllabus for an Advanced Canoeing Test, in either kayak or Canadian canoe, has now been agreed by the Council of the British Canoe Union.

Candidates wishing to take this test should apply in the first place to Oliver J. Cock, address as above, who will put them in touch with their nearest Examiner.

A candidate successful in *one* type of canoe will be entitled to the Silver award.

A candidate successful in *both* types of canoe will be entitled to the Gold award.

SYLLABUS.

1. The candidate wishing to take the Advanced Test in either Kayak or Canadian Canoe must have previously passed the Elementary Test in the same type of canoe.
2. He must have a good working knowledge of safety measures on the water, be able to make simple

knots, and be familiar with their proper use.

3. He must know and be able to demonstrate all the strokes normally used in the canoe that he is using (Kayak or Canadian).
4. The candidate must be able to leave the canoe in midstream without upsetting it, and after swimming round his craft, to re-embark from deep water. He must also, in the case of the Kayak, be able to do an Eskimo Roll.
5. He must know the contents of a repair kit appropriate to the canoe he is using, and be able to carry out repairs to his canoe.
6. He must know the international grading system for rapid rivers and be familiar with rapid river techniques needed on rivers up to grade III. He must be competent to take his canoe on canals, on coastal waters and estuaries.
7. He must have a general knowledge of matters appertaining to the practice of the sport of canoeing, including the principles of slalom and racing.
8. He must be able to carry out proper routine maintenance of his canoe.
9. He must be able to give a good demonstration of pairs technique with a competent partner.
10. He must have a good general knowledge of the types of canoe in use, essential equipment, and should have made canoe expeditions of an advanced nature.



From Headquarters & Committees

LICENCES OF CANOES ON CANALS

There was an error in the first sentence following the table of charges on page 4 of the July 1960 issue of "Canoeing in Britain". This should read as follows: "Licences for unpowered craft do not cover passage through canal *tunnels* unless the Divisional Traffic Officer has expressly permitted it."

FUND FOR WORLD MEMORIAL TROPHY TO PAUL FARRANT.

The death due to a road accident last Easter of Paul Farrant has deprived the world of its Champion F.1 Slalomist. It is universally felt that the loss of so great a canoeist must be marked in a unique manner.

There is no F.1 class World Championship Trophy, and it is therefore widely agreed that no better memorial could be made than for Great Britain to present to the International Canoe Federation a trophy for this the most hotly contested event.

Accordingly a fund has been opened, and invitations have gone out to artists to submit their ideas for the trophy in competition. It is unthinkable that this nation should present anything but the very best. The trophy must be the finest procurable, and it therefore cannot be cheap. A large sum of money must be collected, and we ask everybody to give as much as they can towards it. A letter has been sent out to all clubs, personally signed by our President, John W. Dudderidge, and it is hoped that everybody will do their best in collecting for the fund.

If any individual feels he would like to make a personal donation to the fund, it will be most gratefully received. Oliver J. Cock, of "River-trees", Wargrave Road, Henley-on-

Thames, Oxon. has offered to receive all donations. Please send all you can direct to him.

UNION OFFICIALS.

The following officers of the Union may, if they so wish, have embroidered on their blazer pocket badges their official position within the Union.

Team Leaders	Examiners
Coaches	Life Guards
Instructors	

All such officers must have been officially appointed by the Council of the Union.

The embroidered word(s) will be exactly the same size and style as the existing lettering, placed centrally under the canoeist and within the surround but not within a scroll.

BCU AWARD OF HONOUR

At its last meeting Council accepted a motion that a BCU "Award of Honour" be instituted and that it be presented on the decision of Council to anyone who has rendered distinguished service to the sport of canoeing, nationally or internationally, in any field of the sport. The Award shall normally be made on the occasion of the AGM of the Union. Recommendations may come from the Council itself, from any organ of the Union such as Standing Committees, from clubs affiliated to the Union or from other organisations associated with the Union in its work for the sport. The number awarded in any one year shall not exceed three. Although Council shall consider any recommendation made to it, it is under no obligation to accept such recommendations nor need it give reasons for any action taken.

The award shall take the form of a plaque in silver suitably engraved and shall be accompanied by a citation to which may be added any details the Council shall see fit to insert.

LIFE GUARDS.

The Council has agreed to the formation of a Corps of Canoe Life Guards, based on the Youth Organisation of the Union and covering the whole of Great Britain.

The details of the standards which candidates must attain before they can be accepted by the corps have yet to be worked out; but these standards will be of the highest. They will probably be modelled on those already demanded in the Duke of

Edinburgh's Award and the Canoe Life Guards of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs. Not only will a high standard of canoeing be required; but also high certificates in the Royal Life Saving Society and in First Aid will be demanded.

Three of the Canoe Life Guards of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs, who have all the necessary qualifications and much experience in this work, are being invited to join the new corps, and it will be built up from this nucleus. These men are Mr. Allen Wilkinson, Mr. David Sanders and Mr. Brian Gittings.

The Corps of Canoe Life Guards will be controlled by the Proficiency Committee and the Youth Committee of the Union, to whose secretaries all enquiries should be addressed.

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