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# TOWARDS MUNICH

## SLALOM SELECTION COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Committee at Ludlow on Oct. 25th Nigel Morley was chosen as Manager of the International Team and the Olympic Training Squad in succession to Ian D. Pendleton. The Committee recorded a vote of thanks to Ian, who had done the job so well for some years. It was suggested by Margaret Bellord that as Anne Morley would be actively concerned in helping her husband with the administration of the Squad, she should be given formal recognition as Team Secretary/Treasurer.

The Committee then met again at Sedburgh on November 1st with Nigel and Anne Morley. In the unavoidable absence of Chris McAllister, Anne Morley was asked to undertake the job of Minute Secretary for the duration of the meeting.

John Fazey was appointed as Trainer for the Northern Section of the Squad, and Alan Harber for the South. It was decided that it would be best from the point of view of both convenience and economy to have separate meetings for North and South. Despite the fact that our counterparts in Sprint were already hard at work preparing for the Munich Olympics, our boys had just finished a long competition season combined with a Championship year, and it was considered best to let the Squad have a rest until after Christmas. Thenceforth Squad meetings would take place at monthly intervals.

The following paddlers would be invited to join the Squad;

Slalom: K1. Ray Calverley, Ken Langford, John Macleod, David Mitchell, Mike Thomas, Keith Wickham, Chris Skellern, Melvin Swallow, Jeff Slater, Jon Woodhouse, David Crolla, Ian White, Tony Young, John Leggott, Heather Goodman, Pauline Squires, Audrey Keerie, Carol Gostling.

C1. Geoff Dinsdale, Gay Goldsmith, John Albert, Jim Sibley, Mike Hillyard, Bob Hastings.

C2. Witter/Swift. Woods/Brown. Jenkinson/Lydon.

Wild Water Racing. K1. Tony Young, John Leggott, Norman Jackson, David Fawcett.

C1. Gay Goldsmith, Jim Sibley.

C2. Court/Goodwin.

Membership of this Group will be reviewed twice or three times each year, by the Team Manager, in

consultation with the Selection Committee as represented by the Chairman or Secretary.

The formation of a special Youth Training Group, separate from the Group above, was envisaged. It was appreciated that Mr M. H. Colgan would be willing to help with the training of such a group if called upon.

Both of the Trainers, as well as the Team Manager, would by virtue of their function, be members of the Selection Committee, the two trainers to speak with only one voice.

The meeting also delineated the Terms of Reference of the Team Manager. He shall be appointed by the Committee and shall remain in office until a successor be appointed.

## PREPARATIONS FOR 1972 OLYMPIC GAMES IN MUNICH WELL UNDER WAY

The Organising Committee for the 20th Olympic Games, to be held in Munich from 26 August to 10 September 1972, is now preparing detailed plans both for the sporting events and for tickets and accommodation for spectators. Detailed timetables for the various sporting events are being drawn up and plans for participants' press accommodation and eating facilities are virtually complete. The press office of the Olympic Organising Committee (at Saarstrasse 7, 8 Munich 13) has just announced that a public corporation, to deal with the allocation of accommodation to visitors, is to be set up shortly and that details about the booking of tickets and accommodation are to be published in the late summer of 1970 and the booking will commence at the end of 1970.

## WORLD'S LARGEST ROOF FOR MUNICH OLYMPIC STADIUM

It has been announced that a final decision has been made in favour of the construction of a translucent roof to cover a large part of the installations for the OLYMPIC GAMES which will be held in Munich from 26 August to 10 September 1972. The 915,000 sq. ft. roof will be the largest of its kind in the world. The whole district in which the olympic stadium and other arenas etc. will be situated, is to be landscaped at a cost of over £2 million; 12,000 trees and shrubs are to be planted and acres of turf will be laid.

# the inn river expedition

by JEFF SLATER

In November of 1968 the idea of a canoeing expedition abroad on the River Inn was born. Prior to this both Trevor Eastwood and myself had been working on slightly different tacks. Trevor, inspired by Christian Bonington's story in the Week-end Telegraph of his trip down the Blue Nile, wanted to do something on a similar scale but in canoes; whilst I wanted to attempt to canoe the whole of the Inn from St. Moritz to Austria, having seen this piece in the summer of '68 and canoed part of it in the company of Mike Couch and Lindsay Williams. Thus, when we discussed our respective plans, an amalgamation was inevitable and the idea of the Inn expedition was conceived.

Our first problem was finding sufficient backing to make the trip a feasible proposition. Chris Bonington - conveniently enough was lecturing on the Blue Nile trip in Leeds, so Trevor went off to "con" him. In fact Bonington thought the Blue Nile trip was as big a shambles as we did, so it wasn't too hard to impress him with some of our ideas.

We did get his address and telephone number and unsuccessfully tried to arrange a meeting with him...

We then proceeded on another tack and tried to get backing on our own. About 150 letters were sent out with little positive result (perhaps it was the fact that 'expedition' was spelt wrongly on our headed notepaper!). Our main problem was that of trying to arrange transport for our party. At this we were totally unsuccessful, people just didn't want to know, although one firm gave us £10 towards expenses instead.

Meanwhile, although we had forgotten Chris, he had not forgotten us and sent a letter enquiring how we were proceeding: I replied with the meagre progress report but was able to arrange a meeting at Appletreewick Slalom as a result. The river fortunately was in flood and plenty of people were falling out for him. However, Trevor and I were not doing any paddling so a trip to the local problem, Linton falls near Grassington, was arranged.

After careful talks with the fishermen we eventually got on the water and did enough canoeing to convince Chris that we might be good enough to progress to greater things. Whilst this had been going on he took photographs which were later presented to the editor of the Telegraph Magazine, to interest him.

This story meant we were able to make our demands with the magazine and were eventually granted £100 towards expenses, plus the promise of transport. Unfortunately it was by this time Whitsuntide, and although we had the transport, we had no team - only Trevor, myself and my girl-friend, Helen Mortuner, who was to be our cook/driver.

The thought processes were regeared and Lindsay Williams was recruited as third man. We had previously decided on a team of five, so more searching had to be done. This was difficult as our trip clashed with the World Championships. Very much later, Dave Allen and Mike Jones (a relatively inexperienced but reliable paddler), were invited to fill the remaining places - they accepted - and our

team was given the grand name of the Alpine Canoeing Group.

Preparations were now being rushed. We all had our own canoeing gear but very little to supplement this. Very kindly and at extremely short notice Gaybo, Jaycee Glassfibre Products and The Canoe Centre, all offered to lend us boats as spares; in addition to this, The Canoe Centre made up two pairs of folding paddles specially to carry in the boats as spares.

Our transport appeared in the form of a brand new Microbus Deluxe fitted out to suit us on loan from V. W. U. K. and we were just about ready to go...

We had nine boats and mounds of gear to fit into the trailer, which we had borrowed from Centresport - Leeds, as well as more gear to go in the bus. The local press appeared on Saturday 26th of August to catch us all together doing this - unfortunately all were not around at the same time and the most that they got was four at one time!

We were due to leave the following day but the phantom Williams did not appear until midnight, and then, only to drop off his gear and disappear until 8 a. m. on the Sunday.

Finally, all assembled on the Sunday morning and we set off for Austria. We had an uneventful but long (24 hrs Calais - Spittal) journey, to arrive at the canoeists campsite at Obervellach in the early hours of the following Tuesday morning.

Beginning our pre-expedition training in earnest, we started on the Lieser with Trevor complaining bitterly that it wasn't half so hard or dangerous as he had imagined, even so he managed to have a swim in it!

We did the Lieser five times and got a bit fed up with it and so we moved on to the Isel - starting higher up than is usual and having to make our own eddy to get in as a consequence. This passed uneventfully but we were all a little worried about it.

On leaving Austria, we moved into the Lower Inn Valley near Imst - the reason for this was the free camping here, although there were rivers to canoe as well. Whilst here we did the Oetztaler Ache, the Loisach, and the Risbach. It was on the Oetztaler, that we had our first casualty. Trevor fell and was having a bad swim, while the rest of us went to rescue the gear and not the man! We didn't get the gear and Trevor just managed to get out of the river looking pretty worried about the whole affair. This event brought home one important point to us - the canoeing that we were finding relatively easy was still desperately hard to swim down.

Time was progressing, it was now the 8th of August, and so we moved on up the Inn Valley to Switzerland to find a base camp. No farmers seemed to want us so we eventually found a reasonably priced camp site at Susch. We set out to reconnoitre the river on foot, centreing our attentions on to previous uncanoeed sections, of which there were two. Each was in the region of 5 miles long and took two days to look at. In the end we grew rather lazy about the whole affair and took to looking at the water

from the top of the gorge proper, 200 ft above the water. This was to prove our undoing later...

More time was spent exploring and in repairing boats whilst we awaited the arrival of Bonington and our support party. The support party was arranged by Dave Clark of Centresport, who is primarily a climber, and comprised of Ralph Hetherington of Ullswater Outward Bound Centre and Dr. Barry Page, a geologist from London, these two were there primarily to give aid to canoeists in need, whilst Dave and Chris were here to get the photographs. Two days were spent looking over the river with Chris to select camera sites and finally we were ready to begin. The date was Saturday, 16th of August.

We got on the river at Crasta, just below St. Moritz, where it is barely 12ft wide but after about a mile we were joined by the river Flax which is glacier fed and about the size of the Wharfe. There was an immediate drop in river temperature and a change in colour from clear blue to pale brown. (There had been a continuous storm for 24 hours a couple of days before, which had put many rivers in flood.) From here until Schanf, some miles later, the river was canalised and very flat, apart from a number of small weirs. A compulsory portage around a sluice and dam working, made an ideal stop for a brew, since we were all suffering from the effects of cold water and fatigue. Next was a small gorge cut into conglomerate rock with walls overhanging up to 30ft. Within it were tricky falls and rapids but nothing too much to worry about. Finally we emerged at Ci-nous-Chel finishing down a splendid long rapid which in lower water turns into 2 distinct falls.

The next day (Sunday) we were due to start the first previously uncanoeed section. That night there was more rain and the river stayed high. We decided to exercise discretion and do another flat bit while the water was still high. We did the seven miles from the gorge to the campsite, accompanied for part of the way by our climber friends, who had good fun swimming down the river with the spare boats.

Monday the 18th and the water had dropped and cleared. There was also good photography weather. Half an hour's driving took us to the top of the Brail gorge ready for its first descent. Equipped with spare boats, Complian, Glucodin and Instant Whip mixed up, for sustenance; and mini flares and smoke flares in case of danger, we set off into the uncanoeed.

The first rapid into the gorge was very difficult, the hardest ever and dropped 30ft in 50 yds. It was quite difficult to persuade oneself to start it but finally the fear was overcome and we began - myself in the lead. I capsized going into the last stopper but rolled before the next falls. Lindsay and Trevor were both stuck on rocks from time to time and Lindsay succeeded in smashing his boat, but the others got through without trouble.

A spare boat was lowered down to Lindsay and here was a short wait while the support team moved down river.

A hard, large fall, at the end of a steep rapid was done in varying styles. A couple of hundred yards later and we were proceeding down more falls with



fast sections in between, when Lindsay, obviously unhappy in his new boat, fell out and had to swim for it. He got out just before a 4ft rocky fall - which his boat negotiated unsuccessfully! Trevor scrambled over the rocks trying to rescue the boat but it was futile. A reconnaissance of the fall and the rapids beyond was thought necessary, so we all got out for a look leaving Williams to make his own way to the top as he appeared unhurt. Whilst inspecting the rapid we were amazed to see a kayak down it, on getting back to the boats our suspicions were confirmed. Trevor's was missing- washed away by a larger wave than usual. This left Trevor in the embarrassing position of being stranded on the wrong side of the river.

The water was too rough to entertain the idea of getting him across on a boat so we carried on downstream until we met the support party. A rope was then taken across the river, Trevor tied on to one end and the other end was tied off and he jumped in to swim across - under water most of the time - to the hospitable side of the river.

The problems on the water eased here and Dave, Mike and myself continued without incident to the bottom of the gorge.

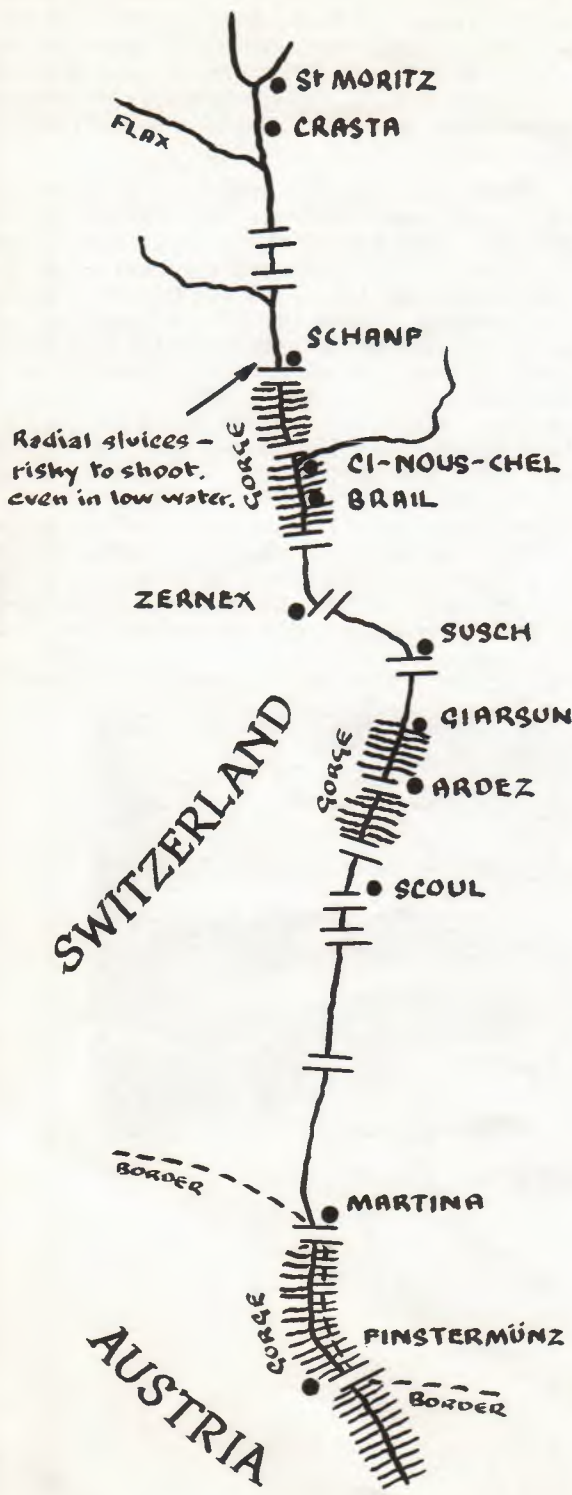
The following day was spent in boat repairs (the seat had fallen out of mine and Lindsay's had suffered some damage) until early afternoon, when we set off

from the campsite down a steady grade 3+ until we got to Garsun at the start of the second (Ardez) uncanoeed gorge.

The river was quite large at this point and as we rounded a long bend into the gorge it got gradually harder. The waves came into 6-7ft category and were intermingled with 5ft stoppers, one of which Trevor looped in! Lindsay's boat began to pack up so he followed, and concluded his paddling before it got too late!

Breakouts were smaller and fewer and further between. Our major difficulty was that we had inspected this from the top of the gorge only. It had appeared flat, thus we were quite surprised to find such hard canoeing! There was one hard fall before which we stopped to inspect. Trevor and Mike astonished by the size of the water decided to portage; Dave and I were to shoot it with the support party in attendance. We went down the first fall and broke out for a rest, whereupon Trevor, having missed his breakout at the top, came down the fall by mistake and carried straight on down the series! Mike Jones on the "if he can I can" principle followed him down but broke out opposite us. It was then that Trevor got into difficulties, missed a roll and got out for a rough swim. Fortunately Ralph was at hand with a rope which he threw to Trevor to bring him in to the side. Unfortunately for Ralph, he had stepped into a coil





DIST. MILES.	*GRADING.
0	
1 1/4	IA
10 1/2	IIb
15	IIIc ~ IVb
17	Vb
18	IIIc
20	IIIb
25	IIIc
30	III +
33	Vc +
35	Vc with impossible.
38	IIIc
50	IIIc ~ IVb
56	Vc

Approx. 1 mile above Finstermünz there is a chute which drops some 14 ft. This has been shot once in October with low water conditions (1.80 metres on gauge).

\* See technical notes on gradings.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

The river was paddled when the gauge at Martina was reading 2.50m to 3.00m.

(The chute on the last gorge was canoed with 1.80m on the gauge.)

The gradings shown on the map are a new system evolved by Trevor Eastwood and myself - the explanation is as follows :

1. The Roman numerals indicate the technical difficulty of the water, (difficulty in choosing the best route avoiding rocks, large stoppers, boils etc.) and this ranges from I to IV, with intermediate stages indicated by the addition of a + sign, i. e. III - III+ - IV.

2. The letters (A, B, C,) indicates the weight of water likely to be encountered in average conditions (summer for an Alpine river) i. e.

A - light water

B - medium water

C - heavy water

Since this system is primarily intended for use on continental rivers some grades for well known rivers are given for comparison.

LIESER (Gmund - Spittal) IV B

ISEL (below cataract 1 mile below Huben) V B

OZTALER ACHE (Itz - Inn) IV C

IMSTER SCHLUCT (Imst - Haumug) III C

LOISACH (10km post - Garmisch) IV A

in the rope which then tightened up, causing his foot great pain. Trevor was by now at the edge but couldn't relieve the tension so the rope had to be cut. Trevor was pretty shaken but lived to tell the tale! The remaining three, Dave, Mike and myself once more got to the bottom of the gorge without incident.

The following day (Wed. 20th), due to acute boat shortage we decided to field the same team of 3 who had completed the previous days paddling only. This last days paddling was to be a quick 25 mile sprint down already canoed water to finish the trip.

We got in at the lower Ardez gorge to discover that the water level had dropped 18" overnight, on setting off we found that the canoeing was harder than we thought. We had been told by some Germans that there had been two landslides into this stretch of river but we got the impression that it was still canoeable. This was not so, the landslides were on a far larger scale than we had imagined.

The first landslide had created five falls up to 15 ft in height whilst the second had created a single 10 ft fall! Both of these necessitated complex and tiring portages round the gorge side, in which we were aided by the support side who had climbed down to our rescue.

After a good length of time and much sweat, we set off once more to complete the Swiss part of the Inn. A little later we stopped for a brew and something to eat and then off again. We were taking as few stops to empty as possible to save time. This meant that we were doing quite hard paddling with water over the seats of the boats. It was on one such occasion that Dave and Mike stopped to empty, when I decided to do just one more rapid and came unstuck. I dropped down a fall and looped twice in the stopper at the bottom before paddling away - up to my neck in water - with just the bow of the boat showing! At this time I was under the impression that I had lost the stern completely, this was not quite so but the boat was yet another write off to add to the list...!

Leaving me on the bank as a spectator now, Mike and Dave carried on to finish the river. There were few problems for the next ten miles until Martina. They crossed the border unchallenged to start on the last gorge, the Finstermunzterschlucht, which had only been canoed once before....

On the first descent of this gorge the water level had been almost 3ft lower so problems were expected. A chute which dropped 15ft something after the fashion of Stanley Weir had to be portaged. (This had been shot before on the first descent but now the water was much too high.) Shortly after it was a hard series of falls with a 4ft drop and 3ft stopper to match. Both Dave and Mike despatched it in fine style.

Only a mile to the finish and the old abandoned gated bridge and village of Finstermunz, from which the gorge takes its name. Dave and Mike beat the camera crew there - much to Chris's consternation! However the finish was suitably recorded photographically, the two paddlers relieved of the boats for the stiff 400ft climb up the steep hillside to the bus; then a quick change and drive back to Martina for a celebratory meal befitting the occasion.

# YOUTH CANOE SPORT



## SCOUT CANOEING

Over the last few months we have not had a mention or an article in Canoeing, the reason being that time has not permitted. But the sport is becoming "Top of the Pops" in Scout Groups.

Many took advantage of our day courses at Longridge - 272 in all. 40 Leaders attended weekend courses, 103 scouts, and 41 Venture Scouts. The demand for courses came from the younger scouts and extra courses had to be fitted in.

The course programme for 1970 has been extended and a copy of it can be obtained from the Warden, National Scout Boating Activity Centre, Quarry Wood Road, Marlow, Bucks.

One weekend course that will interest Venture Scouts who are taking part in the Devizes/Westminster Canoe Race at Easter, is on 21/22 February 1970 and will be about the "Ins and Outs" of the D.W.

The 1970 D.W. promises to be a big attraction to Venture Scouts. Already there are many crews in training up and down the country with the K2 being in great demand.

In January we have two introductory weekends to slalom. Saturday will be practical and theory sessions with a competition slalom on the Sunday.

## Around the events

Arun Canoe Race run by Sussex.

1969:	37	competed	in	class	3	boats
	16	"	"	"	K1	
	19	"	"	"	Class 4	
	34	"	"	"	K2	

This race has been a great hit in the Scouting world, and 1970 marks the "coming of age" of the Arun run. The organisers would like to invite some of the international canoeists along to compete in a separate race of K. 2's to celebrate the occasion. Ex-Scouts who have taken part in earlier Arun races and have reached international class include Martin Boshier, Derek Blackmore, Brian Leach, Mark Giddings, Alan Tullett and Chris Tatam. The organisers would like to see them race again but also extend their invitation to other international paddlers such as Mark Whitby, Pete Lawler, Mick Mean, Laurence Oliver, Alan Edwards, Chris Baker, Sid Hollier,

Brian Jupp, Sid Warren, Norman Lilley, Graham Mackereth, Roger Beavis, David Rogers, Charles Evans, Norman Jackson, Ted Cronk, Alan Young, Basil Pratt, Laurie Bolman, Howard Dyer and Robin Avery. If any of you would like to support this event and compete in a separate race for K2's, would you be kind enough to write to Ken Suckling, Little Corran, Willingdon Road, Eastbourne, Sussex.

The 1970 race will take place on 19th July from Pulborough to Littlehampton.

The Ribble Rapid River Race run by Manchester District although postponed from the original date has now taken place but I regret that I do not have the results.

The Windermere Canoe Race also organised by the Manchester Area proved a great success with the 'K' boats creeping slowly in. The only crew of two young scouts going to this event from the South won their class in a K2 which made their long trip well worthwhile.

The Middlesex Kayak Race on the Thames attracted K2 and K1 paddlers. In both junior and senior there were no entries for Class 4 and only a dozen or so class 3, so the swing was certainly to the 'K' boats at this meeting.

A word of praise to Wayne Wiltermood the smallest and youngest to complete the 10 mile race, paddling a K1 which hardly touched the water because of his size and weight. He made up for this in guts and determination!

As I am writing this, this young lad and his patrol are rowing from Lechlade to Marlow on a sponsored row and they are over half way. The total distance is about 80 miles.

Talking of sponsored trips, 8th Worthing are holding a "Shortest Day, Longest Paddle" canoe sponsored paddle on the 21st December. The proceeds will go towards purchasing racing kayaks. Any reader who wishes to sponsor one of the 40 boys who are taking part in this event should write to N. J. Tricker, 59 Twitten Way, Worthing, Sussex.

I feel the biggest event of the Scout canoeing year was at Sutton Coldfield when 110 scouts and 84 Venture Scouts took part in sprint events with each of the finals being very hard fought, both almost calling for a photo finish. It gave me great satisfaction that all but one of the 12 finalists had been through the Longridge "Mill".

The Royal Canoe Club Marathon proved that the Longridge Canoeists are fit, out of their 15 entries 13 completed the course in reasonable times with one

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scout taking the prize for the youngest competitor.

Having gone on about L.D. and sprint, I have now acquired some information on scouts in the slalom circuits. Spotting a scout canoeing trailer at Shepperton, I left my card attached and received the following information:

"St. Bede's Grammar School, Scout Canoe Club.

This is our fourth year as a slalom canoe club though we have been in existence some eight years, and so far it has been our best as regards results. The club has been expanding and this is the first year in which we have had members in all three divisions.

In the third division events at Carlisle, Lakeland and Shepperton we won the team event. Several of the lads gained good scores which will probably earn them promotion to 2nd division. Roger Huyton won the Lakeland slalom and was thus promoted to 2nd division. In the open event at Farnilee we gained

2nd and 4th place in the individual K1's and in the open event at Swakestone in the team came 3rd.

In the first division events the 'A' team came 8th at the Lune and 12th at the Easter Grandtully. The slalom on the Serpents Tail provided our best results to date: 3rd in the team event and 9th and 14th in the individual entries."

Scouts in Canoes - a few names to look for in the result sheets during the coming year:

Jonathan West	Leander
Phil Harriskine	Streatham
Ian Why	Fulmer
Paul Raynsford	Fulmer
Tim Cornish	High Wycombe
Lawrence Hanbury	Worcester
Geoff Harris	Hythe
Paul Roberts	Hythe



Scout canoeists at some of the Long Distance Races this last season.



# the month ahead

## DECEMBER

14th/TEES WILD WATER RACE. No 1. Details: J. White, 6 Ash Lane, Ferry Lane, Stanley, Wakefield Yorks. (WEST YORKS CC)

## JANUARY 1970

11th/DEE WILD WATER RACE. No 2. Details: F. Bennett, 22 Chaucer Avenue, Reddish, Stockport, Cheshire. (MANCHESTER CC)

18th/TEES WILD WATER RACE. No 2. Details: J. White, 6 Ash Lane, Ferry Lane, Stanley, Wakefield Yorks. (WEST YORKS CC)

24th/BRITISH CANOE UNION AGM. Holland Park School, Holland Park, London.

## FEBRUARY

8th/TEES WILD WATER RACE. No 3. Details: J. White, 6 Ash Lane, Ferry Lane, Stanley, Wakefield Yorks. (WEST YORKS CC)

8th/WATERSIDE WINTER SERIES. K2s only/senior/junior. Details: K. Donkin, 47 Wendan Road, Newbury, Berks.

14th/NATIONAL CANOE CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION. Crystal Palace, London. Details and tickets: C. C. P. R. (L & S. E.) 160 Great Portland Street, London, W. 1.

15th/DEE WILD WATER RACE. No 3. Details: F. Bennett, 22 Chaucer Avenue, Reddish, Stockport, Cheshire. (MANCHESTER CC)

22nd/WATERSIDE WINTER SERIES. K2s only/senior/junior. Details: K. Donkin, 47 Wendan Road, Newbury, Berks.

25th/ROYAL DEESIDE WILD WATER RACE. Details Aberdeen University Canoe Club, Butchart Recreation Centre, University Road, Old Aberdeen. (ABERDEEN UNIV. CC)

## CANOE ROLLING

LONDON - Fulham Public Baths, Tuesday evenings 9.00 - 10.00 any standard. Thursday evenings, 9.00

- 10.00 beginners only. Admission by ticket only. Details: S. F. Holthorp, 54 Claygate Lane, Hinchley Wood, Esher, Surrey.

LONDON - Dartford College Baths. Tuesday evenings, series of six sessions. Details: C. C. P. R. (L. & S. E.) 160 Great Portland Street, London, W. 1.

LONDON - Culvert Youth Centre Baths. Monday and Friday evenings, 8.00 - 10.00. Space limited. Details: I. Allan, Devas Canoe Club, Culvert Youth Centre, Culvert Road, Battersea, S. W. 1.

MANCHESTER - New Islington Baths. Tuesday evenings, 8.00 - 9.30. Manchester Canoe Club.

CHESTER - Atlantic Baths. Wednesday evenings, 8.00 onwards. Chester Canoe Club.

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## WATERSIDE WINTER SERIES

Looking forward to the new year, the first series of competitive events for the flat water canoeists - the real hard men of the flat water canoeists - are the Waterside Winter Series.

These races, for K2s only and of increasing distance along the Kennet and Avon Canal to finish at the Waterside Centre in Newbury, have over the past two years become very popular. Last year the number of competitors was getting a little too much for the host club to handle so, this coming series will be restricted to a total of 120 crews, and no late entries. Dates of the races are: 8th and 22nd February and 8th and 15th March.

If you want to race these events make sure of getting a place by entering early. Entry forms and full race details are available from K. Donkin, 47 Wendan Road, Newbury, Berks.

## THE SHORTEST DAY - THE LONGEST PADDLE

On the 21st December next, some 40 Scouts of the 8th Worthing Scout Group will take part in a sponsored canoeing marathon entitled 'The shortest day - the longest paddle!'. This trip will be to raise funds for the purchase of another K2 for training the younger paddlers in the Group - their existing one is rapidly wearing out.

The Course is on the River Arun from Littlehampton to Stopham and return - a distance of some 45 miles. However it is doubtful whether anyone will complete this distance in the time allowance of 6 hours although it could be done!

Anyone wishing to sponsor one of these young paddlers - many are under 14 years of age - should contact N. J. Tricker, 59 Twitten Way, Worthing, for full details.

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## ON CALL - RICHMOND CANOE CLUB

The Richmond Canoe Club now has a telephone in stalled in their boathouse and the number is 01-940 9898.

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# LONG DISTANCE RACING REPORT



Once again we have come near the end of the L.D. Season, apart from the last few races, the dates on the Calendar have all been ticked off. Most paddlers are now getting organised for their winter training sessions, which no doubt will be interspersed with tales of the thrills of the past seasons races.

The races this year have been generally well attended, with no major upsets or accidents, although some rather odd interpretations of the rules have been occurring.

We were, this season, pleased to welcome more new clubs to L.D.R. and hope they will continue to enjoy the races that are organised for them. The National Championships on the Tay in Scotland was a successful event, in spite of the fact that it was a long way to travel. The water on the Tay was better than we can ever hope to find in England and the course was enjoyed not only by the British paddlers, but also by the foreign teams. Our thanks go to the S.C.A. for all the hard work they put in on this event.

It was very nice to see the South African team in this country, they certainly made an impression, not only by the fact they won nearly everything they entered, but also by their immaculate turn out as a team in dress and equipment. We were also pleased to welcome again the teams from Denmark and Austria a team from Spain and of course our friends from across the Irish Sea.

Internationally we were able to send 4 teams to foreign races. Great credit goes to our teams for their performances, particularly the Juniors in Denmark and the team who brought home the Trophies from Spain and Ireland. This season L.D.R. introduced a track suit for all international team members. This was an attempt to create a smart team image, and from the reports received the teams lived up to their selection.

The recent Executive and Committee meetings reviewed the past year and started the preparations for 1970. It is a pity that so few clubs attend these meetings as the Executive do try to run the L.D.R. for the paddlers and without the paddlers support it is difficult to know if the right decisions are being made.

The 1970 Calendar is nearly ready for publishing this includes about 21 events, plus the National Championships, which it is hoped will be on the Trent and all the foreign events.

Amendments to the rules were approved by the committee and a new issue of rules will be available shortly.

The resignation of three Executive members, including the General Secretary, was accepted by the Committee at the October meeting, these were all for personal reasons. The Executive is now looking for new blood, if you feel you would like to stand for election please let the Chairman know.

Report from Molly Green.



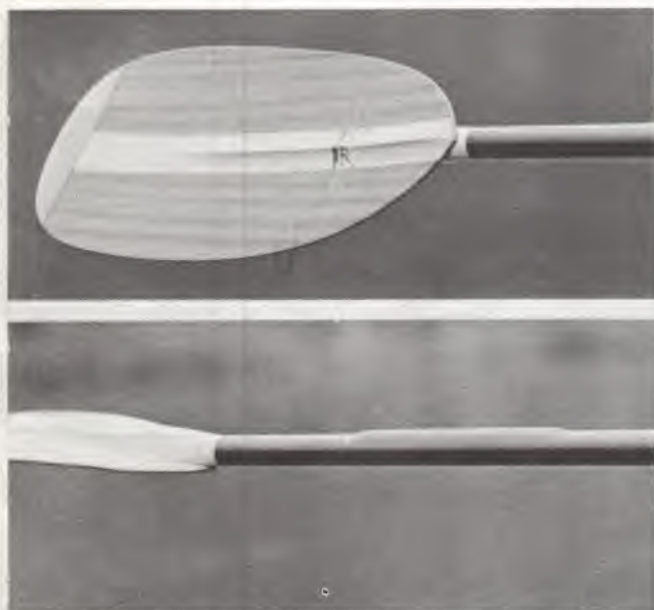
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## LENDALL PADDLES

New from Wilson(Prestwick)Ltd. - Lendall Paddles - is a revolutionary paddle which incorporates a glassfibre shaft with special grip for controlling hand. These new paddles are certainly a breakthrough in paddle design and will prove the most important development of recent years.

These paddles, designed by Alistair Wilson - top British sprint paddler for many years - retain the very popular 'PaceMaster' wooden laminate blades and with the new fibreglass shafts are available in Sprint, Long Distance and Touring models. Certainly these will prove the paddle of the '70s.

LENDALL PADDLES are now available through two distributors in the South of England, AVON-CRAFT at 30 Cavan Road, Redbourn, Herts., and THE CANOE CENTRE, 18 Beauchamp Road, Twickenham, Middx.



## CANOE CENTRE/KIRTON MERGER

What may prove to be an important development in the canoeing world is the recent merger of two popular manufacturers, Portable Boats Limited (The Canoe Centre) and Kirton Kayaks.

The new firm has further been joined by Dave Green, the well known L-D paddler and L-D Coach for the past year, who has moved to Devon where the first factory is already in production.

With substantial export orders already in hand, plans are being laid for further expansion. It is hoped that by the new year the full range of Kirton, Klepper and Struer boats will be freely available from stock.

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## FILMING AT "STREAMLYTE"

A film has just been made at the works of Streamlyte Mouldings (Marine) Ltd., by the Ministry of Technology, concerning the use of Carbon Fibres in boat construction. It is intended to show this film (with a follow-up to be filmed shortly), widely in foreign countries to aid the export drive. Already advanced publicity from "Mintech", has resulted in many applications from the American market for licences to be granted to make carbon fibre kayaks in the U.S.A. This will of course mean many Royalties for Britain as the Patent for this method of construction is owned jointly by "Streamlyte" and "Mintech".

Also from "Streamlyte" is a new White Water racer to be known as the K.W. "Sprinter", which was used by the British team in the International meeting at Llangollen against top continental competition, including the World White Water Champion, Jean Pierre Burny of Belgium.

## THE AVONCRAFT 'MINNOW'

This new and extremely versatile kayak for 5 to 15 year age group has specifications of: Length 9'9" Beam 21½". Weight 19lb.

The very first kayak to be fitted with a permanent skeg attachment at the stern. The skeg itself is detachable and there are no holding screws, pins or bolts for holding whilst in position. The skeg unit is a patent design and can be attached to any slalom type kayak, price £2 0. 0.

The 'MINNOW' offers the widest potential in that the skeg offers a dual role. With skeg detached, the 'MINNOW' handles like a slalom thoroughbred and on the other hand, with the skeg attached the craft will paddle and surf through a natural straight line with no uncontrolled veering. This allows the craft to be used as an excellent touring or surfing craft.

This beautiful little kayak will be a must for parents and youth authorities who need a boat to fit the younger age group. Complete with skeg, the price is £28 10. 0.

The 'MINNOW' will also be available in kit form and mould building service as an addition to the already highly successful 'GNAT' Mk 2, the slalom general purpose kayak now being built in large quantities throughout the country.





**PHOTO OF THE YEAR**



From the canoe sport photo files of your editor, a shot taken at the World Wild Water Championships at Bourg St. Maurice in France and considered one of the most exciting photographs taken this year. The Canadian C2 crew is unfortunately unidentifiable. Photo, of course, by Mike Clark.

# MIKE CLARK on competitive CANOEING

At the first International Canoe Slalom and Wild Water Race ever to be held in Britain, John Leggott of the Halifax Canoe Club made a sensational run in the Mens Kayak of the Wild Water Race to win from World Champion, Jean-Pierre Burny, by one second.

Well, we invited them and they came - all but the French and Czechoslovakians, the latter, unable to leave the country through the inforcement of recent travel restrictions by their government.

Sponsored by John Player and Sons, Llangollen Town was the venue for the first International Canoe Slalom and the Wild Water Race ever to be held in Britain and the weekend - 18th/19th October - proved a great success. With teams from the German Federal Republic, the German Democratic Republic, Austria, Belgium, Holland, Jugoslavia and Ireland, real slalom competition was at last in Britain. The organisation was good, the course interesting, the weather reasonable, the only thing that did not come up to expectation was the water itself. The River Dee at Llangollen, like many other rivers in the country after a brilliant summer and one of the driest Octobers on record, was very low. In fact the Dee was the lowest for 25 years, Lake Bala some 20 miles upstream was greatly below normal level with just no water to let out for the International. However the competition was there - that was the main thing, and all teams I spoke to did not seem too disappointed at the poor water. They all expressed a wish to come again next year...

First competitions of the weekend were the Down River races on the Saturday afternoon and in the Mens Kayak Singles John Leggott of Halifax and of course racing for Britain, surprised everyone by winning from Jean-Pierre Burny - the World Champion - by just one second over the three mile course. He even surprised himself and just would not believe the results until sometime after the race! Jean-Pierre just smiled after the race, 'I have stopped training since one month. I were his only remarks! However for John it was a great race - the only gold medal Britain was to win in the weekend. Norman



1. The German Democratic Republic Canoe Team taking a look at the very dry bottom fall on the slalom course.

2. G.D.R. crew Amend/Hoffman, secondplace winners in the slalom, take the bottom fall on the Town course.

3. John Leggott of Great Britain racing through rough water on the Serpent's Tail to win the Down River Kayak singles.

4. Winner of the Canadian Singles, Jochen Foerster of G.D.R. taking the gates on the main fall of the Town Course.

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Jackson gained the third place, seven seconds down but in front of the Austrians, Schlecht and Presslmayr.

In the Womens Kayaks there were only three entries, Barbel Korner of German Federal Republic (G.F.R.) taking the win with a very good 16min 49sec for the three miles. Heather Goodman - who I understand is to retire from competitive canoe sport gained the silver but some 28 seconds down. Pauline Squires, who has beaten the German girl in the past, came out on the Serpent's Tail. . . . The 'Mighty Swim Mouse' (as the West Germans named her) failed to finish the course.

The Canadian Doubles produced some brilliant paddling by Austrians Steindl/Mullneritsch, who won from British crews Court/Goodwin and Woods/Brown with a time of 17min 53sec. Otto Schumacher, G.F.R. made a great run in the Canadian Singles to win from

team mate Walter Gehlen with a time of 18min 58sec. However two paddlers shared the second place, British paddler Gay Goldsmith making 19min 06sec with Gehlen. The German Democratic Republic (G.D.R.) team had unfortunately not brought river boats with them, so did not compete these events.

However during the Saturday afternoon the team events of the slalom were competed and here we saw the truly fantastic G.D.R. paddlers in action. They were outstanding, brilliant, and completely dominated the slalom events. In team and individual classes - the latter run during Sunday - they won every event! Not just winning but in some classes taking seconds and thirds!

With the water so low, any element of luck in the slalom was completely ruled out, speed, paddling skill, gate technique and crewmanship came into its own; and the G.D.R. paddlers, particularly in the



1. Pretty Helga Koehler of G.D.R. looking a little worried as she takes gates on the bottom fall.

2. Ex-World Slalom Kayak Champion Jurgen Bremer, winner at Llangollen taking the bottom fall.

3. Ray Calverley, the top British paddler in mens kayak at Llangollen gained fifth place.

4. Winners of the Down River mens C2, Steindl/Mullneritsch of Austria race through the Serpent's Tail.



Canadian Doubles really showed us what crewmanship is all about. To watch crews such as Trummer/Kretchmer and Amend/Hoffman was REAL poetry!

In the Team events, Mens Kayak, a great G.D.R. team of Bremer/Fleischer/Horn had a great run from the British boys - Langford/Calverley/MacLeod - winning by only 3.5pts but the G.D.R. paddlers skill was really shown in their second team taking third place. Here Doring/Eickert/Kohler pushed G.F.R. and Austrian teams into fourth and fifth places, the point being that Eickert was a 'Miss'. In Canadian Doubles, first and second went to G.D.R. teams, the British boys making third but over a hundred points off the winners. G.D.R. paddlers, Forster/Reinicke/Kohler, won the Canadian Singles but the British team of Goldsmith/Sibley/Hillyard did manage to take second only 80pts down and in front of the G.F.R. team.

In the Individual Slalom Events the G.D.R. winning kayak team took first three places in the Mens Kayak, Jurgen Bremer making a beautiful first clear run of 260.2pts to win from Christian Doring and Volkmar Fleischer. Alfred Baum of G.F.R. made another clear to take the fourth place, while Raymond Calverley for Britain, gained the fifth place only 9.8 pts down from Bremer making both his runs clear.

In the Womens Kayak, Dagmar Eickert of G.D.R. took the win from Heather Goodman, Helga Kohler - a very pretty G.D.R. paddler-taking third in front of Pauline Squires.

The brilliance of the G.D.R. paddlers really shone in the Canadian Doubles event. Here they took 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th and 8th places! We have to face the fact that our own paddlers are just not in this class of canoeing yet. . . . Their gate technique and crewmanship was perfection - there's no other word. Again in the Canadian Singles, G.D.R. paddler Jochen Forster took the win with a clear run of 307.3pts, G.F.R. paddler Reinhold Kauder just not having the speed to catch him. The highest placed British paddler in the singles was Gay Goldsmith in 5th place. Gay seems to be improving immensely of late.

With flags and national anthems we have run our first International - thanks to the sponsorship of John Player and Sons. Providing we have this continued sponsorship, the Llangollen International will undoubtedly become a very popular international event. Make a date for next year (18th October again) we want you to come and the water could not be so low again!

Throughout the year there have been pleas from all quarters for more novice events. One of the clubs to answer these pleas was the Birmingham Canoe Club who, on 25th/26th October, organised the Ludlow Slalom. The result was a fantastic entry of 340 paddlers!

340 paddlers, and this with the turning away of another 90 entries! To my knowledge it was an all-time record and goes to show the real need for many more novice slalom events.

Earlier this season the Midland Canoe Club were forced to cancel the Lune Slalom for 1st division paddlers due to adverse conditions. The club re-arranged the slalom for 1st/2nd November. However the Sunday morning of the event saw competition once again cancelled! Midland Canoe Club just do not seem to be able to pick the weather or conditions. . . . After the driest summer and autumn since records were first kept it was ironic that too much water forced the cancellation of this event! I understand that the River Lune rose some eight feet during the Sunday morning. Maybe we should now forget this slalom.



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# ICF NEWS - ICF NEWS

## INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION NEWS

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### ICF CHAMPIONSHIPS

1969 was again a bumper year for ICF championships: Canoe Slalom and Wild Water World Championships in Bourg St. Maurice, European Junior and Senior Championships in Racing in Moscow and finally Canoe Sailing World Championships on Grafham Water/England - five championships in one row. Already two years ago we made the observation whether the time had not come to have another look at the whole ICF championships programme which, with five championships being held in the odd year and World Championships in Racing and Olympic Games in the even years, to some federations appears to be unbalanced as it puts too heavy a burden on their resources in the one year.

### BOURG ST. MAURICE

The championships were marred by the withdrawal of the team from the German Democratic Republic and Poland over the question of the official denomination of the team of the GDR. (See the statement of the Board of Management on another page of the Bulletin.) In the absence of the GDR team a true picture of international standards did not emerge, but this does not take away from some outstanding performances.

Dr. K. Popel, Hon. President of the ICF, commented: "We noted a regrouping in the position of the leading slalom nations - nations with new and young teams coming into the foreground." As to the course Dr. Popel thought "the wild water course not equally difficult enough over its whole length - contrary to the slalom course which was worthy a world championship event." ICF President Charles de Coquereaumont said: "The slalom course was for the women competitors too long. It is not sufficient to eliminate, for the women events, some of the gates - we will have to try to find another solution, with a different layout of the course for the women races."

### MUNICH 1972

The general consensus of opinion of all observer points, in view of the 1972 Olympic Games, to the necessity of making a concentrated effort to introduce canoe slalom in such countries where it is not yet practised. (The Netherlands and Japan this year took part for the first time in the World Championships.) A crash programme of publicity and training is necessary to widen the base and to heighten in-

ternational standards. In this connection it is worth noting what H. E. Vesper writes (he wrote in similar vein already a few years ago in the KANUSPORT of the Federal German Republic): "If we compare the results of the Canoe Slalom and Wild Water World Championships over the last ten years we find that in each championship some strong nations are able to maintain their leading position - whilst competitors from other federations always land in the last third of the field. The reason for their comparative failure is not to be found in the lack of their efforts or physical fitness, but it is in the main due to the lack of systematic and purposeful training because smaller federations just have not got the experienced trainers. This situation is the more serious since, prior to the 1972 Olympic Games, it is to be expected that new nations will take up canoe slalom and wild water racing.

For this reason I feel, that the ICF should regard it as one of its urgent tasks to come to the assistance of these smaller and weaker federations by, for instance, organising international training weeks in the years between World Championships. Such weeks should be conducted by the best available trainers from the more experienced federations, but should be open only to competitors from new and less experienced federations.

The cost should be borne by the federations themselves - if this is not possible for the trainers, the ICF as such should hold itself responsible for this part of the expenditure."

### ICF PUBLICITY

European and World Championships are ICF championships though the organisation is entrusted to national federations. It was noticeable that at all championships held this year foreign press, radio and television were very poorly represented, and serious complaints were received from such representatives who were there, over the lack of information. Championship events provide the best publicity outlet on an international scale for our sport. This requires in the first place to plan, in co-ordination with the ICF, a long time ahead - to create the interest among the news media and to provide the best possible facilities for their representatives on the spot. This cannot be left to last minute or on the spot arrangements. We quote from a comment made by Mr. J. van der Wuelbecke, who represented the television network of the Federal German Republic in Bourg St. Maurice: "It is regrettable that only the French and the television of



the Federal German Republic were represented in Bourg St. Maurice. In view of the 1972 Olympic Games a better publicity would have been desirable. From a commentator's point of view the organisation was mediocre. There were these changes in entries and timetable for both the training periods and the slalom. The information given to us about the starting number of the teams in the wild water races were not correct so that a proper co-ordination with our cameramen positioned along the course was impossible and important shots were not taken. If a sport wants to be classified as an olympic sport, then also the organisation, including the provision of facilities for press, radio and television, must be of the highest standard, and this was not the case in Bourg St. Maurice."

## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Following a discussion of the 1969 Canoe Slalom and Wild Water World Championships in Bourg St. Maurice the Board of Management of the ICF at its meeting in Moscow on the 18th August 1969 accepted the following resolutions

1. The Board re-affirms its determination to maintain the principle of non-discrimination towards competitors and officials on political, racial and religious grounds as laid down in article 2 of the Statutes of the ICF.
2. The Board requests the federations which have been entrusted with the organisation of the World Championships in Racing in 1970 and Slalom and Wild Water Racing in 1971 to obtain from their respective authorities not later than the 31st March

1970 a written declaration that these championships can be held without restrictions regarding any aspect of participation by all member federations of the ICF.

## COMING EVENTS

The Board of Management has agreed to a request from the Danish Canoe Federation to change the dates of the 1970 World Championship in Racing to the 31st July to the 2nd August. The ICF Congress will be held on the 3rd and 4th August.

Subject to approval by the IOC the canoeing events of the 1972 Olympic Games will be held during the following periods:

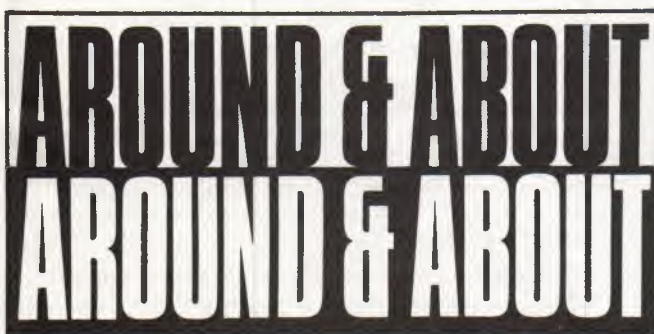
Slalom: 29th - 30th August - with the 28th being reserved for training

Racing: 4th - 7th September.

Again subject to approval the programme for the slalom events will be:

Men: K1, C1 and C2; Women: K1 with a maximum of three entries per nation per event. The same competitors who have been entered for the individual events will also form the teams for the team events in the same categories as listed above. The maximum number of competitors per nation would therefore be 15 plus 5 reserves.

It is proposed to increase the number of reserves for the racing events to five in order to overcome the present difficulties of replacing a canadian paddler. With one reserve only available, it is impossible to replace a let us say lefthand paddler, if the reserve is a righthand paddler.



## LEVEN TEST

Although many of the dates selected for the Leven Wild Water Test clashed with other important canoeing fixtures in a crowded calendar, the season produced no fewer than 226 timed runs with competitors from 35 clubs from all parts of the country.

An excellent run by G. Mackereth on 1st June in 5 mins 42 secs kept the lead until the final Test on 26th October, when several strong contenders for the highest award appeared on the scene. After an exceptionally dry October, sufficient rain fell in the hills to raise the level of the river to 8ft 8ins

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and cancellation of the fixture was narrowly averted. Assisted, in some measure, by a favourable light wind from the North, three competitors succeeded in breaking the previous record of 5 mins 32 secs set up by T. Young last year. N. Jackson was in unbeatable form and is to be congratulated on emerging as the undisputed winner of the "Gold Dipper" for 1969 with the new record time of 5 mins 10 secs. His clubmate G. Mackareth was only 6 secs slower and M. Thomas of Manchester took third place, 4secs behind Mackareth. N. Morley and S. Kitson tied for 4th place.

The fastest time in a slalom canoe was N. Morley's run of 7 mins 4 secs on 22nd June.

Amongst the ladies Pauline Squires and Heather Goodman ran neck and neck with Pauline emerging 4 secs ahead at 6 mins 42 secs, whilst Jean Rosser provided the best ladies time in a slalom canoe.

The "Leven Paddle" trophy for the fastest time in a C1 was worthily won by P. Dolan in 8 mins 54 secs with S. J. Gillett only 16 secs behind. The best C2 time was achieved by Jenkinson/Lydon of Leeds in 8 mins 42 secs.

The Leven Trophy awarded for the best performance by a member of the home team was won by N. Morley at 5 mins 36 secs with R. Marsden runner up.

Some modification to the rules is being introduced, notably an additional allowance of 90secs

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off the C1 times for the purpose of awards, and an overall additional allowance of 30 secs on the ladies times in any class. It is thus hoped to give encouragement by going some way towards recognising the physical handicap inherent in these classes.

The new series started with the fixture on Nov. 16th followed by Jan. 18th, Feb. 15th and March 22nd in the early part of 1970. Further dates will be announced in 'Canoeing Magazine' after final confirmation in mid-December.

## CANOE TOURING CLUB

By the time you read this, the Canoe Touring Club will be installed in its new premises at Thorneycroft's Boatyard at Hampton. For many years not the Club has been unable to expand because of very limited conditions at its Twickenham clubhouse. Our new Clubhouse at Hampton is much bigger, and superior in every way. We shall have vacancies for new members for next season, and would especially welcome more lady members. In spite of our name, we are a long distance racing club so if you live near the Hampton area and are interested in L. D. paddling or would like to take it up, why not find out more from the Hon. Sec., Mrs S. Pluthero, 9 Clarendon Road, Ashford, Middx.

## INCREASE IN B.C.U. SUBS?

Having written and rejected innumerable foolscap sheets on this subject I have decided to address myself directly for once in my lifetime.

Increases in B.C.U. subscriptions are necessary! The reduction in the value of money over the last few years is reason enough to justify an increase. However, there are other reasons:- the need to employ an additional full-time coach, the need to spend more money on competitive canoeing and the fact that at the moment we are losing money on some groups of members.

This year we expect a deficit of between £400 - £500 and unless drastic action is taken now our losses will become a crippling burden before the matter can be righted.

Though we receive grant aid, the annual increase in the amount is held to about 3½%. Set against this figure is an annual membership increase of about 13%. As all members are subsidised to some extent this adds to our disadvantage unless we compensate by upping 'subs'.

I will not try to hide the fact that competitive

canoeing would like direct aid of £1,500 per annum, an increase of £1,000. I hope that all those canoeists who do not compete will admit to a certain amount of mutual pride in the achievements of British paddlers in International events and support this particular proposal.

A major change would be that the age limit for full members will drop from 19 to 16 years. This will give the organisation additional income and these affected a vote. At the moment each Youth Member represents a loss of 2/6d on the balance sheet, and we have 900 such members. The suggested changes are as follows:-

	<u>Present Fee</u>	<u>Future Fee</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Full member	15s.	25s.	10s.
Youth member	7s. 6d.	15s.	7s. 6d.
Family member	2s. 6d.	5s.	2s. 6d.
Club fee	42s.	70s.	28s.

I set out this brief report on our present financial position and also on the suggested changes in subscription rates so that all members will have good time to think over the facts of the situation and my thoughts on the matter. The Annual General Meeting is not all that far away and could afford you the opportunity to express your opinion on the subject.

J. M. WOOLLEY  
Chairman Competitive Council

## K1 BEAM RESTRICTIONS

The Swedish canoeing magazine 'Kanoet-Nytt' September 1969 put forward some considerations written by the canoe builder Mr Fugvac Ankervik. He is fighting vigorously against the abolishment of the beam restrictions decided by the I.C.F. Racing Committee.

In Mr Ankervik's opinion "the empty heads in the I.C.F. " will be responsible for the development of a K1 being semicircular in its middle section with a water-line beam of 24cm and a draft of 12cm. This will be the result, he maintains, as it will prove the fastest K1. I do not agree.

This very narrow craft is just not capable of carrying a paddler. We can only get a reasonable displacement by suggesting that the semicircle of 24cm by 12cm is present in the entire length of the kayak. Thus, making the half part of a tube the kayak, the resulting craft must be given a flat transome at both ends. This is not the correct hydrodynamic shape!

Another problem is how to sit in this very special boat. We normally need a width of 40cm for the cockpit. The only solution would be to sit above the craft. Now this would be absolutely impossible to balance - but I am sure that we should not blame the I.C.F. for this. . . .

Mr Ankervik is concluding that the only salvation is rigorous restrictions. He has the right to believe in restrictions without any proof, but to make a really bad kayak is not proof - it is propaganda!

Jorgen Samson, Denmark.

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# RESULT ROUND-UP



## EXE ESTUARY LONG DISTANCE

21st September

### CLASS 1A

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|------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. M. Giddings<br>Royal CC         | 1. 35.20 |
| 2. M. Mackereth<br>Grappenhall ACA | 1. 36.25 |
| 3. C. Tatam<br>Richmond CC         | 1. 37.14 |

### CLASS 2A

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| 1. A. Stonley/D. Green<br>Cambridge Univ. CC   | 1. 29.55 |
| 2. B. Leach/D. Blackmore<br>Richmond CC        | 1. 30.22 |
| 3. L/Cpl Pawlow/L/Cpl Wink<br>Royal Signals CC | 1. 34.23 |

### CLASS 3A

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|-------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. R. Davis<br>Itchen Valley CC     | 1. 45.40 |
| 2. A. Clare<br>Itchen Valley CC     | 1. 45.55 |
| 3. D. Dalrymple<br>Itchen Valley CC | 1. 53.08 |

### CLASS 4A

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| 1. B. Smith/J. Dalton<br>Canoe Touring Club       | 1. 46.26 |
| 2. T. Snell/P. Lee<br>Exeter CC                   | 1. 47.58 |
| 3. L/Cpl Wilkinson/L/cpl Bull<br>Royal Signals CC | 1. 48.32 |

### CLASS 1B

- |  |          |
|--|----------|
| 1. P. Hopkins<br>Royal CC              | 1. 29.55 |
| 2. A. Worth<br>Exeter CC               | 1. 48.51 |
| 3. A. Crossman<br>Aylesbury Sea Scouts | 1. 54.32 |

### CLASS 2B

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| 1. S. Bulley/G. Martin<br>Bourne Youth Wing     | 1. 34.51 |
| 2. G. Harris/P. Roberts<br>Hythe Venture Scouts | 1. 40.57 |
| 3. Way/Raynesford<br>Longridge Scout CC         | 1. 50.39 |

### CLASS 3B

- |                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. K. Bulley<br>Bourne Youth Wing   | 2. 00.10 |
| 2. F. Farrow<br>Longridge Scout CC  | 2. 00.53 |
| 3. F. Fowler<br>20th Bromley Scouts | 2. 13.05 |

### CLASS 4B WOMENS DOUBLES

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| 1. R. Passmore/Weare<br>Episcopal School CC       | 2. 27.53 |
| 2. F. Brereton/I. Mroz<br>North London CC         | 2. 01.56 |
| 3. N. Marfleet/S. Jeacock<br>Aylesbury Sea Scouts | 2. 17.26 |

### CLASS 3C

- |                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. C. Allen<br>Penzance CC           | 2. 00.20 |
| 2. S. Pluthero<br>Canoe Touring Club | 2. 15.30 |
| 3. D. Izerova<br>Windsor CC          | 2. 34.30 |

## SERPENTS TAIL SLALOM 1st DIV

28th September

### K1 MEN

- |                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| 1. R. Calverley<br>Manchester CC | 277/219pts |
| 2. D. Mitchell<br>Chester CC     | 258/229pts |
| 3. J. MacLeod<br>Manchester CC   | 263/238pts |

### WOMENS K1

- |   |            |
|---|------------|
| 1. Heather Goodman<br>Lakeland CC       | 397/297pts |
| 2. Audrey Keerie<br>Sutherland CC       | 420/310pts |
| 3. Pauline Squires<br>Leamington Spa CC | 454/316pts |

### C1 MEN

- |                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. G. Dinsdale<br>Chalfont Park CC | 373/287pts |
| 2. G. Goldsmith<br>Brighton CC     | CAP/336pts |
| 3. J. Albert<br>Chalfont Park CC   | 356/336pts |

### C2 MEN

- |  |            |
|--|------------|
| 1. R. Witter/D. Swift<br>Chester/Leeds | 406/334pts |
| 2. Woods/Brown<br>Midland CC           | 408/374pts |
| 3. K. Jenkinson/G. Lydon<br>Leeds CC   | 466/430pts |

## POTARCH SLALOM, RIVER DEE, SCOTLAND

5th October

### WILD WATER EVENT

- |                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. A. Morton<br>Glasgow Univ CC  | 22min 05sec |
| 2. S. Fisher<br>Aberdeen Univ CC | 22min 20sec |
| 3. A. Davidson<br>Fulmar CC      | 22min 52sec |

### NOVICE KAYAK

- |                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1. A. Morton<br>Glasgow Univ CC | 291/276pts |
| 2. T. Rose<br>Edinburgh Univ CC | 315/298pts |
| 3. D. Cuthill<br>Forth CC       | 371/313pts |

### OPEN KAYAK

- |                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| 1. J. Roberts<br>Forth CC        | 268/211pts |
| 2. S. Fisher<br>Aberdeen Univ CC | 252/212pts |
| 3. A. Davidson<br>Fulmar CC      | 289/242pts |

### C1 MEN

- |                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. A. Davidson<br>Fulmar CC        | 584/500pts |
| 2. R. Hodgson<br>Aberdeen Univ CC  | CAP/551pts |
| 3. D. Thornton<br>Aberdeen Univ CC | 690/600pts |

### C2 MEN

- |   |            |
|---|------------|
| 1. P. Brown/J. Roberts<br>Forth CC            | 303/301pts |
| 2. R. Hodgson/D. Thornton<br>Aberdeen Univ CC | 448/345pts |
| 3. C. freshwater/C. Hill<br>Cairngorm CC      | 527/459pts |

## LLANGOLLEN TOWN SLALOM

1st DIVISION

11th October

### K1 MEN

- |                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| 1. R. Calverley<br>Manchester CC | 255/245pts |
| 2. K. Wickham<br>Sunderland CC   | 266/248pts |
| 3. J. MacLeod<br>Manchester CC   | 330/252pts |

### WOMENS K1

- |                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Heather Goodman<br>Lakeland CC   | 288/283pts |
| 2. A. Keerie<br>Sunderland CC       | 368/332pts |
| 3. Pauline Squires<br>Leamington CC | 378/350pts |

### C1 MEN

- |                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. J. Albert<br>Chalfont Park CC   | 400/343pts |
| 2. M. Hillyard<br>Chalfont Park CC | 375/367pts |
| 3. J. Sibley<br>Windsor CC         | 381/369pts |

### C2 MEN

- |                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Court/Goodwin<br>North Staffs CC | 399/353pts |
| 2. Witter/Swift<br>Chester/Leeds CC | 405/356pts |
| 3. Woods/Brown<br>Midland CC        | 397/395pts |

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### K1 MEN

- |                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 1. R. Grey<br>Woking Adventure CC | 126pts |
| 2. I. Pearey<br>Isleworth CC      | 131pts |
| 3. R. Goldsmith<br>Brighton CC    | 136pts |

## CAMBRIDGE LONG DISTANCE RACE

26th October

### CLASS 1A

- |                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| 1. M. Mean<br>Harlow CC    | 1. 38.20 |
| 2. R. Avery<br>Richmond CC | 1. 38.34 |
| 3. M. Giddings<br>Royal CC | 1. 38.49 |

### CLASS 2A

- |  |          |
|--|----------|
| 1. L. Oliver/A. Edwards<br>Lincoln CC            | 1. 31.00 |
| 2. A. Alun-Williams/C. Evans<br>Royal Marines CC | 1. 31.21 |

3. D. Pamham/D. Taylor  
Richmond CC 1. 35. 50

**CLASS 3A**

1. B. Gilliver  
Soar Valley CC 1. 47. 26  
2. R. Smith  
Viking CC 1. 47. 49  
3. R. James  
Grappenhall ACA 1. 53. 10

**CLASS 4A**

1. J. Rossiter/P. Watson  
Caterham CC 1. 52. 43  
2. B. Pluthero/D. Keates  
Canoe Touring Club 1. 57. 31

**CLASS 1B**

1. J. West  
Royal CC 1. 09. 31  
2. M. Perrin  
Caterham CC 1. 12. 01  
3. J. Phelps  
Harlow CC 1. 14. 20

**CLASS 2B**

1. A. Crossman/R. Parry  
Aylesbury Sea Scouts 1. 11. 38  
2. I. Why/P. Raynesford  
Longridge Scouts CC 1. 11. 56  
3. P. Jones/C. Tarrant  
Waterside CC 1. 14. 15

**CLASS 3B**

1. T. Epps  
Waveney Valley CC 1. 19. 00  
2. M. Tarry  
Ind. 1. 21. 00  
3. K. Bailey  
Grappenhall ACA 1. 21. 38

**CLASS 4B**

1. D. Gunnis/P. Watson  
Bradford-on-Avon CC 1. 15. 55  
2. Heffer/Honour  
Amersham CT 1. 16. 30  
3. Daniel/Toomey  
Amersham CT 1. 17. 15

**CLASS 1C**

1. B. Mean  
Harlow CC 1. 20. 55  
2. D. Lawler  
Richmond CC 1. 27. 06  
3. S. Pluthero  
Canoe Touring Club 1. 29. 04

**CLASS 2C**

1. P. Tidman/L. Aitcheson  
Caterham CC 1. 37. 47

**CLASS 3C**

1. S. Burnett  
Cambridge Univ CC 1. 36. 54  
2. D. Izerova  
Windsor CC 1. 44. 06  
3. E. Mitchell  
H. M. S. Heron 1. 50. 10

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**WILD WATER RACING KAYAKS**

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Grappenhall ACA 5min 10sec  
2. G. Mackareth  
Grappenhall ACA 5min 16sec  
3. M. Thomas  
Manchester CC 5min 20sec

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Lakeland CC 9min 44sec  
2. B. Wilkinson  
Halifax CC  
3. M. Hopkinson  
St. Bedes CC 8min 57sec

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1. Pauline Squires  
Leamington CC 6min 42sec  
2. Heather Goodman 6min 46sec

**WOMENS SLALOM KAYAKS**

1. Jean Rosser  
Ghyll Head  
2. Tina Lyne  
A'Cruch 7min 04sec

**C1 MEN**

1. Peter Dolan  
Lakeland CC 7min 21sec  
7min 23sec

**C2 MEN**

1. K. Jenkinson/N. Lydon  
Leeds 8min 42sec



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18th/19th October

**WILD WATER EVENTS**

**K1 MEN**  
1. John Leggott  
Great Britain 14. 43  
2. Jean-Pierre Burny  
Belgium 14. 44  
3. Norman Jackson  
Great Britain 14. 51  
4. Hans Schlecht  
Austria 14. 53  
5. Heinz Kuchta  
German Federal Republic 15. 00

**WOMENS K1**

1. Barbel Korner  
German Federal Republic 16. 49  
2. Heather Goodman  
Great Britain 17. 17  
Pauline Squires  
Great Britain CAP

**C1 MEN**

1. Otto Schumacher  
German Federal Republic 18. 58  
2. Walter Gehlen  
German Federal Republic  
3. Gay Goldsmith  
Great Britain 19. 06  
4. Jim Sibley  
Great Britain 19. 18  
5. Reinhold Kauder  
German Federal Republic 20. 07

**C2 MEN**

1. Steindl/Mullneritsch  
Austria 17. 53  
2. Court/Goodwin  
Great Britain 18. 05

3. Woods/Brown  
Great Britain 18. 31  
4. Gauert/Lasseur  
German Federal Republic 18. 57  
5. Witter/Swift  
Great Britain 19. 21

**CANOE SLALOM EVENTS**

**K1 MEN**

1. Jurgen Bremer  
German Deomocratic  
Republic 260. 2  
2. Christian Doring  
German Democratic  
Republic 263. 0  
3. Volkmar Fleischer  
German Democratic  
Republic 267. 5  
4. Alfred Baum  
German Federal Republic 268. 2  
5. Raymond Calverley  
Great Britain 269. 8

**WOMENS K1**

1. Dagmar Eickert  
German Democratic  
Republic 296. 6  
2. Heather Goodman  
Great Britain 302. 5  
3. Helga Kohler  
German Democratic  
Republic 305. 2  
4. Pauline Squires  
Great Britain 315. 8  
5. Barbel Korner  
German Federal Republic 316. 8

**C1 MEN**

1. Jochen Forster  
German Democratic  
Republic 307. 3  
2. Reinhold Kauder  
German Federal Republic 314. 6  
3. Wulf Reinicke  
German Democratic  
Republic 327. 4  
4. Jurgen Koehler  
German Deomocratic  
Republic 334. 8  
5. Gay Goldsmith  
Great Britain 348. 7

**C2 MEN**

1. Trummer/Kretschmer  
German Democratic  
Republic 294. 0  
2. Amend/Hoffman  
German Democratic  
Republic 303. 9  
3. Dreyer/Balser  
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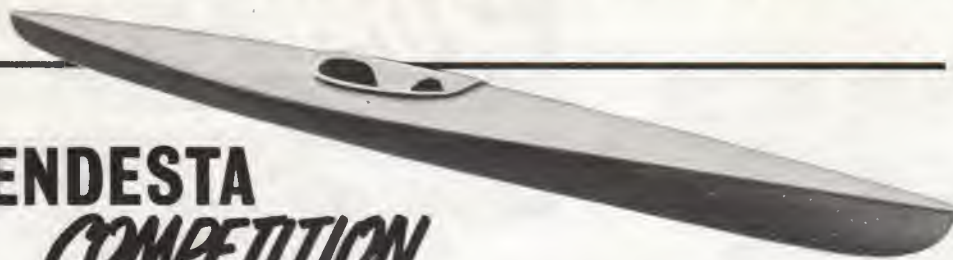
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