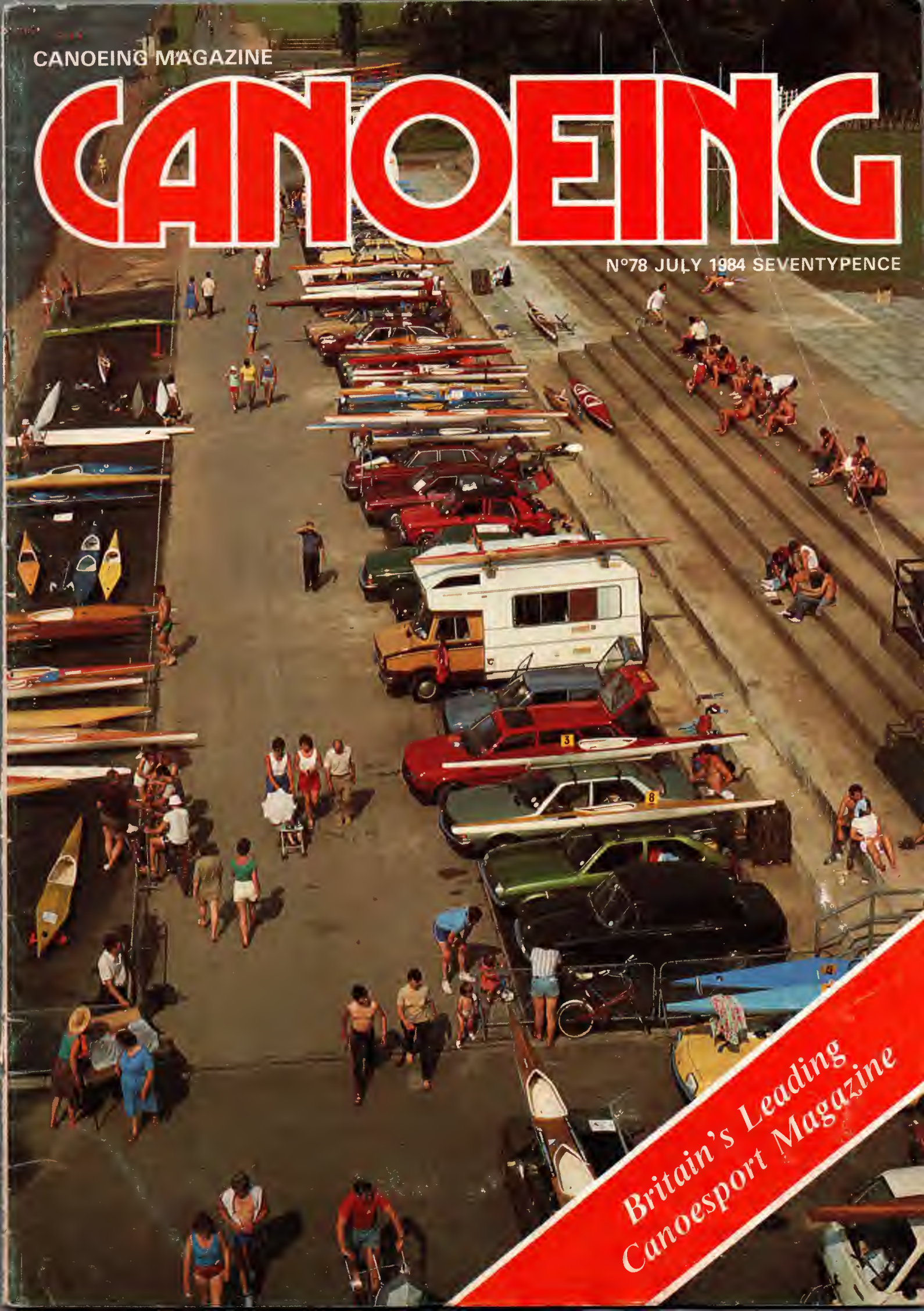


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Notes & News

WEETABIX BACK SPORTS COUNCIL YOUTH CAMPAIGN

Weetabix Ltd will be teaming up with the Sports Council next year in a £500,000 nationwide campaign aimed at increasing participation in sport by young people, it was announced on Monday 11th June.

Called 'Ever Thought of Sport?' aims to capture the imagination of youngsters and make them realise that sport can be fun. The campaign will be targeted at 13 to 24-year-olds — an age group highlighted in the Sports Council's strategy for the next ten years because of the high drop out rate from sport.

A combination of posters and radio commercials will be directed toward the key urban areas where tension, unemployment and a lack of participation in sport often features. The campaign will also be aimed at the providers of sport, local authorities, governing bodies, voluntary and statutory youth organisations, and others concerned with the welfare of young people.

Dick Jeeps, Chairman of the Sports Council, said "Sport has a lot to offer young people, and the 'Ever Thought of Sport?' campaign will enable us to get our message across in a lively and interesting way. The Weetabix money will help ensure that we make the necessary impact to run an effective campaign."

Richard George, Chairman of Weetabix Ltd, commented: "Most sports sponsorship money is directed at the big televised events. 'Ever Thought of Sport?' is a sponsorship with a difference, and we are delighted to make our contribution towards helping the young people of Britain."

£¼ MILLION BOOST FOR SCOTTISH SPORT

An important and exciting scheme designed to support Scottish sport and help promising performers achieve their full potential, has been launched by Maxwell House coffee, exclusively in Scotland.

Called the Maxwell House Give-it-a-Go Scheme, this major programme of support is specifically aimed at 'grass roots' level where lack of funds so often stifles good sports potential.

Organised in association with the Scottish Sports Council and the Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils, it has already been called the most important 'grass roots' sports promotion scheme ever launched in this country.

It's intended to help as many sports men and women as possible to achieve their sporting best — whatever their chosen sport — but also to encourage everyone of all ages to get more involved in sport as a whole. The scheme is planned to run for three years, but around £250,000 will be spent on it in the first twelve months.

The major part of the scheme will be the Maxwell House Give-it-a-Go Awards — with an availability of funds that will make it one of the largest single sources of grant aid in Scotland. A panel of Scottish sporting experts will be brought together every three months to consider applications for these awards. Andy Irvine and Lindsay

MacDonald will be joining key figures in Scottish sport for the first sitting of the panel in early June. Other stars will sit on the panel later. The grants will go, not just to individual performers, but also to teams, coaches and officials, who have a personal target they want to achieve, and are intended to go towards travel, equipment, specialist training or some other appropriate expense that will help directly towards that achievement.

Potential applicants will be able to pick up application forms at local sports venues or for further information can contact the central Give-it-a-Go information number (Alloa 0259) 212071).

The Give-it-a-Go Scheme doesn't stop there. In support comes the Maxwell House Give-it-a-Go Roadshow. Visitors to a Give-it-a-Go Roadshow event will be able to learn more about their favourite sport or try a new one — something they've always wanted to 'give-a-go'.

Well-known sports stars will tour with the Roadshow teaming up with local experts in each region visited to present a unique day of demonstrations and teachings.

Maxwell House coffee's present plans will mean substantial support for Scottish sport in the next three years. Their first year budget will be flexible enough to cope with demand, but around £¼ million is already committed to the Awards, the Roadshow, promoting them and running them over the next 12 months. Maxwell House also emphasise they have taken great care in keeping the administration streamlined to ensure the maximum benefit from these budgets for Scottish sport as a whole.

WEST LOTHIAN IN SPORTS FOREFRONT

"Shortages of public funds are no excuse for inaction on the sports front" declared Mr Peter Heatly, Chairman of the Scottish Sports Council, at the conclusion of the Council's visit to West Lothian District when he warmly commended the District Council for its efforts.

"We all know that public funds are scarce but all of us have been impressed by the positive and flexible approach of the District Council in making good use of what is available to provide a range of imaginative facilities.

"Coupled with sound promotion, facilities such as Polkemmet Country Park, Balbardie Park and Beecraigs Country Park are encouraging participation in activities such as golf, bowling, football, jogging, archery and fishing — as well as a broader spectrum of leisure pursuits.

"The local economy lately has been dealt a series of body blows but we believe that the process of attracting and developing new industries and firms will be assisted by the pleasant environments being created in the District and the opportunities presented for residents and incomers alike to take part in sports activities."

HIGH FASHION FOR CANOE

Recently, first year students at the Epsom School of Art and Design completed a promotional exercise for Carrington Performance Fabrics.

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The canoeing gear was designed and made up by Anne Williams. It features a completely waterproof jacket and trousers in Royal Blue Carrington performance fabric with yellow and elasticated belt and



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hanging pockets. The jacket is padded with 'Thinsulate', a thermal wadding developed by 3M. The front is zipped and velcro fastened, the over-trousers have an elasticated waist. The separate belt slips over the jacket and has two large pockets/bags attached — can be used outside the spraydeck. Modeled by a woman, but designed for use by either sex. (Photo venue looks to be Ravens Ait on the Thames).

YHA/KODAK PHOTO COMPETITION

The YHA and Kodak have launched their 1984 Photographic Competition. There are nine Kodak Disc camera outfits to be won and YHA President, David Bellamy, will be awarding a special trophy for his choice of 'Bellamy's Best' photo.

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The competition is open to everyone, whether YHA members or not, providing they are of amateur status. Up to 3 photographs can be entered in each of the categories. Entries from competitors aged 16 or under will be judged separately and the best 3 awarded their own Kodak Disc cameras.

Full details and an entry form are available from: *Kodak Competition, YHA, Trevelyan House, St Stephen's Hill, St Albans, Herts AL1 2DY*. Or pick up a leaflet from your local youth hostel.

MIKE JONES ADVENTURE AWARD

The Mike Jones Adventure Award is also administered by the above Winston Churchill Memorial Trust.

Canoeists planning an expedition for 1985 are invited to apply for an award. Application forms are available from mid-August, address as above (under 'category' you must indicate 'Mike Jones Adventure Award').



ADVENTURE AWARD 1984

— LONDON YOUTH HIMALAYAS CANOE EXPEDITION

The Mike Jones Adventure Award for 1984 was gained by Guy Baker, Expedition Leader of the London Youth Himalayas Canoe Expedition.

The Expedition is a unique and exciting venture by eight young Londoners to a remote and harsh part of India to canoe the River Zaskar in the Himalayas from its source to its confluence with the Indus — a distance of some 175km. This will involve one weeks trek over high passes to the source, canoeing on large fast rapids through very remote country and culminating in a three day paddle through the Zaskar Gorge accompanied by a raft support team.

The Expedition is made up of four young canoeists from Inner London, all under 21-years of age, and two leaders of whom one has considerable expedition experience and the other firsthand knowledge of the River Zaskar. The team will be supported by four more London youths who will comprise the back-up team and form the raft crew where necessary.

An expedition of this nature will offer a unique experience for the members, many who canoe to a very high standard already.

The trek to the headwaters of the Zaskar will start at Darcha at 11,500ft and involve crossing the Shingo La Pass at 17,000ft, a journey of one week. Canoeing starts at 13,500ft near Kargiagh where the Zaskar is just a stream, but its pace and volume rapidly quicken.

After three days the river will be brown and deep with water from the snow melt. Rapids will be large, fast and long. By the time Padum is reached — the capital of the Zaskar area — the Expedition will be joined by a raft support team before entering the Zaskar Gorge.

The Zaskar Gorge will be the highlight of the Expedition. The Gorge should take three days of canoeing and with no way out except to reach the end. The ravine that the river has cut has sheer sides rising to over a thousand feet, and is full of the most dramatic colours. Some of the river's largest and most committing rapids are to be found in the Gorge and a swim at this stage may have serious consequences. Unlike many other rivers where all the excitement is at the top, the Zaskar builds with excitement to culminate with the Zaskar Gorge.

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Grants are offered in different categories each year; anyone whose trade, profession or interest falls within these categories may

propose a project they wish to carry out in countries outside the U.K. Around 100 awards are made annually.

Application forms and explanatory leaflets are available from August to mid-October and may be obtained by sending a stamped/addressed envelope to: *Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, 15 Queen's Gate Terrace, London SW7 5PR*. (Completed forms must be returned by 31st October 1984).

STUDY OF CANADIAN CANOE

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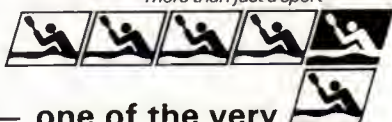
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EVENTS

ROYAL EVENTS

The Royal Canoe Club K1 Marathon will be held on Saturday 28th July. The course will start from Windsor Canoe Club (new start venue) and finish at Royal Canoe Club, Teddington — a distance of 24-miles with 8-portages.

Classes are for Division 1, 2, 3, and 4, Ladies and Juniors. The event is the selection race for the Grand Prix events in Denmark and Ireland and for the K1 entry in Gudena. Briefing 08.30hrs, start at 10.00hrs. Full details and entries: *Paddling Mate, Royal Canoe Club, 1 Trowlock Island, Trowlock Way, Teddington, Middx.* (Closing date 20th July, late entries up to 09.30hrs on race day).

The Royal Canoe Club Annual Regatta will be held on Saturday 18th August on the Teddington Reach of the Thames.

The Regatta will start at 11.00hrs and include classes for Senior A, B, and C, Junior Under 18, 16 and 14, Veteran, Ladies and Junior Ladies. Events for K1 and K2 at 250m and Relay.

At 17.00hrs will be the start of the Paddling Challenge event, the Worlds Oldest Canoe Race. This 10,000 metre event is open to any single kayak or Canadian paddler. Following the race and presentation, there will be a barbecue on the club lawn.

Full details and entries to address as above. (Closing date 13th August, but late entries up to 10.30hrs on race day).

RICHMOND K2 MARATHON

The Richmond K2 Marathon will be held over a 28-mile course on the River Thames from Windsor Canoe Club to Richmond Canoe Club on Saturday 4th August. The course includes 9-portages and classes and start order is: Senior, Junior, Ladies.

Booking in will be from 08.30hrs at the Windsor Canoe Club; Briefing at 09.30hrs; Start time 10.00hrs. The race will be run under BCU Marathon Racing Rules and is the selection event for Spain (Pontevedra), Denmark (Silkeborg), Ireland (Shannon), and for Denmark (Gudena). Full details and entries to: *Race Organiser, Richmond Canoe Club, Lansdowne Boat House, 77 Petersham Road, Richmond, Surrey SW10 6UT.* (Closing date is 27th July).

PGL/BSCA RIVER WYE CANOE FESTIVAL

The British Schools Canoeing Association were delighted to have news that PGL Young Adventure Limited of Ross on Wye were once again sponsoring the River Wye Canoe Festival, to be held over the weekend 15th/16th September.

Last year's inaugural event was a tremendous success and many of the twenty schools who sent teams are returning for the 1984 Festival, along with a host of newcomers.

The number of events has been extended to include a 25-mile down river marathon, a relay race over the same course, a circular relay and a non-competitive river tour. Entries include boys teams, girls teams, and mixed — in both kayaks and Canadian canoes. Classes are split into under 18's

and under 15's and there are events for beginners as well as expert canoeists.

PGL Young Adventure are providing all participants with full camping accommodation and use of PGL canoes, as well as an evenings entertainment and prize giving. Full details and entry forms can be obtained from: *PGL Young Adventure, Station Street, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire.*

SEA CANOEING

SEA TRAINING COURSE

John Kuyser, Head of Canoeing at Calshot Activities Centre, has just returned from a weekend Sea Training Course for Belgian Instructors held in Blankenberge.

Belgium has a short coastline, and one consisting in the main of long sandy beaches punctuated by the tall holiday apartment blocks of seaside towns, plus a few ports. However, inland paddlers have begun to realise the special 'kind of freedom' the sea can offer and asked John to run a special Sea Touring and Surf weekend for them.

Although the weather was cold and the available teaching water limited, the 20 participants enjoyed a mixture of 50% lectures and 50% practical work at sea kayaking and surfing.

Further sea training weekends are to be held in the area with the newly trained instructors led by Walter Kesbeke passing on their skills to a rapidly growing number of sea enthusiasts.

SEA TOUR — FINISTERRE

The Calshot Activities Centre at Southampton has informed us that they still have a few places left on the planned 'Calshot Fortnight' Sea Kayaking Finisterre trip to Brittany over the period 19th August to 1st September. The Sea Touring trip along a picturesque coast and camping en-route, will cost £230.00. Full details from: *John Kuyser, Calshot Activities Centre, The Spit, Calshot, Southampton SO4 1BR.* Telephone: *Fawley 892077.*

FROM MAINE TO COLWICK

The current upsurge of interest in sea canoeing is being sustained in the United States, and the Maine Sea-Symposium — now in its third year — is being held at Castine on 10th/11th/12th August.

Once again Frank Goodman of Valley Canoe Products has been invited over to give some of the lectures scheduled for the weekend. When I called to see Valley Canoe a week back, Frank appeared from behind a pile of Nordkapps destined for the North American market, climbed over a couple of his new Leesailor sailing dinghies (one with still a Royal seat impression! Did you see Frank on TV's 'Tomorrows World' chatting to HRH Prince Charles? His novel Leesailor featured in the programme), and admitted that he had, and was having a hectic season. He pointed out that with over three hundred canoeists turning up last year in Maine and with speakers of the erudition of David Zimmerly — the foremost authority in the world on Inuit Kayaks — he felt hard-pressed to hone his

lectures up to a good standard.

'The Maine Coast is superb for kayaking' said Frank, *'And when I'm not talking or listening to others, I'm on the water. The Americans like to pack their weekend full to the brim, so it's non-stop.'*

It appears that they have gone for Frank's new C-Trim sea-going rudder in a big way, and the larger cockpit, especially designed for the U.S. Nordkapp market is doing very well.

On top of this, the new slalom course at Holme Pierpoint is also taking up a great deal of time.

'It's hard to believe that a letter I wrote back in 1967...seventeen years ago...is at last bearing fruit' said Frank, *'A lot of people in and out of the BCU have done a huge amount of work to make it a reality however long it has taken, but it is gratifying to find that the ASCOT course is still the most advanced course design to be built.'*

Frank, who was responsible for the original design drawings, and George Parr, who has spent hundreds of hours on the inlet and outlet design, have both been appointed as design consultants with a direct responsibility to the Sports Council. They have just returned from Czechoslovakia and Augsburg where they have been showing the engineers and architects working on the project, some of the various designs of artificial courses that have been built in Europe over the last decade.

'It's an impressive design team that the Sports Council has assembled, and we've had five days with the whole team together thrashing out design problems with each other, and the top paddlers from the U.K. and other European countries; not to mention the German and Czech course designers. According to Colin Hammond, the engineer leading the consultants, this is almost unheard of, and augers well for the finished course.'

The summer of 1968 should be the first year that the roar of Alpine waters can be heard from the environs of Nottingham!

CANOE TOURING

EASTERN REGION CANOE RALLY

A BCU Eastern Region Canoe Rally will take place over the weekend 15th/16th September, the venue being the Great Ouse River and the Camping and Caravaning Club's Campsite at St Neots, Bedfordshire.

The programme includes short, medium or long canoe tour, plus barbeque on the Saturday evening. Price is £4.00 adults and £2.00 children. The event is open to members of BCU affiliated clubs, unattached BCU members and members of the Camping Club. Full details and bookings: *Mrs Audrey Medcalf, 105 Kenilworth Crescent, Enfield, Middx.*

RICHMOND MARATHON

The Richmond Canoe Club Thames Marathon, held on Sunday 10th June, attracted excellent support with an entry of some 175 paddlers from 32 canoe clubs.

The race, over courses on the Richmond and Teddington Reaches of the Thames, was competed in real summer conditions — many a paddler went home with sunburnt shoulders.

In the Division 1 classes, D. Blythe of Royal Canoe Club won the K1 with 1hr 42 min 55 sec; 2nd R. Kinch of Reading and Leighton Park with 1 hr 42 min 42 sec; 3rd T. Middlehurst of Richmond Canoe Club with 1 hr 46 min 49 sec.

In the K2 the win went to D. Batershall/A. Croucher of Wey Kayak Club with 1 hr 34 min 47 sec; 2nd P. Wells/L. Czillano of Richmond Canoe Club with 1 hr 34 min 50 sec; 3rd S. Missen/K. Owen of Bradford on Avon Boating Club with 1 hr 35 min 51 sec.

Overall, Richmond gained a total of 150 pts, Royal Canoe gained 110 pts and Havering 83 pts.

Photographs show the starts at Richmond and the portage of Teddington Lock. Photos by Mike Clark.



RICHMOND RECEPTION



The evening of Tuesday 12th June saw a formal reception at the Richmond Canoe Clubhouse at Petersham Road in honour of one of its members.

The event was the presentation of a cheque for £300.00 for the purchase of a racing kayak; the recipient was 15-year old Emma Boulton of the Richmond Canoe Club; the presentation was made by executives of and on behalf of the Watney Coombe Reid.

Some 50 to 60 paddlers attended and were given the chance to sample more than a few bottles of the new Watney beer brewed under the 'Olympic Ale' label. A proportion of the sale price of each bottle is to be donated to the National Olympic Fund over the coming months (at present some £50,000 has been handed over to the British Olympic Board).

However, the evening really belonged to Emma, a young lady who has competed sprint for the last two seasons, and showing outstanding promise. Apart from the super help she has gained from Watney's in respect of a new racing kayak, Emma had another reason to celebrate having a few days earlier been informed that she had been granted entry into the Olympic Training Squad — a tremendous achievement for so young a paddler and only in her second season of competition.



CANOEING v ANGLING TOTAL WAR IN YORKSHIRE

'GO NORTH YOUNG MAN' AND — IN YORKSHIRE AT LEAST — RUN AS MANY GAME RIVERS AS POSSIBLE

What seems to be almost total war between canoeists and anglers has broken out in the Yorkshire and Humberside Region.

Below is a letter from G.W.Wood, BCU Regional Access Officer for Yorkshire and Humberside, dated 5th June, 1984, and outlines the situation:

I enclose a copy of The Canoeists Guide to Yorkshire Rivers. This is the final typewritten draft, a high quality printed version will be ready in a couple of weeks — price 50p — and will not be restricted to BCU members. I hope you will review it, and you may publish anything you wish from it.

If you do so, please make it as clear as you possibly can — short of laying yourself open to a charge of inciting trespass — that the policy of restraint is irrevocably finished as far as Yorkshire is concerned, and no harm, only good, can come from a vast increase in unauthorised canoeing.

This position has been finally and decisively forced on us by the Yorkshire Anglers latest refusal to talk, thus breaking their undertakings of September 8th and October 24th 1983. Not even the Sports Council can get any of them to budge an inch. Compromise or reconciliation have proved impossible. The National Officers on both sides have tried and failed to patch things up, and confrontation is not only inevitable, it is already a fact. Win or lose it will have to run its course.

The canoeists requests for a limited amount of access are so obviously reasonable, fair and justified that — once round a table — the Anglers would be forced to go some way towards implementing the 'Statement of Intent'. Unfortunately there are some anglers who

are determined never to concede and will use any excuse to avoid putting themselves in a position where they might have to do so.

Only when enough canoeists from all over the British Isles come and make such a bloody nuisance of themselves throughout the fishing season on all the best salmon and trout rivers of Yorkshire, will the Anglers eventually be forced to change their attitude and agree to start talking.

**... only when canoeists
make such a bloody
nuisance of themselves on
all the best salmon and
trout rivers in Yorkshire ...**

I would be delighted to receive several thousand complaints from the Anglers in the coming months. Every one will get an ultra-reasonable reply, offering to make an agreement under the 'Statement of Intent' guidelines. We wish to keep the door open for negotiations, but until they begin we must continue to fight.

A copy of the Foreword to the Guide has already fallen into the hands of the Anglers while it was being photo-copied and is being circulated, so the fat is in the fire with a vengeance.

I hope you will be able to print this letter in full. I will take full responsibility for it and you can publish a disclaimer to protect yourself if you like. The anglers dare not sue me. They know if they do I will go to

jail before I'll back down, and in the process I'm make their name stink the length and breadth of Europe.

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Along with the Guide as mentioned (reviewed in this magazine) the below article cut from the Halifax Canoe Club Newsletter was also supplied as background and information showing how the situation has developed:

ACCESS

Many of you will know that an agreement was signed earlier this year between the B.C.U., anglers organisations and others entitled a 'Statement of Intent'. It is intended to open the way for negotiations which will allow greater use of water facilities by B.C.U. members.

If the *Statement of Intent* works, it will by its very nature limit the canoeing available to non B.C.U. members. Whilst I would always encourage canoeists to join the B.C.U. to create a greater lobby for access, it must be disturbing to those who do not believe the B.C.U. approach to access is the right way. Every canoeist will have to abide by B.C.U. rules because if they don't Britain's rivers will be closed to them.

In the most recent publication there is an item by Geoff Woods, the Regional Access Officer in which he indicates that the *Statement of Intent* does not appear to be

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working, at least in our region. He is prepared to work for twelve months trying to make it work. If after this time it is not working it is his intention to form a militant group of canoeists which will not be connected with the B.C.U. to try for a greater share of water space by means that the B.C.U. either will not or cannot attempt.

The basic problems facing canoeists on access is that on private water, (the majority of good rivers) there is no right to canoe. Anglers believe that canoeists spoils their sport. In this they seem to be supported by many judges and law makers who also happen to be anglers. The canoeist has nothing to offer in return for access rights except a measure of control and responsible behaviour. For instance we could refrain from paddling the river and canal in the Calder Valley when fishing matches are on and so be free to canoe amicably the rest of the time. We do not need to do this since the canal can be canoed at any time by anyone with the appropriate license and we claim right of navigation on the river. But we would do it in fairness to other water users.

... anglers continue to fish with no canoeists to disturb them ... consequently negotiations drag on as long as possible ...

The B.C.U. policy appears to be that where a problem occurs between canoeists and anglers then canoeists should stay away whilst negotiations are undertaken. The anglers of course continue to fish but with no canoeists to disturb them. Consequently the anglers drag the negotiations on as long as possible — during the negotiations they have everything they want. In the end these negotiations are liable to result at best in a very restrictive access agreement, usually just a few days each year plus flood conditions. Such conditions make it almost impossible to plan ahead such as clubs need to do. Consequently canoeing loses many potential paddlers who don't canoe to avoid hassle on rivers, if they can find one to paddle.

In the long term every canoeist should be looking for a change in the law, but this is no nearer now than it was twenty years ago. Twenty years of B.C.U. access negotiations has left us with less water to paddle and less time on what water is available.

Where an acceptable agreement cannot be satisfactorily negotiated then I believe that canoeists should create something to offer. If hundreds of canoeists paddled any river where negotiations are not being successful then anglers would want an agreement. If every time an angling club was proving obstreperous to canoeing then hundreds of canoeists paddled up and down canal or river every time there was a fishing match then anglers would want an agreement. If every time a canoeist came across an angler then instead of being polite and asking when and where to pass

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... militant action will give canoeists a lever in negotiations — reasonable behaviour can only be effective if irresponsible behaviour is a problem ...

or even portaging round the canoeist thrashed madly up and down the anglers swim, (perhaps a few rolls or capsizing drills might be appropriate) then the anglers would want an agreement. If every time a canoeist was lucky enough to see an angler pulling in a fish (it does happen quite often despite canoeists supposedly ruining the fishing) he grabbed the line and released the fish the anglers would want an agreement.

Militant action will give the canoeists a lever in negotiations — the promise of responsible behaviour can only be effective if irresponsible behaviour is at present a problem. 99% of canoeists are acting in a responsible manner now — we have therefore nothing to negotiate with.

Militant action will result in canoeists being prosecuted. It may be me or you. But the legal system could not support a vast number of canoeists being prosecuted, particularly if every canoeist insisted on being tried in Crown Court. It is also quite difficult to bring a legal action for trespass and in a mass trespass only a small number of the trespassers could have action taken against them. The powers of the law are not able to cope with the sort of action I am advocating provided the action has sufficient support. A fighting fund could be established to spread the load of the prosecutions evenly amongst canoeists joining in.

... advocacy of war involving the breaking of the law to receive just and fair treatment ...

What I am advocating is a war. It involves breaking the law in an effort to receive just and fair treatment. If every canoeist in the country joined in we could not lose, but that level of support is unlikely and not needed. But we do need hundreds of canoeists in each region. If this support is forthcoming we will win in the end. We will get a reasonable share of the water space in Britain which ought to be our right anyway as it is in most other countries. That share of water space will be for every canoeist now and in the future, not just for members of a government sponsored club.

Colin Priestley

... for a reasonable share of the water ...

The Facilities/Planning Committee of the Yorkshire and Humberside Council for Sport and Recreation met on 21st May when access to water by angling and canoeing interests came under discussion. Following the meeting the below Statement was issued. I would draw the reader's attention to the latter part of point number 6 'All declined to participate in any discussions directed towards implementing the intentions of the Statement'. . . which probably sums up the attitude of the majority of fishing interests. . .

FACILITIES/PLANNING COMMITTEE ANGLING/CANOEOING STATEMENT

1. As a result of increasing conflict between anglers and canoeists in the region, the Facilities/Planning Committee set up a Working Party in Autumn 1979 to bring the various factions together to try to achieve some resolution to the problems associated with the joint use of a natural facility.
2. The Working Party met on 12 occasions during the subsequent two years. Although it was felt that the Working Party achieved a better understanding of each other's problems, it was generally agreed that the diffusion of such understanding amongst the affiliated members of the participant groups was difficult, and in some cases impossible to achieve.
3. Concurrent with the regional Working Party meetings, meetings were being held nationally, between The Sports Council, the National Anglers' Council, the Water Space Amenity Commission and the British Canoe Union to resolve the same issues. This resulted in the publication of an agreed 'Statement of Intent' in 1982, which offered a set of guidelines to anglers and canoeists wishing to enjoy the same water. It was not binding on anyone, nor did it prejudice anyone's rights. The Statement was welcomed by the Working Party, who decided that the organisations involved should have time to consider it and to come back with their views on future action.
4. The distribution of the 'Statement of Intent' to the 'grass roots' of the activities concerned was slower than hoped for, during which time reports of misrepresentation of the contents and intention of the document began to reach the Sports Council office in Leeds and the Chairman of the Facilities/Planning Committee. As a result, mistrust between the two main interests emerged.
5. The Chairman received a formal request from the BCU in the region in January 1984 to reconvene the Working Party to attempt to implement the recommendations of the Statement.
6. The Chairman wrote to the angling organisations in membership of the Working Party, and listed below, to request their co-operation in reconvening a further meeting:-

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The River Ouse Consultative Association
The National Federation of Anglers — N.E. Region
The Esk and Derwent Fisheries Consultative Association
The Salmon and Trout Association — Yorkshire Region

All declined to participate in any discussions directed towards implementing the intentions of the Statement.

7. The Sports Council and the Yorkshire and Humberside Council for Sport and Recreation regret that such an 'impasse' has been reached.
8. In spite of considerable time and effort by both bodies to progress the situation, they must now regard themselves as impotent on the matter.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) the Sports Council — Yorkshire and Humberside and Humberside Council for Sport and Recreation take no further action until a situation more conducive to an agreement to share facilities has emerged;
- (b) the canoeists and the anglers work extremely hard, now and in the future, to achieve good personal relationships, especially at local level, and that they approach all matters between them in a sympathetic and sensitive manner in order to maintain and enhance the recreational pleasure desired in each.

The alternative could be mayhem, which would benefit no-one, least of all the interests of sport and recreation.

The below Statement has now been issued by the BCU Regional Access Committee for Yorkshire and Humberside Region, dated 12th June, 1984.

**THE BRITISH CANOE UNION,
YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE
REGION**

Regional Access Committee

The British Canoe Union has, for many years, been trying to make access agreements with Angling Organizations, so far with little success. In 1982 the BCU and the National Anglers Council agreed a joint Statement of Intent recommending guidelines for negotiations, but up to March 1984 no fishing clubs in the Yorkshire and Humberside Region had accepted our invitations to meet them.

Provided enough canoeable water on the fast moving parts of most rivers in the region were made available, very little time on each stretch would suffice. The Regional Access Development Plan — first sponsored by the Sports Council in 1979 — is intended to provide a basis for discussion. This puts forward a number of weekend dates equally divided between summer and winter plus spate agreements permitting canoeing when the river is above an agreed level. It falls well within the recommendations of the Statement of intent.

**... only the anglers
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A Working Party which included representatives of the Sports Council, the British Canoe Union, the National Farmers Union, the Country Landowners Association, the Yorkshire Water Authority, the National Trust, the Derwent Trust, the North Yorkshire County Council, together with the major Angling Associations in the Region met on twelve occasions over a period of two years. They thoroughly discussed and approved the plan, only the Anglers dissenting.

On September 8th 1983, at a meeting in London, the National Anglers Council promised that discussion of the Plan would be resumed. The Yorkshire BCU representatives made important concessions and gave undertakings which have been honoured to the letter without default. However, in spite of this, in May 1984 the four major Angling Associations in the Region refused to attend the re-convened Working Party on the Regional Access Development Plan to consider how best to implement the Statement of Intent in Yorkshire.

**... requests for a limited
amount of access that are
reasonable, fair and just ...**

This development is a source of great regret to the Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Access Committee who nevertheless wish to make it clear that they are always willing to discuss the possibility of canoeing at agreed times and places. The canoeists requests for a limited amount of access are so obviously reasonable, fair and just that — once round a table — the Anglers would be forced to go some way towards implementing the Statement of Intent.

In a modern democracy most people, including the vast majority of anglers, now accept that the ownership of land entails a responsibility to the public who have a right to the reasonable enjoyment of the countryside. The National Anglers Council certainly believe this and have accordingly signed the Statement of Intent. Unfortunately they have no powers to impose decisions on their members or associations and some Angling Club officials are determined never to move an inch towards agreement with canoeists.

In these circumstances it is impossible to

still ask canoeists to confine their activities to water where permission has been granted. While the British Canoe Union cannot condone, advise, incite or encourage trespass it is under no obligation to attempt to control canoeing on private water, and, unless an access agreement is in force, regrets that it can no longer continue to do so. Members are therefore advised that this is entirely a matter for the conscience of each individual and is their own responsibility, as is the decision to ignore any objections and continue, or to abandon the trip.

**... the exercise of restraint
and all others approached
having failed — paddle
without permission ...**

The BCU now accepts that, pending negotiations, members will continue to paddle on Yorkshire Rivers, if necessary without permission, at all times of the year and will no longer allow themselves to be intimidated. It recognises that an increasing number of canoeists throughout Britain are coming to believe that this is now the only way to bring the Anglers to the negotiating table — the exercise of restraint and all other approaches having failed — and that, far from jeopardizing agreement, will, in fact, help to bring it about.

Where no access agreement exists, BCU disciplinary procedures as ratified by the National Access Committee, do not allow any action whatsoever to be taken against members, organizers or clubs who venture onto private water without permission. In no circumstances will any information, such as names of those taking part, be given to the anglers unless a court order is first obtained, and no assistance will be given to objectors except an offer to negotiate a proper access agreement.

Anglers and riparian owners are invited to avail themselves of the machinery set up for this purpose by the Statement of Intent, the Yorkshire BCU — National Anglers Council agreement of Sept. 8th 1983, and the Regional Access Development Plan.

Once access agreements have been concluded between the BCU and the anglers/riparian owners the matter is entirely different and BCU members and clubs MUST respect them. Disciplinary measures, from reprimand to expulsion, will be taken to ensure they are observed.

**... 'Go North young Man'
and, in Yorkshire at least —
run as many game rivers as
possible' ...**

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EVENT ROUND-UP

SOUTHERN REGION POLO TOURNAMENT 1984 — CALSHOT ACTIVITIES CENTRE

On Sunday 13th May 1984 the annual Calshot Polo Tournament took place with 14 teams fighting their way through the day to reach the finals held in the afternoon.

In the Junior U16 Competition Hythe Harriers blitzed their section with 3 Junior teams, many being under 14. Spectators gave warm and generous applause to these little lionhearts, some who seemed to be lying in their boats as opposed to sitting in them due to their size! Northam Venture Scouts U16 filled the vacant spot in the league with a spirited performance which took them into the final against Hythe Harriers B. The final was a very tight contest with only one goal in it at half time. At the start of the second half Hythe stepped up the pressure and took a 2-goal advantage, with a minute to go Northam pulled one back but in the dying seconds the smallest person in the pool, Colin Kettle, scored to make the score 4 — 1 to Hythe.

The Senior Polo started after lunch and was quite hectic with many teams entered purely for the fun of it. 10-senior teams split into 3 leagues with the winners of each league going through to a knockout final. Much fun and laughter was had and the eventual finalists were Hythe Harriers 'A', Northam Venture Scouts 'A', and Meridian Canoe Club 'A', with Hythe defeating Meridian 3 — 1 in the final. Many thanks to all those that took part, to the parents who brought, pushed and cheered on the juniors.

The prizes were The Calshot Trophy (Calshot Activities Centre) Bronze, Silver and Gold medals, from B.C.U. Southern Region, a spray deck and crash helmet from Tinglas Ltd and adjustable foot rests from Tim Ward.

Report from
Richard Swire
Calshot Canoe Department

CHELMER MARATHON CANOE RACE

The 36th annual Chelmer Marathon Canoe Race was held on Sunday, June 10th 1984 on courses, according to Division of up to 8-miles along the River Chelmer. All Divisions passed through Central Park, creating a spectacle for the many visitors enjoying a warm sunny afternoon.

With recent rain there was a good head of water and despite the event clashing with a similar race in West London there was over 100-paddlers taking part, a tribute to the high standard of organisation always enjoyed by this race.

Most entries came from mid Essex and East London. The rival Harlow Clubs, the Kayak Club and the Outdoor Pursuits Centre both achieved excellent results as did the neighbouring Leaside Club. Chelmsford crew Peters and Grieg were the winners of division 8/9, the only local wins apart from A.B. Watts of Braintree Canoe Club, who came second in Division 9.

Dudley Courtman from Maldon, racing for Newham, who took part in the very first Chelmer Race in 1952 competed in Division 6/7 but was unplaced. Also present in an

organising capacity was Eric Boesch, one of the competitors from the early years. Organiser of the event was John Marriage also a competitor in some of the races in the early years.

report from
John Marriage

LONDON & S.E. REGION

Westels' Tourist Trial was held on the Basingstoke Canal on 15 April, too close to Easter to be of much use for Devizes-Westminster paddlers. However, the Dutch lads used it to good purpose covering the 40-miles in 8 hours 26 mins followed by the Braintree pair in 8 hours 43 mins. Entries were a little lower this year but the weather was again very kind to us.

Problems as usual dogged the production of certificates, the radio team worked superbly, the checks were all in much earlier than usual, then we only had two typewriters instead of four and the new marquee was too dark for the typists to see properly, so it is back to the drawing board yet again. Unusual entry this year was the Perivale Youth Club's C8 with it's war party, although this homebuilt plywood boat was started before the Brugge visit we feel the sight of all the mighty German C10s must have spurred them on. This year there was enough water to paddle to Deepcut and this was made use of by altering the 30 and 40-mile courses, thus making the 40-mile much more interesting.

Our Belgian friends visited us again this year, 11 of them with two Clubs being represented, the BTR and De Reie Schuimers. Rik de Gruyterre and Stefan Traen had opted for the 30-mile but having imbibed a little freely in their friendly local tavern woke late and had to paddle the 20! The BTR led this year by Secretary Guido Frano and his wife Jo all paddled 12-miles four of them in the 2½ hour class.

The Wey Rally run by Westel on 12th May was a tough paddle for the Godalming and Guildford contingents. The wind was blowing strongly in their faces all the way. The route was down the navigation from Godalming to Walsham Flood Gates, then the choice of the old river through Brooklands or the canal through New Haw. Most paddlers opting for the old river.

This year instead of taking in part of the Thames, the course was back up the canal from Weybridge Town Lock to Cox's Mill where we were able to use the Mill Car Park by kind permission of the owners. An interesting point about the event this year was that with distances of 22, 16, 11 and 6-miles, nobody paddled the 6-mile course at all. Surprisingly, despite lack of rain there seemed to be plenty of water and nobody had to wade this year round Wisley.

The boats used varied from K2s and K1s to slalom, the possibility of low water sending the understern ruddered K1s down the canal. The participants from furthest away were members of the Milton Keynes CC who were delighted to be able to paddle on a new river.

Don't forget the Two Counties Relay Race is on Saturday, 15 September 1984. Details from: Jeff Simmons, 52 Ashgrove Road, Ashford, Middx TW15 1PJ. Telephone 078 42 55085.

Presentations



DEVIZES TO WESTMINSTER PRESENTATION

The presentation of trophies for this year's Devizes to Westminster Canoe Marathon took place at Baden Powell House, Queensgate, London on Sunday afternoon 10th June.

An impressive number attended. The format included an informal discussion, remarks and comments by the President — Sir James Swaffield and Chairman — Peter Begent respectively; a review of the 1984 race, followed by the actual presentation and then a guest speaker — Mr Peter Lawson, General Secretary of the C.C.P.R. Further discussions open to the floor ranged around some rulings for the behaviour of support teams and vehicles — the situation at Blakes Lock has become so bad over recent years that this year support teams were totally banned from the area and advised to use County Lock instead. (Many crews are fed and have a kit change at Blakes before the portage onto the Thames).



HAIGH HALL PRESENTATION

Following on from the highly successful organising of the first Trans-Pennine Canal Marathon — fully reported in our last issue — the Leisure Division of British Waterways Board, Wigan, went on to arrange a reception and presentation of trophies for Sunday 1st July.

The event was held in the impressive Haigh Hall — an 18th Century country mansion set in superb acreage overlooking Wigan (no you can't see the pier!), the past seat of the Earl of Crawford and now owned by the Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council and open to the public as a Country Park incorporating a golf course, zoo, and nature trail.

At such an event one could expect 60 or so paddlers to attend — but this was the Trans-Pennine Presentation, the first of an annual ultra marathon that should attract a growing number of entries...385 paddlers completed the race, some 360 of those attended the presentation!

Like the race itself, the day at Haigh Hall was a total success. Organiser Ken Dodd — the 'real' Ken Dodd so he tells us! — was a little worried in the morning that there would not be enough space. However the rooms on the ground floor could have held 500 at least without too much trouble...and with a little publicity I am sure that number will be racing the event next year.

Cups, trophies, shields for the main class winners, and everyone who completed the course received a memento medal.

A display of photographs from the race — colour from staff photographer and a series of black and white from Mike Clark of Canoeing Magazine — brought back memories of the event and enthused crews to come back again next year. (The date to remember is 25th May, 1985). Well done, the Leisure Division of British Waterways, Wigan.

HOLME PIERREPOINT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE INTERNATIONAL SPRINT REGATTA

Photographs by
Mike Clark

The International Nottinghamshire Regatta held at the National Watersports Centre, Holme Pierrepont, over the weekend 16th/17th June, saw paddlers from ten countries competing.

Teams from USSR, Poland, Hungary, Austria, Ireland, USA, France, Nederland, Canada, and Great Britain, enjoyed superb weather conditions for this third home event of the season, conditions almost on a par to those that prevailed for the World Championships held at the centre in 1981 when Holme Pierrepont had mirror-like water — a placid calm that regrettably is not always the case at the Watersports Centre. However, the conditions, the standard of the competition from overseas were not really of concern — this was the 'crunch' weekend for British paddlers looking for a place in the Olympic Canoeing Team. The end of the weekend would see the selection made and the team announced the following mid-week of who would go to Los Angeles.

The weekend competition started with an excellent reception for team managers at the County Hall, Trent Bridge, on the Friday evening given by Councillor W.J. Morris JP, the Chairman of the Nottinghamshire Country Council who have backed the Holme Pierrepont venture since its inception.

Competition on the Saturday centred on the 1000-metre events for K1, K2 and K4. From the very start things did not go too well for our paddlers — in fact by the end of the day our paddlers had not gained a single place in the first three of any International Senior final...

The first heat of the K1 1000m saw Steve Jackson on the start line. With the word 'Go' he hardly raced more than a couple of lengths! Steve had cracked his paddle blade off the start — not a clean break, and this went unseen by the starter, the race continuing from the 15-metre mark (with a paddle break off the start the race can be stopped within the first 15m). One of our finest paddlers was out of his main event on the final selection weekend. One could hardly think of a greater let-down after all the months of training. Behind the scenes that followed Roland Lawler and Brian Greenaway persuaded other International Team Managers to allow Steve to compete the semi-final in lane 10 with his finish position not affecting other paddlers in lanes 1 to 9 with the first three going

through to the final and, should Steve gain through in the first three he was to go on to compete in lane 0 in the final — at least he would be able to show his ability and performance to selectors if not actually getting his name in the record books... However, Steve's day of anguish was not over yet! He was to break another paddle in the K2 event... His afternoon was spent in talking with Mark Gees — no doubt seeking a stronger pair of paddles than those he has been using... Canoesport is tough — but 'Canoesport' not that tough!

In the following heats Kevin Smith, Adrian Croucher, Alan Williams, Chris Canham and Dave Upson all gained through to the semi-finals. From here Williams pushed Smith into the petit final, Canham gained second to the Russian, but Upson went through to the petit. Barton from the USA gained the gold in the final, the two British boys were over 7-seconds adrift and down in 7th and 8th places — not a showing to be really proud of against the competition...

In the K2 1000m Canham/Raciborski gained through to the final, but again with rather a poor showing and being down in 7th place almost 8-seconds away from the winning Hungarian pair.

The K4 1000m would surely give us a better performance. In a straight final our crew of West/Bourne/Smith/Sherriff produced a reasonable time to take 4th place behind the Poles, Hungarians and Russians...but almost 4-seconds down. The day had not exactly been brilliant for our men...

In the Womens K1 500m our girls were quite evenly split over the three heats. In the first Anne Plant, Gay Clough and Anna Craske trailed after Miss Turner from the States, the Russian and Miss Klein also from the States. In the second heat Lesley Smither gained through to the final with a 3rd placing, Jan Lawler taking 5th behind Miss Dery of USA. Lucy Perrett gained through in the third heat, Debbie Watson taking 5th place. Thus in the final we had our two top girls up against three from the States, two from Russia, Miss Basson from France, and the rather brilliant Miss Derckx from Holland.

The Dutch girl, some thirty years old (*oops, sorry!*), for almost ten years competed in wild water racing and with some success internationally. However it was two years ago that she turned to sprint racing and has certainly come good this

season, producing a brilliant performance at Mechelen in Belgium against the very best competition. After more than a few years in the wilderness as far as women canoeists are concerned, the Dutch for sure have an excellent prospect in Miss Derckx and, with the Eastern Bloc boycott of the Los Angeles Olympics, she must be in with a real gold medal possibility.

At Holme Pierrepont there was no one to touch her, taking the heat with 2 min 07 sec and the final with a 2 min 09 sec, over a second clear of Miss Conover of the USA. Lesley Smither put in a good performance to take 5th place in the final 3-seconds down from the lead and behind the Russian and French girls.

In Canadian classes S. Train gained a 5th place in the C1 1000m, but some 7-seconds down from the front, while in C2 Train/Train gained 6th and were 9-seconds down. Altogether, our efforts on this first day had not been too bright — maybe the Sunday would be better...

Competition on the Sunday started early with the first heats off at 0830 hrs. However, it was not until after lunch that we saw the first of the Senior International Finals — and what an event...the Mens K1 500-metre.

All our top men had gained through the heats and the semis to take four places among the finalists. It had promised to be a hot race and lived up to every bit of the expectations. Our paddlers were out to show Olympic ability and performance. Upson, Sherriff, Bourne, West...first four placings over the line with Upson and Sherriff having to be split by a photograph. Trailing behind the British — the Poles, USA, Russia and Hungary...this was certainly performance to impress selectors and racing to thrill and enthuse the British spectators.

The following Womens K2 gave a win for the Russian pair with two crews from the States trailing by some seconds and having to hold off the British pair of Smither/Perrett. Our girls gained a creditable 5th placing.

In the Senior International Mens K2 500m, only one of our pairs made it through to the final, that of Sherriff/West. The pair were second to the Poles in the heats with a 1 min 45 sec, but in the final there were not only the Poles but the impressive Austrian pair of Hartle/Bachmayer, the Russians, French, Hungarians and a Dutch pairing.

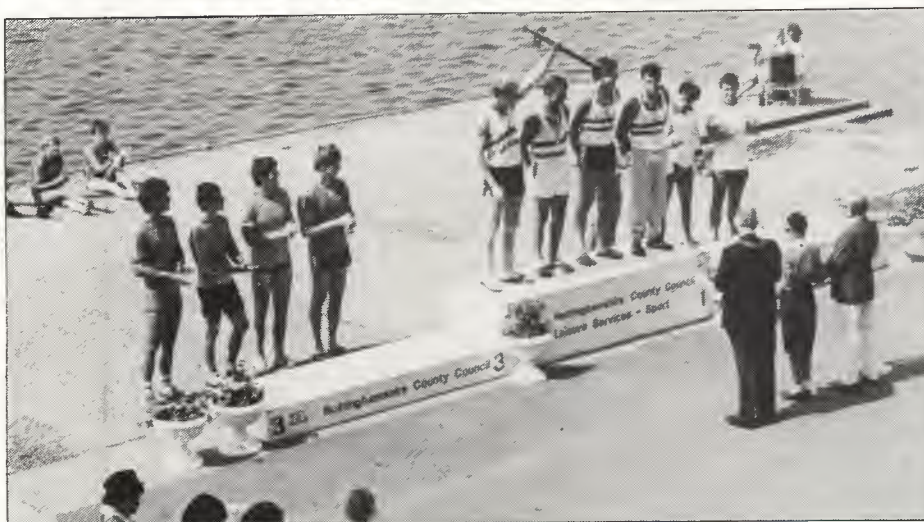


Steve with his broken blade: Hungarians round the top turn of the K2 10,000m: Miss Derckx of Holland and below being shadowed by Anne PLant; bronze medal for Bourne in K1 500m: and womens K4 500m.





*Shots from 500K1,
Canham on the top turn of
the K1 10,000m,
West/Sherriff winners in
K2 500m and the
presentation of the K4
500m trophy.*



The American paddlers who featured in all other finals failed to get their crews through to the final of the K2 and had to be content with the petit final.

From the start the British lads looked good, off in style and heading the front — there was little doubt the pair were out for gold. Challenge came from the Austrians and poles, and at 250-metres out it was still anyone's race. Sherriff/West held the front and still had the ability to push harder...the pair broke the line, taking the win with almost half a second clear from the Poles.

This was better than the Saturday for sure, and even better was to come with the next race down the course — our womens K4 crew of Plant/Clough/Smither/Perrett took out the win with Russian and USA crews trailing. All it needed now was for our men to turn on the charm in the K4 500-metres!

An hour later our crew of West/Bourne/Sherriff/Raciborski did just that... A Brilliant win in the K4 — not by a hairs breath, but by a clear margin and in a no mean field. Poland, Hungary, USSR, Poland, France, USA — all trailed behind the British four. It was a super race to finish the short distance competition before the start of the 6,000 and 10,000-metre events.

In the Womens 6-kilometre the win went predictably to Miss Derckx of Nederland, but Anne Plant played it cool and held on to the Dutch girl for the majority of the race, only dropping on the final run in to take second place in front of the French girl Miss Basson.

In the Mens K2 and K1 events our paddlers produced good tactical races, Canham taking a well earned 2nd place in the K1, while Williams/Jackson having held the front bunch for much of the course lost contact over the last 1000m of the K2, the Hungarian pulling out a mega-effort to race well clear of Poland, the British boys taking third.

Despite the lack of wins in the long distance events, the Sunday had proved a real boost for our paddlers who would be heading off to an even harder competition in Duisburg on the following weekend (as we go to press I hear our team produced very creditable performances at the German venue).

The evening saw a reception and disco for paddlers, well attended by the overseas teams.

MEN K1 1000m: 1st USA G. Barton, 04:00.77: 2nd FRA P. Boccara, 04:01.71: 3rd POL W. Terechowicz, 04:02.31: 4th HUN I. Joos, 04:04.56: 5th CAN A. Thompson, 04:04.79: 6th URS I. Nagaev, 04:05.33: 7th ROY C. Canham, 04:07.43: 8th ROY A. Williams, 04:07.81: 9th CAN S. Oldenshaw, 04:12.20.

MEN K2 1000m: 1st HUN Petrovic/Helvi, 03:36.21: 2nd FRA Hervieu/Legas, 03:37.04: 3rd AUT Hartle/Bachmayer, 03:37.43: 4th FRA Bregeon/Leboulon, 03:37.74: 5th POL Szczepanski/Florczak, 03:40.28: 6th USA White/Kent, 03:40.46: 7th GER Canham/Raciborski, 03:44.02: 8th URS Denison/Trubchannikov, 03:45.71: 9th HUN Rukkel/Loerinczy, 03:49.04.

MEN K4 1000m: 1st POL Weina/Krzyzanski Kracow/Wegner, 03:14.39: 2nd HUN Joos/Heli/Petrovics/Kovaks, 03:15.79: 3rd URS Denison/Trubchannikov/Karymov/Nagaev, 03:16.16: 4th GBR West/Bourne/Smith/Sherriff, 03:17.85: 5th FRA Vavasseur/Baroch/Boucherit/Boccara, 03:18.62: 6th POL Chwialkowski/Baczynski/Ciurzynski/Kozlowski, 03:19.63: 7th HUN Rukkel/Csaaszar/Irmal/Loerinczy, 03:21.66: 8th USA Gilman/Schnurrenberger/Bellingham/Spelius, 03:21.87.

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MEN C1 1000m: 1st CAN L. Cain, 04:24.62: 2nd HUN D. Drockepay, 04:25.55: 3rd URS A. Zhixov, 04:29.35: 4th FRA D. Hoyer, 04:30.96: 6th USA B. Merritt, 04:31.70: 7th FRA P. Henault, 04:34.18: 8th CAN P. Koschanow, 05:01.33.

MEN C2 1000m: 1st HUN Sarusi/Hajdu, 03:59.98: 2nd HUN Kaaman/Szabo, 04:03.61: 3rd URS Kalinchenko/Zhukov, 04:04.77: 4th CAN Smith/Botting, 04:05.96: 5th FRA Hoyer/Renaud, 04:06.44: 6th GER Train/Train, 04:08.93: 7th USA Plankenhorn/Young, 04:12.41: 8th GER Smith/Gohar, 04:16.01: 9th USA McInain/Terrell, 04:29.01.

MEN K1 500m F: 1st GBR D. Upson, 01:53.56: 2nd WEY A. Sherriff, 01:53.77: 3rd GBR G. Bourne, 01:54.11: 4th ROY J. West, 01:54.64: 5th POL G. Kracow, 01:55.83: 6th USA T. White, 01:56.77: 7th USA G. Barton, 01:58.41: 8th URS I. Nagaev, 01:58.64: 9th HUN C. Flamich, 01:58.84.

MEN K2 500m: 1st GBR Sherriff/West, 01:41.82: 2nd POL Wegner/Trechowicz, 01:42.12: 3rd AUT Hartle/Bachmayer, 01:42.76: 4th URS Denisov/Trubchanikov, 01:43.11: 5th HUN Csaaczar/Irmay, 01:44.61: 6th FRA Hervieu/Legras, 01:45.73: 7th HUN Rukkel/Loerinczy, 01:47.20: 8th NED Stevens/Lebbink, 01:48.35: 9th POL Welna/Krzyzanski, 01:48.65.

MEN K4 500m: 1st GBR West/Bourne/Sherriff/Raciborski, 01:32.63: 2nd POL Welna/Krzyzanski/Krakov/Wegner, 01:33.38: 3rd HUN Joos/Csaaczar/Kovacs/Loerinczy, 01:34.48: 4th URS Nagaev/Karymov/Denison/Trubchanikov, 01:34.83: 5th POL Chwialkowski/Baczynski/Kozlowski/Furzynski, 01:35.11: 6th FRA Vavassey/Barough/Boucherit/Boccaro, 01:37.09: 7th USA Gilman/Schurrenberger/Bellingham/Spellus, 01:40.49.

MEN C1 500m: 1st CAN L. Cain, 02:08.12: 2nd FRA P. Renaud, 02:09.73: 3rd URS I. Zhukov, 02:10.19: 4th GBR S. Train, 02:10.56: 5th HUN I. Kaamaan, 02:11.07: 6th CAN P. Koschanow, 02:14.16: 7th HUN K. Sarusi, 02:15.05: 8th USA R. Plankenhorn, 02:15.21.

WOMEN K1 500m: 1st NET A. Derckx, 02:09.64: 2nd USA S. Conover, 02:10.82: 3rd FRA B. Basson, 02:11.18: 4th URS G. Sharafutdinova, 02:11.28: 5th GBR L. Smith, 02:12.90: 6th URS T. Chislova, 02:13.35: 7th USA L. Klein, 02:13.75: 8th USA A. Turner, 02:14.37: 9th GBR L. Perrett, 02:16.31.

WOMEN K2 500m: 1st URS Chislova/Shafutdinova, 01:58.53: 2nd USA Conover/Dery, 02:00.09: 3rd USA Turner/Klein, 02:01.00: 4th GBR Smith/Perrett, 02:01.92: 5th FRA Hettich/Mathevon, 02:03.19: 6th OTS Lawler/Craske, 02:01.68: 7th OTS Watson/Crawley, 02:04.78: 8th GBR Plant/Clough, 02:04.78: 9th BSC Sellwood/Saunders FLA, 02:18.70.

WOMEN K4 500m: 1st GBR Plant/Clough Smith/Perrett: 2nd URS Derevianko/Derevianko Chislova/Sharafutdinov: 3rd USA Klein/Turner Conover/Dery: 4th OTS Lawler/Craske/Watson/Crawley: 5th OTS Dawson/Burns/Dutson/Bazalgette: 6th FRA Basson/Hettich/Mathevon.

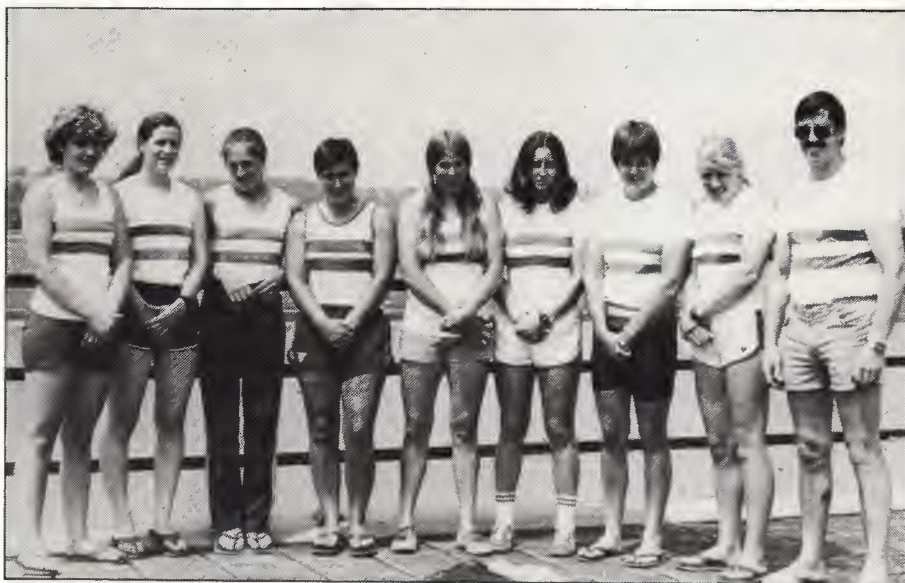
MENS K1 10km: 1st FRA P. Boccaro, 43:41.00: 2nd GBR C. Canham, 43:44.00: 3rd ZP R. Daman, 43:48.00: 4th USA G. Barton, 44:22.00: 5th FRA F. Barough, 45:03.00: 6th POL M. Tereehowicz, 45:14.00: 7th HUN C. Flamich, 45:51.00: 8th GAI R. Lucas, 46:01.00.

MENS K2 10km: 1st HUN Heli/Petrovics, 40:27.00: 2nd POL Szczepanski/Florczak, 40:30.00: 3rd GBR Williams/Jackson, 40:59.00: 5th FRA Hervieu/Legras, 41:47.00.

MENS C1 10km: 1st HUN D. Dr Csepai, 47:28.00: 2nd GBR S. Train, 47:51.00: 3rd CAN L. Cain, 49:05.00: 4th GBR A. Train, 49:12.00: 5th HUN L. Szabo, 51:04.00: 6th RIC K. Pereira, 58:16.00.

MENS C2 10km: 1st HUN Sarusi/Hajou, 46:53.00: 2nd GBR Cohar/Smith, 47:23.00: 3rd CAN Botting/Smith, 48:21.00.

WOMENS K1 6km: 1 NED A. Derckx, 31.54: 2nd GBR A. Plant, 32.04: 3rd FRA B. Basson, 32.53: 4th LIC G. Clough, 34.03: 5th RIC W. Clapham, 34.17: 6th BSC D. Sellwood, 34.33.



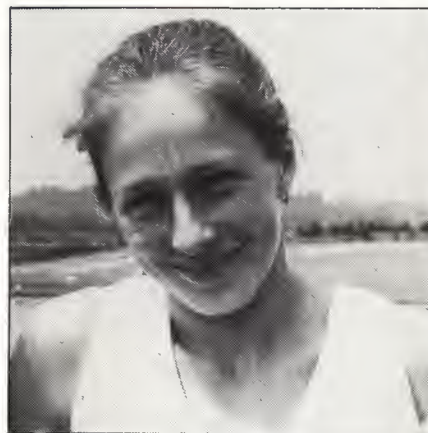
OLYMPIC SELECTION

Following on from the International at Holme Pierrepont the British Olympic Team for Los Angeles was announced on the Tuesday. The Team as follows:

MEN — KAYAKS: Grayson Bourne, Chris Canham, Steve Jackson, Jan Raciborski, Kevin Smith, Andy Sherriff, Dave Upson, Jeremy West.

CANADIAN: Eric Jamieson, Andrew Train, Stephen Train.

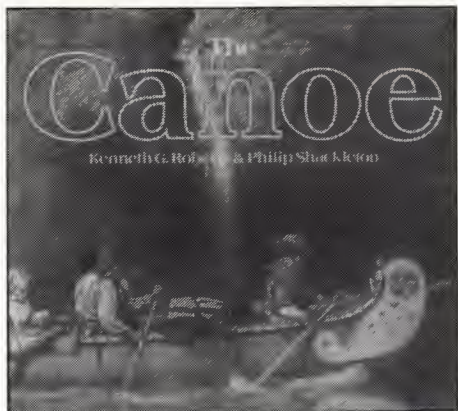
WOMEN: Jan Lawler, Lucy Perrett, Lesley Smith, Debbie Watson.



Top: Womens Olympic Training Squad with Coach Trevor Wetherall, while below three of the for who will go to L.A.: Lesley Smith, Lucy Perrett and Jan Lawler.

Above: The Olympic Squad K4: West/Sherriff/Bourne/Raciborski.

NEW BOOKS GUIDES AND PUBLICATIONS



THE CANOE, by Kenneth G. Roberts and Philip Shackleton.
Published by Macmillan of Canada,

Published through 1983 in Canada this really splendid book has at last found its way to Britain. A superb 'coffee table' publication printed on coated paper throughout, hard cover and running to 280-pages, illustrated with numerous colour reproductions of old paintings and rare historical photographs and drawings, the book traces the history of the Canoe from South America to the Arctic.

The summary reads — *'The canoe has a firm place in the mythology of the Americas. Its history stretches back into the unrecorded past, its construction has conferred status on the builder and has fascinated the bystander for centuries, its forms are many and varied — as are its uses. Above all there is an indefinable romance about the canoe, a sense of its place in the lives of countless generations and its role in the history of America.'*

'The authors have done full justice to the romance of the canoe and its exciting role in the opening of the American Continent. Comprehensive and richly illustrated, this extraordinary volume — literally the work of a lifetime — will be hailed as the definitive book on the canoe.'

One cannot praise the authors enough for such a superb work. From the Aztecs of Mexico to the Woodlands Indians of the Great Lakes, from the Arawaks of the West Indies to the Voyageurs of Canada — a complete history of the development of the canoe in its many forms, sea-going canoes of the North Pacific to coverage of the Kayak and Umiak.

The book carries the fine reproduction of Francis Ann Hopkins painting 'Canoe Passing a Rocky Cliff' on its cover and there are others by her contained within the book including an attractive water colour of Voyageurs at camp that I have not seen before. Other paintings include those of such outstanding frontier artists as Paul Kane, Arthur Herring and T. Mower Martin. The text is packed with historical fact and of great interest, while numerous photographs show the constructing and use of many of the designs of canoe and kayak — many rare photographs of tremendous historical value. Without doubt it is a very fine work on the subject of The Canoe.

Available at a price of £30.00 per copy including postage.

CANOEISTS GUIDE TO YORKSHIRE RIVERS

PUBLISHED BY THE BCU YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE REGION ACCESS AND TOURING COMMITTEE.

Elsewhere in this issue of Canoeing Magazine is a long article on the access problems at present being encountered in Yorkshire solely due to local fishing interests refusing to negotiate or impliment the terms of the Statement of Intent signed by their national federation with regard to rivers and fishing/canoeing requirements.

This guide to Yorkshire Rivers — received only in draft form — looks to be a very useful publication covering some 14-rivers in Yorkshire. A short description of the river is followed by analysis, mileage, major rapids, degree of difficulty, launch and pull-out points, whether the water is covered by agreements, degree of harassment by anglers, and address of local access officer.

The publication also includes a guide to grading, Canoeist's Code of Conduct, listing of canoe clubs in the region, and a Foreword by the Access and Touring Committee.

Much of the Foreword is a statement of the position regarding access and agreements with riparian owners and/or fishing interests in the Yorkshire area — already set out in the article on page 10 of this magazine — but part of the Foreword gives very clear directions for the canoeist when taking to rivers not covered by agreements and regarded as 'private'. It bears re-printing:

'The BCU now accepts that, pending negotiations, members will continue to paddle on private water without permission at all times of the year, will no longer allow themselves to be intimidated, and that canoeists from all parts of the country intend to pursue their sport in Yorkshire. It recognises that an increasing number of canoeists are coming to believe that this is now the only way to bring the anglers to the negotiating table, the exercise of restraint and all other approaches having failed, and that far from jeopardizing agreement, will in fact, help to bring it about.'

'If you are warned by the Local Access Officer to expect harassment by anglers, try to arrange to rendezvous with your cars at an inconspicuous spot well away from the river. Get changed, prepare the boats, drive together to the launching place, unload, launch and paddle off quickly. Do not stop to argue with objectors during the trip however insistant they may be, paddle quickly and silently on. Try to take enough helpers to move all the cars, and leave any talking to them. The car should get to the finish just before you do and should keep a low profile in the meantime. Regroup a mile or so upstream if necessary and arrive all together at the finish. If there is a reception committee of anglers do not talk to them, load your boats quickly and get away. Stop along the road to get changed even if this means getting the car seats wet. There are very few places where you will need to go to all this trouble.'

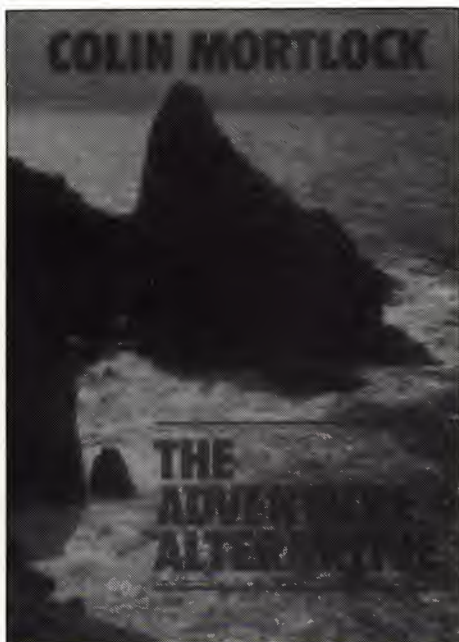
'Threats of legal action are often used in an attempt to intimidate canoeists, but writs cannot be served without identification. You are not required by law to give your name or address to anyone, even a policeman. Do not do so under any circumstances. Ignore threats of arrest, they are bluff. A Water Authority Bailiff can only arrest a fisherman who is poaching, not an ordinary trespasser. Do not display your BCU membership numbers on your boats and try to avoid displaying identification on vehicles. If you neglect this advice it is your own fault if you get a nasty letter from the Angling Club solicitor.'

'Nothing in the above should be taken as advice or incitement to trespass, that is up to you. It is intended to help you to have a pleasant trouble free trip once you have made your decision.'

Copies of the Guide should be shortly available from: Regional Access Officer, British Canoe Union Yorkshire and Humberside Region, 1 Dean Head Cottages, Scotland Lane, Horsforth, Nr. Leeds LS18 5HU. Telephone: Leeds 587073



CANOEING MAGAZINE



THE ADVENTURE ALTERNATIVE, by Colin Mortlock.
Published by Cicerone Press.

To the canoeist the name Colin Mortlock is synonymous with sea canoeing. He was a member of that pioneering trip along the Arctic Coastline of Norway to Nordkapp in 1975, and went on to make successful expeditions in Alaskan waters around the Prince Rupert area.

However, for many years Colin was Warden at the Woodlands Outdoor Pursuits Centre in South Wales, establishing the centre as one of the leading adventure schools in the country. In 1971 he moved to the Charlotte Mason College in Cumbria as Director of Outdoor Education — a position he still holds. Elsewhere in his background is athletics and wild water canoeing, while through the early 1960's he was one of Britain's leading climbers and has many 'first ascents' to his credit. Thus he is more than well qualified to pen such a

book as *'The Adventure Alternative'*.

The book aims to stimulate contemplation and discussion by those involved in outdoor adventure of all kinds by exploring the values of such experiences. The initial chapters explain the key aspects of the demanding outdoor journey, while following chapters are concerned with the development of a personal philosophy based on the adventure experience and acceptance of values beyond those of materialism. The final chapters look at man and his attitude to the natural environment, developing the theme that he is part of an underlying unity of all existence.

The book, while written for the outdoor educationalist, centre and youth leader, will also appeal to the many truly thinking adventurers who will find many of their own feelings and thoughts reflected in Colin's work.

Hardcover, 116-page, priced at £8.95.

CANOESPORT BOOKS

A number of canoesport books are available through Mike Clark, c/o 10 Main Street, Hemington, Derby DE7 2RB.

A few copies of Alan Byde's *'Canoe Building in glass-reinforced plastics'* have come to light — I am not sure if the book is still in print? The edition is the 1975 reprinted version and is offered at £4.50 plus 50p postage.

'Canoeing Down Everest' by Mike Jones. Paper cover at £2.95 plus 25p postage.

'Marsyandi — The elusive river of Annapurna' by Alan Barber. Illustrated report of the First British Canoe Expedition to Annapurna in 1980. Paper cover at £4.50 plus 30p postage.

'Canoeing the Fladbury Way' by David Train. A booklet on getting started with canoeing. Paper cover at £1.95 plus 25p postage.

'This is Canoeing' by Jane and Roy Farrance. One of the very best canoesport books on the market covering kayak technique, Canadian, rapids and river reading, and white water technique. Paper cover at £9.50 plus 95p postage.

WATERWAYS

BLISWORTH TUNNEL TO RE-OPEN

British Waterways Board are pleased to announce that Blisworth Tunnel on the Grand Union Canal in Northamptonshire, which has been closed for the past 4 years, will be re-opened to navigation on Wednesday 22nd August 1984. Mr Leslie Young CBE, who succeeds Sir Frank Price DL as Chairman of the Board on the 1st July 1984, will perform the opening ceremony.

The tunnel was closed to traffic in the interests of public safety in the Autumn of 1980 and as a result boaters wishing to travel between London and the Midlands have had to make lengthy detours.

The repairs, which have been extensive and cost £4.25m, have involved the use of modern tunnel lining machinery to replace over 1,000 yards of failed brick lining with precast segmental concrete rings.

Aware of the interest of users and local people in the complexity of the repair work, the Board held an "Open Day" in October 1983. This enabled over 200 people to visit the site in small groups throughout the day to see the magnitude of the task involved in relining nearly 1/3rd of the 1 3/4 mile long tunnel.

The re-opening has been arranged prior to the Inland Waterways Association's National Rally, which is to be held at Hawkesbury Junction on the Coventry Canal over the Late Summer Holiday weekend. The Board hope that this will enable more boats to attend the Rally.

"SOME WATERWAYS REFLECTIONS" BY RETIRING CHAIRMAN, SIR FRANK PRICE, DL

A booklet "Some Waterway Reflections", by Sir Frank Price, DL, who is to retire on the 30th June 1984, after 16-years as the Chairman of British Waterways Board was published in June.

Sir Frank presents his personal reflections on the evolution of the Board and the waterways since 1968 and his views of the future role of inland waterways for freight transport and leisure purposes.

Sir Frank comments on the development of the broad waterways for freight traffic by discussing the improvement of the Sheffield and South Yorkshire Navigation, which he declared open in 1983, and proposals to improve the corridor of the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal and the River Severn to Worcester as well as the improvement to the River Trent.

On the development of the narrower canals for leisure purposes, Sir Frank reflects on the restoration to navigable standards of neglected waterways during the period of his Chairmanship, which culminated in the reclassification by Act of Parliament in 1983 of over 80 miles of restored waterways from "Remainder" to "Cruising" standard.

Sir Frank's views on the next decade in waterway affairs are summed up by the paragraph "I believe that the part which waterways can play in satisfying an increasing demand for leisure pursuits, in renovating and revitalising some of the neglected areas of our major cities and in providing a viable environmentally acceptable and energy saving form of transport in some areas, will become even more apparent. Indeed, I believe the people will become impatient for such benefits to be gained in their locality."



THE WILD WATER RACING COMMITTEE

The LÖWENBRÄU 500 Rapid Racing Championship

The first of the Lowenbrau 500 wild water races took place on the River Tryweryn at Bala in North Wales on 19th May.

M. Gillham of Birmingham University took the win in the Mens Championship with a time of 1 min 43.13 sec. First in the Ladies Championships was Cynthia Berry of Forth Canoe Club with 1 min 57.83 sec, and first Youth was N. Stamps of Birmingham Canoe Club with 1 min 46.81 sec.

Paddlers are reminded that dates of following events are: 20th October, River Washburn, North Yorkshire; 17th November, River Teifi, Llandyssul, Dyfed; and 8th December, River Teme, Ludlow, Shropshire. Full details available from: Rapid Racing Ltd, 27 Gloucester Place, London W1H 3PB.



CENTRES



PLAS MENAI — CENTRE FOR OUTDOOR PURSUITS COURSES

The Sports Council for Wales has just published the new brochure of courses at the Plas Menai Centre for the period October 1984 to April 1985.

Courses include Dinghy Sailing, Power Boat Handling, Coastal Cruising and Offshore/Coastal Navigation. But of more interest to readers will be the wide range of canoeing courses.

Canoeing at Plas Menai include Introductory; Sea, Surf and River Canoeing; Estuary and Coastal Canoeing; Overfalls and Tide Races; Navigation for the Sea Canoeist; Frostbite Weekends; Sea Canoeing and Wildlife; plus Rolling Clinic and Pool Teaching, along with a range of Proficiency, Award and Test Courses.

The superb location of the Centre — along the Menai Straits between Bangor and Caernarfon — offers excellent canoeing situations from sea to wild water. Full details and brochure from: *Plas Menai Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL55 1UE.*

MAESLILWCH — RIVER & MOUNTAIN CENTRE

The Maesllwch River and Mountain Centre, combined with the Welsh Trail Company, are offering an interesting programme of Canadian Canoeing and Trail Rides.

Outdoor activities combined with up-market but cheap accommodation — a sort of Cordon Bleu Hostel concept — for up to 50-persons, licenced bars, real ales and home cooked foods. Available to families and social clubs in fact everyone is welcome, with the exception of unaccompanied children.

Activities range through Canadian canoeing on the River Wye for week, weekend, four day, or single day trips. Equipment includes waterproofs, buoyancy aids, camping gear and sleeping bags. Instruction and guide included in trip pricing. Trail Rides cater for the novice or experienced rider with a wide range of trials and bridle ways through the surrounding hills.

The centre is based in the Wye Valley near to the Brecon Beacons National Park. Full details and prices from: *The Maesllwch River and Mountain Centre, Maesllwch, Glasbury, Via Hereford.*

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EX-BOFFIN AND FORMER ANTARCTIC EXPLORER SET UP UNIQUE SEASPORT CENTRE

Inventor and former Boffin, Professor Fred Brooks — who worked with Sir Barnes Wallace on the "bouncing bomb" which destroyed the Mener Dam during World War II — has joined a man who spent six months with a Joint Services team exploring the Antarctic wastes in a unique seasport venture.

Former regular soldier, Lennie Hunt, was one of a team of 16-men selected from all three services who explored the Elephant Island Group for six months in 1976 — 77.

Professor Brooks, inventor of the stairlift for disabled people, and Mr Hunt have set up West Highland Seasports — where as well as canoeing, fishing, waterskiing and sailing, the enthusiast will soon be able to engage in a 10-day expedition on a unique craft — a Seacat, which consists of two rafted canoes which can be propelled either by sail, outboard or paddles. The expeditions will be self-sufficient for 10-days without re-supply and will cover some of the most beautiful parts of Loch Fyne and the Clyde.

Professor Brooks, 68, is an executive member of the Institute of Patentees and Inventors, a Fellow of the Institute of Directors, and Chairman of Fred Brooks Stairlifts Ltd, Lincoln. He said in Inverary, where the seasport centre is based: *"I fell in love with this part of the country many years ago and now I spend most of my time here. The area really needs some facilities for the thousands of people who visit it every year, other than fishing trips and souvenir shops."*

"We also hope it will provide some additional employment for local people in the long term — at first seasonal, but perhaps later our more adventurous sportsmen will be prepared to use the facilities all year round."

Lennie Hunt was a regular soldier for 12-years and was one of the members of the Antarctic Expedition led by Commander Chris Furse RN, who is at present in the Antarctic leading an expedition to Brabant Island.



FAIRTHORNE MANOR NATIONAL CENTRE

The YMCA Fairthorne Manor Centre is one of the largest centres in the South of England, catering for a wide range of sports.

Acquired by the YMCA as a National Centre for young persons in 1947, it was adapted to create a purpose built location with modern facilities capable of giving visitors a sense of community belonging in exciting and attractive outdoor surroundings.

Accommodating over three hundred young people at any time, there are a variety of activities to try including Canoeing, Riding, Sailing, Archery, Golf, Basic Climbing, Orienteering and General Sports.

The Canoeing Department at Fairthorne offers a professional and varied programme, supported by an extensive range of facilities and equipment, enabling them to operate throughout the whole year.

There are two lakes at the Centre, the larger being used for flat water tuition, the smaller used for slalom training. The lakes are connected by a sluice that provides white water when required. The River Hamble that joins the estate offers access to Southampton Water and the Isle of Wight (seven miles downstream). Self contained expeditions and camping along the coast are organised. The Centres boats range through Bat kayaks to Canadian canoes.

Full details of canoeing course and other activities from: *The Director, Y.M.C.A. National Centre, Fairthorne Manor, Curdridge, Southampton SO3 2GH. Telephone: 04892 528.*



SLALOM & WILD WATER

CANOLFAN TRYWERYN

A paddler's first taste of 'heavy water' is usually on the River Tryweryn. To most slalom canoeists this river has a special aura and magic — it is the site of the 1981 World Championships as well as of Premier and Division One events. There are no other rivers like the Tryweryn and Scotland's Tay to give the British paddler a taste of the rough stuff.

Parents are Persuaded to cough up the extra petrol money, to forget about neglected homework and to allow the child to enter a Tryweryn event. When it is not raining the site is beautiful.

On a gloriously warm sunny week-end in the middle of June there was a Division Two event on the World Championship site and a Division Three event upstream, beginning just below the huge dam. The latter course was originally set to begin above a water fall but was changed before the competition began. This was a splendid compromise; those who were enjoying the fall continued to shoot it, and I saw at least one boat come to grief as a result; the inexperienced, who had enough problems with the remainder of the course, were delighted to lose the fall and keep their confidence; the spectators still had enough thrills from the swimmers to be satisfied. It was a good course. No slalom is worth the petrol unless there is some excitement; parents and students, in particular, like to get value for money though the value and the reasons differ!

Mums and Dads are not spectators, they are too involved in the competition to merely sit by the river and munch crisps. Some parents are more integrated with the competition than the actual competitors; these parents participate vicariously; they can be seen running up and down the site urging the poor offsprings on to fantastic, dreamlike feats.

Another group of parents is the 'barnyard sect'; they carry boots, shoes, jumpers and towels, and can be seen talking nervously to officials and are especially attentive to the ambulance driver; terrified of the water they are as nervous and protective as any old hen, old cock, or Welsh ewe cackling or bleating on the farm near by.

The sight of the paddler in trouble is the delight of the average slalom spectator who loves nothing better than the thrills of watching a canoeist struggle to remain afloat, to avoid a rock or fail to rescue his boat before it goes over the fall.

It is an ideal arrangement to have a Division Two and Three Slalom run side by side. Parents have a very busy time being torn between the two sites and deciding which 'darling' should be molly-coddled or bullied (which ever the case maybe). The spectators, having studied both start sheets, can rush between each site and see as many of the thrills as possible. At practice time the ambitious or adventurous from Division Three can run the World Championship course and dream of medals, heavy water or just being a member of the white water elite.

Dave Manby recently on the TV series 'Pushing the Limits' was one of the Division Three competitors. Dave is a great canoeist and explorer or runner of the wild rivers and yet here he was enjoying the event as much as the other competitors. A Division Three slalom is a place for meeting the famous, the veterans as well as young men, women and children.

Dave presented a slide and film show on the Saturday evening at the Bala Mill Canoe Club, which incidentally is also the Bala Angling Club! If you ever have the chance to go to a lecture by Dave Manby go — I recommend it. The music, the film slides as well as the most dramatic canoeing films imaginable are greatly enhanced by Dave's curt and dramatic commentary. Dave turns the Tryweryn into a Suffolk duck pond!

Paddles Up — The BBC TV game is to be shown at the end of August — a must for every canoeist. If you are away get it videoed if at all possible.

JENNIFER MUNRO

RESULTS FROM AUGSBURG, GERMANY

There was an International Canoe Slalom at Augsburg, West Germany on June 16/17. **Men's Kayak:** 1st. Richard Fox, GB, 211.59 secs; 2nd. Lubos Hilgert, CZECH, 217.28 secs; 3rd. Peter Micheler, GER, 221.43 secs; 22nd. Melvyn Jones, GB; 33rd. Jim Dolan, GB; 52nd. Paul McConkey, GB; 62nd. Russ Smith, GB.

Ladies' Kayak: 1st. Marie Francoise Grange, FRA, 255.40 secs; 2nd. Gail Allen, GB, 272.51 secs; 3rd. Myrian Jerusalem, FRA, 282.79 secs; 7th. Elizabeth Sharman, GB, 290.93 secs; 14th. Sue Ward, GB, 314.89 secs; 16th. Karen Davies, GB; 17th. Jane Roderick, GB; 33rd. Clare Pallett, GB.

Canadian Singles: 1st. John Lugbill, USA, 249.45 secs; 2nd. David Hearn, USA,

259.83 secs; 3rd. Jean Sennelier, FRA, 261.12 secs; 6th. Bob Doman, GB, 271.63 secs; 16th. Peter Bell, GB; 20th. Martyn Hedges, GB, 297.90 secs; 23rd. Rob Black, GB; 28th. David Janes, GB.

Canadian Doubles: 1st. Mohout/Benes, CZECH, 280.34 secs; 2nd. Hajducik/Kucera, CZECH, 282.79 secs; 3rd. Saidi/Deltrey, FRA, 296.86 secs.

TEAM EVENT

Men's Kayak: 1st. YUG, 257.79 secs; 2nd. W.GER, 261.03 secs; 3rd. GB 'A', 262.66 secs; 11th. GB 'B'.

Ladies' Kayak: 1st. GB 'A', 350.80 secs; 2nd. FRA, 363.66 secs; 3rd. W.GER, 413.54 secs; 7th. GB 'B'.

Canadian Singles: 1st. USA, 304.18 secs; 2nd. YUG, 351.90 secs; 3rd FRA, 363.66 secs.

Canadian Doubles: 1st. CZECH, 363.31 secs; 2nd. W.GER, 384.17 secs; 3rd POL, 498.21 secs.

EUROPA CUP

The current points position with one competition to come as Bourg St. Maurice, France 21/22 July 1984.

Mens Kayak: Richard Fox (GB), 2 points, 1st; Anton Prijon (W. Germany), 8 points, 2nd; Christophe Prigent (France); 13 points, 3rd.

Ladies Kayak: Marie Grange (France), 2 points, 1st; Elizabeth Sharman (GB), 7 points, 2nd; Gabriele Schmid (W. Germany), 11 points, 3rd; Jane Roderick (GB), 14 points, 14th; Gail Allan (GB), 15 points, 15th.

Canadian Singles: John Lugbill (USA), 2 points, 1st; David Hearn (USA), 4 points, 2nd; Jean Sennelier (France), 12 points, 3rd.

Canadian Doubles: Hajducik/Kudera (Czech), 3 points, 1st; Saidi/Deltrey (France), 6 points, 3rd; Mohout/Benes (Czech), 7 points, 3rd.



C2 crews at Pre-Worlds Wild Water. Photos: Ian Macro.

TRADE NEWS

NEWS AND PREVIEW OF EQUIPMENT AND GEAR

MORE THAN JUST A SPORT

A new canoesport design from Mike Clark introduced as a T-shirt motif at the International Sprint Regatta at Holme Pierrepont in June was well accepted by paddlers — so much so that the first print run of T-shirts was a complete sellout, even the shocking pink!

The kayak motif comes from the Moscow Olympics, while the slogan — *CANOE, more than just a sport* is a little original thinking by Mike.

The design as illustrated and printed on a Hanes T-shirt is available at £3.90 including postage. Sizes are small (34/36) medium (38/40), and large (42/44), on Hanes basic 100% cotton T-shirts, motif printed red on white shirt or white on coloured shirt — colours available: Navy, Red, Fuschia, Light Blue, Kelly Green, Yellow and Black.

Hanes T-shirts are one of the very best quality T-shirts available from the U.S.A. They wash superbly, holding both shape and size (follow washing instructions), the cut is excellent and the sizes generous. Sizes are to fit adults, but junior sizes should be available shortly. Mike Clark should have shirts for sale at any of the future sprint events at Holme Pierrepont.

The design is also to be adapted for a sticker, both car and bumper and to be printed in three colours on white background. Priced at 45p per sticker. T-shirts and stickers from: *Decal designs, 19 Main Street, Hemington, Derby DE7 2RB.*

TRAINING SQUAD STICKER

The Olympic Training Squad sticker illustrated here — has been printed in two colours and supplied gratis of Decal Designs to all the Olympic Training Squad members. With original artwork by Mike Clark, the design is also available printed two colour on a white Hanes T-Shirt at £3.10 to Squad members.

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Eclipse Racing have recently introduced a new racing paddle produced by Lendal of Scotland. The paddles feature a new shaft (as originally conceived by Allan Bennett of Eclipse) made of carbon and glass fibre combination to give similar flexing properties to alloy. There are several reasons for this development. Carbon shafts are too rigid for most paddlers and the resulting jarring is probably responsible for many muscle and joint injuries. Glassfibre is a little too flexible and alloy, although universally accepted, is susceptible to corrosion and fatigue and are cold to the touch in winter. The semi-carbon shafts overcome all of these problems.

The new paddles are now available from Eclipse Racing along with Lendal's standard Powermaster and Canoe-Sport racing paddles.

Phone Allan Bennett on 0708-25637 or 0734 662672.

NEVER SAY DIE

'Never say Die' is the title of a film that demonstrates the danger which can come to an unsuspecting group of children when they visit the beach and use the sea.

When the leader's attention is distracted, one head-strong boy dashes into the sea, swims beyond his depth, tires and requires assistance. The leader swims to his rescue, but after a struggle both are apparently drowned and towed ashore by two holiday-makers.

After an attempt to resuscitate the victims the holidaymakers are on the point of giving up when a Doctor arrives. Taking charge of the situation he both advises and assists them in resuscitating the two apparently drowned victims.

Lifeguards are shown on patrol, rescue and resuscitation situations, demonstrating the rescue torpedo buoy, rescueboard and ski.



The film runs for 20-minutes and will be of interest to all local authorities, schools, clubs and organisations concerned with and for young people. Available on 16mm or VHS Cassette Film through: *Materia Medica Ltd, 103/109 Wardour Street, London W1V 2AU.* (Film £299.00: Cassette £35.00)

WHITewater POLYETHYLENE

Just arrived from France are the new and improved versions of the very successful Rocker 360 and 390 polyethylene kayaks. The 360 is a similar volume slalom style kayak which was recently tested at Augsburg by Shepperton Canoe Club members and found to be a very pleasant boat to paddle. The new version has a one piece seat and footrest moulding making it much stronger, the footrest can be adjusted from the cockpit, making it an ideal club boat.

The 390 is a much larger volume, touring style kayak which has much more directional stability than existing polyethylene craft. It too features the new seat and footrest arrangement.

The rear of the boats contain a large air bag for additional buoyancy and enables lots of camping kit etc to be carried if required.

Prices are £129 and £139 respectively including VAT and are available from the sole importer Whitewater Sport Shepperton Marina, Felix Lane, Shepperton, Middlesex TW17 8NJ. Tel: Walton on Thames (0932) Retail 247978 Trade 225988 Telex 291674. Trade enquiries are welcome from bona fide canoe retailers.

ISOKINETIC EXERCISE. WHAT IS IT?

Isokinetic exercise has been used by astronauts in Skylab, and by many of the world's best basketball players, high jumpers, swimmers, oarsmen, skiers, canoeists etc. The most likely reason why it has not helped many other sportsmen/women is because they have not used it yet!

The person using isokinetic equipment actually *creates* his/her own 'personalised' resistance with every movement made. The equipment:—

- 1) Accommodates to the force that is applied to it, so that the desired muscle fibre recruitment occurs in strong as well as in weak positions throughout the movement.
- 2) Delivers resistance at pre-set speeds. The latest, (electronic) equipment, trade named "*Biokinetic*" gives momentum-free programmed acceleration throughout a movement. All isokinetic equipment is momentum-free and this is important because there is evidence that the results of training are speed-specific. As most training aims to improve speed it follows that the majority of muscle conditioning for sport should be done at speed. If the resistance used for this fast training gains momentum as it is used, then its effectiveness is reduced as inertia is overcome. Further, there is risk of injury when heavy forces are being applied to initiate acceleration at the beginning of the movement.
- 3) Acts like a "*magic weight*" that ceases to exist when it is not wanted. This makes the equipment very safe to use and excellent for remedial work.
- 4) Similarly, as fatigue sets in, the resistance decreases progressively so that optimum exercise is taken throughout the period of exercise.

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pen recorder and/or computer so that

- a) a trace can be made of the pattern of the force applied.
- b) Measurements of force, work and power can be monitored, stored and processed.

These functions make it a wonderful tool for the exercise physiologist. For example, they have enabled them to discover that 'strength' as it has been measured traditionally (by measuring ability to overcome a heavy resistance) does not necessarily give the ability to exert force at speed that are useful in sport.

There is no doubt that this is the most efficient equipment for conditioning muscles. It is the way forward.

ANCIENT OLYMPICS AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM

The Sony Tape Guide to Who's Who in the Olympics was launched at the preview of a special exhibition of the Ancient Olympics being held at the British Museum.

Centrepiece of the display is a scale model of ancient Olympia with its sports complex and array of more than 40 temples, shrines and monuments. Around it are exhibited antiquities from the Museum's collections including vessels painted with scenes depicting field, track and equestrian events, combat sports and ancient athletic festivals including the Panathenaic Games at Athens. Bronze statues and other artefacts also illustrate the important religious and entertainment aspects of the festival.

Held in honour of Zeus, the games traditionally date from 776 BC. Contestants from all over the Greek world made their way to Olympia every four years to compete for a crown of wreaths from the sacred olive tree, the most prized athletic trophy of the classical world.

Thousands of spectators jostled to see famous athletes competing in the five day programme which, as well as sporting events such as chariot racing, wrestling, discus and javelin throwing included feasting, revelry and communal victory hymn singing. The climax was marked by a procession of victors to the Temple of Zeus where the crowning ceremony and celebration banquet took place.

The exhibition, promoted in association with Sony Tape, opened to the public on 18 May and continues until 2 September. Sony Tape will be running a competition during this time for schoolchildren visiting the exhibition with prizes of a Sony Walkman and tapes being offered.

VICTORINOX 1884-1984 — 100 YEARS OF THE 'SWISS ARMY KNIFE'

In 1884, Charles Elsener, grandfather of today's owner of Victorinox, established himself as a cutler and opened his business near the Tobel stream in the picturesque village of Ibach Schwyz which is in the heart of Switzerland. From small beginnings, he produced a few high quality knives for the local butchers each day.

Today, Victorinox has 800 employees, manufactures approximately 37,000 knives daily (both professional, domestic and pocket knives) and occupies modern purpose-built premises equipped with the most up-to-date technology only a few yards from the original workrooms. It is the largest industrial enterprise in the district of Schwyz and the largest cutlery manufacturer in Europe.

It was on Charles Elsener's initiative in 1890 that the Swiss Master Cutler's Association was founded, the aim being to produce a soldier's knife which the Swiss Army had until then imported from Germany. Today, Victorinox not only supplies the Swiss Army but also the German Armed Forces with their 'Army Knives'.

These forerunners of today's elegant and practical multi-purpose pocket knives proved to be such a success both at home and abroad, that the range was extended over the years so that now 98 different combinations have been introduced.

The universal success of the Victorinox pocket knives is largely due to their quality and price — they represent good value for money and function superbly. They are sold in over 90 countries. The largest customers are America and the West German Republic, where although they have a very large home production, still recognise the Swiss Cross as a sign of quality. Britain represents the third largest export market for Victorinox pocket knives and the market is growing every year.

World famous British climbers such as Chris Bonnington and Doug Scott insist on Victorinox Swiss Army knives as essential equipment when attempting expeditions to the Himalayas and they have been used on most major climbing and exploration expeditions.

The knife also has special appeal for pilots. When Francis Gary Powers, the pilot of the American U-2-Observation plane was shot down over Russia in 1960, the Russians publicised all the secret articles which were found on him — amongst them — a small red knife. However, one of the finest accolades to be given to the Swiss

Army knife was to be ordered by the American Space Agency as standard equipment for the Space Shuttle programme — so not only is the knife top of the world — it is also out of this world!!

1984 sees the culmination of 100 years of quality and design by Victorinox and the Company looks forward to the next centenary with enthusiastic optimism.

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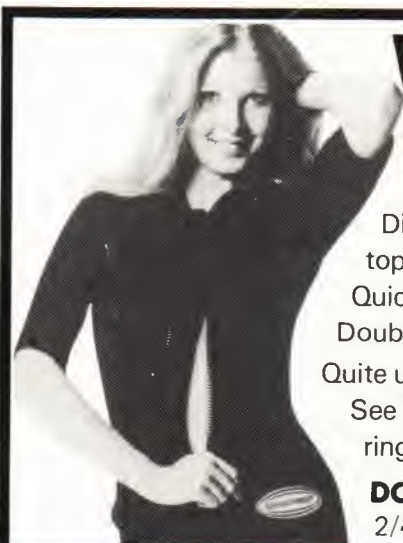
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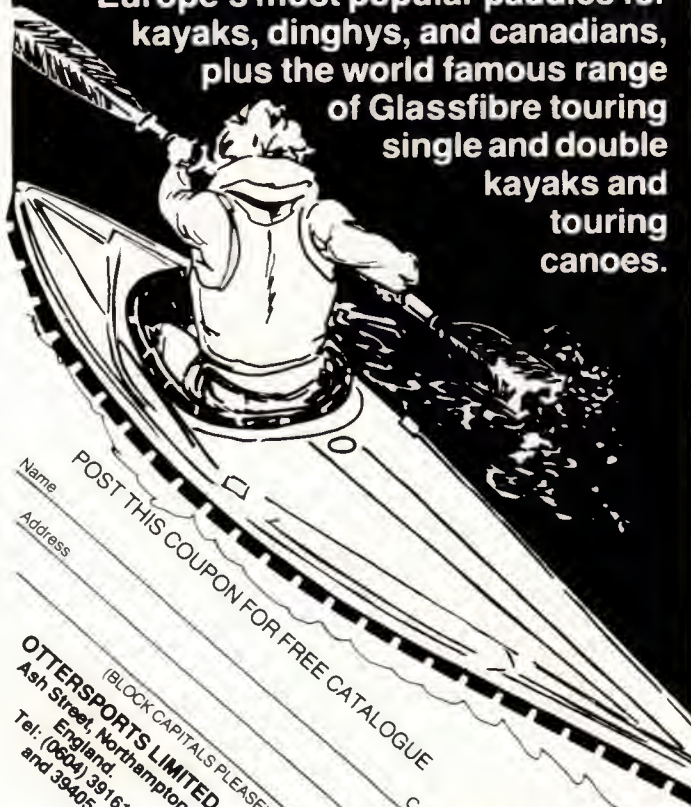
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