



Crosscurrents

"CHANGES ARE COMING"

There's been many exciting things going on since the last newsletter. We now have some new officers and board members to welcome. WRPC's new president is Skip Johnson who has been instrumental in working with the City in negotiations for the Boneyard building. We're still optimistic that WRPC will eventually be able to lease this great building! Both Kyle Flick, our new vice-president, and WRPC's treasurer Larry Tobiska are busy working with "the experts" to develop written policies which will form the backbone for how we operate in the future. Larry is also busy investigating what type of insurance needs we might have in the future and how best to address these needs. Stacie Hoiland graciously came back again this year to serve as secretary.

Two board members rotated out and WRPC's two new board members are Kim George and Wolf Mueller. Welcome!

WRPC has a new web site manager, Vitek Siroky. Vitek is a computer guru as well as an excellent photographer. He's already posted pictures on our web site of the New Years Day Paddle. Check it out! Everyone enjoyed themselves on the river as well as the hot chocolate afterwards. And yes, it was snowing hard, the temperature was 29 degrees, and one member even managed to take an unexpected swim. (Vitek did not, however, post those pictures on the web site.)

Tom Feil is very busy right now. Tom is either a leader or member of at least three different committees and is working hard to make sure WRPC is ready for the changes we're hoping for in the future. We would like to hit the ground running! If we are fortunate enough to be able to lease the Boneyard from the City, existing boathouse storage policies will be significantly impacted. The Board is currently considering different boat storage proposals that Tom and his committee have developed.

And Ron Johnston-Rodriguez, a relative newcomer to WRPC meetings, has a wealth of ideas and experience he is contributing. Who knows where his unflagging enthusiasm will take us? It's quite exciting! Ron's Great Columbia Water Trail program dovetails nicely with many of WRPC's activities.



A REALLY BIG DEAL -- The Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club and the Cascade Canoe and Kayak Club have agreed to become mentors to WRPC. The possibilities here are endless. They will generously share their expertise with us as we become larger and more complex. They'll be joining us for some of our competitive events. The next newsletter will contain WRPC's annual Calendar of Events and will provide more details.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on January 14 at 7 p.m. at the Log Cabin. (Corner of Second and Chelan) Everybody is welcomed with open arms. Come and see what all the excitement is about!

Jr. Ridge to River

WRPC is now "the" authority for the paddling leg of Jr. Ridge to River! And WRPC now owns outright the 30 youth-sized kayaks used in the race! This is a great public relations opportunity for our club to serve the community.

Volunteers are needed in kayaks and also standing in the water on both the evening of April 3 (racer training) and on April 4 for the actual race. We will also offer a training session on March 28.

Please consider volunteering during one of these three dates (3/28, 4/3, 4/4). You may contact Mike Bills, Jr. R2R team leader, at agua1@nwi.net.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

Enclosed in this newsletter is the annual membership renewal. Renewals are due on or before January 31. If you pay before January 31, please pay the old rate of \$50 for an individual or \$75 for a family. (New memberships also need to pay the initial one-time fee of \$100.) As of January 31, 2009, rates will increase by \$25. An individual sending in their renewal after January 31 would need to pay \$75. A family sending in their renewal after January 31 should pay \$100.)

These renewal applications are also available on the WRPC web site.



DONATIONS

You can help WRPC and maybe help yourself at the same time by making a special donation. The Club is going to need additional resources to improve the new (used) building we hope to have early this year in order to serve as many boaters as possible. Your special donation will qualify as a tax deductible donation because WRPC is a qualified IRC 501(c)(3) organization.

Anybody?

Cash contributions can be made to the "Wenatchee Row and Paddle Club" and sent to Larry Tobiska, Treasurer, 1618 Central Avenue, Wenatchee WA 98801. An appropriate receipt will be mailed to you.

Thank you for your special contribution!!

WENATCHEE ROW AND PADDLE CLUB
2009 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL AND AGREEMENT
WENATCHEE ROW AND PADDLE CLUB DUES AND FEES POLICY ...
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>>> for both, see menu on the left, "Membership Form"

A Recent Seattle Trip

This email from President Skip Johnson gives a flavor of just some of the pieces that are swirling around and coming together for WRPC . . .

Sunday Nov. 9, 2008 (6: am – 6: pm)

Making the trip to Seattle along with me were - Bob Derry, Tom Feil, Shaun Koos and Linda Stephen.

Here is a brief recap of a very informative trip:



Meetings were with both the Seattle Canoe and Kayak Club (SCKC) and the Cascade Canoe and Kayak Club, to discuss storage systems and joint club opportunities.

First, however, our contingent finished The SCKC 10K Frostbite Regatta on Green Lake. Notably, Shaun teamed with Jordan Malloch, the incoming president of SCKC, as his OC-2 partner. I paddled with their past president, David Bobanick. (David and I provided Shaun and the new Pres with a win for PR purposes) Tom Feil and Linda Stephan displayed their proven SS-2 skills as top finishers in a field of 50 or so boats. Our presence, greeted warmly by all, did provide some extra good will for WRPC.

After the race, our entire group met with the SCKC youth team coach - Asim along with other members to discuss the essence of developing a broader paddling community and a competitive team. Insights: (Bob Derry hates not racing)

Basic Program elements and suggestions were:

- Organize Bantam programs for introduction to paddling; ages 8 to 11.
- Compulsory skill set required to become a team member.
- Team Recruitment by ages 11 & 12 necessary for skill development to reach National level competitiveness.
- Equipment mix recommended for developing a team whether it be kayak, canoe or shell are: Singles, Doubles and Four-person.
- This mix of equipment is utilized for paddlers wanting to reach their full potential.

Attached are pictures of the two Cascade Canoe facilities Renton and Bellevue, showing their various storage methods.

The Cascade Club has sales and rental programs along with the team boats.

Dan Henderson, the owner of Cascade Canoe is a very active coach. He works with his in-house kids, Seattle Pacific University and the UW. He is also working to develop a weeklong summer Camp at the Lake Wenatchee YMCA Camp for July of '09 that we can piggy back onto.

The coach of SCKC is also a Seattle Parks Dept. Employee. He seems to have great membership support as he combines Parks and SCKC programs to keep as many kids going as possible.



We now have two terrific entities from which to draw information and support. Both are looking forward to having their kids and members come to Wenatchee next summer for a Regatta to inaugurate our new boathouse and to help encourage greater paddling awareness here in the Wenatchee valley.

This is wonderful history in the making.

Bill Davies is a long-time club member and is looking for a clipper tripper style canoe. 630-0268.

Who ya gonna call??

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