



Crosscurrents

Board Meeting

WRPC's next board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Log Cabin, corner of Second and Chelan, on Wednesday, November 18. Everyone is invited. Year-round Paddling

Mid-week Paddle

This past summer a group of paddlers began meeting up on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for a leisurely paddle on the river. The idea started with a request from a new WRPC club member for some guidance in becoming familiar and comfortable with paddling and it grew from there. Though participation has dwindled with the change of the season, three of us plan to continue with this weekly event year round. We would like to extend an open invitation to any interested members. It is a great opportunity for a social paddle or to gain a level of confidence in the company of more experienced paddlers. For more information, please contact Kim George at kgeorge50@charter.net or (509) 782-1193, or Yvette Downs-Matson, phone (509) 782-4440.

A Club Double Rowing Shell!

Alden is a longtime East Coast company and their boats are seen here on the West Coast too. They are well built, sturdy, and yet quite lightweight. Malcolm and I purchased the boat seven years ago, planning to car top carry it to many bodies of water. Despite winds that can quickly come up, the Alden's stability makes it fun to row anywhere with no worry of tipping.

We used the boat on the San Francisco Bay, launching it at the Berekely Marina. How exciting to see the San Francisco skyline from the Bay and be almost in the middle of the city rowing away in a double 18-foot rowing shell!

Yaquina Bay in Newport, Oregon, was a great place to row going out under the bridge toward the ocean, or up the river to Toledo. Many happy days



were spent dodging crab boats and pots and watching Pelicans dive for fish all around the boat Bay seals and sea lions kept us company!

The Columbia River has been a wonderful body of water to row on too, with the change of seasons, beautiful colors, and even through snow and ice. I am so glad the Alden has found a good, safe and loving home.

Thank you, Loraine and Karl, for helping me get the boat cleaned up, into the Annex, and ready to row! Please remember that the knobs that hold the rocker arms should be stored in the red pouch found in the small hatch. Happy rowing!

- Kathleen Jackson

Lindstrom Barn Boat Storage

With the Annex now a reality, boat storage is available for all WRPC members. Accordingly, boat storage in the Lindstrom Barn can now be more specialized and focused. At the beginning of this year, six categories were identified and prioritized for placement in the Lindstrom Barn.

- (1) Members who have a severe, permanent disability will receive first placement priority.
- (2) Knights of the Rack. Two members have earned this distinction.
- (3) Club boats that are frequently used will be third in line for placement in the Lindstrom Barn.
- (4) One space will be set aside for the current president of WRPC.
- (5) Members who are 70 or older. (Please contact Tom Feil if you fit into this category.)
- (6) Frequent Users, as evidenced by the number of sign-outs. Throughout 2009, updated tallies of member usage have variously been posted in the Lindstrom Barn, emailed to members, and/or published in the newsletter.

Tom Feil will be contacting members prior to the new year to finalize boat placement in the Lindstrom Barn.



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The primary focus for WRPC in the coming year will be landscaping and building improvements—a huge undertaking!

Three roll-up doors have been installed on the Annex building.

Meetings are underway discussing formation of a youth rowing group.

The Lyden Tree parking lot is anticipated to open back up this week after parking stripes are completed.

The Jr. Ridge to River Race is on for 2010.

WRPC had approximately \$5,000 in additional revenue this year from increased membership.

Tom Feil was elected a Knight of the Rack!

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