



Crosscurrents

The President's Point of View

Our club's board is as committed and hard-working as ever. This energy is driving maintenance, repair, renovation, new programs, current activities and long range planning ... Phew!! That is a list. I encourage everyone to reach out and provide your input in these areas to any of us on the board. We need to know how we are doing for you and your expectations. So please, keep in touch through any means. Our contact information is in this letter or on our website. Here is a recap of some specific activities and accomplishments we have been engaged in this Spring.

Trail Repair: (Definitely our most intense project so far.) This repair became necessary due to erosion from an irrigation line that undermined a 12'x12' section halfway between the Old Barn and the dock.

With the after hours direction of Mike Kaputa and Alan Schmidt we were able to determine an initial price tag (\$4,500). That certainly led to evaluating club resources. The PUD would only provide permission for us to repair the trail. However, a remarkable opportunity immediately presented itself through the Community Foundation of North Central Washington. Their manager, Beth Stipe, and I sat down to explore how WRPC may fit into one of their programs. After we submitted an application and had a Foundation review, low and behold our request for funding the trail repair was granted.

I have lost track of how many times I have given thanks and recognized them for their gift to WRPC. (I encourage all of you to gratefully acknowledge them and their board whenever possible.)

Next, Mike K. and Alan S. went back to work designing the repair and securing the various agency permits i.e. Army Corps, Dept. of Fisheries, Chelan County PUD, and the City of Wenatchee.

From that point, Tom Feil and his running partner Brandon Hoagland took the project by the reins. Brandon became the construction manager. He and Tom organized the machinery, operators, material and volunteers to remove, relocate, repair and replace the trail. A key component to the quality of the finished project was the assistance by the City of Wenatchee.



We are very fortunate to have such a positive working relationship with them. Other hard working members and friends involved were: Bob Derry, Wolf Mueller, Ron Spurgosei, Larry Tobiska and Ben (our newest member).

Special thanks go out to business supporters: Apple Valley Lumber, J & K Earthworks, Selland Construction, Star Rentals, and Valley Tractor.

Another Very Special Thank You To: The Community Foundation of NCW.

Rowing Activities: With the tireless direction of David Bentsen and key assistance from Kathryn Stevens, Sarah Grim and Jim Dahl, many hours in the 4+ and 8+'s have already been enjoyed this spring. The arrival of a chase boat and a set of eight additional oars have helped make things even better. David, Sarah and Kathryn are working hard to organize a junior rowing Summer Camp for August 9 thru 13. The City Parks Department will be helping with registration and providing information. If you know someone aged 14-18 who is interested in participating, download the registration form here: <http://www.wenatcheewa.gov/Index.aspx?page=220#Summer1>

Weekend on the River: June 18, 19, 20 This was a new event that we participated in with the Chelan County Port District and the Greater Columbia River Water Trails.

This water trail awareness event showcased upper Lake Entiat near Wells Dam. The Rio Vista Winery hosted a superb BBQ dinner catered by 'Country Boy's in Cashmere, and offered a chance to taste their wonderful wine on the lawn next to the river on Friday evening. Saturday at 10:30 Ray Folz, the Chelan County Marine Patrol, escorted our fleet of kayaks and outriggers for a two hour paddle from the winery to Chelan Falls Park.

Sunday we paddled from Confluence State Park to our dock where Ron Johnston-Rodriquez and Aimee Pope, from the Chelan County Port District, along with the Washington Water Trails folks set up an exhibit for our open house. Adam from Leavenworth Mountain Sports also demonstrated his stand up paddleboards along with interested attendees. (I think the club needs one of these.) Enough for now; we have plenty of additional exciting activities that will be fun to talk about in our next letter.

Until then, stay active, keep paddling and rowing and stay tuned for more.

Wishing everyone a dynamic summer,

-Skip Johnson



Mid-week Paddle Update

The mid-week paddle group is currently meeting on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 for a weekly outing on the river and everyone is welcome. Regulars are Kathleen Jackson, Virginia Rutherford, Stacey Hoiland, Yvette Downs and Kim George. Evelyn Peters is out for awhile, but we all look forward to having her back with us as soon as possible. This is a nice opportunity for beginners to get on the water in a group as we will structure the paddle to your needs. We usually launch at our dock but throughout the summer we plan to occasionally load up our boats and head out of town for experiences on different bodies of water, such as Lake Wenatchee, Lake Chelan and other portions of the Columbia. Questions? **Contact Kim George at 679-6247 or Yvette Downs at 782-4440.**

-Kim George



From left: Virginia Rutherford, Stacey Hoiland, Kathleen Jackson, Kim George and Yvette Downs-Matson.



Rowing News

Learn-to-Row: On April 10, 2010, the rowers of WRPC hosted our inaugural "Learn-to-Row" as our club's first open house of the year. Participants learned basic rowing terminology, jumped on ergs to practice the stroke and carried the rowing shells between the Annex and the dock. Thereafter, participants jumped in the boat and took their first strokes on the water. Special thanks to Jim Dahl, Kathryn Stevens and Sarah Grim for their efforts preparing for and facilitating this event.

Summer Rowing Camp: From August 9 through 13 WRPC will conduct a summer rowing camp for junior rowers ages 14-18. This camp will be open to club and community members. The tentative schedule is for daily sessions from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Please see: <http://www.wenatcheewa.gov/Index.aspx?page=220#Summer1> (halfway down) to download the registration form. The camp is part of WRPC's ongoing effort to develop a juniors rowing team in the greater Wenatchee region.

Interested in Learning to Row? All Club members are invited to join us the first Saturday each month at 7:00 a.m. for an introduction to the basics of sweep rowing. If you have any questions contact David at bentsendj@gmail.com

-David Bentsen





Hey!! Why doesn't this boat work right?

So, the other day I was going to use one of the rowing shells and discovered that the seat was not in the boat. In fact it was not in the boathouse anywhere I could find it!

What happened to that seat? It cost our club, i.e. to say you, as a member, part of the approximately \$140.00 to replace it. Surely someone knew they lost it, took it or broke it. Who was that?

We all enjoy access to a lot of boats that would not be available to us except for the cooperation we share in making the "club" possible. This implies a duty of good stewardship towards the equipment and facilities that have been made available to us through a lot of effort over the years.

Please help take care of the boats and equipment. Don't run a boat up on the shore unless it is made for it. Help pick up and clean up.

If you damage something, please report it to a board member and make arrangements to repair it if you can. Tom Feil is the person to check with about repairs of the small boats and David Bentsen as to the large rowing shells. We have a policy that the club will share in the cost of repairs and replacements but the person causing the problem shares as well.

If you see a problem please report it so we can get it taken care of before someone needs that equipment and finds it is not available or gets in a situation where its usage will be unsafe.

-Larry Tobiska

Volunteer Corner

On May 22nd, WRPC hosted the water leg of Junior Ridge to River. The event took place in the lagoon at Walla Walla Park, where all the legs take place. This is a great opportunity for WRPC members to share their kayaking expertise with the youth of the valley. WRPC purchased the small kayaks from Junior Ridge to River, and became the sponsor of this leg of the race. As the adult race has faded away, the Junior race continues to grow. It's very rewarding helping the kids participate in their race.



This year the weather was less than perfect; we had high winds which whipped many of us into adventure with both feet.

Many club members helped out that morning including: Skip Johnson, Kim George, Sarah Grim, Bob Derry, Larry Tobiska and George Gilhuly. Several non-club members helped too, including; Ken Heinle, Rich Buckingham, Ed Baugh, Dale Jones, Scott Kreiter, and several Wenatchee High School student volunteers. WRPC also ran two practice sessions, and many other club members helped with those, including Linda Stephan. If you're interested in helping out next year in this wonderful community outreach activity, please let a board member know that you're interested in volunteering.

-Mike Bills

New Look for the Boathouse Annex!!!

The boathouse annex will soon take on a whole new "nautical look"!!! With the help of Paul Goss, the building will soon be painted a bold new color, "Yacht Club Blue". The doors and the trim will contrast in "Clean White". Each of the three side doors will have large, white numbers above. To also upgrade the building in appearance and function, several light fixtures will be attached to the outside perimeter of the building. The style of the lighting will be similar to the style used in the new Riverside Drive lighting posts.

Our always "on call" handyman Bob Derry has improved the function of the large front door as well as providing trim for the side doors. The ramps to these doors have also recently been paved. We are excited for this step in the ongoing project of this property!!!

-Linda Stephan



Upcoming Events

7/17-Spanish Castle Paddle-contact **Wolf Mueller**-884-3160,
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7/24-Bridge and Back-contact **Larry Tobiska**-662-3209,
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8/7-Paddle, Picnic and Poker Run-This first-time event has many options. Paddle or row the course for fun, participate in the poker run with designated stops to pick up cards, or just show up and visit over a potluck lunch. Bring the family. Hamburgers and beverages will be provided by the club. Please bring a potluck dish to share. Lunch will begin at approximately 11:30. Best poker hand wins a pie from Anjou Bakery. Event starts at 10:00 at the Barn. Contact **Kim George**-679-6247, kgeorge50@charter.netVersion:1.0

Gear for Sale or Trade

This is the place to post ads for any equipment you are trying to move. Send a description and contact information to kgeorge50@charter.net. Pictures can also be included.

Lost and Found

Missing something? Polka dot flip flops, a pair of earrings, a t-shirt or a swim fin? Check the lost and found tub located in the lower level of the Barn. Items that go unclaimed will periodically be donated to a local charity.



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