



August 2008



Club meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month

President's Message

Another Okanagan summer is waning; however, fall brings bright days, cool nights, and wonderful paddling, camping and outdoor playtime. The spring / summer season events were well attended by both new and old (oops – umm - long term) members eager to improve their skills and enjoy the fellowship of KCKC membership. The Executive is happy to see the levels of participation – we are pleased you appreciate our efforts.



Note this date ... The **Annual General Meeting** is Friday, October 17th. Plan on attending, socialize with fellow members, enjoy a dinner paid by your club and be involved in this most important meeting.

Planning has started for 2009 – focusing on communication, more education at all levels of paddling (both kayak and canoe) and other outdoor skills. Your club directors meet regularly to plan , interesting educational sessions, fun-filled major events and various trips each year. The AGM is the opportunity, by allowing your name to stand for office, whereby you can help guide the future of KCKC. Many hands make light work so consider joining the executive, get involved with the club and have some fun. Your new ideas and enthusiasm are welcome. Information on the duties / responsibilities of the positions to be

elected will be available at the September General meeting or feel free to contact any member of the executive with your questions. If you wish to join the executive, Loretta Wittur will be accepting names for the positions to be elected prior to nominations at the AGM. Contact her at lwittur@telus.net

Of course, another way to contribute to your club is to volunteer some time to be a committee member and / or help out at events. If I may be allowed to paraphrase JFK ... “Ask not what your Club can do for you but what you can do for your Club”

The **Annual Christmas Party** will be on December 12, and The **Annual KCKC Curling Evening** will be held during the Holiday season – more info to follow.

Ron



Eddytors Comments

Remember to pick up your membership card from Loretta, if you haven't yet, so that you can get discounts from our corporate members. Thanks to all of you that have been sending in your pictures and stories. You've been great — keep them coming! Be safe — have fun!

Doris

Daytripper's Delight

Submitted by Mike Fairfield

I decided to treat myself for my birthday by taking in a Sunday paddle at McCulloch. This is the generic name for the McCulloch Reservoir and Hydraulic Lake in particular. The Reservoir itself consists of a group of lakes including Hydraulic, Haynes and Minnow. It is located about 45 minutes out of Rutland up Highway 33. The turnoff is 6 kilometres past the Big White turn-off and is clearly marked. About 3½ km of good gravel brings you to a road from the left with a sign identifying a Forestry campsite. Drive up that road and right through the campground and on to the end of the lake, where it is easy to get to the water's edge. This is the easiest place to launch.

When I arrived at the MacDonald's parking lot, no other kayaks were in sight. Within a few minutes, Rene Watson arrived. We waited an extra 15 minutes, but no one else showed up. We transferred Rene's boat and gear to my car and set off. A sign at the forestry road promised a fishing derby, but, as usual, there were not many motorboats. The water was higher than I'd ever seen.

We launched onto calm, tea-coloured waters and wound our way around the outside of Hydraulic Lake, past islands large and small. At the northwest corner of the lake, we entered the long bay that features the main feeder creek that brings the spring runoff to add to the annual 7-foot rise in lake level. The lower parts of the creek normally follow a winding course through grassy flats now covered in water. Our route today was much more direct. It took a while, but eventually we started to notice signs of increasing current as we drew closer to the rapids of the feeder. Past the old beaver lodge and around two more bends and we had gone as far as we could. At its strongest, the current was well within the abilities of novice paddlers. A good bow rudder comes in handy for turning a sea kayak around the tight bends of the upper creek.



Just north of the mouth of the bay, we went ashore and took a look at Waterlily Lake, a beautiful pond held up by a beaver-maintained earth dam at the edge of the main lake. A leisurely lunch next to a trickling creek flowing from Urn Lake had us ready for the second half of the paddle.

Continuing around the lake, we passed some islands that will be peninsulas toward fall and on to the main dam. Heading back to the south took us past the lodge and on to the original floating island. Consisting of plants growing in a thick mat and anchored to the bottom by long roots, these islands are the source of peat. If you can get up to a speed of at least 9 km/h, your sea kayak will slide up onto the rock-free surface and stop with the cockpit completely over the semi-solid, if somewhat soggy mass. Getting back onto the water is best accomplished by separating your paddle into two pieces and pushing back.

In all, we covered just over 12 kilometres. By poking into every bay around the lake, you



can push that to 17 km or more. Be aware that bears are sometimes found on the larger islands, so follow standard bear-aware procedures if you want to explore.

As we were starting our circumnavigation of the lake, we exchanged greetings with some folks out fishing. Rounding the next curve, we were suddenly cut off from even the low putting of their trolling motor, to be left with glorious silence. Many times during our paddle, we just drifted and soaked up the peace of that setting. If you've never experienced that kind of silence, plan a day trip up to McCulloch. Pack a lunch and take a camera. Every trip is different. I've never had a bad one. From otter family portraits to photos of bear, deer and lynx, full moon rising on night-darkened glass and even a swimming moose - twice, the variety is endless. You owe it to yourself to experience this daytripper's delight.



Mike Fairfield
June 15, 2008



Club Owned Boat Policies

KCKC boats are to be used for education and club-sanctioned events only. Members are required to share boats with other members as needed.

Safety & Responsibility

Any person wishing to use KCKC boats must:

Be a member in good standing

Wear an approved PDF (life jacket)

Sign an equipment/boat check in/out sheet

Sign an agreement making them responsible for damage and/or loss of boat and/or equipment.

Priority Usage

First priority will be for KCKC sponsored events.

Second priority will be for KCKC sanctioned paddles.

Boats will be made available by a team of volunteers and be ready for use on a first come-first serve basis.

Security

Boats and trailer will be kept in a secure storage approved by the directorate.

During any event, KCKC boats will be kept in a separate area to maintain control of club-owned equipment.

Maintenance Fee

\$10.00 per event, course or pool session, paid in advance (KCKC may forgo this fee for events where the boats are to be used for demonstration purposes).

KCKC will reimburse members (on a per kilometer basis) who use personal vehicles to tow the trailer to events.

Out-of-Town Usage

User must:

Be a KCKC member in good standing

Sign a declaration that they have taken safety courses in wet exits, self rescue and assisted rescues.

Have the appropriate vehicle/equipment to transport the boat safely (compliance to be determined by the compound key holder at time of boat/equipment pick-up).

Provide a damage deposit of \$250.00 at the time of booking (deposit will be deposited into KCKC account and balance returned after check-in).

User Fee

Pick-up and return of boat/equipment to compound — \$20.00.

Daily usage of boat/equipment — \$20.00

Paddle Schedule

Wednesday Evening Paddles

TIME	DATE	PLACE
(on the water - ready to go)		
6 PM	3-Sep	Rotary Beach
6 PM	10-Sep	Turtle Bay (windup)

Sunday Paddles

10:30 AM	7-Sep	Sutherland Park
MacDonald's Rutland 7:30 AM	14-Sep	Enderby Shuswap River
10:30 AM	21-Sep	Oyama (across from Community Hall)
10:30 AM	28-Sep	Rotary Beach

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Kettle Valley Trip

Submitted by Randy Spiess

It was the evening of July 4th & 14 of us and 2 dogs turned up at the Canyon Creek forestry campsite in the Christian Valley for a paddle down the Kettle River. Terry Miles had generously volunteered to lead a novice, moving water canoe trip so the bunch of us were keen to learn &/or polish up our paddling skills.

We had a pleasant but somewhat bug-filled evening at the site, with only a few stove glitches & a short rain shower to throw in some wrinkles. (You know that admonition to check your gear before you leave home? It's a good one). We woke the next morning to, happily, a pleasant, warm, sunny day and went through the morning routine of breakfasts, where Heather learned the hazards of leaving your food too close to the ground when there are dogs around, and the first day confusion of what goes in what bags and how does it all fit in the boat. The cars got shuttled to the take out (one disadvantage to river trips — too much driving back & forth) and after some basic instruction and ground rules about river etiquette and safety from Terry we were on the river by late morning. The Kettle was relatively low at that time so it wasn't very pushy and the hazards were few but you did have to be aware of the rocks in the shallows and the occasional sweeper or log jam. The day went by mostly uneventfully, other than a couple of incidents where Cornelia's dog, Jasper, who has a little trouble relaxing in the boat, ended up going for a couple of long swims after his balancing act



of standing on the gunwales at the bow failed and another when yours truly just about capsized us on a dead head after some miscalculation of boat speed. Through the day everyone practiced the various paddle strokes and manoeuvres in and out of eddies, etc. For those who have never paddled on moving water, the boat response is quite different than flat water paddling and you have to be aware of leaning the boat into turns to accommodate the currents in the water.

That afternoon we found a pleasant gravel bar to set up camp on and proceeded to have a lovely evening filled with appies, beverages and good camp grub around the camp fire. One of the advantages to canoes over kayaks is their volume, so the coolers and lawn chairs that came along made for a pretty cushy camp.

The next morning was a repeat of the first with a little less confusion on how to pack the boats. After Terry showed off his skills with an outback oven by making us brownies and cinnamon buns, we again set out on the river. It was another lovely and uneventful day with some paddling, some floating, a little bit of wild life and nice scenery. I tortured Brenda by making her paddle in the stern, which takes a little more steering and stroke skills than the front. By early afternoon we were at the take out at Kettle River Provincial park just north of Rock Creek. I think everyone learned a little bit and had an enjoyable time and I would like to thank Terry for volunteering his time and expertise to help out us rookies. If you want to see more pictures of the trip, go to:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/kcknewsletter/KettleRiverCanoe72008>.



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