



Bradford & Bingley
canoe club



Newsletter June 2009

Welcome to the June Newsletter.

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who helped make the slalom a success notwithstanding the rain we had. I would also like to thank those who came down to help but found everything taken care off, sorry I didn't get chance to speak to you.

Club Sessions – River Trips

All Thursday night club sessions are running well but we do need more wanabee coaches to volunteer to help at sessions to take some of the pressure of Tony, Scott and Neill. River levels have been pretty low recently due to lack of rain.

Session 1 - 5- 6pm - Division 1 2 3 ish junior paddlers - see Tony

Session 2 - 6 - 7pm - Junior novices - see Tony

Session 3- 7 - 8pm – All club members – see Wendy

Tony and Scott are doing they're best to keep things going but if there are problems due to illness, too much rain or lack of numbers Tony will contact you. For this all to work it is important that they know whether you are coming or not so all juniors please text Tony on 07887 885011 no later than 9 pm on the Wednesday evening to confirm. Some of the sessions will be run by one coach and they cannot exceed a ratio of 1 to 8 so they may be limited spaces available on the second session - first come, first served! Please do not turn up unannounced.

Tony will continue to co-ordinate sessions 1 & 2.

For the open club sessions (session 3) and you're a beginner, adult or not part of the junior section and you want to paddle on a Thursday night, text Wendy on 07786 443631 or email her on acuwoo@fsmail.net with a bit of notice, and she will advise on water levels and ask for a coach or other competent paddler to look after you.

Wendy has also started a slalom training session on a fortnightly basis for adults (and older juniors by invitation)

Wendy has agreed to organise the harder river trips and to take part in these you must be an experienced paddler.

The Tryweryn's releasing on Saturday 30th with 9 bouncing cumecs of frothing white water. Anyone want to go for a paddle - the Chipper to Bala.

Replies to acuwoo@fsmail.net or 07786 443631

Anyone interested in taking part in any river trip please let Wendy, Eamon and myself know and which is your preferred day

acuwoo@fsmail.net

bradbingcanoe@gmx.com

Slalom

Now that the slalom season has started, club members are once again out and about competing. If anyone goes to a competition please send me a little report which tell me who was where and what positions they came along with something about weather and river levels, thanks

Tully at Easter we were represented by Rick Booth, Colin Shackleton, Beth Latham and Emma Taylor. Emma and Beth taking part on behalf of England in the Pan Celtic.

Cas Rix went to Oughtibridge and also to Marple.

Laura and Emma Kirkbright went down to Cardington

Well done to all who have taken part in recent slaloms. We are also having a bit of infighting between our fun C2 teams, we now have Rick and Emma K against Rick and Laura K against Colin and Wendy.

Open Meeting –

We are having a open committee meeting on Thursday 2nd July so if there is anything you would like discussing please plan to come along and air your views, 8pm in the sports club.

Other News –

Working Party Days.

We have arranged 4 working party days over the year where we get together over a weekend, Saturday or Sunday, to keep the site tidy, ie clean the gutters, cut the grass and do the gardens etc.

The weekend of 11th – 12th July is the next working weekend. All comers are welcome, bring wellies, spades and anything else.

Club Clothing.

I have been looking at the cost of club clothing, Mike Latham very kindly did this for us a few years ago. We need a minimum order of 20 items to get free embroidery. The website to look at is www.banana-moon-clothing.co.uk. Items range from Polo's, Hoodies, Zoodies etc with prices from £8.50 for children and £11.50 for adults.

If anyone is interested please see me and I will see what sort of deal we can do.

Summer Trips – Abbey Rapids

Tony and Wendy are planning to take some of the juniors up to Abbey Rapids at Barnard Castle for a slalom in mid July so anyone interested in that please speak to them, camping will be available or just go for the day.

Summer Trips - Tully

We are also starting to think about the summer trips. I am planning on organising Fairnilee/Tully for end of August so anyone going please let me know so that I can get camping booked for us and maybe arrange to take club trailer with spare boats for having fun in. There is a chance that we could go up Thursday so that the slalomists can have a practise on the Friday, the Fairnilee event normally starts Saturday lunchtime to give people chance to get there. Camping is in a field with similar facilities to those we provide. This trip is not just for those going to the slaloms but can be combined with some river trips on different waters.

Coaching (from Niell)

Scott is happy to have some Coaches running sessions on Thursday under his supervision. This is to all our L1s and aspirant coaches advantage. We are hoping to get a rota system in place so that all wannabe coaches get the experience needed to move to the next level. If you can volunteer to help with some of our Thursday sessions even if only once a month this will help you progress to the next stage

The club is struggling for coaches and regarding our existing senior coaches the club needs the ability to take some pressure off them. To that view Neill would like to push some coach development as one of the main parts of the programme this year. Part of that is getting the experience of running sessions under our belts. He'd like all of us to run some sessions and to look at moving forwards with further coaching qualifications when you feel comfortable.

Tony and Scott have starting Thursday Sessions again and Neill would like this to be the start of the development process for at least some of you. If you want to take some of these sessions please let Neill know and he'll set out a calendar. If no-one contacts him he'll start chasing you individually (You've been warned)

Moving forwards with qualifications - there is usually club funding available for this and I'll speak to Wendy nicely when people feel in a position to take a course. Neill

New Funding

To all under 19's we would like you to possibly apply for funding so would like at some time to get you together to find out your views and fill in forms. Who would like to be part of this funding initiative? Please let me know and we will set up a meeting. Tony has agreed to talk to the juniors about this and we are hoping that Jez will advise as he knows what it is all about. (sorry Jez you got volunteered). This funding is for juniors and is to be put together by juniors and is awarded by juniors so it is in your interests to get together to apply.

The new web site is up and running and has been for a while. There is a discussion page so anyone who would like to comment please do also what sort of things do you want on there? Summer Trips - Tully We are also starting to think about the summer trips. I am planning on organising Fairnilee/Tully for end of August so anyone going please let me know so that I can get camping booked for us and maybe arrange to take club trailer with spare boats for having fun in. There is a chance that we could go up Thursday so that the slalomists can have a practise on the Friday, the Fairnilee event normally starts Saturday lunchtime to give people chance to get there. Camping is in a field with similar facilities to those we provide. This trip is not just for those going to the slaloms but can be combined with some river trips on different waters.

Important – please can we all remember that if you are on the water at the club and there is no-one in the store the roller doors and personnel door must be locked

If you use club equipment please also remember to sign it out and back in, the book is on the main notice board.

Anything you want on the next newsletter please forward to me.

Remember that boat hut fees are now due, £20 per year per boat. Payment can be given to me or a cheque sent to me at 30 Gladstone Street, Skipton, BD23 1PT. I will ensure that I keep track of all payments and advise John. Wendy has offered to make some new doody labels for everyone's slot.

Anyone who has not paid by the end of this month your boat will go into general use.

Anne

FOR SALE

Dagger GT 7.8
£ 400

- Stored indoors
- Two and a half years old
- Length 2.35m Width 61cm Volume 232L
- Paddler weight 40-80KG
- Current RRP £629.95
- Excellent river running boat, really stable, easy to handle, good to roll, great for someone just getting into the sport or more experienced paddlers. Surf's really well. It's also very sturdy. I've personally never had any issues with the boat and it's a really good safe boat.

Please call 07546577478

Charlotte Whitaker