



# Bradford & Bingley canoe club



Newsletter May 2009

Welcome to the May Newsletter. I hope you all had a good Easter.

## Thursday Night Club Sessions

All junior sessions are now up and running and doing well. Open club night should start to get members coming down more as the nights get lighter and warmer. River levels are pretty low 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

These times will apply from Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009

Confirmed sessions for Session 1 and 2 are

23/4 - both sessions

30/4 - both sessions

Tony and Scott will do they're best to stick to the above but things could change, in which case, 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, email Wendy 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 [acuwoo@fsmail.net](mailto:acuwoo@fsmail.net) or text on 07786 443 631

If you are part of Eamon's group please liase with him.

Wendy is also hoping to start a slalom training session on a fortnightly basis for adults (and older juniors by invitation). We will let you know when this starts.

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

Sat coming, which is the 24th or something ... remember trip for adults and experienced youths who haven't been in a boat for a while.

There is no rain forecast for the week until Saturday, when an inch is predicted.

Probable venue: Matlock or surfing at Saltburn if it's tiny. Contact Wendy if you're up for it.  
[acuwoo@fsmail.net](mailto:acuwoo@fsmail.net)

I believe Eamon has agreed to organise the easier river trips  
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](mailto:acuwoo@fsmail.net)  
[bradbingcanoe@gmx.com](mailto: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

George and Jez Rix went down to Shepperton

Beth Latham, Emma Taylor, George, Jez and Colin Shackleton went to the Tryweryn in Wales  
The Booths did attempt to go but unfortunately they had car problems and had to get a nice man to tow them home.

Laura and Emma Kirkbright went to both Sowerby Bridge and Matlock

We have had people up in Scotland at the Tully events but as yet no results on the web so the ones I know about are the Booth family, the Taylors and Colin.

Some may have gone to Oughtibridge this weekend but not sure who.

Well done to all who have taken part.

### **Open Meeting –**

We are having a open committee meeting on Thursday 30th April to discuss plans for the slalom and coerce people into jobs so please all come down for an 8pm start to volunteer otherwise you may get volunteered.

### **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.

Weekend of 8th - 9th May is a working weekend when we hope to get as much done as possible to get the course ready and a good general tidy up. All comers are welcome, bring wellies, spades and anything else.

### **Our Slalom**

Our next major event is our slalom on 16th - 17th May so lets see how many of you are willing to take part in either the slalom or the river race. We also have the fun event for the over 50's and the topo event on the Sunday. If you are a beginner and do not want to have a go on your own try the topo and ask someone to take you down.

At the slalom we will be having a second hand stall where we will sell canoe kit and boats. Proceeds will go either to the person selling the goods or to the club funds to buy new airbags or decks or any other things that require replacement.

Please all remember I have sent out poster and flyer so please pass round when you can.

### **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.

### **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.

**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.**

Please let me know if you have renewed your membership so that I can keep sending you the newsletter. 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.

Anne