



Bradford & Bingley canoe club



Newsletter December 2009

Welcome to the December newsletter. We are now in the winter period when nights draw in and we use the river lights more often. As you all know we run 52 weeks a year so we hope you will all still continue to paddle to some degree over the winter months.

Pool Session

We are holding a number of coach lead pool training sessions. These sessions are ideal to either learn or brush up on kayak rescue training and capsizing drills, in a safe, warm and fun environment. Places are limited, so booking is essential.

Rhodesway School, Oaks Lane, Allerton, Bradford, BD15 7RU

The sessions start (be in the water) at 1.30pm-2.30pm. At a cost of £3.50 per session.

Sunday 6 th December 2009	Fully booked	Coach required
Sunday 10 th January 2009	Fully booked	Coach required
Sunday 7 th February 2009	Spaces left	Coach required
Sunday 7 th March 2009	Spaces left	Coach required

Each paddler must bring: a paddle and spray deck (these can be borrowed from the club, however must first be signed out in loaned property book.) Boats are available to use from Rhodesway pool free of charge. **Please note, anyone bringing their own equipment must ensure it is thoroughly cleaned beforehand as we risk losing use of the pool.** If you want to come and help please contact Viki for info.

If you are interested or want to book a place please contact Viki Bailey on [01535 655248](tel:01535655248) or viki.bailey@blueyonder.co.uk

Coaches are also required and must show the staff at the pool their current coaching, first aid and crb certificates. We still need coaches to man 4 sessions. **No coach means no session.**

Winter Trips/Training

During the winter months we sometimes run river trips for all abilities. You must have your own transport and to be able to carry your own boat and equipment. If anyone is interested in this sort of thing contact Wendy and myself on bradbingcanoe@gmx.com or acuwoo@fsmail.net

Next easy river trip - Sat 21st November.

Designed to suit almost anyone who can cope with Wagon Lane. Possible venues include Burrs, Matlock, Slenningford, Rawthay, The River Rawthay, Brathay, Lune, Wharfe if low, Eden, Saltburn, depending on water levels and air temp. Juniors are welcome but your parents must accompany you. If you want to come, please give Wendy lots of notice and think about what you're going to wear - advice available if you want it. There's one a month and they're on Saturdays so John Huggan is more likely to join us.

Dates:- 12th Dec, 23rd Jan, 27th Feb, 20th Mar The Eden- booked for 20 paddlers!

Let me know if you're coming and I'll balance up weather, experienced people to do looking after and water levels. acuwoo@fsmail.net Wendy x x x

Last river trip had to be cancelled for juniors due to unsafe river conditions.

Yorkshire Slalom are holding a series of winter training days of which one will be held at our site.

Details are all on the website under Events for those who may be interested. They are also all on the notice board in the club house/store.

AGM

Tony – having perused the print out of ranking lists Tony has found that we have 16 members competing on behalf of the club. All but 4 are ranked higher than they were at the beginning of the season.

In the Canadian doubles we have 4 scratch pairs at Div 2-3 level but we are not awarding prizes.

We do not know why they are daft enough to do this, look where it got Tony many years ago!!!

See Tony for the story.

In Div 3 we have some excellent potential with a lot of promotions through the year. We now have 4 girls and 4 boys competing. Our highest ranked male paddler is Cas and highest girl is Amy.

At the beginning of the season we did have some Div 2 paddlers but due to other commitments and promotions we now have no-one in this Division.

Div 1 we have members paddling in 3 disciplines, K1m, K1w and C1. This is an excellent achievement. We have 5 men, 2 girls and a C1er. Our highest ranked male paddler goes to George, our highest girl to Laura with special mention to Emma for having just been promoted to Div 1 and a special well done to Rick for paddling both K1m and C1.

Prem again due to other reasons (Sam with his dodgy back) we have no male prem paddlers this year but we do have 2 girls, these being Emma Taylor and Beth Latham. Beth comes out top being ranked 6th in the whole of the UK.

Boxes of chocolates to the above and **WELL DONE**

Most improved – this has been extremely difficult this year in that everyone has improved enormously with some significant performances. We also decided that we would award to both male and female. It was also difficult to decide how to reward them but eventually it was decided to give them a thin piece of card! (this is a photo taken by Tony at West Tanfield)

Therefore we awarded most improved to Connor and Sally **WELL DONE**

Wendy – It was decided that we would give out some non BCU awards (bottles of Newcastle brown). The club is made up of volunteers and

John H works hard to keep a tight hold of the finance and we try hard to spend it. We have not seen much of him this year due to business pressures but hope he will be able to join us next year.

Dave works on keeping all the equipment in a safe condition and the store tidy, if we all help him he may find time to paddle next summer.

Anne for organising the annual slalom and for the website but mainly for doing the Top Club reassessment (you should have seen her face when it was suggested that she do it again)

Neill – prize – for helping out at sessions even when he had a dodgy shoulder, which needed an operation and for reading out river info when a group was away in Scotland.

Tony – prize – for all the hard work, time and support you give to all

Comment - please note I only accept liquid prizes!!

To Steve and Viki – prize - They turn up at working days prepared to get dirty, always supply hot, sweet and sticky goods when on trips and work days, allow us to take their son down fast, shallow rivers. Volunteered to run pool sessions a total unknown

Thank you to everyone who helps and contributes

Working days

Club work day: Sat 5th December.

This will go ahead unless something awful happens weather-wise though some jobs may not be feasible if the island's under water.

Jobs to do include:

1. Hanging and stretching new top wires and re-hanging the gates.
2. Making up new gates to replace ones lost in the floods.
3. Cleaning the gutters.
4. Flushing the club house drains.
5. Cutting and planting willow on the island.
6. Cleaning the club house floor.
7. Scrubbing the wooden steps to keep them slime free.

Turn up, from 9am onwards and if you have any tools, eg rubber gloves, a scrubbing brush etc, feel welcome to bring them.

Your loving Chair, Wendy

Tree felling

We are due to fell a tree by the steps soon for safety reasons. This means that those of you have open fires/woodburners if you would like logs please let me know, donations towards felling costs appreciated bradbingcanoe@gmx.com . Will let you all know date when it is to be done, you must be able to be on site to collect logs otherwise it will all be taken away by the tree surgeon.

Next Year

Next year we are hoping to organise club slalom trips similar to the Tully and Tanfield trips. We will ensure that these trips have coaches to help all participants. They may be a full weekend away with camping or just a single day. We will try and make sure they are within a couple of hours drive during the school terms, but during school holidays they may be further afield.

Cottages4you partnership – we have gone into partnership with Cottages4you to bring all club members, friends and family a 5% discount on cottage price. There is a dedicated link from the clubs website and a dedicated phone number to dial which shows up on computer screens at work and allows myself and colleagues to add the discount.

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 or on the web please forward to me. Feed back on web content would be appreciated.

Anne