



Victoria Canoe & Kayak Club Newsletter

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January 2011

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

**Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, January 4, 2011
7:30pm**

Come out and vote for the club's new board of directors. Details inside on page 3.

Clubhouse News

Happy New Year everyone!

This year's Christmas Party was another well-attended event. Thanks to all members who continue to make this event an annual tradition. Special thanks to Diane, Mavis and everyone who helped decorate the clubhouse.

The AGM for 2011 is taking place on Tuesday, January 4 beginning at 7:30pm.

Important items that will be covered are: a review of the 2010 financial statement, executive member election and the proposed 2011 budget.

Please remember to renew your membership prior to the AGM, as only paid-up members can vote. Club members (seconded by another) can nominate any member for any executive position. Directors at large positions do not hold specific roles but offer a good opportunity for newer members to get a feel for the club.

Thanks to the executive team and volunteers for their hard work throughout the year. Members not returning to the executive include: Graham Lloyd (membership), Jack Louie (Dragon Boat), Max Nock (Outrigger) and Sam Ludmer (Treasurer).

Bon Lee
President, VCKC



Don't Forget

Membership Renewals

Just a reminder that it's time to renew your club membership for 2011. In addition to the membership fees a signed waiver is required annually from each club member. When paying online agreement to the waiver is part of the process. However, if paying by cheque you need to either do the online waiver (need to go to the members tab and log in to do this) or sign a paper copy of the form and submit it along with your membership cheque. Waiver forms are available in the clubhouse or you can print off a form from the members page of the club website.

Please note that Boat and Locker Storage fees for 2011 are also due on January 1 and can be paid along with Club Membership dues via the [VCKC website](#).

Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club Annual General Meeting Tuesday, January 4, 2011

VCKC's Annual General Meeting for 2011 is coming up very soon and during it the 2010 Executive will step down and the 2011 Executive will be voted in.

Apart from the position of Past President, all positions are voted on for a one year period and can be contested. All nominees must have a nominator and seconder. Nominations can be made at the AGM or beforehand

to the Nominations Committee, via Linda or Alan Thomson at 250-592 4170 or e-mail: 3135thom@islandnet.com.

Only PAID-UP MEMBERS for 2011 may vote. You can renew your membership at the AGM but it is quicker and easier to do [on-line](#) BEFOREHAND!



Trips - Canoe and Kayak

Saturday, January 8, 2011

Sunday, January 23, 2011

Saturday, February 5, 2011

E-mail notice of these trips and the likely destinations will be sent out the week before the scheduled date.

These paddles are open to all members who have passed the basic paddling course in either kayak or tandem canoeing. Club boats may be available if needed. Partners can arranged for the single canoeists, if required.

Voyageur Program

The planning for the 2011 Peninsular Paddle for the Kids has started. The date of the paddle will be announced sometime in January - last weekend in March or second weekend in April are the possible dates. Practices will begin in February.

Trips - Moving Water

Saturday, January 15, 2011

Sunday, January 30, 2011

Saturday, February 12, 2011

Sunday, February 27, 2011

VCKC members who have passed a moving water course are welcome to participate in the scheduled "club" trips. Helmets, PFDs, wet or dry suits must be worn and boats must be properly equipped.

If new to these outings or if you have questions, please contact Tom Staebell at thestaebellfamily@shaw.ca or 250-655-7113 by Thursday evening before the scheduled date if you plan to take part.

There are some equipped tandem canoes that may be borrowed for a small contribution to the canoe program.

Christmas Party December 2010



The Christmas party was a great success and Santa came through for us despite his recent health issues. Thanks Santa.

We were also very happy with the raffle. Thanks to Diane it was a little classier this year and we raised \$300 for the kids at the Lions Easter Seal Camp at Shawnigan Lake. So kudos to everyone who participated.

We can all thank Diane N. for another successful club event. Also thanks to all who gave gifts to be raffled off.

I think everyone enjoyed the evening and we really thank Santa for being our ticket drawer this year. Well done.

Mavis P.



Photos:
Wendy Clapp

Dragonboating

Now that the 2010 Dragon Boating season is over, we are looking forward to a great next season by building on the strengths and successes that the program has developed. The first general dragon boat meeting of 2011 will be held at the Clubhouse on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 7:00pm.

Your membership ends at the end of December, so please ensure that you have renewed your VCKC membership early so that we can contact you, as only active members will be contacted when the new season begins. Your renewed membership will provide you with a say at both the VCKC General meeting and the Dragon Boat Meeting in January.

Brian Clark

Chemainus River – Last Moving Water Paddle for 2010

I received an email a week ago from Tom regarding an upcoming moving water paddle for Sunday, December 19. I decided it was not for me due to the rainy, cold, miserable weather. Two days before the paddle I got another email from Tom stating, “I am soloing unless there is another interested paddler.” Well I have only been on the river twice this year and having spent big dollars on a drysuit, I decided to get some use out of it.

As usual, we all met at the Langford park and ride before heading out to Serious Coffee in Duncan. When we arrived at the Chemainus River, it was cold and the water level looked low. I decided to put on an extra layer before getting into my drysuit, making sure that all MY zippers were done UP.

Within minutes on the water, Arthur and Ken were in the water for their morning swim.

Ken missed closing one of his drysuit zippers and was lucky to be only slightly wet. The conditions turned out to be perfect—one of the very best days I’ve had on the river. We were all having such a great time that no one realized that it was raining throughout the day. Maybe no one noticed the rain because everyone was spending so much time in the water.

The two kayakers from Nanaimo left us part way down the river as we were spending too much time surfing in the standing waves and playing in the eddies. Only Todd (in a wetsuit) managed to stay dry but I am sure he did not have as much fun as the rest of us. He will make up for this once he buys a drysuit. The day ended with a couple of us at the Roster Cafe for hot chocolate and coffee to warm up before heading home.

It was a fantastic day and I hope to have more of these in the new year.

Thanks to the group - two kayakers from Nanaimo, Arthur & Ken; Jay & Barry; my paddle partner Tom and solos Dan, Graham, and Todd. Happy New Year to all. Did I miss anyone?

Bon Lee



VCKC Executive

President		Voyageur Program	
Bon Lee	477-1381	Alan Thomson	592-4170
Acting Vice President		Marathon Canoe Program	
Mavis Pillar.....	778-430-4390	Ron Williams	592-6456
Treasurer		Education, Safety & Standards	
Sam Ludmer	298-7004	Doug Linton	727-0216
Acting Secretary		Membership	
Marie Lansdowne.....		Graham Lloyd	381-5090
Past President		Clubhouse & Grounds	
Linda Thomson.....	592-4170	Sandy Rattray ..	386-9144
Program Directors		Directors-at-Large	
Canoe Program		Michael Fox	391-0160
Yasmin Rampuri	655-4859	Irena Jazwinski	388-9757
Sea Kayak Program		Diane Nishimura (Soc.) ..	383-3080
Doug Linton	727-0216	Mavis Pillar	778-430-4390
Dragon Boat Program		Executive Volunteer Positions	
Jack Louie	598-1569	Harold Gillis (Newsletter)	598-9488
Acting Outrigger Program		Dave Whitehead (Boat & Locker Storage)	email
Dave Schweitzer	email		

January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 7:30 PM Outrigger Gen Mtg	29	30	31	1 10:30 AM New Year's Day Paddle and Potluck
2	3	4 7:30 PM Annual General Meeting	5	6	7	8 Trip - Flat Water
9	10	11 7:00 PM Executive Meeting	12	13 6:30 PM DB Committee meeting	14	15 Trip - Moving Water
16	17	18	19	20 7:00 PM Dragon Boat General Meeting	21	22
23 Trip - Flat Water	24	25 7:30 PM Outrigger Gen Mtg	26 7:00 PM GWT meeting	27	28	29
30 Trip - Moving Water	31	1 7:30 PM General Meeting	2	3	4	5 Trip - Flat Water