



## Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club

# Newsletter

November 2016

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### Notices

1. **Presentation:** Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm – *Mountain River 11-day trip in the NWT wilderness*
2. **Annual Fall Clean-up:** Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 9am to 1pm
3. **Salmon Spawning Season:** Please do not disturb spawning. (seen nearby the clubhouse)
4. **Christmas Party:** Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – Potluck!

NB: see calendar item on website for details; meet at the Clubhouse unless noted otherwise.

### November General Meeting

We will have a slide show and presentation from Ellie James and company on their epic journey to the Mountain River in NWT. This presentation will tell the rest of us of a truly and advanced and amazing 11-day trip in the wilderness.

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### Fall Clean-up

Volunteers are needed for the annual fall clubhouse and grounds tidy-up. Please bring yourself and tools to help with garden/grounds and house interior cleanup on Saturday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. Any amount of time you can spare from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm will be appreciated.

Sandy Rattray

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### Nominations for the VCKC 2017 Executive

Nominations are now being taken for executive positions for 2017. Please think about your interests, skills, knowledge, and determine whether volunteering to support our club this way is possible for you.

The benefits of being on the executive include expanding your club network, meeting more club members, working with dedicated people who are directing the future of our club.

The executive consists of 16 elected and 3 assigned people (i.e. newsletter editor, webmaster and past president positions). The Contact List at end of

newsletter shows the positions. Some incumbents may extend their directorship, but we do need new volunteers every year. Director-at-large is a good first position.

Please contact **Jean Chandler** at 250-727-6923 or [pastpres@vckc.ca](mailto:pastpres@vckc.ca) if you are interested in volunteering or know someone to nominate for any of these positions. If you would like to find out more about what the position entails, you may contact the president, vice president or past president or anyone on the executive with whom you are comfortable and/or familiar.

Elections will be held at the January Annual General Meeting. It would be fun to have some voting for positions that have more than one nominee.

Jean Chandler

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### President's Message

VCKC Executive are in the process of preparing Program Plans and Budgets for the 2017 club year. If you have any questions about our plans, feel free to contact any of the Program Leads.

Linda has been working with the District of Saanich on the 5-year renewal of the clubhouse lease. This includes reviewing the required maintenance on the house (you will see a new roof going on shortly), and covering our respective long-term plans for the park and for the clubhouse property.

The quick decent into winter weather this past month reminds us to get back into our cold-water safety habits: wear appropriate clothing for the weather, make sure you

have an extra set of dry clothes with you, keep closed to shore if you are unsure, and, of course, wear that PFD.

Joe Boyd, vice-president (filling in for Linda Thomson).

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## Canoe Program Update

With the falling leaves and the increasing number of puddles it's time to find the rain gear for your canoe outings.

There will be a *flatwater trip* lead by Alan on Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, location to be determined. The weather gets more finicky at this time of the year for planning trips. Check the calendar closer to the date if you don't receive a secondary email about the events.

On November 11<sup>th</sup> there will be the annual *Remembrance Day paddle* on the Cowichan River, timing such that we are at the Arakan Memorial, aka the Burma Cairn for 11 am.

We hope to have a *presentation* in November from Copper Canyon Canoes, date still to come. I'll send out an email with the details and it will also be added to the calendar as soon we come up with a date.

I'll look forward to seeing you on the water,

David Dorosz

## Voyageur Program Update

Timmy's Christmas Telethon was recently being taped. Here Joe and Irena had the opportunity to represent VCKC Voyageurs while handing over a cheque for \$21,000! Yes, a huge cheque. It looks like about six feet long! Way to go all you Paddle for the Kids participants!



I hope everyone is starting to think about paddling in another "Paddle for the Kids" fundraiser event early in the New Year. Stay tuned for more info in coming newsletters.

## Voyageur Sterner Course

Coming up: 2-day Big Canoe Course offered by RCABC and VCKC. It will be taught by Alan Thompson and Tim Marks.

The course is 2 days (16 hours), and will take place November 26 & 27 at VCKC. Cost for the course is \$100 per student

Please contact Tim Marks if you are interested in this course and for more details.

## Thompson River Trip



Voyageurs on the Thompson

September 16 & 17 was another end of summer fun in Big Canoes on the Thompson River. It was a big crowd this year with two voyageurs leaving Friday night. This gave a full run from Savona to Ashcroft on Saturday. Sunday morning was enough time to run the action lines from Savona to the campsite at Juniper Beach. The warm water and large volume is always a pleasant change from our usual winter river paddling on the Island.

Mark your calendar now for the second or third week of September next year to make sure you are part of the next Thompson River trip.

## Remembrance Day on the Cowichan

VCKC has, for many years now, been paddling from Stolz Pool to Vimy Rd. on Remembrance Day. If water levels permit, we often have a voyageur available. If you are interested in a seat in the voyageur, email the Voyageur Director ([voyageur@vckc.ca](mailto:voyageur@vckc.ca)). If you are paddling tandem contact the canoe director at VCKC.

Meet at VCKC at 8:00am; Serious Coffee Duncan for 9:30 departure; Stoltz Pool 11:05 departure. Sometimes the day is torrential rain, sometimes warm late summer sunshine. Be prepared for both.

Paddles up! Winter white-water season is starting!

Tim Marks  
[Voyageur@vckc.ca](mailto:Voyageur@vckc.ca)

## November 2016 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00 AM Lakewater 1 - Basic Tandem	31	Nov 1 7:30 PM VCKC General Meeting	2	3	4 10:00 AM Canosun Canoe Course	5 9:00 AM Fall Clean-up: Clubhouse & Grounds
6 8:00 AM Kayak Basic Skills Course	7	8 7:00 PM Executive Meeting	9	10	11 8:00 AM Remembrance Day on the Cowichan River	12 Level 1 Sea Kayak - 2 day course
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20 9:00 AM Outrigger Coaching Clinic	21	22	23	24	25	26 9:00 AM Outrigger Coaching Clinic
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