

Rocky Mountain Canoe Club State of the Paddling Union for 2019

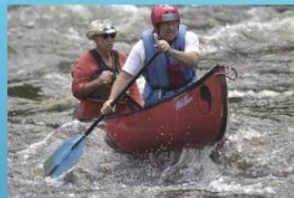
Thanks! For another great year of club activities – including old favorites and new additions.

Thanks especially:

- To the 22 trip and event coordinators whose efforts are the backbone of our club (see Photo Collages #1 and #2),
- To the club officers who kept the trips, classes, membership, website, and club equipment organized and ticking (Photo Collage #3):
 - Zach Allen, Quartermaster
 - Bill Ashworth, Membership
 - Kathy Ashworth, Treasurer
 - Lynne Carpenter, Tripmaster
 - Dan Custer, Webmaster
 - And me, Kathryn Mutz, President
- To Incoming Officers: Two members volunteered to fill previously unfilled officer positions: Debbie Hinde will be our new Instruction Coordinator and Annette Oshana will be our Media Maven
- To Mat Bozek for setting us up for the permit party and the annual meeting at his HOA in Broomfield
- To all the members who joined in activities regardless of rain, shine, heat, cold, or w---



KATHRYN MUTZ
PRESIDENT



BILL ASHWORTH
MEMBERSHIP



DEBBIE HINDE
INSTRUCTION COORDINATOR
NEW FOR 2020



KATHY ASHWORTH
TREASURER



ZACH ALLEN
QUARTERMASTER



LYNNE CARPENTER
TRIPMASTER



ANNETTE OSHANA
MEDIA MAVEN
NEW FOR 2020



DAN CUSTER
WEBMASTER

2019 - 2020 OFFICERS

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting – held November 2nd and attended by about 35 – included our traditional pot luck, several slide presentations wrangled by Jeff Keeler and representing club and extra-club paddles, and reports by the officers on membership, the website that just migrated to a new host (www.rockymountaincanoecub.NET), trips, instruction, club equipment, and finances. We also elected new officers and discussed some ideas for 2020 activities, including conservation projects, dragon boat racing, and trips!

A highlight of the meeting was presentation of our first, and perhaps annual, Conservation Award – The Otter – to Wildlands Restoration Volunteers. Sarah Egolf-Tarr, the WRV Development Director, accepted the plaque and \$500 check and talked about WRV’s work with a focus on their river restoration projects. See their website at <https://www.wlrv.org/>. Thanks to Conservation Award Committee members Bill Ashworth, Lindsay Meeks, and G Winter for designing the award selection process and implementing it for us.



2019 Activities:

Largely due to our 22 enthusiastic and generous – not to mention talented – trip and event coordinators, we had a successful year with a total of 29 activities, including canoe instruction classes, meetings/parties, and 18 paddling trips. Seven events were cancelled due to high water, wind, or too few committed participants.

For our 2019 trips and events, we totaled 380 participants, which is another record total since Bill Ashworth started keeping track in 2011. See the historical comparison below and the summary chart at the end for more detail.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Membership									
# households	100	90	112	113	108	112	117	123	124
# members								189	187
# ACA members								84	71
Trips, Events, and Instruction									
Scheduled	11	22	24	19	27	36	26	24	36
Cancellations	?	?	2	1	9	13	4	1	7
Attendance									
Permit Party #	20	20	30	22	15	28	33	41	45
Rendezvous #	30	30	54	40	41	21	33	24	35
Annual Meeting #	20	25	25	31	30	30	40	31	38
Instruction/Paddling #								24	43
Instruction/Other #								10	48
Net # Trips, Events & Instruction	?	?	22	18	18	22	22	23	29
# Coordinators	6	10	14	11	17	18	16	17	22
Total Attendance	170	269	303	253	243	258	266	316	380

Paddling:

The 18 paddling trips included:

- 10 in Colorado and 8, at least partially, out-of-state
- 7 day trips and 11 multi-day trips
- 4 flatwater and 14 river trips

New club trips this year were the Everglades and Okefenokee Swamp and Suwannee River in GA/FL and Standley Lake in Westminster. Old favorites included the Niobrara (NE), Green River (UT) and North and South Platte (CO and WY) paddles.

2020 trips are already being scheduled!

Our first event of the new year will be the Permit Party – Saturday, January 11th, 1:30 – 4:30. See the website calendar for details.

** What permits would you like to get?*

** What trips would you like to join?*

** What trips would you like to coordinate?*

Instruction:

2019 instruction included three free pool classes (Brace-and-Roll, Rescue, and Stroke Techniques) and a two-day Canoeing Essentials class, taught and coordinated by ACA-certified instructors Debbie Hinde, Lynne Carpenter, Jeff Oxenford, and Alyse Oxenford with help from several other members.

New classes this year included a lecture/discussion on river access issues by Professor Mark Squillace from the CU Law School, a set of webinars on water use, organized by Mike Johnson, and Canoeing Cuisine, organized by Kit Williams and taught by Karen Amundson, Bill Ashworth, Lynne Carpenter, Dan Custer, and Kit and Henry Williams. See the Instruction page on our website to download “Canoeing Cuisine Recipe, Tips and Resources.”

Membership:

Membership stayed constant with 124 households with 187 members, although we welcomed several new and returning members to the club. Membership chairman, Bill Ashworth, compiled and distributed an electronic roster in the fall including all members who did not opt-out of the roster. Members who joined late in 2019 were added to the roster, but their dues will be applied to 2020.

RMCC members are encouraged to join ACA and ACA members are encouraged to sign the ACA on-line waiver to avoid having to sign waivers at each event.

Finances:

The club continues to be financially sound. Treasurer Kathy Ashworth reports a net loss of \$601.17 with an ending balance of \$7,000.74. The majority of our income was from membership dues and the remainder from registration fees for the Canoeing Essentials class. The majority of our expenses were for event expenses, including our instruction program, the Otter Award (\$500), the internet, and ACA dues.

Website:

This year, webmaster Dan Custer shepherded our website to a new host (GoDaddy) and new .net url – www.rockymountaincanoeclub.net (due to trouble with the old host). He also added a couple of new pages (Instruction and Conservation), reorganized a bit, and improved both the Trip Reports and Photo Gallery (under the Posts tab). Dan plans on some more additions in 2020 and welcomes comments, notices of broken links, and any other help you want to offer. If you want them uploaded, send him trip reports and photos of both RMCC and personal paddling trips.

Club Equipment:

See the list of available loaner equipment on our website under the Resources tab. Members can borrow equipment for private as well as RMCC trips.

In closing . . . That is all from me for 2019, but I look forward to planning, paddling, and working with you all in the new year. 2020 is going to be another good year! Please send your ideas to me or other board members, volunteer your time, and keep paddling!

Have a great holiday season and see you at the January 11th Permit Party,

Kathryn Mutz
RMCC President
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Rocky Mountain Canoe Club 2019 Financial Summary	
Beginning Cash	\$7,602.91
Receipts:	
Dues 2019	\$1,230.00
Dues 2020	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$305.00
Total Receipts	\$1,535.00
Disbursements	
Newsletter	\$0.00
Internet	-\$387.49
Dues (ACA)	-\$125.00
Brochures	\$0.00
Events	-\$947.68
Other	-\$677.00
Disbursements	-\$2,137.17
Ending Cash	\$7,000.74
Total Receipts	\$1,535.00
Total Disbursements	-\$2,137.17
Net Change	-\$602.17

2019 Event Coordinators and Summary
On following pages



TRACY & JANET HAYS



CHRISTINE VALENTINI & STEVE BIMM



BILL & KATHY ASHWORTH



KIT & HENRY WILLIAMS



PENELOPE PURDY



MIKE JOHNSON



KATHRYN MUTZ



JEFF OXFENFORD



ALYSE OXFENFORD



DEBBIE HINDE & LYNNE CARPENTER

TRIP/EVENT COORDINATORS (2 OF 2)



JANET MALLORY



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LINDSAY MEEKS



JOHN MCLEAN

TRIP/EVENT COORDINATORS (1 OF 2)



Watch for a new offering of RMCC tee shirts in
2020

2019 Event Schedule and Attendance

Date	Trip/Event	Trip/Event Coordinator	Location	Event Type	# attend
12-Jan	Annual Permit Party	Lynne Carpenter/Kit Williams	Greenway Park Clubhouse, Broomfield, CO	Meeting	45
17-Jan	Colorado Stream Access	Kathryn Mutz	CU Boulder, CO	Class	25
20-Jan	Canoe Brace and Roll	Jeff Oxenford	Meyer's Pool, Arvada, CO	Class	9
2/11,18/19	Water Use Lecture series	Mike Johnson, Lynne Carpenter	RiNo Beer Garden, Denver, CO	Class	3
17-Feb	Canoe Rescue	Lynne Carpenter	Meyer's Pool, Arvada, CO	Class	11
17-Mar	Canoe Stroke Practice	Debbie Hinde	Meyer's Pool, Arvada, CO	Class	13
6-Apr	Joint Clubs Paddle	Kathryn Mutz	S Platte: Brighton-Ft Lupton, CO	Day River	40
7-Apr	Canoeing Cuisine	Kit Williams	Indian Hills Comm Center, CO	Class	20
13-Apr	South Platte	Mat Bozek	Brighton to Ft Lupton, CO - cancelled		
20-Apr	Missouri Sampler	Tracy & Janet Hays	Current & Jacks Fork R., MO	Multiday River	3
20-Apr	WRV S. Platte Restoration	Kathryn Mutz	Milliken, CO - cancelled		
28-Apr	Colorado River	Lynne Carpenter	Ruby Horsethief, Fruita to Westwater, CO to UT - cancelled		
		Lynne Carpenter	Fruita to Westwater, CO to UT		
		Penelope Purdy	Barr Lake, CO	Day Flatwater	2
4-May	Yampa	Dan Custer	South Beach to Duffy Mt, CO	Multiday River	15
4-May	Packing and Rigging Class	Bill Ashworth	Ashworth, Boulder, CO - cancelled		
4-May	Gunnison River	Mat Bozek	Escalante to Whitewater, CO	Multiday River	4
11-May	Essentials of Canoeing	Debbie Hinde, Lynne Carpenter	Macintosh Lake & S. Platte, CO	Class	10
17-May	White River	Mat Bozek	Craig, CO	Multiday River	10
25-May	Niobrara River	Bill and Kathy Ashworth	Valentine NE	Multiday River	15
1-Jun	Macintosh Lake	Bill Ashworth	Longmont, CO	Day Flatwater	11
9-Jun	Standley Lake	Christine Valentine, Steve Bimm	Westminster, CO	Day Flatwater	11
20-Jul	Upper Colorado	Mat Bozek	Pumphouse, CO - cancelled		
20-Jul	N. Platte River	Bill Ashworth	Glendo to Guernsey, WY	Day River	11
3-Aug	Colorado River	Bill Ashworth	Rendezvous at Radium, CO	Multiday River	35
17-Aug	So Fork of South Platte	Doug Hurcomb	Deckers, CO	Day River	8
3-Aug	Quetico NP	Ken Wenker	Ontario, Canada- cancelled		
7-Sep	Green River Flaming Gorge	Bill Ashworth	NE UT - cancelled		
8-Sep	San Juan River	Carol & Werner Duecker	Mexican Hat, UT	Multiday River	4
10-Sep	Deso-Gray Green River	John McLean	Westwater to Green River, UT	Multiday River	4
19-Sep	Colorado River	Janet Mallory	Ruby Ranch to Mineral Bottom, UT	Multiday River	13
28-Sep	Gros Reservoir	Lindsay Meeks	Osprey Pt, CO	Day Flatwater	5
29-Sep	Colorado River	Bill Ashworth	Loma to Westwater, CO to UT - cancelled		
2-Nov	Everglades NP	Tracy & Janet Hays	FL	Multiday River	3
2-Nov	Annual Meeting	Kathryn Mutz	Greenway Park Clubhouse, Broomfield, CO	Meeting	38
12-Nov	Okefenokee Swamp & Suwanee River	Tracy & Janet Hays	Spirit of Suwannee, GA and FL	Multiday River	12
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