

# The Voyageur's Companion

Rocky Mountain Canoe Club

June 16, 1983

## TRIP LEADER'S MEETING

In light of the high water levels and a desire to have another party, we are having a pot-luck at Bob and Carol Aikin's house, [ ] Denver, at 7:00 P.M., Thursday, June 23rd. This is an open meeting, you do not have to be currently signed up to lead a trip, but come with ideas for trips and a pot-luck item. The club will provide the meat, you bring a salad, dessert, bread, or some favorite dish and what you want to drink.

## NAIL SOUP SOCIAL

We have reserved an area on Sunday, Aug. 21st at Wellington Lake (see map) for our annual Nail Soup Social. It is an area called the "Scout Camp" and is at the end of the road past the office. Admission is \$2.00 per day per adult, \$1.00 per child, and \$3.00 per boat. Pets are allowed but must be on a leash.

Gaither and Katie Randall will provide the pot, meat and nail. The club will provide the drinks. You will bring something for the soup and some other course for this "pot-luck".

Wellington Lake is a pretty little private lake in the heart of the Deckers area. Bring your family and canoe for fun and games. Call Gaither Randall [ ] if you are coming (as you would for a scheduled trip). See you there!

Bob and I, being addicted river rats, are going to canoe the mighty South Platte near the area on Saturday, if there is enough water still, and camp overnight at the lake. If you are interested in joining us, call Bob Aikin [ ]

## TRAINING REPORT (from Ray Crockett)

The Canoe Club's training sessions were a success thanks mainly to the efforts of the people who helped me with it. Jim Herring's loving touch to his lecture on equipment and technique was greatly appreciated. Thanks to Lynn Sander for her expert talk on hypothermia. Thanks also to Jerry Nyre's demonstration concerning the various canoes available. I would also like to thank all the instructors and helpers (some of whom learned more than the students) whose presence put me more at ease.

For those students who couldn't make the last session for whatever the reason, call me, I'll see what I can put together if there's enough interest.

Thank you all,  
Ray Crockett [ ]

## ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO TRIP SCHEDULE & ROSTER

Apologies to Scott Craggle for scheduling his Gunnison trip on the 7-8 when it should have been 14-15 of May.

Kerry Edward's Loma to Westwater trip is not to be done over Labor Day but rather just over Thanksgiving. His corrected phone number is [ ]

Ray Crockett will lead a trip down the Conejos River July 4th weekend on July 2,3,4 and 5. Intermediate. [ ]

Jim Herring will be in town over the 4th and will lead trips on the South Platte. Easy [ ]

FOR SALE: Sawyer Outrage 18 foot Whitewater Cruiser \$1,100.00 with cover.

Bill Sears

FOR SALE: Sawyer Loon with cover \$1,400.00. Bill Sears

FOR SALE: Crickett paddles, handmade wood bent shaft and straight models, \$60.00 ea. Available at Boulder Whitewater Supply or direct from Mike Jones.

FOR SALE: Iliad paddle, 54" \$27.50 (new price \$52.00) Scott Craggle

WANTED: ABS Boat, Whitewater or tripper 16-17 foot David Hausam

#### MCADVENTURES:

For those interested in an extensive sea kayaking and sailing adventure program based in Scotland; contact for brochure:

Ptarmigan Travel  
Box 3  
4093 E. Spruce Way  
Vail, CO 81657  
476-6849 or 476-7653

#### OLYMPIC TRIALS

The National Sports Festival, an activity of the U.S. Olympic Committee is holding kayak and canoeing tryouts for the Olympics at Chatfield Reservoir June 27, 28, and 29th. The cost is the fee for getting into the park.

Monday, June 27th - 10:00 A.M. Men's and Women's singles and pairs canoe & kayak heats and repechages.

Tuesday, June 28th - 9:30 A.M. 4 heats, 15 semifinals, 4 finals

Wednesday, June 29th - 9:30 A.M.-12:45 last race. Finals.

#### UPCOMING TRIPS

Runoff is late and expected to peak in July, therefore some of the trips on the schedule are underrated. Please contact the trip leader and do not overestimate your skills.

June 25: Colorado River: State Bridge to Catamount Bridge. This trip has been upgraded to intermediate, due to high water. Floatation and spare dry wool or polypropylene clothes a must! Leader: Jim Herring

June 26: Colorado River: Newcastle to Rifle. High water precautions as above. Rapids at the beginning of this trip are exciting...just ask Priscilla Licht. Leader: Gaither Randall

July 4th weekend: Dolores River: Slickrock to Bedrock. Intermediate trip through a beautiful canyon with several Class II-III rapids. Leader: Bob Aikin

Conejos River: Beautiful mountain stream flows through the San Luis Valley following State Rte 17 and is well known for fishing. Has not been done recently by the club. Intermediate. Leader: Ray, "The Rocket", Crockett

Gunnison River: Intermediate. Great scenery and interesting geology, sever Class I rapids. Leader: Terry Owens

South Platte River: near Denver. Call Jim Herring for details.