



Victoria Canoe & Kayak Club Newsletter

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HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, January 3, 2012
7:30 pm.

Clubhouse News

It was a full house at this year's Christmas Party.

Thanks to all members who continue to make this a successful annual tradition. As usual, the food and entertainment were excellent. \$330 was raised from the raffle and 50/50 draw for Club Shawnigan. Special thanks to Mavis and the ladies who helped decorate the clubhouse. *(More from Mavis follows.)*

The VCKC Annual General Meeting for 2012 is on Tuesday, January 3, beginning at 7:30 pm.

Items on the agenda will be the approval of the 2011 AGM minutes, review of the 2011 financial statement and approval of the 2012 budget. There will also be nominations and election of VCKC's 2012 Executive members.

Please be sure to have your 2012 membership renewed prior to the AGM as only paid-up members can vote. Many nominations have already been received but nominations are open right up to election time.

My two-year term as President of VCKC ends January 2012. This has been a great experience. For a relatively new member like myself there was much to learn. Lucky for me, there was help from Linda and Alan Thomson. Thanks for the guidance. I couldn't have done this without your help.

I would also like to thank all the members of the executive and other volunteers for their support and hard work during the last two years.

Members of the executive not returning for 2012 are: Mavis Pillar (Vice-President), Linda Thomson (Treasurer), Brian Clark (Dragonboat), Herb Stark (Kayak), Alan Thomson (Voyageur), Maris Ratel (Membership), Michael Fox (Director at Large), and Diane Nishimura (Director at Large). This will also be the last newsletter prepared by Harold Gillis who is retiring after serving as newsletter editor for the past six years.

Thanks everyone.

Happy New Year,

Bon Lee

(soon-to-be Past President, VCKC)

Christmas Party - December 2011

This year's Christmas party was a big success once again with about close to 50 people present.

Santa was in attendance and our 50/50 draw raised about \$338.00 for camp Shawnigan and the lucky 50/50 winner went home with over a \$100 for Christmas shopping.

Also thanks to Peter for his entertainment between raffle draws.

And a heads-up folks: I am looking for someone NEW to take over the raffle for next year. I feel as if I have been doing it for about a decade now (or close to it). So I am stepping down and allow some new blood come up with some new ideas. I am always available to help people if needed or wanted.

Food bank donations were generous. We got so much food for the food bank it took two of us to get the box into my car.

Thanks you all for coming to the party and for those that brought items for the raffle thanks so much.

And thanks VCKC for a great year. We did well for the kids at Shawnigan Lake Easter Seal Camp.

Merry Christmas to all and a Very Merry and Successful Healthy 2012 for each and everyone one of us and the Club.

Mavis Pillar



Membership

Dear VCKC Members,

It has been my pleasure to be your Membership Director for the past year and I've learned a few things along the way.

You'll save yourselves a lot of grief if you use **ONLY** one email address for the website, and if, like me, you suffer from Password Amnesia, write it down!

(Ed.Note: You can download a great password manager for your computer at: www.lastpass.com.)

You can renew online if this is easier for you, however you won't become an **Active** member until the Membership Director has ticked a few boxes online too.

If you pay by cheque to VICTORIA CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB, ensure that you include a signed waiver for 2012. Our club insurance requires that waivers be renewed annually.

Your membership for 2011 runs out on December 31. In order to vote for the next Executive, you need to have paid for 2012. The gate and door codes will be changed in January. Only paid-up members will be able to access the new codes.

Last, but by no means least, please check your information online and make any changes you want there: e.g. Mailed newsletter, new phone or email.

Lecture over, and my apologies for it, but it will help the incoming Membership Director enormously.

Have a wonderful holiday and I hope to see you in the New Year.

Maris Ratel
Membership Director (2011)

RCABC Lakewater Recertification Course

A Recreational Canoeing Association of British Columbia (RCABC) course will be held January 13 and 14, 2012 here in Victoria. The course will be led by Ellie James.

Land session is in the evening of Jan 13th and water session on January 14. Any RCABC Lakewater Instructor who received their certification three years ago or longer may be interested.

The cost is \$25 for VCKC members and \$50 for non-members. All participants require RCABC membership. For registration and additional information, please contact Ellie James at 250-686-9117 or ejames@bgcvic.org.



You know you are a paddler when you can't go over a bridge without looking for water under it.

- Anonymous

May your portages be short and the breezes gentle on your back.

- Anonymous

Flatwater Paddles in January 2012

There will be a flatwater paddle on Saturday, January 14.

I only plan to lead one paddle per month in 2012 but I'm happy to help others plan trips. Please get in touch if you are willing to coordinate a trip but are not sure of the ins and outs of the process.

New Year's Day Paddle

The VCKC New Year's Day paddle will take place (you guessed it) on Sunday, January 1. Be at the Clubhouse at 10:30 am and paddle with us up (or down) the Gorge Waterway for a couple of hours, returning to the Clubhouse for a pot-luck lunch.

You can paddle in your own boat, or get into a Club voyageur canoe or maybe an OC6 and share the paddling with others.

For lunch, bring any left-over food you want eaten up. There will be a good soup and mulled wine provided but everything else is up to the participants. After the lunch, the Christmas decorations will be taken down and packed away for another year, leaving the Clubhouse cleaned up for our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, January 3.

Any questions, contact Alan Thomson 250-592-4170 or at 3135thom@islandnet.com.

Alan Thomson

2011 - New Year's Day Paddle



Photos: Harold Gillis





Photos from 2011
(Wendy Clapp)



VCKC Executive

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