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Message from the Pres

By Claudia Schwab, VKC President May 2009

Our festival on the first weekend of May was an excellent start for the season! Just like last year, lots of kayakers came out, countless river runs were done (this year with the fancy raft shuttle bus), tons of prizes were available for raffle and draw, chili on the Chilliwack tasted great and the band Switch played through rain and wind until the wee hours. Thanks to everybody who helped out to make this happen!

What a great start for the new paddling year - lets keep up the good work and most important the fun! There are lots of events planned during spring and summer, including the Similkameen Social, Mamquam and Puntledge Festivals and the VKC BBQ. Come on out for some river runs and camp fire stories. Of course, all the trips and activities need volunteers and organizers, so please have a look at the schedule and sign up.

Looking forward to see everybody on the river!
Have fun and stay safe
Claudia Schwab, VKC President

VKC Similkameen River Trip & Social – June 20/21

Mark your calendars for the annual VKC Similkameen River Trip & Social the weekend of June 20/21! Check the VKC forum for more information on

camping and river levels closer to the event.

River Class: II-III

Contact: Rick Sheppard at 604-879-8028 to sign up.

VKC Summer BBQ - June 25

Who: All VKC Members

What: VKC Summer BBQ, food provided but BYOB

Where: Paddy's place next to the lower Seymour River, 910 Seymour Blvd., North Vancouver, BC

When: Thursday, June 25, 2009, time TBA

Why: It's a tradition! If the Seymour is at a good level keep an eye on the forum and there might even be a pre-party paddle!

VKC Capilano River Sessions 2009 – Wednesdays at 6:00 PM until the end of June!

Philip Morley, Training

The 2009 VKC Capilano Sessions are scheduled for every Wednesday until the end of June. All paddlers with at least some pool experience are welcome. These are informal sessions with no set curriculum or river location. Depending on the group, we will be working on everything from eddy maneuvers and ferrying to surfing and other play boating skills. Our meeting spot will be in the south-east parking lot of Park Royal Mall and the water level of the Capilano River will determine

our training location. In general, we train on the river near Park Royal Mall when the level is high and at the Fish Hatchery when the level is medium or low. In addition to the training sessions, a river run down from the hatchery may be organized for some of the group, depending on conditions.

Keep an eye on the forum for weekly updates!

Capilano River Session Photo: Philip Morley



Mamquam Whitewater Festival – June 26/27

River run available, slalom clinic, fun slalom race - kids of all ages (including adult kids!). Keep an eye on the VKC forum for more information as it becomes available or contact the Mamquam River Access Society at 604-848-959



Lifetime Membership – Brian Creer and Luci Bommert

The VKC has honored VKC founders Brian Creer and Luci Bommert with Lifetime Membership to the club. Congratulations Brian and Luci!

VKC Membership Renewal

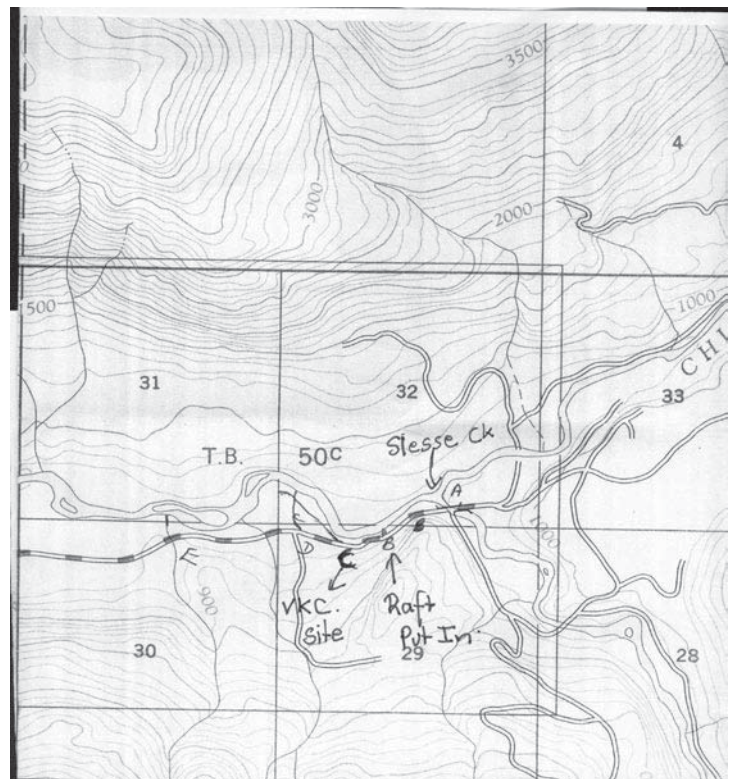
If you have not already done so, please renew your membership in the Vancouver Kayak Club for the 2009/2010 season. Sign up online at www.vankayak.org or fill out the new membership form (attached). If not already done, you will lose your access to the forum shortly!

VKC Adopts-a-River

Evelyn Feller, Access/Environment

Last fall during B.C. Rivers Day the VKC was approached at the Chilliwack River clean up and asked if we would be willing to adopt a section of the Chilliwack River and conduct clean-ups of that area. Since we use the river regularly, and have the festival on the river, the executive felt being involved in the adopt-a-river program was a responsible action.

We were allocated the section just below the raft put in at Slesse Creek (see map below). There is a small campsite with a trail running in which now will have a sign indicating that this is the site we are responsible for on the river. The next clean-ups will be on July 18th and September 27th, B.C. Rivers Day. If you are interested in volunteering for these events please contact Evelyn Feller at 604-270-4050. The Chilliwack River clean-ups are coordinated by the Chilliwack Vedder Clean-up Coalition.





Photos Matt Smart
Claudia Schwab

2009 VKC Whitewater Festival

The VKC's second annual Whitewater Festival took place the weekend of May 1-3, 2009. Over 100 paddlers, friends, and family from all over BC, Alberta, Washington, and Oregon kicked off the 2009 paddling season with river runs, boat demos, a down river race, the World Kayak Throwdown, camping, great food and entertainment, and lots of fun!

Kvarno Guest House, Level Six, Coca-Cola, Gala Sport, Western Canoe and Kayak, Kokatat, Aquabound, North Water Paddle Sport & Equipment, Werner Paddles, Tim Hortons, Mountain Equipment Co-Op, Moveo, Sea to Sky Kayak Centre, TNA Head Gear, Warm Rapids Inn, Brooks, Jackson Kayak, Kindred Spirit Kayak Co., Immersion Research, H2O, Purple Hayes School of Kayaking

Thank you to all the Sponsors!

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Thank you to all the Volunteers!

A huge thank you to the organizing committee (in no particular order) Eddie (sponsorships), Catherine (pre-registrations, food), Phil (website, pre-registrations, river program), Evelyn (food), Keith (shuttle, communications), Megan (on-site registration), Darrell (location, campground), Christian (MC, raffle, announcements), Farzana (non-paddling activities), Steve (race, trailer), Curtis (poster and pamphlet design), Peter and Paddy (stage and tent set-up), Ryan (driving, trailer, pick-up etc.), Tony (finances), Saskia (World Kayak Throwdown), Claudia (safety, t-shirts).

Thanks to everybody who helped out during the festival with registration: Farzana, Catherine, Corriette, Craig, Laurens, Tara, Pipo, and Tony; race: Craig, Dominique, Tudor, Keith, Phil and Claudia, food serving and preparation: Pipo, Linda, set-up and tear-down: Tony D, Greg Ball, Tony S, Keith, Pipo, Linda, Matt Smart, Megan Leslie, Christian, Farzana, Evelyn, Pete, Paddy, Gisela, Claudia, Kristie; Throw down: Phil, Catherine, Christian, Tony D, Kay, Matt Smart. River hosts: Vince, Tony, and many others. Apologies to anybody we may have missed – and thanks to you too!



Down River Race

Steve McConnell

Thanks to all those who participated! Special thanks to Craig, Dominique, Tudor and Keith for helping with the time keeping and the launch. Thanks to Phil Morley and Claudia for stepping in as safety boaters.

Fourteen participants raced from trailer park to the sponsor's display area beside the campground. Thirteen boats finished the race – Ryan says his spray skirt imploded!

Congratulations to Robin Sims who scored yet another victory for the infamous Green Boat in the Men's long boat category! Saskia won the women's category – the word is that she charged through Tamihi with steady speed, quiet confidence and authority. Phil Kast, an early registrant, a late scratch and a very last minute re-registrant, won the Men's loosely defined

'short boat' category.

Enjoy your trophies, put them in a prominent place in your living room and adorn them with ornamental lighting. When your year is up, please bring them back for next year's festival.

Here are the official Results:

Women's

Saskia 9:25 Jackson

Laani 9:56 Transition

Men's Long Boat

Robin 9:17 The Green Boat

Peter S 9:18 Race?

David L 10:27 Rip

Matt 12:53 Jive

Men's Short Boat

Phil Kast 10:05 Creek

Daniel 10:16 Dagger 6.7

Trevor 10:58 Super EZ

Keith W. 10:58 Pyranha

Chuck 12:39 Jackson

Marty 17:10 The slow boat from China?

Pavel 17:31 Mission

Ryan L DNF EZG

Photo Contest

Steve McConnell

No winners yet. Please submit your pictures at the VKC Forum.







World Kayak Throwdown # 1 – Chilliwack River

Saskia van Mourik Text

Matt Smart Images

Our first ever World Kayak Throwdown in Western Canada went off well. Of the 15 registrants we had about 11 beginners who took part in this fun, relaxed, laid back event. Special thanks to Tony Dyrsmid for helping with the judging, Kay-Uwe of the Purple Hayes School of Kayaking for you much needed help and support during the Throwdown and of course to the Vancouver Kayak Club for coming out to play and allowing us to host the event during their festival. Will we be back next year? Absolutely; this was a blast and we will have other events in the Fraser Valley and Greater Vancouver area coming up this 2009 season. Please see below for dates.

Why are these World Kayak Throwdowns so important? It is not about the organizers, the best paddlers, the free prizes and registration, the sickest rides or who won. These events serve to promote grassroots paddling from a sport and participant perspective and we are excited to be bringing all the fun to you, the paddler who may be new to the sport or experienced. The highlight of the weekend was watching the improvement and confidence that beginner showed. On Saturday there was hesitation

from beginners to play at the Pointa Vista wave; by Sunday afternoon with a few river runs under their belt they opted to participate in the Throwdown. The cool part was they were playing and surfing it up during the entire event. Thanks guys! You made the event!

Mark your calendars! Next events in the Lower Mainland/Greater Vancouver Area will be:

June 14 – Chilliwack Cup at Pointa Vista on the Chilliwack River

August 6 – Chilliwack Cup at Pointa Vista on the Chilliwack River

August 16 – Survivor Slalom at Hope River Slough, Chilliwack, BC

For more info and registration details please visit www.kayakevent.ca! Beginner to expert, these events are for you. Learn new skills, watch new technique, meet paddlers and have fun; we hope to see you on the river!

Event Results for Western Canada Throwdown #1 09' (May 3rd, 2009 on the Chilliwack River)

Men's K-1A

Place	Paddler	Total Points	Finalized Score
1	Philip Morley	21	0.00
2	Dan Inskip	5	0.00
3	Chuck Trickey	5	0.00
4	Laurens Meulendijks	13	0.00
5	Edward Rothschild	16	0.00
6	Craig Wilson	24	0.00
7	Steve McConnell	15	0.00
8	Christian Vogl	17	0.00
9	Kay Uwe Konojacki	12	0.00

Women's K-1

Place	Paddler	Total Points	Finalized Score
1	Saskia van Mourik	15	0.00
2	Dominique Yupangco	7	0.00
3	Catherine Mueller	26	0.00
4	Megan Leslie	6	0.00
5	Jenn McPhail	5	0.00
6	Farzana Vogl	15	0.00



Men's Journal – Your Perfect Weekend



Photo Claudia Schwab

This vehicle was spotted at the VKC Festival with Oregon plates – maybe the Men's Journal write-up was their incentive to make the long drive to Chilliwack?!

From the Men's Journal Website - Your Perfect Weekend May 1-3 (<http://www.mensjournal.com/your-perfect-weekend-may-1-3>):

"If the southland is out of your reach, you can still hit the river by heading north of the border to the VKC Whitewater Festival (\$55) on the Chilliwack River in British Columbia. Get registered on Friday and familiarize yourself with the river with a few test runs. If you're ears start popping like Rice Krispies it's because the Chilliwack drops 600m in elevation over its course. Start Saturday off on a guided morning hike through the Cascade Mountain Range before gearing up for a 1 o'clock guided run down the Chilliwack to acclimate newcomers to the river, especially the famous "Tamihi" rapid. Once you know the dips and dives of the route, test your skills at the Downriver race beginning at 5 pm. Fill up on the provided dinner after the race and chill to some live tunes by Switch. Sunday brings a slew of dry-land contests including the World Kayak Throwdown at 1 pm, a judged kayak skill challenge. End the weekend with a stop at Moveo's massage tent to work out the kinks from the weekends work."

Travel and Accommodation

Vancouver is the nearest major airport and about an hour and a half drive east to Chilliwack. Camp is located next to the "Tamihi" rapid."

VKC Pool Party

Text and photos by Philip Morley, Training

Winter training with the VKC had a new flavour this year. Templeton Pool in Vancouver (near Nanaimo and Hastings) had long been passed over as a kayak training facility, but its central location and easy accessibility have turned out to make it an ideal location for VKC pool sessions. To celebrate this discovery, and to kick off this year's training, a VKC Pool Party was held at Templeton on Saturday, February 7th. All types of whitewater paddlers showed up for this event to train and play in the pool and catch up with each other in the hot tub. Thanks to Western Canoeing & Kayaking, prizes were on hand and so a few games had to be played.

In what was supposed to be a casual match of kayak polo, the orange boat team was struck down with agonizing defeat after ten minutes of fierce competition. With very little energy left, all boaters were then lined up at one end of

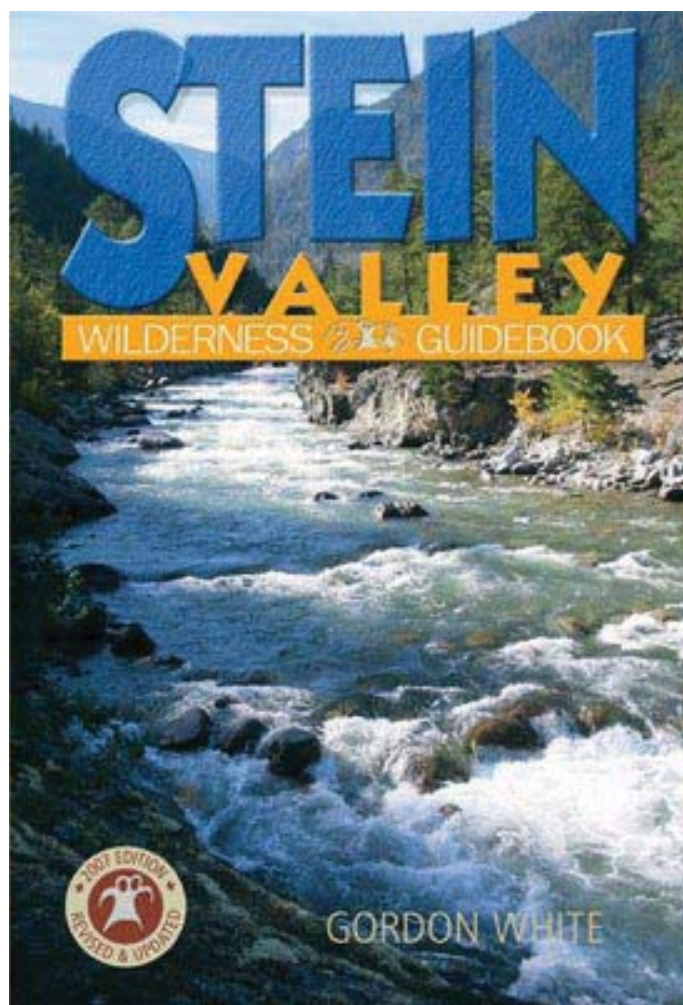


VKC Pool Party

the pool for a mandatory backwards race. Although it looked more like a game of bumper boats, a few paddlers in the race did manage to go straight backwards and the Vanessa/Kermit pair took first place (Kermit is a boat, "It's not EZ being green"). To finish up the evening, the pool lifeguards (perhaps happy that we were not another nudist group renting the pool) very generously allowed a little extra time in the hot tub. Following the success of this event, a few more open pool sessions were hosted by the VKC in February and March and a VKC Pool Course for beginner and intermediate paddlers was held on March



14th. We are already looking into planning our next pool sessions so stay tuned for training announcements and look forward to more VKC sessions at Templeton Pool next year!



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Gordon White

Just released, this long-awaited 2nd edition is a comprehensive guide to one of BC's most popular wilderness parks. It provides backpackers and hikers with the information needed to access and travel safely and respectfully within the Stein River Valley, located between Pemberton and Lytton in southwest BC.

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M2)		M4)	

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