

Alberta Whitewater Association



Brrrr – what happened to the Chinook?

Announcing the new AWA Board:

President	Sue Azofeifa	Calgary
Vice President	Bruce Waldie	Olds
Secretary	Sue Clark	Canmore
Treasurer	Ian Jobe	Calgary
Board Directors:		
Facilities & Venues	Chuck Lee	Lundbreck
Paddler Development	Simon Coward	Calgary
Discipline Directors: (non voting)		
Recreation – South	Darren Madley	High River
Recreation- North	vacant	
Slalom	Judi Frank	Medicine Hat
Wildwater	vacant	
Freestyle	Saskia van Mourik	Sundre

AGM Reports and Board contact info are on the website.

President's Message

Now that February is here, it feels like paddling is around the corner. There's lots' going on at a river near you this spring/summer!

Building Membership was one of the main discussions at the recent AGM. AWA has more staff on board than ever before. This strategic move was made to build capacity, improve service to members and to encourage Club development. AWA is now in a good position to support ongoing projects and bring on-stream some new initiatives. For this infrastructure to be sustainable we need your support. **Please encourage your friends to join AWA directly or through your local Club.**

2008 Instructor Training Programs will be posted on the website soon. Contact your new Director of Paddler Development at simon.coward@adventuretripping.com if you are interested in an instructor or leadership training clinic in your region.

Kananaskis River Upgrades - April 15 to 30th. Chuck Lee is leading this huge collaborative project. The main focus of this work will be from Smitty's Wave to the Canoe Meadows take out. Trail upgrades and improvements to the slalom gate structures will follow. Thanks to LKRUA (Lower Kananaskis River Users Association), Clubs, other Associations and corporations who have pledged funds and support. Keith Morrison is leading a last minute grass roots

drive to engage recreational paddlers in funding a redesign of the Santa Claus feature. Keithwiggley@hotmail.com Go Keith!

Alberta Summer Games – for communities interested in getting kids involved in paddle sports, the lead up to ASG is the perfect chance to build your program. AWA's Coach Mentoring program will support your Club coaches. As our Technical Director, Saskia is there to assist your Club to get emerging programs underway. The Youth Leadership Development Program is another of AWA's Club support initiatives.

Sue Azofeifa

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From our Technical Director: The Freestyle discipline will soon become a Society under the AWA umbrella. One more Board member is needed. Please contact me if you are interested.

Saskia is on holidays from Feb 17 to Mar 3. In Saskia's absence, please contact Dan Groeneveld regarding Alberta Summer Games info and Zone Trials at georgesservice@shaw.ca
Saskia van Mourik awatd@telus.net

From our HP Slalom Coach: The athletes have had three great camps so far this winter. Two in Chilliwack and one in Calgary/Canmore. Much hard work has been done and progress is evident. The last two weeks of February we are in Charlotte, NC for a camp in preparation for the Olympic Trials there in April.

Spring Break Camp – March 15th - 30th – Any athletes or coaches interested in training in Chilliwack during your spring break please contact Mike or Saskia. One week or two weeks are possible.

Media Training – March 14th - 6pm – For athletes and coaches interested in learning how to get your message out there. Hosted by Canadian Sport Center - Calgary. Contact Mike for details.

Clubs - Are you interested in a steel shipping container for boat and gear storage? We are working on preferred pricing. Contact Mike.

HP Paddlers – openings still exist in our program. Contact Mike.

US Slalom Tour – anyone interested in participating in the Tour this year should contact Mike ASAP to allow resource allocation.

Mike Holroyd 403-282-3374 mholroydcoach@gmail.com

From our Fund Developer: Check the AWA website for Club funding opportunities. Deadlines are approaching quickly!
Lynn Jobe ljkayaker@shaw.ca

From our Admin. Coordinator: The WSAA Casino is coming up on May 4 & 5 in Calgary. Have you volunteered yet? Membership procedures are being updated. Watch the website for news in March.

Camping at Canoe Meadows: AWA enjoys preferential booking of this group camp site until February 29th. Any Clubs wishing to book should contact me.

Althea Shaw 403-687-6008 Althea@telusplanet.net

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Reel Rapid Paddling Film Fest -March 4 open at 6:30 pm
Sponsored by Aquabatics to benefit Waterwerks Kayak Club
Recreational Programs and MRC Ecotourism Program.
Leacock Theatre, at Mt. Royal College, Calgary – Students
\$10, Adults \$12, At the door \$13. Tickets at Aquabatics, ph:
288-WAVE or 1-877-440-9283, www.aquabatics.com

Pinch 'O Crow Creekers Rendezvous – May 17-19
Travel south for the warm water and an interesting variety of
rivers. The hospitality is outstanding!
Contact chucklelee@cfabsw.com.

Kananaskis Whitewater Festival – May 25 to 27
Hosted by Calgary Kayak Club with proceeds to LKRUA.
Details available soon at www.calgarykayakclub.com



2007 Kanfest Fun at Widowmaker

National Jr Slalom Team Trials – May 31st & June 1
Kananaskis River - Volunteers and officials needed.
Event Coordinator: Lorel Dederer - loreld@telus.net

Red Deer River Paddlefest – July 11th – 13th - 2nd annual
event – family friendly event focuses on skills clinics and
socializing – a great way to meet other boaters. Based out
of Mukwah Adventure Tours, SW of Sundre. Watch for
updates at the AWA website.

2008 Event Schedule - see www.albertawhitewater.ca.

What's NEW at your Club ?

Send Newsletter updates and photos to
ljkayaker@shaw.ca by the 7th of each month.

Send Club Events for posting on AWA and
WSAA websites to althea@telusplanet.net

Thanks !

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alberta Summer Games - Aug 7 to 10 - Medicine Hat

Events: Canoe Polo, Wildwater Race and Slalom Race

- Zone Trial dates - submitted by February 22 for funding
- Submit Zone Trial results + registrations by July 1
- If YOUR CLUB hasn't received ASG info by email – please
contact Dan at georgesservice@shaw.ca

See www.albertawhitewater.ca for detailed ASG info.



Hayden Daniels C1 – 2006 ASG – Red Deer

NEWS

Sr Slalom Athletes: Chris McTaggart, Paul Manning-Hunter,
Connor Curson, Jessica Groeneveld and Ben Hayward have
recently been searching out warmer waters to prep for the
upcoming Sr Slalom Team Trials – April 25, 26 in Charlotte, NC.
Go fast and clean !

Congratulations to Marissa Dederer who recently returned from
a World Paddle Sport Foundation trip to Kenya where she raced in
the first ever Olympic Slalom Qualifier in Africa. Watch the AWA
website for a trip report once Marissa gets over her jet lag !

Wildwater boats: Any Clubs interested in acquiring Wildwater
boats at subsidized prices should write to ljkayaker@shaw.ca



Ben Hayward – Wildwater Race - 2007 Provincial Championships