

Alberta Whitewater Association



President's Message

The AWA is the governing body that represents whitewater kayaking in Alberta. This encompasses: instructor training and coach development; the support of paddlefests and slalom competitions; a variety of youth programs; and the development of sites such as the Kananaskis.

In 2008 the AWA is poised to move ahead on a range of initiatives – we have a full time Technical Director, a full-time High Performance coach in WSAA, a part-time Fund Developer and part-time Administrative Coordinator.

We encourage all paddlers in Alberta to make use of the resources of the AWA; to introduce a new generation to paddling; to grow and support your club by volunteering and through renewal of your membership.

High Performance Slalom Coach:

February Camp in Charlotte, NC - 11 HP racers visited this fantastic \$37 million artificial whitewater course for 2 weeks in February. Tremendous improvements were seen.

Congratulations to Paul Manning-Hunter of Edmonton who was the top Canadian, with a bronze medal, in the first of two days of racing.

Chris McTaggart (BVKC) and Ben Hayward (ROCK) and Connor Curson (Cottonwood) were close on his heels. The C2 team of Purcell/Purcell (Cottonwood) medaled both days and Jessica Groeneveld from Cottonwood was just off the podium in 4th place.

The Juniors represented Alberta well on this immensely difficult course. Marissa Dederer of Calgary was the top North American Junior women's kayak and Graham Jobe (Waterwerks) was the top Canadian Junior kayak. Haley Daniels (Waterwerks) and Alex Clark (BVKC) also did well in the K1 junior women's class and the C1 junior men's class respectively. Well done to everyone who attended!

Olympic Team Trials & PanAm Championships - Charlotte, NC. April 25,26,27. 40,000 spectators are expected over the three days of racing. It is USA, Canadian, Brazilian, Chilean, Australia, and Ireland's Olympic Selection races. Information can be found at: <http://www.usnwc.org/2008-Olympic-Team-Trials.html> Alberta will have 10 athletes competing for the Canadian Team.

US Slalom Tour - Would anyone at your Club like to race at the Junior Olympics and NorAm Cups. Please contact Mike.

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

Club Coach Mentorship Program – Contact Mike for info.

Mike Holroyd

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From our Fund Developer:

ljkayaker@shaw.ca

See the AWA website for new information on Club funding.

ATCO Community Symposium - April 22 in Okotoks, April 24 in Vermillion - Valuable learning opportunities - \$45 including lunch
www.atcoelectric.com/community/Community_Symposium.asp

Centrepoint – This Calgary organization supports the nonprofit sector through consulting, mentoring, training and knowledge sharing. Ask at your municipal office to learn about similar organizations or seminars in your area that can help you to build a strong club.

From our Admin. Coordinator:

Althea@telusplanet.net

WSAA Casino - May 4 & 5 in Calgary. Have you volunteered yet?

Membership procedures are being updated. Watch the website.

Upcoming Events

Waterwalker Film Festival - March 28th - 7:00 pm

at Mount Royal College. The festival is a collection of the best canoeing, kayaking and environmental films of the year. Presented by Undercurrents and the Mount Royal Eco-Tourism Program. All proceeds to benefit Bow Riverkeeper - www.bowriverkeeper.org. Tickets: \$8 in advance / \$10 at the door. Undercurrents store or by calling 262-GEAR.

Recreational Canoe Polo Clinic and Tournament - Sat. April 5th

Hosted by Edmonton Whitewater Paddlers – Clinic 3 pm-5pm & Tournament 5pm-10pm - Kinsmen Pool, Edmonton - please pre-register as an individual or as a team - dalob@shaw.ca ph (780) 982-1315

Innisfail Polo Tournament – April 12th – 9am to 5 pm - Innisfail

Aquatic Centre - \$20 per person – Paddlers of all levels are encouraged to attend. There will be lots of help to teach you the game and make sure you are comfortable in the water. Concession stand. Please pre-register at lorilee1@telus.net or call 403 227-5911

Kananaskis River and Canoe Meadows Upgrades – late April

Volunteers will be needed. Watch the website for updates as details firm up. Thanks to Chuck Lee for leading the project.

National Jr Slalom Team Trials – May 31st & June 1

Kananaskis River - Volunteers and officials needed.
Event Coordinator: Lorel Dederer - loreld@telus.net

MEC Paddlefest: A celebration of paddle sports

June 14 - Rundle Park Paddling Centre, Edmonton

June 28 - Carburn Park, Calgary

Watch the MEC website for info: www.mec.ca

Red Deer River Paddlefest – July 11th – 13th - 2nd annual AWA

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.

Alberta Summer Games - Aug 7 to 10 - Medicine Hat

Slalom – Wildwater – Canoe Polo

See www.albertawhitewater.ca for detailed ASG info.

Send Newsletter updates and photos to ljkayaker@shaw.ca by the 10th of each month. Send Club Events for posting on AWA and WSAA websites to althea@telusplanet.net Thanks!!



SWEET GLENDA'S SIDESHOW EXTRAVAGANZA

WHO IS SWEET GLENDA? SHE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF RIVER FUN

PRESENTING:



Dave McCann
+ The Ten Toad
Frogs



\$10 BUCKS
AT THE DOOR

★ Saturday ★
★ April 12th ★
★ Doors Open ★
★ @ 8pm ★
★ ★

IMPROV
Magic Show
Public Spanking
General Silliness
SLIGHT BIT
OF NUDDITY



A Fundraising Event for the Revival of the
Santa Clause Wave on the Kananaskis River



Vern's - 622 - 8th Ave SW



Cowtown



A Nice Feet Production

