

BOWLINES

Award Winning Newsletter of The Bluegrass Wildwater Association since 1976. Jan/Feb2014

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You won't want to miss the 31st

National Paddling Film Festival!

February 21-22

www.npff.org

NPFF 2013 Image Winner "Great Falls" by Regina Nicolardi

Any event that has been around for over 31 years is one that most who have attended it have enjoyed and found worthwhile. For paddlers, the *National Paddling Film Festival* has stood the test of time. For 31 years it has encouraged hundreds of paddlers to share their river experiences starting in it's early days with 8mm & 16mm film and early video (that only pro could afford) to today's high tech cameras that sit on a helmet and provide high quality images we could only wish for 32 years ago. Paddling has indeed become a spectators sport away from the river over the past three decades

and the NPFF has help lead the way.

The volunteers of the NPFF, mostly from the Bluegrass Wildwater Association, have added many things to the event that brings paddlers back year after year. First, it is almost like a homecoming, you get to see your river friends and socialize without being on the cold river bank..... well, you can still do that too if you want to. Second, scads of gear you need (or want) is there for you to bid on. And with any luck that raffle ticket you buy will get you that new boat you have been lusting for!

Looking Ahead

Coming BWA Meetings
Second Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 pm

BWA Monthly Meeting Meet & Eat Meeting at Roosters

124 Marketplace Dr
Lexington, KY 40503
(859) 449-7737

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/roosters-lexington>

Upcoming at the NPFF:

The National Paddling Film Festival invites you to enter the 2nd

NPFF BREW OFF

Entry deadline: February 21, 2014 @ 7:00PM

National Paddling Film Festival - Buffalo Trace Distillery - Frankfort, KY



Competition will loosely follow BJCP/AHA guidelines

Open to any homebrewer age 21 or older.

Free NPFF admission with every entry of 1 case/2.5 gal.

2 cases/5 gallons = 2 Free NPFF admissions

Beer may be packaged in kegs or bottles.

1st, 2nd & 3rd win NPFF medals and the esteem of the throngs!

To register, email Treasurer@bluegrasswildwater.org

More info: WWW.NPFF.ORG



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Join the BWA! BWA Membership \$20/individual; \$25/Family year entitles you to receive the newsletter, 10% discounts at many local and out of state outfitter shops, use of club equipment, discount at pool rolling sessions, a listing in the BWA Handbook, a stream gauge guide, and web site with a forum for member's messages & a parking pass for the Elkhorn.

Meetings are held at 7:30, the second Tuesday of each month at location announced on our website: <http://www.bluegrasswildwater.org>

Submission of newsletter articles can be on CD (Mac or PC). Pictures can be digital or ready to be scanned. Please include stamped envelope for return. Preferred method: Files can also be e-mailed to: DonSpang@aol.com



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great issues going back to 1998!

Issue Archive:

http://www.surfky-bwa.org/html/bowlines_arcN.html

A must read for all members, our 30th Anniversary issue:

http://www.surfky-bwa.org/bowlines/BL30thAnnv_Aug06.pdf

**The BWA wishes to thank Canoe Kentucky & Benchmark for their support.
We urge you to patronize them for your outdoor needs.**





Got questions? Well, there will be outfitters and manufacture reps there to ask questions of. You might get a free bottle opener or other handy freebie while visiting them as well as answers about the latest gear.

Time to renew your American Whitewater membership? Yes, they are there too and will greet you with a smile and handshake for being part of supporting whitewater paddling by attending the NPF.

Unlike some film events, we do not send you down the street if you decide you want some refreshments. We have delicious food on site for you. Yes, good eats of all kinds and the best part is that it is included in the price of your ticket. It is going to be cold! But heck, it has really been cold all winter so far. So what could be better than a Chili Cook-off contest that all you have to do is eat, enjoy and warm that inner you till you glow and maybe sweat a bit! The BWA will be cooking a lot of good eating for you at the NPF. It is always good when you can eat and watch videos at the same time! Just like home! Only you do not have to cook or do the dishes at the NPF.



We have a lot of videos from some of the most talented amateur and professional film makers out there! Action, daring, spectacular sights, humor and more are to be seen in the entries. Small Creeks, big rivers, breath taking waterfalls, incredible rapids, remote locations are there for you to explore and experience,

and often may be the only opportunity you will have to see that unique river. Entries come from all over North America and indeed many continents. All this for the price of a ticket that is good for two days of fun.

Just in case you have a little down time, remember, you are in Kentucky and at one of its most famous distilleries: **Buffalo Trace**. Take one of its famous tours, reputed to be the best around, and then sip some samples of that marvelous amber bourbon. It is part of Kentucky history that you have to learn about!



Can there be more for you at the NPF? Yes, yes, yes. Each festival we have as a guest host one of the most famous top paddlers and filmmakers for you to meet. This year's Guest Host is Fred Norquist. A paddler since age 15, he is passionate about whitewater adventure and filming it. Fred's daring and spectacular paddling will guarantee you will hear some great paddling tales and his videos will show you what being on the edge in river running is really like!



This year's NPF is something no one should miss... especially YOU!

Message from the 2014 National Paddling Film Festival

Director:

**Bethany
Overfield**



As most of you likely know, I'm the Director of the National Paddling Film Festival (NPFF) this year. I've been hitting the forum up something fierce lately trying to generate new (and old) interest in the festival. I've been pleading for help and new volunteers so frequently, I'm sure you all have pretty much tuned me out by now, which is understandable. I would like to take a moment to tell you a little bit about the festival and why it's dear to me so maybe you'll be inclined to get involved in the planning and execution of the festival (and then I'll leave you alone on the forum).

Many of you are relatively new to the club so I'll give you a very brief background. The Bluegrass Wildwater Association has been putting on this film festival for 31 years. As far as I know, it's the longest running paddlesport film festival in the history of the world. I have no data to back that up because kayakers are, generally speaking, not the best at recording events, but I'm pretty damn sure. The first festival took place in a barn at the Kentucky Horse Park. We've come a long way! To learn more about that and the amazing cast of characters that started this shindig, check out the "History" section on our website (www.npff.org).

What started out as a party to highlight the best in paddlesport videos and still images has evolved into a tremendous fundraiser. We have, over the course of the lifetime of NPFF, given away over \$124K to conservation organizations—namely American White-

water. American Whitewater focuses on a host of issues, from dam removal to river accessibility for the general public. We've also given to Kentucky Waterways Alliance, West Virginia Rivers Coalition, Friends of Cheat, Team River Runner, and many other organizations (in addition, for the past several years we've also donated to a river conservation organization of our guest host's choosing).

This is truly what fuels me to spend as much time on NPFF as I do—my interest in raising money for river conservation efforts all across the country (and Ecuador as of last year). Waterways truly are the pulse of the landscape and if that pulse is damaged the environmental effects are far-reaching. I believe that kayakers are incredible environmental stewards, oftentimes unknowingly so. Even if we're focused on the placement of that golden boof stroke, we are constantly assessing our surroundings. If there was a

large fish kill resulting from a water quality issue, we'd know it. If there was a straight pipe pouring something damaging into one of the creeks we paddle we'd recognize it. If we developed a gnarly rash from an underwater experience on a creek, we'd obviously be interested in figuring out what sort of water quality issue was responsible. I feel indebted to those organizations that continue to protect watersheds and water quality and that fight for our accessibility. So yes, NPFF is a tremendously fun raging party with great beer, fantastic footage and a killer silent auction, but there's more to it than all of that.

You don't have to be passionate about kayaking porn to get involved with the festival. Many volunteers get involved for the film aspect and many get involved for the fundraising—I would bet that most of the people who work hard enjoy both aspects of the film festival. The BWA should be immensely proud of pulling this festival off for so many years! It's such an accomplishment. The bottom line, however, is that we need some new people in the club to get interested in helping out; we need some new people to carry the torch. We need people to work with the films and the judges, to get donations for the silent auction, and to do basic planning.

My involvement with NPFF has been an extremely rewarding volunteer effort. I've learned a great deal and had the opportunity to work with an amazing cast of characters over the years. I have to give a shout out to those people for whom NPFF would not currently exist: Brandon, Bubba, Don Jr., Ledgeman, Barry, Todd G, and YT. There are many more people that pour a huge amount of time into the festival, but these core people have kept NPFF up and running for the past several years. If you want to know more about what they do and if you want to get more involved please holler at me.

I'm looking forward to a great festival and I'm looking forward to seeing some new faces for the 2015 NPFF planning! Thanks!

Bethany

Sign up today..... your help is needed!
2014 NPFF VOLUNTEER SIGN UP ROSTER

<http://www.bluegrasswildwater.org/bwaforum/read.php?5,20236,20236#msg-20236>



Three most recent NPFF Directors: Bethany Overfield Todd Garland & Brandon Jett

NPFF 2014 Film Entries

| Title | Description | Filmmaker |
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| Paddling Plastic Objects on Moist to Mostly Wet Rocks | Virginia Whitewater, the unspoken goods. | Cameron Hall |
| Nepal | Kentucky boy travels to Nepal to experience the people, culture, and rivers of this ancient land. | Spalding Hurst |
| Lower Gauley (Gauley Fest 2013) | Viking Canoe Club visit to the Gauley River Festival running the lower section of the river. | Nathan Scally |
| Cheoah | Viking Canoe Club's visit to the Cheoah River. Most of the groups first descent. | Nathan Scally |
| Autumn Falls | A group of amateur kayakers escape the classroom to get a cold, late season run on the Pit River in Northern California. | Ross Allen |
| Outasight | A visually impaired and blind whitewater kayaking clinic - Yankee Jim Canyon - Yellowstone National River, Gardiner, Montana | Harry Carr |
| Rainy Southeast Weekend | Weekend trip to North Carolina. High water levels, runs include 200% Green, North Fork of the French Broad, Toxaway put-in slide, Gragg Prong, and high water Wilson Creek. | Ryan McAvoy |
| Solo Session | There are not a lot of creekboaters in Washington state. Sometimes you have to head to the river by yourself. These are the highlights of the 2012-13 solo sessions. | Daniel Patrinellis |
| Beater Sessions Vol. 1 (Drink your Booties) | For weekend warriors, carnage is a way of life. It happens, and as long as nobody gets hurt, it's awesome. Watch some great carps, swims Booties in Beater Sessions Vol.1 | Daniel Patrinellis |
| Metlako Falls, PA | Some of the local boys fire up the (secret) tallest runnable waterfall in Pennsylvania. | Seth Burdette |
| Chilean Adventures: The Promise Land | Three young kayakers from the southeast decide to migrate south for the winter to enjoy the Chilean Summer and all the bounty it offers. | Taylor Cofer |
| Swim of the Year - Awards Preview | Swimmers Anonymous presents the Swim of the Year awards preview, showcasing some of the best beating available. | Swimmers Anonymous |
| Hurricane Sandy | A day of microcreeking in southwest Pennsylvania with too many people, thanks to the super storm created by Hurricane Sandy on November 2, 2012. | Seth Burdette |
| Alone on the River | In the heart of the Himalayas, 5 world-class paddlers embark on a month long self-supported kayaking adventure. From the back alleys of Kathmandu to the deepest gorges of the Langu Kola, via the frozen summits of the Upper Dolpo, experience this exceptional expedition: - 550km on the river dropping over 14,400 ft. in elevation - 30 days autonomy in the remotest region of the Himalayas | PION stéphane |
| Factors | Factors is a short video showcasing emotions and factors that every kayaker encounters while facing a challenge. This video what shot on the might and steep chutes Ste-Anne section in Quebec. | Emerick Blanchette |
| Demshitz Grand Canyon Trip | This video shows some amazing shots of the Grand Canyon. This is a pretty serious video from the DS crew. The Grand Canyon is a very inspiring place! You all must go! | Dave Fusilli |
| On Our Own - Quebec Connection 2013 Season Highlights | Follow the Quebec Connection crew as they showcase some of their best shot from their past season. They will bring you around the Quebec area to show you some of the finest whitewater available up there. | Emerick Blanchette |
| High Atlas Kayaking | The DK crew exploring the mountains of Morocco searching for new runs. Blessed by exceptional water levels, the team spent two weeks of incredible adventures between friends under the African sun, among the incredibly welcoming Berbers people. Can't get any better... | Hugo Clouzeau |
| Leap of Faith | Take a Leap of Faith with the Armada on their adventures around the world in 2012 and 2013. | Seth Burdette |

NPFF 2014 Film Entries

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| Pyranha Promo 2013 | A look at what Team Pyranha has been up to in 2012 | Paul Butler |
| \$oul Rich Part One - BC Provides | Having just spent a week in the wilds of BC being keen to give, we give you a flavor of the BC goods. This video features Rogers Creek and Upper Cheakamus. | Paul Butler |
| \$oul Rich Part Two | The second part of the BC goods we were provided on this summer trip! Everything is just training for BC! In this lovely segment you get a flavor of Callaghan Creek and Ashlu Creek. | Paul Butler |
| Variables | Everything in life is subject to change and morph. Variables is a little look into what went down this spring to mid-summer for the crew. | Paul Butler |
| Swimmers Anonymous Presents Swim Of The Year:WinnersReel | Swimmers Anonymous presents the Swim of the Year awards, voted by your peers. Freedom cord. Hand relief. Bootie beer. Merica. | Swimmers Anonymous |
| Handling Emergency Situations | A dramatic series of true-life emergency scenarios are lead by top sea kayaker Gordon Brown and the rescue professionals of the UK Coastguard and Lifeboat services. We learn the most effective ways to summon assistance and how to help the experts conduct a safe and efficient rescue. | Simon Willis for Sunart Media |
| Its Always Sunny in Elkhorn City | A beautiful sunny day in the Russell Fork Gorge. 2 laps at low water, experimenting with the GoPro stern mount. The gauge rock showed 270 cfs, still plenty of boofs and fun moves at the lower levels. | Brandon Jett |
| Rocks Gradient and Water | A compilation of footage from rivers in the southeast. | Colin Hunt |
| Powell to Powell: Portraits of the Upper Colorado | We travel for 600 miles down the Upper Colorado, from Rocky Mountain National Park, CO to Lake Powell, UT. Using foot, kayak, raft, and solar raft as transportation. We talk to many people about the uses of Colorado River water. | Will Stauffer-Norris |
| Grapefruit Tacos Tequila White Water | The Into the Outside crew travel to Latin America to sample some of the spectacular white water Mexico has to offer. The English group's first trip across the pond reaps great rewards. | Daniel Fylan-Smith |
| Tellico River - The Ledges Section | The Tellico is all about waterfalls, boofs and laps. At levels between 2-3', its a class 3-4 training ground for aspiring creek boaters and a great workout for more advanced boaters who want to work on their boofing skills. This is one of southern Appalachia's most beautiful areas. | Brandon Jett |
| Weekend Warriors | We put this video together to highlight good lines, to promote women in the sport and most importantly, to have fun with our friends! You're not going to see any huge waterfalls or first descents in this video, but we hope you'll find something that might motivate you in whatever you're doing, whether it be work, school, or kayaking. | Erin Savage |
| Nine Rivers | Nine Rivers follows four men on a month-long, thousand kilometre canoe journey through the Canadian shield. Share the hardships and splendor of the North on this journey to Hudson Bay. | David Hartman, Matt Perpick, Adam Biehler |
| CURRENTS: Rio Alseseca | With every year that passes more and more people are traveling to the Veracruz region of Mexico to paddle the Rio Alseseca. In this episode Currents explores the history of what made this one of the most unique rivers in the world for whitewater kayaking, those who worked to open the river and those who are working to maintain it. | Mike McKay |
| Walled In | Since finding kayaking on a hot summers day 15 years ago, Ben Stookesberry has sought out the most challenging river expeditions in the world. But with this challenge comes risk and there is plenty of that where he is going next. | Ben Stookesberry |
| Made in Canada | Five2Nine and NRS Films have teamed up to offer a glimpse into the rivers of Canada to show the individuals and the rivers in the diverse landscape that is Canadian whitewater through the individuals that are the most passionate about the rivers. | Mike McKay |

NPFF 2014 Film Entries

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| Tetas Profundas Webisode #1 | Katrina Van Wijk, Louise Urwin, and Louise Jull travel to South America exploring the wild rivers that come off the Andes in Patagonia. | Katrina Van Wijk & Erin Galey |
| All Roads Lead to the PNW Webisode #2 | Erin Galey introduces herself to the audience, explaining how she found TiTs DEEP. Nicole Mansfield and Katrina Van Wijk run Celestial Falls in a Dynamic Duo. | Katrina Van Wijk & Erin Galey |
| Stouts and Sisterhood Webisode #3 | Nicole Mansfield and Katrina Van Wijk discover many incredible gems in their new home of the Pacific Northwest. They are also joined by Louise Urwin, Nouria Newman and Anna Bruno. | Katrina Van Wijk & Erin Galey |
| A Year in Review Webisode #4 | TiTs DEEP celebrates 1 year old! A highlight reel of all the incredible feats done by TiTs Deep women around the world. | Katrina Van Wijk & Erin Galey |
| The Puma | On December 28th, 2013 A group of stout masters decided to head to the Rio Fuy, we had one thing on our minds, and it has been on my mind for almost 6 years now...THE PUMA! To this day Salto de la Puma is still the tallest waterfall ever run in Chile. We unofficially yet accurately measured the drop this year to be around 35-36 meters tall (110-115 feet) This combined with it's difficult entry and dangerous landing zone makes The Puma, in my mind, is one of the most technical waterfalls in the world. With the 2nd descent going down just 10 days earlier by a young German paddler...The time was now. With the right level, group, and experience, Evan Garcia stepped up for the third descent...This is the story. | Evan Garcia |
| Sam Ovet: Go Kayaking | My name is Sam Ovet. I love kayaking. I go kayaking every chance I get. Kayaking is my connection to the natural world. Rivers are the life blood of our earth. Every time I go kayaking I am connected to the life blood. | Sam Ovet |
| Sunbeam Dreams and the Carolyn Jane | Chronicles of a 7 Day Solo flatwater canoe adventure in Algonquin Park Ontario Canada. | Jason Irwin |



Contestants on the Elkhorn at last years "Not NPFF" Race

NPFF 2014 Auction Preview

Another reason to be at the Film Festival... thousand of dollars worth of auction items you can bid on and further support the NPFF, while often getting a great deal on things you wanted and needed anyway! Here are just a few of the items for 2014.

Thanks to the sponsors who have donated these items to the auction!



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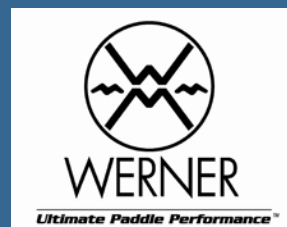
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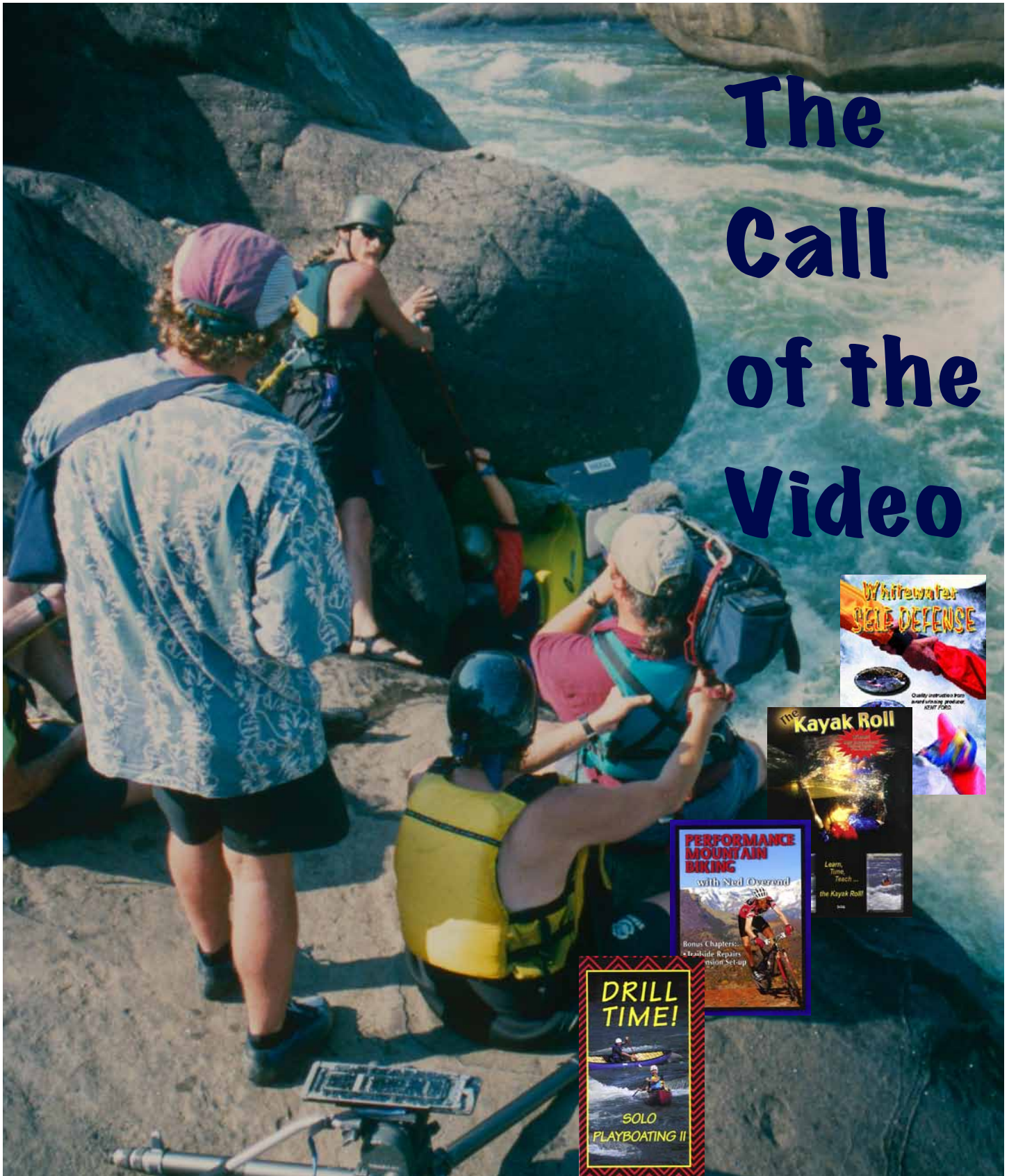


Boat for the Raffle

See many more items by going to the NPFF web site:

<http://bluegrasswildwater.org/npff/webid/index.php?>

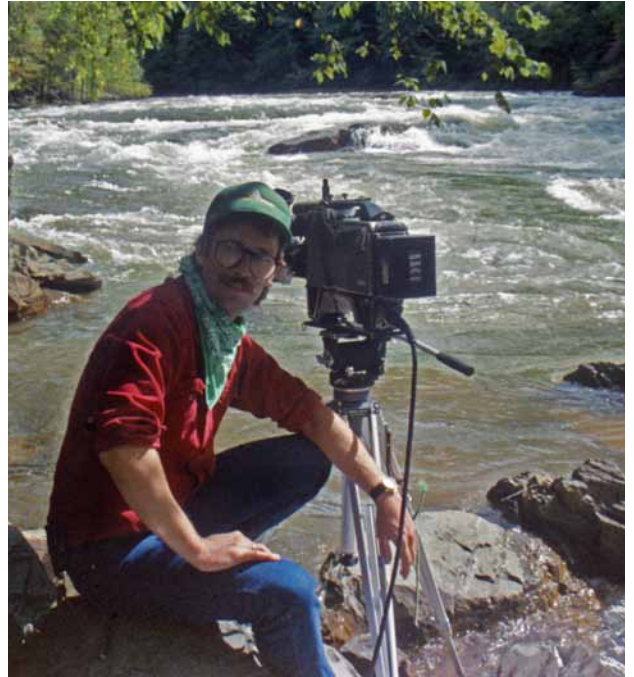
Paddling History that touched the BWA



John Davis

***BWA member and promoter,
produced some of the first whitewater
videos.***

***The explosion of paddlesport followed
soon after. Here is the backstory...
from his business partner Kent Ford.***



It all started in 1985 when John Davis was busy promoting the relatively new BWA National Paddling Film Festival to ask if I would face the video camera for an interview about the Russell Fork River. John's idea was to do a paddler's perspective promotional of the Russell Fork. It worked, and soon after, the river was getting noticed on the National radar screen for boaters.

Shortly afterwards, John contacted me again and proposed that we produce a video on how to paddle a decked C-1. I had a reputation for paddling and racing a C-1 and John knew what he was doing on the camera end as he was the senior Cameraman for a Lexington TV station. I agreed to the collaboration. So on weekends he would tiptoe out with a station camera (a big 3/4" format two piece clunker that probably cost \$100K at the time), we would meet at the Ocoee, and start shooting. No plan, no shot list, no storyboard, no nada. We trashed the entire first weekend of shooting as unusable. We learned that producing this sort of film meant organizing in advance. Lots. A few weeks later I was tiptoeing into the tv studio to help John edit our project. More than a few folks have teased me about the hushed tones of those initial voiceovers. That voice was to avoid detection!



And then a funny thing happened. People bought our video! This first run VHS sold a zillion copies. I don't know how many exactly, but enough that it way more than paid the bills. So we did another, and another, and soon we had a thriving business selling VHS tapes of Canoe and Kayak instruction. They sold worldwide. My sister accused me of being in cahoots with the boat companies- switching people from C-1 to Open Canoe, to Whitewater Kayak to slalom to playboating to sea kayaking. A partly true accusation.

At the time the only instructional films were the fabulous ACA-Red Cross Films produced by Russ Nichols: Uncalculated Risk, Whitewater Primer, Margin for error. Those had a huge impact on the education of whitewater paddlers..... and they were nearly required viewing for every club, but they were not available for retail sale. No one had thought of selling paddling films for context, there was essentially only one kayak company with two boat designs. Paddleschools were just starting

to multiply, and in addition to of a handful of clubs you had stores and schools in nearly every paddling town.

Our business evolved to keep up... from the original C-1 film in 1987 to Open Canoe paddling (Solo Playboating 1989). Sketchy times! We took the huge, expensive, "borrowed" \$100K camera down the upper Gauley in a drybag in Don Spanglers' raft. Don became our primary on site driver and logistical assistant. John was dedicated to paddling enough to take those risks, and our future projects had proper equipment insurance.

We did buy the insurance for one of the first high quality mini-cams. Its first few hours were spent mounted on the handlebars of a mountain bike. The next hour was taped on the bow of a kayak for Point of View rolling instruction. This was before GoPro, so you had to turn on the camera, put it in the waterproof case, and then duct tape the case into position. All this was captured on the mini dv tape. But also captured were the images of water pouring into the waterproofing. But the videotape wouldn't eject from the now dead camera, so we had to run it by an industrial magnet for erasing before sending off for the warranty. Denied. We guessed the erasing didn't work.



If the equipment did not exist, John would often improvise to create award winning paddling videos.

The Kayaker's Edge (1991) launched alongside the birth of Dagger kayaks, and highlighted the Crossfire and Response designs right as the sport began to accelerate worldwide. By then we had a true worldwide audience, John owned his own gear, and our production quality was improving. Translations of the videos were done in Japan, France, and Germany. The British lad who was translating Kayakers Edge called with a question: What does it mean to "grab your remote and re-watch a section". I explained "TV remote control", to which he replied "Oh the thingy."



I don't think "grab your thingy and watch whitewater" translates the same way in this country!

John's river trips and filming work always entailed a very social atmosphere after the hard work was done. I remember camping at the Ocoee during filming for "Take the Wild Ride", which captures the first Freestyle World Championships. A full BWA contingent was on hand, partying and carousing until late in the night. The next day we captured many of the BWA crew on the water, and what many people call the birth of freestyle kayaking.

We quickly learned the crazy formula that dictated VHS purchases at the time. People asked the

cost, and asked for the length, and did some mental calculations. \$29.95 for one hour seemed to be the sweet spot for VHS pricing. But more important was watchability, which John developed with his remarkably professional eye. Great lighting, clean uncluttered backgrounds, beautifully artistic shots, soothing edits became his trademark. John was amazingly patient as I struggled on camera, sometimes through 20 takes to get my lines correct.

Part of his attention to quality was with crystal clear recording sound, which is not easy in the whitewater environment. To our amusement, this meant that whenever we would roll into a town for a shoot the first task would be asking at pharmacies for dry non-lubricated condoms. When properly applied, these provide ideal waterproofing for \$1000 transmitter packs. Whoever drew the short straw would have to ask at the counter for the condoms, while the other would smirk in the background like a teenage prankster.

Aided by the coattails of Dagger Kayaks, we started attending Outdoor Retailer to pawn our tapes to retailers. Our tiny little corner of their booth got great exposure, as John had arranged promos of our products on this fancy \$1200 device called a DVD player! Soon we were transitioning away from VHS, just as now we are transitioning away from DVD into downloads and streaming.

Once he had spun off a freelance business from the TV station, John dedicated himself to keeping up with the technology. This wasn't always easy. We did the transition to digital editing immediately before the edit for Performance Mountain Biking (1996), a major one hour film, with 25+ hours of contributing footage to go through. We would wade through a hundred potential shots on the computer screen, then seek where to place the shot on the timeline. But when we returned to the list we would have lost the file. This was before sorting columns in a spreadsheet was widely known, so we would be inadvertently resorting lists every time by clicking a random column!

But soon we were selling DVDs via a web site that John had cobbled together with help of some friends.



An interview with Bill Masters founder and former owner of Perception for a paddling history video.

As the business accelerated, John suggested we branch out to contract work, and soon we were presenting marketing and instruction films that sold with every Perception/ Dagger Kayak. The ACA and Coast Guard hired us for paddlesport training films. At the time, that meant that nearly every boater was getting our instruction- and our calculations were that nearly a million paddlers had enjoyed our productions. On paper anyway, John was the treasurer for our business. To keep him engaged and reading, I would hide his royalty check after page 5 of our quarterly reports. We had endless fun laughing about that. Our casual collaborations had evolved into a solid subset of the whitewater industry.

Off the river, John made a name for himself shooting and editing a PBS show on Vegetarian Cooking, news piece on Medical Strokes, a PBS and producing many projects for California Water Education, projects that won him three Emmys and PBS gold awards. But adventure was his true love, as evidenced by the top line of his resume : “Passport is Valid.” Once on returning from a video shoot in Russia, he commented that they barely caught enough for a one hour show. How many fish do you need to catch to make a half hour TV show on fishing? Two!

Many of the leaders in the field would get roped into helping on our productions. We would target the top 3 or 4 instructional gurus to be guest hosts, and their presence would enable a succinct and entertaining project. Eventually we harnessed many of the old timer leaders of the sport in our historical documentary “*The Call of the River*”. John befriended the "legends" from the paddling community and this seemed to add to the richness of content that was our goal.

John’s legacy was for love of paddlesport, and not for profit. From the first tiptoed productions, to raising the bar at NPFF, to pro-bono productions advocating for The Russell Fork, Animas, and Dolores Rivers, he was most interested in helping give back to the sport which had given him such a base of friendships. The scope and extent of his work left an indelible mark on paddlesports worldwide.

But if you encountered John on the river or at a BWA or paddle-industry event, you would have no ideal of his skillful promotion of paddling worldwide. His manner was 100% friendliness and nonchalance of having a beer around the campfire. And John's choice company for hanging out was his old BWA gang.



Nantahala Outdoor Center co-founder Payson Kennedy being interviewed for the Paddling History video "Call of the River".



BWA Member John Davis running Nemo Rapid on the Emory River In Tennessee

Kent Ford was John Davis's business partner through the production of 20 dvds and 3 books. John started in Kentucky as a early BWA member before moving to California. John died in January 2013.

Padding Videos of John & Kent

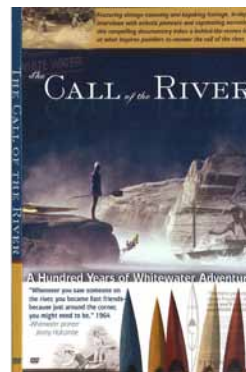
Padding History:

The Call of the River

Editor: I was present during some of the filming of many of these videos, but this is my favorite. If you want to know more about the history of modern whitewater paddling, the call of the river should be in your library.

Kayak:

The Kayak Roll
 All About Kayaking
 Performance Sea Kayaking
 In the Surf
 The River Runners Edge
 Breakthru! with Kayaker's Edge
 Paddlemonster for kids
 Whitewater Self Defense
 The Kayaker's Playbook
 Birth of Freestyle
 Vladimir Tribute



Whitewater Canoeing:

Solo Playboating
 Drill Time SP II
 Solo Playboating Workbook
 The Extra Challenge

Mountain Biking:

Performance Mountain Biking

For those BWA members that want to see some of John's work, here is a special offer from Performance Video for BWA members :

A 40% discount (use coupon code BWA) Plus enjoy a free copy of Take the Wild Ride.
 Go to: <http://www.performancevideo.com/>

Photos from a January Weekend on the Benson. By Bob Larkin



Off the Cuff

Comments from the Forum Worth Remembering

Smokies?

December 16, 2013

Brit and I were only a small part of the weekend fun with one lap on the Sinks / Elbow section but it was great to get out there and paddle with you guys! We were on 3.08 ft or so on lap 2 Sat and that is a fun level for sure. We both ended up flipping off the left rock at The Elbow. Thinking we need a line adjustment there at that level. At low flow we entered right but I'm thinking at 3 ft we should have gone further left over the rock at the entrance and drove slightly right to catch the second small curler. Or just get Brent to show me his line - he's probably got it dialed at every possible flow!

Yesterday we checked out the new High Point climbing gym that just opened a couple weeks ago in downtown Chattanooga. It's very cool and recommend checking it out if you are in the area.
[highpointclimbing.com]

Re: learning on easier sections of the Little - indeed it was an important teaching river for Brit along the way. I will never forget her first run of the Elkmont section at 4 ft. She hadn't done the Ocoee yet and she had 3 combat rolls that day. I must however caution you to realize it's not the Elkhorn or Tuck or Nanty or the Ocoee. New wood is frequently an issue on the Little (and other more difficult Smokies streams) in my limited experience and is rarely an issue on other learning / teaching rivers many of us use. The good news is that you can scout much of these runs from the road, but some logs would be difficult to see from the road. A few years back there was a river wide log in the Bridge rapid around the blind bend. Saturday on the drive in I saw a new (to me) high, but river wide log on the section below the Elbow. Wood does not have to be visible to be dangerous. There was near drowning on the lower part of Upper Big Creek in an easy rapid last year (?) when an experienced boater got caught on a very difficult to see snag just under the surface. This could happen anywhere of course but just be aware it's much more likely on runs in the Smokies than other rivers we commonly use for teaching / learning.

Wes

Watauga Diversion above Guy's Ford

December 17, 2013

I just got word from a friend that lives in Boone that there is a Watauga County Commissioners meeting tonight to discuss a proposed diversion pipe on the Watauga to be installed above Guy's Ford and lead to the Beech Mountain resort area. She said that this would involve "declassifying" the river. I wish I had more detail, unfortunately, that's all she could tell me and I am stuck at work buried deep in a critical project so I can't do much about it except pass it on and hope that some of you can pick this up. Brent, got your ears on? This sounds like a job for an AW up-and-coming board member.

My friend mentioned that the local trout fishermen were upset about it, so a reach-out to Trout Unlimited in the Boone area might yield some better info. Anybody down in the Watauga area, see what you can find out and drop in on that meeting if you can.

I am cross-posting this to the APEs and CCC. I leave it to one of you to hit BoaterTalk since I don't have much presence over there. Someone with more clout can probably stir more interest.

This has the feel of something that needs a swift response, or at least a swift investigation to find out what's going on.

Hanley Loller

December 17, 2013

FROM APEs list serve:

Edgar Peck has posted a great deal of details on Facebook and Boatertalk; all the data you could probably want is there. Anyone who could make the council meeting should be encouraged to do so.

*Mikel Carr
Account Manager
Virginia-Trane*

Hanley Loller

December 17, 2013

Okay, apparently the APEs are aware of this and not too concerned. I'd still like to hear the "con" side of the argument, but here's the write-up in the Watauga democrat. They say they only want it to back up their current reservoir during times of extreme drought and that the diversion pipe would pull about two million gallons a day when in use.

That sounds like a lot, especially if the Watauga was running low. It's not though. 2,000,000 gallons a day = 3.1 cfs

$(3.1 \text{ cubic feet/sec}) * (7.48 \text{ gallons/cu ft}) * (60 \text{ sec/min}) * (60 \text{ min/hour}) * (24 \text{ hour/day}) = \text{approximately } 2,000,000 \text{ gallons/day}$

<http://www2.wataugademocrat.com/News/story/Beech-Mountain-water-intake-set-for-hearing-id-013241>

I'd still like to know more about it.

Hanley Loller

December 17, 2013

I know nothing about it, but saw this on boatertalk earlier this week:

People seem to be focused on the fact that the Beech Mt water project will only draw off 3 cfs. I feel like that is a ton when the river is at 10cfs, which is when they want to draw it, when the Buckeye Lake reservoir goes dry some summers. I'd also like to note that the current proposal does not have details like CFS on it, so if approved that way it would be a blanket approval to do anything they want.

I think the more important issues for me are that

- 1. They will reclassify the river from High Quality Waters to WS - IV. This has a long list of implications, including how close and how many houses can be built near, on the river. It will also open the river for other water withdrawal points to be built. I'd expect Boone to look to the Wataug next, in addition to the New River. I'd like to keep the water quality high since this is great fishing water and paddling water now. Many folks also get their drinking water from this water as it goes downstream, doesn't seem smart to mess with the headwaters of any river system, which is probably why it's designated High Quality.*

- 2. The High Country Press stated that the paddler, fishing,*

swimming parking lot on Guy Ford will only be closed during construction. I'm not as sure, if they lease it, they can gate it, which I'd assume they will do since every other water site for every town I can think of has a fence. But maybe I'm wrong.

and this, tonight:

Apparently, there was an approved conceptual plan for a nice put-in at the Guy Ford with signage, parking, etc. All that may change if the Beech Mountain water system is approved tonight at the Commission Meeting...

From the Watauga River Keeper:

4) In 2011, the Watauga County Tourism and Development Authority published the Outdoor Recreation plan for the region. It included master plans for a Watauga River paddle trail with access area acquisitions or improvements all along the river. Specifically at Guy Ford road, the plan called for establishing a formal access area with a property lease agreement, parking, signage, kiosk, river launch and landscaping at the low water bridge. I ask Watauga County Commissioners not to approve the Beech Mountain reclassification and construction of a water intake at Guy Ford Road. Approval of a water intake at that location is completely inconsistent with the outdoor recreation plan. That plan recognizes that the highest and best use for the benefit of everyone is to improve the access area to allow more people to use the river at Guy Ford Road. Building a water intake there only benefits Beech Mountain while harming everyone else who currently uses and depends on the primitive and unimproved access area currently located at the low water bridge. It would also pre-empt and prohibit Watauga County from realizing the outdoor recreation plans to improve the access area to increase future public use.

Peter Stutts

December 18, 2013

Had the chance last night to read up on this a little bit. I like it less now. Generally I try not to be knee-jerk anti-development, but reading up on this situation made it seem like a logical issue to oppose and put some effort into. However, none of that may be necessary. Last night, responding to public pressure, the Watauga County commissioners voted not to approve the reclassification of the Watauga watershed.

The one remaining part of this that bothers me is that I'm only just now hearing about it. Fortunately public pres-

sure was strong enough on this issue, but I would have liked to know what was at stake here and had the opportunity to at least weigh in.

Hanley Loller

December 18, 2013

Cross post from the APEs

Update from Edgar Peck on Facebook regarding the Watauga River meeting tonight;

Watauga River

The commissioners voted not to approve the watershed reclassification tonight. This likely means the water intake will not be built, at least not in this place on this river. We will need to be watchful as they may look to locations on the Elk River, or on the Watauga in Avery county.

I was totally wrong, I was skeptical that our voices could make a difference. Even Donna the Riverkeepers last email said we should expect it to pass. BUT, tonight, before they voted the commissioners stated that their decision was a direct result of the emails and phone calls they received, and the 250 people there. So thank you if you emailed or came.

About 75 people spoke at the meeting tonight, I don't think anyone who supported the project spoke that I heard, a few were there. There were about 250 people at the meeting. A consultant for Beech Mt did a presentation at the beginning.

Paddlers were there from way out in TN, Charlotte, VA, Asheville...I really appreciate all of you making time, it did make a difference. The commissioners went out of their way to say the reason they haven't stopped the proposed intake on the New River is because only "3 people" came to the meeting on that.

So next time you can't find time to make something like this, or think, o, other people will be there, think again, you can decide to make a difference, or you can be apathetic, and the world will be worse for it.

For those in similar situations in the future, one thing is, get the local land owners involved. Their comments carried a lot of weight tonight. They all had know the commissioners for 30 years, had similar local experiences, AND, they own the land that was going to be reclassified, making it more important because the reclassification would affect how they could farm, structures

they could build, etc.

We all owe Donna (Watauga Riverkeeper) a huge thank you.

Hanley Loller

December 18, 2013

Yes Hanley,

I agree about hearing about this at the last hour, but am relieved at the outcome now that I see what was at stake. I use that put in and it is hard enough to park there now sometimes on busy river days. Edgar appears to be a good resource for the river...

Met him once and he offered us a place to stay. Good guy.

Brent

December 18, 2013

Yeah, I'm a little confused how so many folks I'm in contact with on CCC and APEs list serves were familiar with this issue, yet I didn't hear a peep out of them.

Hanley Loller

Winter Roll Sessions to begin January 10th

December 20, 2013

January 03, 2014

First rolling session is one week from tonight!
I'm already chomping at the bit to get rolling.

Thinking we should have some kind of contest or event to kick off the season. Anybody have any ideas?

Hanley Loller

January 03, 2014

Yeah, we him-hawed around about a little friendly competition last year and it didn't happen. Maby speed rolling, count how many rolls one can do in 30 seconds. Up the stakes, count how many off side rolls in 30 sec. Power rolls, jump on contestants boat while he or she is upside-down. Hand rolls in a half a min. Ect.

tim shuler

January 03, 2014

Il ike the idea of having some sort of contest. I think get-

ting too far into the
How Many How Fast arena will knock a lot of people out.
. . . Rolls are for everyone, but we need to puch to get new
people into the pool and into boats and coming to rolls
regularly.

My suggestion - Everyone who comes to the Roll Ses-
sion and brings someone NEW gets their name entered
for a drawing for Something to be determined - I'm sure
the BWA, I'll run it by the SC at the next meeting, would
be willing to put up some bones to buy some schwag to
offer as Legit Prizes for roll sessions.

We can do end of year stuff like - Most Attended, Most
Newbs Brought, etc, along with random prize nights.
We did most rolls in an allotted time and Hanley won
hands down - Maybe Joe W. could beat him, Tom Minor's
up there as well, but Hanley kind rulz in that dept.
Hope to see A LOT OF NEW FACES at the rolls this win-
ter. Clinic isn't too far around the corner and will be upon
us before we know it. NOW is the time to start Sweet
talking all your peeps into joining you on the River - by
getting them started in the Pool!

Let's Roll....

Andi Grace

January 03, 2014

Yeah, I agree that we should try to make competitions
more inclusive. Just a fastest/most competition really
locks a bunch of folks out.

Gotta put some thought into this, but I bet we can come
up with some creative, fun ideas.

I tried getting a kayakball game going a year or two ago
in the last half-hour of the session, but that didn't fly too
well. You need an enthusiastic bunch of players to make
that happen. It'd be great if we could get a BWA-Vikings
game going.

Hanley Loller

Hey! I've got it!

Roll-shambo.

Everyone participating must roll, then throw. The person
leading the game hides their throw behind a kickboard
until all throws are in the air, then reveals. If you fail to
roll, you are out, otherwise standard roshambo rules ap-
ply.

This does require some rolling success, but would level
the playing field a lot and with only a dozen or so players
the winner would probably only need to roll four or five
times. A bit challenging for a new roller, but a pretty good
equalizer I think.

Hanley Loller

January 03, 2014

I agree w both of you that its all about getting new folks
to the sessions and in a boat. Is it all word of mouth? Just
us, as members talking to our friends and family? Is there
anybody out there reading this that would be intrested
in kayaking and just doesn't have any best? If so, I'd be
happy to bring two boats. There were a ton of new faces
at the Viking session last sun. Ni. Only a handful of people
that needed instruction though. The pool they rented is
microscopic. I counted around thirty people in this little
bitty pool. We almost had to take turns! So, hopefully
some new people will show up.

One more final thought. I would sugest that bran-new
people wear a helmet when learning how to hip-snap off
the side of pool. A woman almost hit her head on the side
of pool last week here in Lou. Just a thought..

tim shuler

January 04, 2014

How bout how many boats can we walk across while thier
upside down then roll when stepped on .

Biscuit (Paul Graves)

January 04, 2014

This is a great discussion, and we really love the enthusi-
asm for the new boaters. A couple of things:

1. New boaters need not worry about having gear to use
as Canoe Kentucky will be at as many sessions as we can.
The only issue dates we have a conflict are January 19
and 26 , and February 9. These are set while we are work-
ing our boat shows. Any other dates we miss we will, one,
try and let you know on here, and two, folks are more than
welcome to come and pickup a boat to take with them to
the session.

2. More importantly, CK would like to sponsor this con-
test, what ever is come up with. We would like to help with
whatever is done for "seasonal participants, so showing
up week after week, or most success over the winter, etc.
We could come up with 2 or 3 really nice prizes for that.

Just let us know what they are and we can let you know what we can make the prize pack.

Looking forward to a great winter with all our friends at the pool!

Happy Paddling
Nathan

Alternate Pool Sessions

December 21, 2013
BWA,

We look forward to returning to the BWA Pool Sessions in a couple of weeks, and we will be attending as many as we can staff. We do have some events at the end of January that will keep us from some, but we will be there as often as we can.

We wanted to let you know that if Friday nights do not work out for some of you, we will be providing boats and gear for pool sessions held at the YMCA in Frankfort on the first and third Sunday night of each month through March. These are held by the YMCA, so you need to register for them through the YMCA. This can be done night of, but it is preferred if it is done before hand. You can go here to register:

<http://tinyurl.com/l8o6h26>

These sessions will have some of the latest and greatest kayaks at them, as well as numerous instructors should you so need them. These are also considered open sessions, so we are making them available to all kayakers; whitewater, fishing, etc Should make for some great networking between folks that are all like minded and bonded by the kayaking bug.

Give us a shout if you have any questions on these. All these chances to get out and learn how to kayak give you no excuse to be there!

Happy Paddling
Nathan

Santa spotted running Benson Falls?

December 23, 2013

Okay, so maybe it was just me in a Santa hat but here are some pics of the great crew that was out there Saturday. I've waited all year to run Benson and as you'll see. it was

worth the wait.

Bob L.



p.f.d.'s (personal first decent) of 2013

December 30, 2013

Well, I wanted to share... For me, the cedar creek, the bsf, the ocoee, and the lower gully!!! Baby!! Thanks to the friendships I've formed on this club, I've had an increadable year of whitewater!! Thanks bwa. On my radar for 2014, the little, the nolochucky, the new, and who knows? Is love to get on some lex local steps. Common bwa, let's hear it for 2013!! What's your story?

Tim Shuler

December 30, 2013

This thread reminded me I need some more variety next year.

Finally got on Jouett. Ran a couple of obscure creeks in south-central KY, a few from Bart's stash...Big Dog Branch and Hazel Patch Creek.

Today I paddled a micro-micro creek on the Plateau, Yellow Creek. Flows into Daddy's Creek. Also got Little Clear Creek this year on the Plateau. Ran the Cherry in West Virginia.

Brandon

December 31, 2013

This was the year of the creek for me. Looking forward to more in 2014!

Potter's Falls and Crooked Fork

Tellico

Calloway

Marble

Muddy

Benson

Cherry

Happy New Year BWAer's I love you all!

Ali Blair

December 31, 2013

PFD's: Clear creek from Lilly to Nemo, Big Laurel.

FLPFD's(Felt LikePFD): Nolichucky @ 2500 CFS, Lower Gauley @ 7000+ CFS.

Joe Wheatley

December 31, 2013

Awesome, 2013 was a great year for water! Inspiring to see others getting after it like you guys do!

Although I was off the water for five months, I still managed to get in 11 more days than I did last year for a total of 37 days on the water. Planned on a lot more but then I hurt myself while trying to stay in shape for boating. New years resolution: quit exercising... that shit is dangerous.

2013 PFDs for me include:

Cedar Creek (KY) - caught it with several other BWAers in January at a pretty high flow. There were huge play features throughout at that big level that still have me wanting more.

Little River - (TN) - April at ~3.1' My first and only run on this to date. The BWA crew set a stout pace that kept me and most the vikings on our toes for that run, it was pretty sweet indeed. I hope to get on it again real soon, like in the next couple of weeks if possible!

Marble Creek (KY) - Caught it at a medium/low flow in July! Man it was an great year for rain! The run was excellent and I really hope it doesn't get screwed by the proposed I-75 connector.

Happy New Year and I wish everyone the best that boating has to offer in 2014!

Derek Bocard

January 01, 2014

Calloway

Muddy

Ocoee

Pigeon

Russell fork

Gauley

Cumberland below the falls

BSF.

Great yr of boating for me Had no problems on any of these runs .

I hope 2014 is a year of more growing n more going

Paul Graves

January 01, 2014

I had some this year too, some of which I had been wanting to get on for over 20 years:

Little Clear Creek

Island Creek

North Chick

Lower Rocky Broad

West Fork Tuck

Yellow Creek into Daddy's Creek

There might be a couple of others, but drawing a blank at the moment. This was a special year because I don't get many pfd's and it was also so wet that I probably paddled 200 days this year. Great paddling year.

Brent Austin

January 01, 2014

2013 was an awesome paddling year for many of us including myself. It was nice to have local options for most of the year. The BWA had some fantastic party's this year without question(although Carlo from Adventures Unlimited doesn't like drum circles), hopefully 14 is no different.The bonds, friendships, and generosity of this club amaze me more with every trip I take.

PFD's

Benson- 6 ft

Muddy

Silver

Boone

Calloway

Ocoee-Middle-3,000ish
Rockcastle-650
Green Briar-1.8 ft
Little-Elkmont.3.30 ft
Little-Sinks to Elbow(walked sinks and elbow)-2.85 ft

Looking forward to seeing what 2014 brings!!!!

Jeff Schetler

January 01, 2014

After getting something like seven cracks in my Mystic, I decided to retire my creekboat, and stuck to the Russell Fork most of the summer, with somewhere around 30-40 runs in the gorge, including a magical first solo run in my Ace at 500.

A few adventures outside Elkhorn City included:

Elk River
North Fork French Broad
West Fork French Broad
Daddy's
Little Clear
Island at flood stage (yikes!)
Obed
Marble
Benson

Island at flood stage was my sketchiest run, with a swim and a pinned boat. The Elk was the highlight of epicocity for my year. On it, I found the sketchiest portage I've ever walked and the biggest waterfall I've ever run. It was a great day, and I would love to get back in there with a BWA crew this spring. Marble and Benson are two really sweet local creeks, and I recommend them to anyone who gets the chance.

I'm on the hunt for a few good PFDs for 2014 that have eluded me so far. At the top of that list is Little Stony and LRC. I'm jealous of all the boating I've been missing down south here recently. I had a great first day of 2014 on the Elkhorn, and look forward to boating with ya'll in the new year!

-Peter Stutts

January 02, 2014

As little as I got out this year, I managed to snag a couple of PFD's.

Calloway and Jouett.

With my new-to-me Prijon Rockit I anticipate hitting more of the new-to-me local steeps in the coming year.

Bring on 2014!

Hanley Loller

January 02, 2014

Man it was a busy but good year. I was able to get on the middle and lower gauley which was my first big water and the new river gorge which finally got low enough on bridge day (.63 feet) for me to get on it. I also got a taste of creeking on the middle fork of the little pigeon (green-brier section). I look forward to more boating in 2014.

Josh Frazier

January 06, 2014

Millard's PFD 2013

White Oak River, NC
Casper Whitewater Park, WY
Tieton River, WA
Klickitat River, WA
White Salmon River, WA "BZ to Husum" "Lower" "Lower Lower (Condit Dam)"
Sandy River, OR "Marmot Dam site to Revenue Bridge (my favorite of the year)" "Revenue Bridge to Oxbow"
Bull Run, OR
Deschutes River, OR
Clackamas River, OR "Three Lynx to North Fork Reservoir" "June Creek Branch to Collawash River"
Rogue River, OR "Wild & Scenic" (1st overnight trip)
North Santiam River, OR
Willamette River, OR
Colorado River, NV "below Hoover Dam" "moonlight paddle above Hoover Dam"
Kern River, CA "Ant Canyon section at low flows"
Kings River, CA "Garnet Dike Campground to Kirch Flat Campground (Bonsai)"
Tuolumne River, CA (raft)
Micos River, Mexico (waterfalls abound)
Tampoon River, Mexico (longest swim ever at 2:30+ minutes, nasty)
San Marcos River, TX "Pecan Park to Shade Grove"
Comal River, TX

Another river of significance was the Gauley. Lower at high flow with me learning Hanley really means RIGHT at lower Mash. Upper I ran the Animal Race at high flows in a shredder where we crossed the finish line holding on to the shredder but not in it. Also ran the Upper in a com-

mercial raft with Paul Breuer rowing and it was my first time to survive the upper with out and swims.

I would trade all the PFD's for warm weather and SE boating with the BWA!

Hugs,
Millard Blakey

January 06, 2014

With that said Millard, I expect you to park that big RV locally come spring and spend some quality time in the Bluegrass.

Millard's post reminds me of something. I keep meaning to tell beginning boaters to keep a river log, and I keep forgetting to, so here it is. I wish I had done that when I was getting started, It's not too late of course, but there's 25 years of notes not taken. I don't have many real regrets, but I wish I had done that early on.

Millard, Ali, Tim S, and all the rest of you, everyone really, get a notebook and start making a log. Date, time weather, water level and section at bare minimum on every trip. People boated with, notable events, hazards, river changes or things you noticed about the run. You don't have to put a lot of data in it, but if you make note of what you did and when you will be glad you did years from now.

Hanley Loller

January 06, 2014

That's a really good idea hanley. I was trying to remember how many times I ran the pigeon this year and I lost count. Actually, mainly trying to remember how many days I got I. My boat last year and I had no idea. Oh YeH, on the ole memory note, I forgot to add the cherry in west v, and part of the cranberry. I don't really count that one though because I chickened out about half way down..

Tim Shuler

January 06, 2014

Yeah, trust me, years from now when you're trying to remember which creek is which and which one you did and did not do, you'll be glad you took even the most basic notes. Do it.

Hanley Loller

January 06, 2014

I'm pretty good for a few months with my log then I start

forgetting. I typically write the level and a short synopsis of my trip. It's really helpful especially when you start running things at different flows. Also having a reminder of where you screwed up and why is handy for a review before getting back on it.

Ali Blair

January 06, 2014

I agree about the log thing. I did one from 1991 until about mid 1996, religiously and almost every run I ever did during that time. I have been periodically writing articles for Bowlines on the early years, did one for 1992 and think I owe an article for the year 1993 to Spangler. The article has actually mostly been written but I can't seem to get to the old photos and sort through them for it. Soon though...

I plan to do articles for the 1994 and 1995 years too, especially since those were Epic Hairboating years for me and I was still keeping the log.

Great to hear all these personal first descents. Looks like Millard is winning thus far. Keep em coming.

Brent Austin

January 06, 2014

Quiet year for me, only 2 P.D.Fs

Tellico (Middle?Bridge below Jared's Knee to Oosterneck) Cedar Creek

Robert Milgate

January 08, 2014

I'm not going to win with the biggest list, but I was able to scratch this one off my list. My one and only PFD for the year is.....drum roll please....

Upper Gauley

Jeff Kirkner

January 08, 2014

Yeah, I hear you, but you should at least note that you got to do both regular release and a 1500-ish CFS release, which even the majority of UG veterans have not done. Count that as two.

Hanley Loller

January 08, 2014

I am not even sure what PFD's stand for. From the offered definitions in Wikipedia, I guess it means Probability of Failure on Demand.

With this, I tried in 2013:

Elkhorn Creek (including once at 3000 cfs level), swam a couple of times when trying to catch this stupid S-eddy Lower Russel Fork (the Spring clinic, which I really enjoyed, only one swim)

Little Pigeon (only the lower section), no swim (was lucky and well guided)

Hiawassee (no swim, but an almost-swim when I got stuck on top of a waterfall)

Glenn's Creek (one longer swim, thanks to a competent group, all my gear was recovered)

Although compared to all of the above not a really impressive list, I tried more creeks in 2013 than ever. I enjoyed each and every one of these trips and want thank all those who helped me, instructed me, and who went with me.

I also want to thank Adelessa for organizing many of the events I took part in, and thanks all my roll session instructors, especially Hanley, who brought me to a success rate of almost 50%.

BWA is an awesome club, both from the expertise and the social engagements.

I look forward to the Spring clinic

Thank you all, and have an enjoyable and successful 2014! -- Jurgen Rohr

January 08

What a Fantastic year of 1st for a lot of our River Tribe!!

To you All for getting out there and getting your Boof On!!

My 2013 PFD's were:

Muddy Creek - Damn, how did I not get on this one sooner

Hiawassee - Got to witness Bob's epic Swim!

Ocoee Light - Can't thank the Tri-Albright's enough for making this one possible!

Not too many, but enough smiles and memories to last a lifetime from them all!

Looking forward to an AMAZING 2014!!

Adelessa Grace

January 08

Love seeing all these personal first descents (pfd). Also, I think you are cool Jurgen, and it is an asset to have you in our tribe. Along with all the others too. Love me some BWA!!! You'ins (You'uns in E. TN) are the bomb and the skunk daddy deal! Boom!

Brent

January 09

Hmmm, not sure if I missed any, but this is the list I remember for 2013. Week of Rivers was great for PFD's and I'm looking forward to more this year.

Big Laurel , NC

Calloway, KY

Caney Fork, TN

Chattooga Sect IV, GA

Falls Of The Ohio, KY/IN

French Broad-NorthFork, NC

French Broad-WestFork, NC

Hazel Patch Creek, KY

Tremont Section Of Little River, TN

Little Clear Creek, TN

Plum, KY

Watauga, NC

Middle Meadow, WV

Todd Harbour

January 13

I'm late to this party but wanted to get them down for posterity's sake. The comments about river journals have been taken to heart and I will try make it a habit, reminds me of advice Kirkwood gave me 5 years ago when I first started... but I digress.

Clear Creek (jett to nemo)

Upper Tellico (The Ledges) (1.8', 2.1') !!!!!

Middle Prong Little Pigeon (The Greenbrier) -(2.6')

Yellow Creek (1.6') (into) Daddy's Creek (2.6') - Spectacular day on the water. Micro creek into a higher volume one. All Star Crew, Epic scenery.

Calloway (Low)

Benson (Low)

French Broad Section 9 (~3500 cfs)

Officially done with my coursework for the Phd so I hope to see all you-ins (you-uns) a little bit more this year.

I'm especially stoked to see more of the plateau and the smokies, and would also be interested in exploring more of WV this year (Cheatfest?).

I <3 the BWA. Thanks to everyone who let me tag along,

I've learned something from each and every one of you I get the opportunity to paddle with. Looking forward to more of it in 2014!

Mike Wilson

January 14

Only two personal first descents for me, but multiple runs on the Watauga and Little well into July.

West Fork of the Tuckaseegee (Thanks AW FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN)

Middle Prong of Pigeon-Lower below Greenbriar (High water alternative)

Chief (Kulka)

Paddle Recommendations

January 20, 2014

Not only did I smash in the nose of my shiny new boat this weekend I also critically wounded my old paddle, that's what I get for complaining about it's shaft size I guess. I needed a new paddle anyway.

Doing some research I found that the Twist, my present paddle is more playboat specific than creeking or river-running specific. I'm looking at the Sherpa now, the smallest in that category in my price range. The Sherpa, however, is a medium sized blade and is 40sq cm larger than the Twist. I would love some input as to whether that would be better or worse for my size. I've only ever used the paddle I have.

Hanley, Clay, Brandon, other experienced folks have any paddle-buying advice?

Ali Blair

January 20, 2014

Dont get a playboat specific paddle. If you stick Werner go Sherpa. I have a 194 with a 30 degree offset you can try. Small shaft. My other spare is a Player, but you should go with a river running/ creekung paddle.

Brandon

January 20, 2014

Thanks. I'd love to borrow the Sherpa, that's the one I'm looking at, maybe a 191.

Ali Blair

January 20, 2014

I've got a Sherpa and I've had it for over 10 years. Probably time for a new one. Generally, I advocate smaller blades and shorter shafts. Gives you a bigger advantage over the water and requires less strength but more energy to do the same thing... but there is always a balance point and that's going to vary from person to person.

For perspective, think of it this way.

More strength and leverage, less energy and fine control. You could use a paddle that's 250 CM long with blades the size of pot lids and you'd have lots of leverage to muscle your boat around, but you'd have poor fine control and the water would have equally forceful leverage over you. You'd be able to accelerate to essentially full speed on a single stroke/plant, but you'd really have to use a lot of arm strength to do it. You'd be able to roll while barely moving your paddle because you'd have so much leverage, it'd be like holding on to the side of the pool and hip snapping, but you'd have (to say the least) a very hard time moving that paddle into setup position under water, especially in turbulence. Your shoulders would always be in jeopardy.

More energy and fine control, less strength and leverage. On the opposite extreme, you could use a paddle that is only 150 CM and has blades the size of small envelopes. You'd have very good fine control of your boat, but very little leverage to drive it and make it go where you want it to. You'd be able to get to your setup position while upside down with virtually no impediment, and your roll would be very dynamic, more like a handroll, lots of motion but very little paddle-force available. When you needed to accelerate or make your boat move in any way, you'd have to use several strokes where one or two had done before, but you'd be using a lot more energy and less strength.

Somewhere in the middle is your paddle.

Hanley Loller

January 20, 2014

If I may add:

I upgraded to a 194 Werner Powerhouse last season and I would echo the note on the difference trying to set up in a roll condition with those big blades. It felt like the river was trying to rip the paddle out of my hands and I found it "harder" to get the paddle to the surface. I tried a Sherpa and if I had to do it again I would have a tough time deciding because it has some nice control and a good "grip" on the water. Plus, I don't have to be in as good shape to

pull it through the water as the Powerhouse. However, it may not be the right paddle for many people, but when the Powerhouse blade sinks into the water and a significant amount of torque is applied to it, it feels as though the river reverses its flow!

Just my thoughts about the blade sizing if it's worth anything.

Kevin Black

January 20, 2014

Ali,

The Sherpa blade may just be the one for you. Try it! I just sold my Sherpa saturday. I bought a Sherpa and a Powerhouse this past summer to try to move to a bent shaft paddle. The Sherpa just wasn't working for me. Too small. But I weigh 90 lbs more than you. You might just love the Sherpa.

Mark Branch

January 20, 2014

Hmmmm, I don't know, but I love my Werner 200 cm Stikine, bent shaft, and if they made them I would have gotten a 202, which is the same size as my Silver Creek. Both 45 degree. But then, I went to that offset from a 90 degree and a 207 somewhere in the 92 range when I got my Silver Creek. Just what I have been used to all these years. I don't play boat so I don't know about sticks for that. What I use on the Gauley seems to suit me just fine on the Russell Fork, the Green etc.

Brent Austin

January 20, 2014

The Stikine is out of my price range but it looks like a great paddle. I wonder if they do custom offsets. I think the one I've been using is a 15 degree. Seems like it would be an easier transition if I got one that was the same. I'll fiddle around with Brandon's Sherpa in the pool this week and see how it feels to roll with it.

Appreciate all the advice guys!

Ali Blair

January 20, 2014

I've got a 191 cm 15 degree offset straight small shaft Powerhouse just in case you want to try it for comparison. I haven't tried the Sherpa, but I do love my power-

house.

I chose the 15 degree offset since I read somewhere that people tend to have a natural 14 degree feather. It's easier to roll on both sides too though not so great in windy conditions.

D*t =) (Dorothy Edwards)

January 21, 2014

When it came to sizing for Brit I started using the Werner sizing app on their website. She has less strength so smaller blades are typically recommended, but we fudged there with the Lightning that she favors for creeking / river running over the smaller bladed / shaft paddle she uses for playboating. A big selling point for the Lightning for both of us was the more aggressive bent / ovalized shaft. Feels better to us than the AT / Werner. Too me it is much easier to roll with the Lighting than the AT because of the aggressive bend and ovalization. I still use an AT with a lifetime shaft warranty for low volume / aggressive creeking because I don't want to risk breaking my irreplaceable Lightning Carbon. Wish I could make the session Fri to let you try Ali, but looks like we are headed to GA for a family thing for the wkend. Missed the last 2 sessions due to work unfortunately - hope to make one soon!

Wes Prince

January 21, 2014

Yes you should try both shaft sizes, particularly with small hands. One disadvantage of the Lightning is that it only comes in one shaft size - but that aggressive oval may feel more comfortable regardless of the larger size. I think that's what Brit discovered, but her women's glove size is large so she's likely a better fit for it.

Wes Prince

January 22, 2014

Smaller shafts also break easier. Consider that smaller shaft paddles should usually also have correspondingly small blades. The ergonomics of a nice bent shaft design can make up for the size sometimes. Again, it's a highly personal choice.

Hanley Loller

Eddy Lines of Interest

General Club Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2013 @ Rooster's

Present: Approximately 40
Next meeting: Steering Committee Meeting 12/04/2013 @ Marika's

Guest Speaker, Katrina Van Wijk.. Katrina spoke to the club regarding her travels and paddling exploits over the last few years and shared a video with some Russell Fork footage.

I. Call to Order

1. Meeting called to order by Clay at 7:45 pm

II. Reading of Minutes

1. No motion to review, revise or approve October General Club Meeting Minutes

III. Officer Reports

President-Clay— This month's meeting will not be typical. We will have a presentation from Katrina and fellowship while watching the game. Non new business will be conducted.

Two announcements:

1. Vote for Brent for American Whitewater Board of Directors!!!!
2. Club Holiday party will be held on December 7th at 7:00pm. Details to follow.

IV. Unfinished Business: NONE

V. New Business: NONE

VI. Announcements: NONE

VII. Trip Reports: NONE

VIII. Adjournment: N/A

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2013 @ Marika's

Present: Clay, Bethany, Peter, Jeff, Jacob, David L
Next meeting: General Club Meeting 12/10/2013 7:30pm @ Rooster's

I. Call to Order

1. Meeting called to order by Clay @ 7:45

II. Reading of Minutes

1. Previous month's meeting minutes reviewed. Moved (Bethany), Second (Jeff S.) to accept previous meetings minutes. Motion passed.

III. Officer Reports

1. President--Clay – Steering Committee Meetings will be on the first Tuesday of each month beginning January 2014. Next meeting is January 7th. Spring clinic date 16th, 17th, 18th.

2. Past President—Emily—no report

3. Vice President—Adelessa—Report submitted via email. Nothing to report as VP.

For NPFF - Will be taking her Brother out to storage so he can begin prep for kitchen. Holiday Party - We need to decide whether we are going to do Pizza again or appetizers. I don't mind to handle all the appetizers if the club will stipend some amount to cover my buying groceries to do so. SC's call - just let me know wither way. If we do Pizza, Clay, please contact me so we can work it out since you handled it last time. Thanks.

4. Treasurer—Jeff K—Report submitted via email. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend this evening. Here is the list of items I have:

1. Have not received word from Jason Powell on the Insurance Payment due from Spring Clinic Attendees to ACA.
2. Sent check to AW for \$500 earmarked for Elkhorn Acres - Sent 12/2
3. Received \$970 from RFRR and sent check to AW for \$970 per RFRR wishes. Sent 12/2
4. Renewed BWA AW dues. Sent 12/2
5. Hanley brought up the following about the Internet stuff. Do we want to continue to use surfky-bwa.org?

Currently we pay \$12.95/year for the domain registration plus \$9 a year for domain-forwarding. (It forwards to bluegrasswildwater.org)

So, Option 1: we can save ourselves \$21.95 a year by dropping it, or

Option 2: we can simply hold on to it for that price for as long as we care to, or

Option 3: we could hold onto it for another year and put a "notice" page at the

forwarding location telling the user that this address will be going away in a year's time and to change their link to "bluegrasswildwater.org" (We could also count the landings on that page and see how many folks are actually using that link.)

That is all I have. We have the same amount of spendable cash as last time. We have ~\$5,500 in the bank. Refer back to the spread sheet for details.

Thank you. Jeff K (TREASURER)

Issued is tabled to the next Steering Committee meeting.

5. Secretary—Jacob—No report
6. Safety Officer—Tom— Roll Session start on Friday, January 10th at 7:40pm. And will continue on each Friday at 7:40pm. CPR
7. Membership Coordinator—Ali—No report
8. Conservation Officer—Peter— Considering bringing a visual to the club party outlining the AW Elkhorn Acres Presentation.
9. Program Director—Dave—No report
10. Web Master—Joe—
11. Newsletter— Don—
12. Gear Coordinator—BJ—No report
13. NPFF Coordinator—Bethany—Things are going awesome. Event is February 21st and 22nd. We need volunteers! Silent auction meeting tonight at 8:30. Silent Auction is previewed on the website this year. Evan Garcia is the guest host for this years' event. Accepting still images and films currently. Submissions are going well. NPFF volunteer meeting in January.
14. Member at Large—Jeff S.—No report

IV. Unfinished Business

1. BWA Event Sign – Steering committee still working on sign purchase.
2. Meeting Locations – Steering committee and club meeting will be held at Marika's and Roosters respectfully. Steering Committee meetings will be moved to the first Tuesday of each month beginning January, 2014. First Steering Committee meeting in 2014 will be held at Marika's on Tuesday, January 7th, at 7:30pm.
3. BWA T-shirts and Hats – Discussion regarding the design and production of BWA t-shirts and hats. Clay would like to hire a professional designer to create a new logo. Bethany has a contact at Team Scum and will reach out to them; additionally she will look into contacting Cricket Press here in Lexington.

V. New Business

1. AW Elkhorn Acres Improvement Project -- David L and Peter reviewed the plan to improve Elkhorn Acres. Discussion ensued around the plan and tentative dates.
2. Club Holiday Party -- Motion and vote conducted via email due lack of quorum at the steering committee meeting. Moved (Jacob), Second (Adelessa) to appropriate \$200.00

of club funds to Clay to purchase pizza for the club party on December 7th from Goodfellas Pizza. Motion passed.

VI. Adjournment

1. Moved (Peter) Second (Jeff S.) to adjourn meeting. Motion passed and meeting adjournment at 9:05.

General Club Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2013 @ Rooster's

Present:

14 members, 1 guest

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Clay at 7:59 pm

II. Reading of Minutes

Moved (Brent), Second (Tom) to accept the minutes from the General Club Meeting minutes from October and November. Motion passed.

III. Officer Reports

President-Clay—no report

Past President – Emily – no report

Vice President –Adelessa – Clinic dates set, May 17th, 18th, and 19th. Brent will make sure Army Corp of Engineers is aware of dates at the Board meeting on Tuesday.

Treasurer- Jeff K – no report

Secretary – Jacob – no report

Safety Officer – Tom – Nice turnout at the CPR class, 16 graduates. Roll sessions will start January 10th. Start time will be 7:40pm to accommodate the swim team leaving the pool. Plans are to have 8 weeks of roll sessions concurrently with the exception of the NPFF weekend at the Pinnacle Pool.

Membership – Ali – We have members!

Program Director – N/A – no report

Webmaster – Joe – Bowlines is up on the web. Not a lot going on right now.

Newsletter – Don – no report

Gear Coordinator – BJ – no report

NPFF Director – Bethany – Check out her report online. Things are going well with NPFF planning.

Member at Large – Jeff S. – no report

IV. Unfinished Business

1. BWA Sign – Discussion around sign for event. Ali noted that a friend gave her a sandwich board sign that we will test out.

2. Steering Committee Meeting Change – Meeting will now be held at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month.

V. New Business

1. BWA Hats and T-Shirt – Discussion around producing BWA T-shirts and hats. Clay spoke about hiring a designer to create a new BWA. Discussion ensued around the best way to proceed. Zina and Dot will reach out to friends who are designers regarding the cost/feasibility of creating a new BWA logo.

2. John Flannigan Advisory Board Meeting – Brent will be in attendance on behalf of the BWA and American Whitewater. Brent will represent the paddling communities desire to have regular releases as well as securing water for the BWA spring clinic. Clay wanted to publicly thank Brent for his efforts in working with the Russell Fork River Conservation. Clay noted Brent has spent tireless amounts of time and effort working for paddlers on securing Russell Fork releases.

3. BWA Monthly Outings – Clay would like to do one outing per month for BWA members. Trips ideas include Perfect North, outings to the Smokies, etc..

VI. Announcements

David L and Peter discussed the plan for improvements at AWEA. Discussion included logistical plans for Phase 1 which entails parking and road improvements, and signage.

VII. Trip Reports: NONE

VIII. Adjournment

Moved (Dot), Second (Robert M) to adjourn meeting at 9:15 pm. Motion passed.

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2014 @ Marika's

Present: Brent, Adelessa, BJ, Jacob, Clay, Jeff K

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Clay @ 7:50pm

II. Reading of Minutes

Previous month's meeting minutes reviewed. Moved (Adelessa), Second (BJ) to accept previous meetings minutes. Motion passed.

III. Officer Reports

1. President--Clay – No report
2. Past President—Emily—No report
3. Vice President—Adelessa – Dates are set for the Spring Clinic, May 16th – 18th. She is working with the Core of Engineers on a Public Relations campaign. Adelessa is working

with Johnny Epling on securing Carson Island for the clinic. Another possibility she is looking into is Ratliff Hole. 2. We are working on ACA dues for 2013.

4. Treasurer—Jeff K— 1. Approximately \$5100.00 in the bank. Excess cash after expenses is around \$1800.00. 2. American Whitewater is now set up on auto payment via PNC debit card.

5. Secretary—Jacob—No report

6. Safety Officer—Tom— Roll session start this Friday (01/10) at 7:40pm.

7. Membership Coordinator—Ali—No report

8. Conservation Officer—Peter—No report

9. Program Director—Dave—No report

10. Web Master—Joe—No report

11. Newsletter— Don—No report

12. Gear Coordinator—BJ—Working on inventory list. Will try to get down there this week. Needs everyone who has BWA gear at their home to let him know for the inventory. Goal is to have an electronic sign in / sign out process by the end of the year.

13. NPFF Coordinator—Bethany—NPFF planning meeting to be scheduled within the next couple weeks.

14. Member at Large—Jeff S.—No report

IV. Unfinished Business

1. NONE

V. New Business

1. Brent reported on the recent John Flannigan Dam Advisory Panel meeting held in December. He noted two important points. 1) We will have water for the Spring Clinic. Adelessa will coordinate with the Core on the release dates and levels. 2) Brent noted the positive vibes during the meeting. In attendance was a representative from Senator Rand Paul's office who is also a kayaker!! The tone of the meeting seemed to be more positive than in the past and Brent felt we are making some progress. Big Thanks to Brent for all his efforts here!

2. Jeff received a membership request from Kentucky Waterways Alliance. They are based in Louisville and support lake, river, and stream conservation/ protection throughout the state. Non Profit membership is \$35.00. Moved (Jeff K), Second (Adelessa) to join the Kentucky Waterways Alliance as a Non Profit at the \$35.00 contribution level. Motion passed.

3. Steering Committee discussed the program for next week. We would like to have a presentation on cold water preparation and safety. Adelessa is working on securing a speaker.

VI. Adjournment

1. Moved (Adelessa) Second (BJ) to adjourn meeting. Motion passed and meeting adjournment at 8:35pm

General Club Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2013 @ Rooster's
Present: 23 members / 0 guests

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Clay at 7:48pm.

II. Reading of Minutes

Moved (Hanley), Second (Ali) to accept the minutes from the General Club Meeting minutes from October and November.
Motion passed.

Hanley-cold weather presentation-discussed river safety, necessary gear, ropes, first aid,, proper clothing, doing inventory before putting on the river, and checking gear before each run to make sure it's works appropriately. .

III. Officer Reports

President - Clay - Roosters not available next month for meeting, steering committee will find another venue and make everyone aware, however Roosters is reserved for March and April meeting.

Past President - Emily - np

Vice President - Adelessa - Spring Clinic will be 3rd weekend of May(16,17,18) at the most awesome Russell Fork where it will be sunny, letter is sent to Army Corp for scheduled release that weekend

Treasurer- Jeff K - we got money!!!

Secretary - Jacob - NO REPORT BRO. Sorry I missed the meeting...np

Safety Officer - Tom - np

Membership - Ali - We have new members, discussed having a sign up list(roll session) with contact info so that we can reach back out to roll session students , hopefully we can attract new members that didn't sign up for the BWA at the roll session.

Program Director - Dave - np

Webmaster - Joe - np

Newsletter - Don - working on newsletter, NPFF edition. Please send Don all stories from winter paddling trips, PFD's, awesome trips, anything.....

Gear Coordinator - BJ - working on inventory list, if you have any gear or electronics that belong to the club please let him know, serial numbers, etc....

NPFF Director - Bethany - So far they only have 2 hours

of footage-typically we have 8 hours of motion entry. The deadline for motion entry is Friday, can extend since we don't have enough (send in your videos or reach out to someone that has a great video you enjoyed), we still have a few weeks left for the still image deadline. The volunteer signup sheet will be coming out in early February-we need some new blood, it's been the same peeps for several years now and we are getting burned out a bit. A few shout out to Brandon, Barry, and Don for the videos, the silent auction, online viewing for the items in the auction(super bad ass), and for the AV. We still need a boat for the auction, will take more than 1 if offered though.

Bethany needs help with 2 things:

- 1) awards-probably 9 or so, artwork, trophy's, etc...whatever
 - 2)help with the media
- PLEASE reach out to her if you can help.

Member at Large -Jeff S - nothing to report

IV. Unfinished Business

NONE

V. New Business

1. Discussed parking at local step creeks-what should or could we do for land owners.

VI. Announcements

NONE

VII. Trip Reports

Clay - Ecuador - 4th time visiting the country to kayak. Had 2 PFD's, 1st was the Tomo River-full on class 5. While he was in Ecuador he broke his boat he keeps down there, became deathly ill, he was actually sick twice(always finish your antibiotics kids), and whatever you do, "Don't eat the Chinese food." Clay spent some time paddling with Matt Terry, unfortunately they are fighting an uphill battle with the damming of several rivers down there. Some of those rivers may not be around next year this time,

VIII. Adjournment

Moved (Bethany), Second (Carlisle) to adjourn meeting at 9:14pm. Motion passed.

Big Props to Jeff Schetler for taking the minutes at this meeting!!!



Pool Roll Session Pinnacle Pool, 621 Southpoint Dr, Lexington

Learn to wet exit, bow rescue, and roll. Meet BWA members and be involved.

Wash your boats, inside and out, before arrival.

Are you new to pool roll sessions? Check out some prerequisites here.

Cost:

\$5 - Members

\$2 - Member child 12-18

Free - Member child 11 and under

\$10 - Non-member

\$5 - Non-member child

First roll session ever? Non-members pay member rates

Demo kayaks are made available by Canoe Kentucky - feel free to try them out.

Call them the day of the session to have a specific boat brought to the session

1-888-CANOE-KY.

More information and online registration: <http://bwa.shuttlepod.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=482733>

Coming Soon!
BWA Spring Clinic

May 16-18
2014



Over 30 years ago, the Bluegrass Wildwater Association began an Annual Spring tradition of hosting a weekend long Beginner's Swiftwater Clinic for Kayak, Canoe and C-1 (decked canoe) paddlers. The tradition continues today!!

More Clinic Info

<http://www.bluegrasswildwater.org/?f=calendar#clinic>

NPFF 2014

February 21- 22

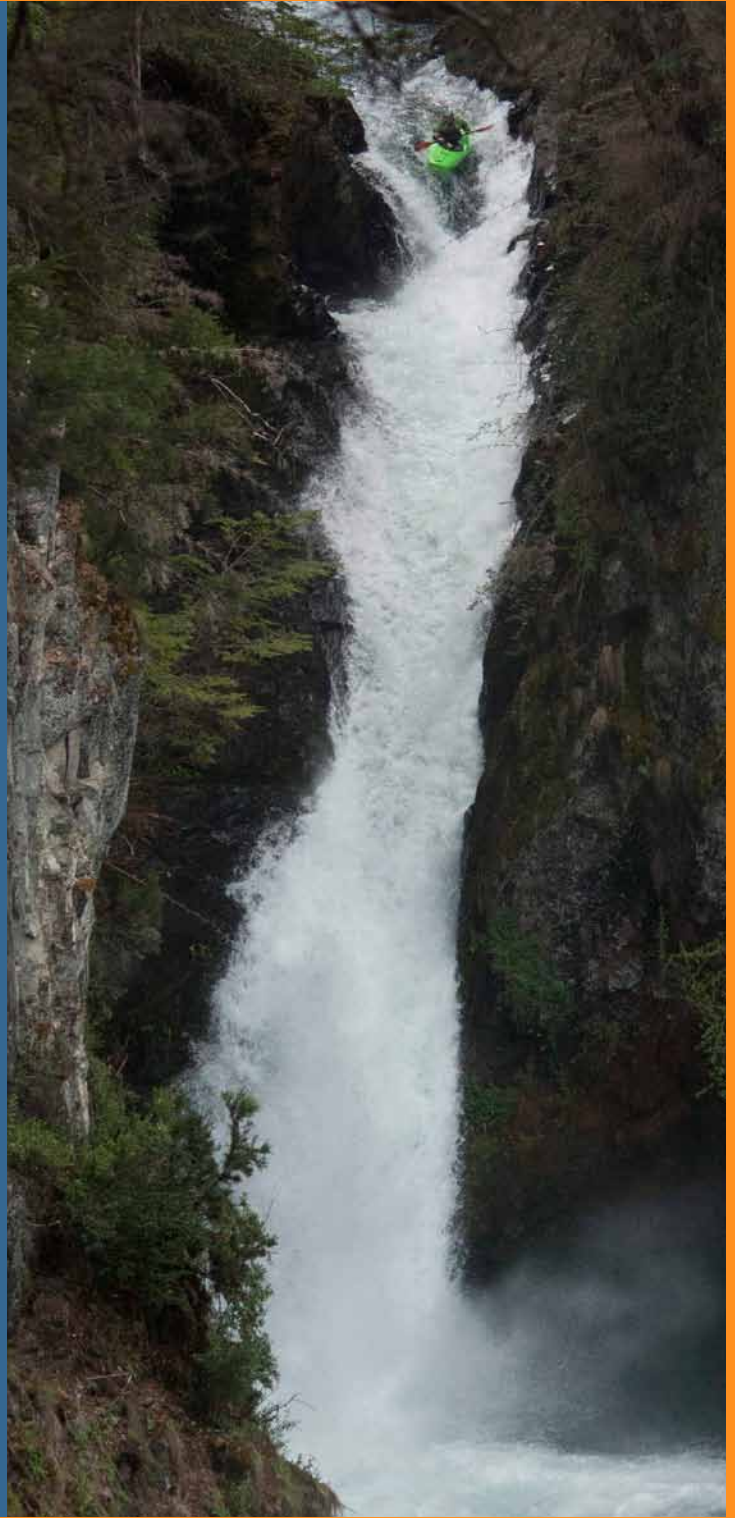
Guest Host

**Fred
Norquist**

"Growing up in Colorado, I started kayaking at 14 years old. It is the single most fun thing in the world for me. Since then I have been paddling hard, and focusing on progressing my paddling skills, as well as producing lots and lots of kayaking videos. Being on the river is not only fun, but adds adventure and excitement to everyday life. I like clean stouts, sunshine, good times, and of course cold beer. I have focused my life on kayaking and making videos, and I haven't turned back."

Stay tuned to

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BWA Meetings

Meetings held Second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm
To eat during the meeting come a little early so you can place your order before the meeting starts.
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