

# BOWLINES

Award Winning Newsletter of The Bluegrass Wildwater Association since 1976. July/August 2019

**Special Edition: Packed with stories and articles about and from the past of the BWA !**

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*In our own words.....*



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It was amazing how many in the BWA managed to run the Colorado through the Grand Canyon in the first few years of the club. The first person that I recall, was the first BWA President, Kent Kirchner in his C-1. We must have watched his B & W 8mm film of the trip every 3-4 months while listening to Kent do a live narration to the action. Back then there was no videos you could buy or see on TV of WW paddling.

It was marvelous that two of our famous Women in Rubber, Linda Matusek & Jan Atlee, managed to grab a trip in 1983. There were not a lot of permits issued for runs and this was also in the days before outfitters became as common on rivers like they are now.



## Grand Canyon by Raft

Lynda Matusek

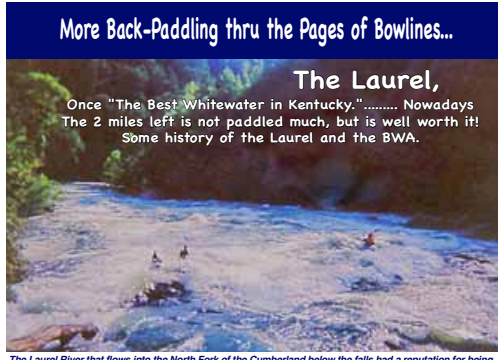
*Bowlines Oct/Nov 1983*

Anyone who has been can tell you: You can't describe it, you can't do it justice, there is too much to tell, there are no words for the feelings that the Grand Canyon inspires.

Depending on the people who journey with you, the hikes you got to take, the weather, the water level, there are a thousand different trips. It is always awesome. It is sometimes irreverent. It's spiritual and earthy, exhausting, exciting and peaceful, but never boring. And it wants telling. The experience is like heat emanating from your body; you want to share it. Here then, are two brief episodes from the fourteen day trip that Jan Atlee and I took this fall. They are only the crest of the proverbial wave.

Day 6:

The dawn finds the camp expectant. There is an electricity in the air. We are surrounded by ominous black Vishu Schist cliffs and the river is dark and narrow here. It is the day we run Granite, Hermit, and Crystal. The kayakers took serious, as do the guides. We eat, load, push off. We stop at Phantom Ranch for a short mail run. I want no contact with the outside so I wash my hair and lay out in the sun. After an hour we are back on the Colorado and soon we reach Granite. We don't scout, but our guide fills us in on the battle plan. "We have to run the right side, but not get rammed into the granite wall that the current follows." She explains the waves will be big and chaotic; lots of reactionary waves off the cliff as well as the left side. It should be fun for us, and really more difficult for the kayakers. Our run is much as Martha has predicted: it is great fun, a great ride.



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# Looking Ahead

Second Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 pm

## BWA Monthly Meeting

Location can vary

For more information on Club Meetings  
& Activities always check the online Calendar.

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

## ACOE Release Schedule for Russell Fork

The corp posted the RF release schedule. They added Friday releases on the first and fourth weekend at 800 cfs. The Saturday and Sunday releases were not changed but the Friday release on the 4th weekend will be 1000. Also, they say the Friday releases are tentative and subject to change.

Here is a link to the corp whitewater release schedule:

<http://www.lrh-wc.usace.army.mil/wm/?wwsched>

**Brent**



The BWA wishes to thank Canoe Kentucky for its support.  
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Check out Bowlines Online Archive with many  
great issues going back to 1998!

Issue Archive:

[http://www.surfky-bwa.org/html/bowlines\\_arcN.html](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](http://www.surfky-bwa.org/bowlines/BL30thAnnv_Aug06.pdf)



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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>

**BWA members want to read your story!  
Short or long. Sad or Funny.  
Tell us your paddling related story! Please!!**

Files can be e-mailed to the Editor: [DonSpang@aol.com](mailto:DonSpang@aol.com)



## About the BWA's Bowlines

The Bowlines has been a unique record of the BWA and its members. Unique in that it has been more than a listing of club activities and general information about paddling and related issues. When you read Bowlines you read about each of us and what we thought and did over the years. Members have contributed articles not only about paddling, conservation, and the club, but also stories crafted with humor, imagination, and the spirit of enthusiasm of life and enjoyment of each other. These are only a small portion of the many articles worth rereading. There have been songs, poems, soap operas, jokes, cartoons, wedding announcements, birth announcements, and unique trip reports among all the issues. Not what you might think you would see in a whitewater club newsletter.

We owe a thank you to all the newsletter editors that spent countless hours preparing each issue. To all you club members a big BWA hand for your contributions. Please keep it up! Now dig in and enjoy old memories or chuckle at the amusing stories, poems and pictures...

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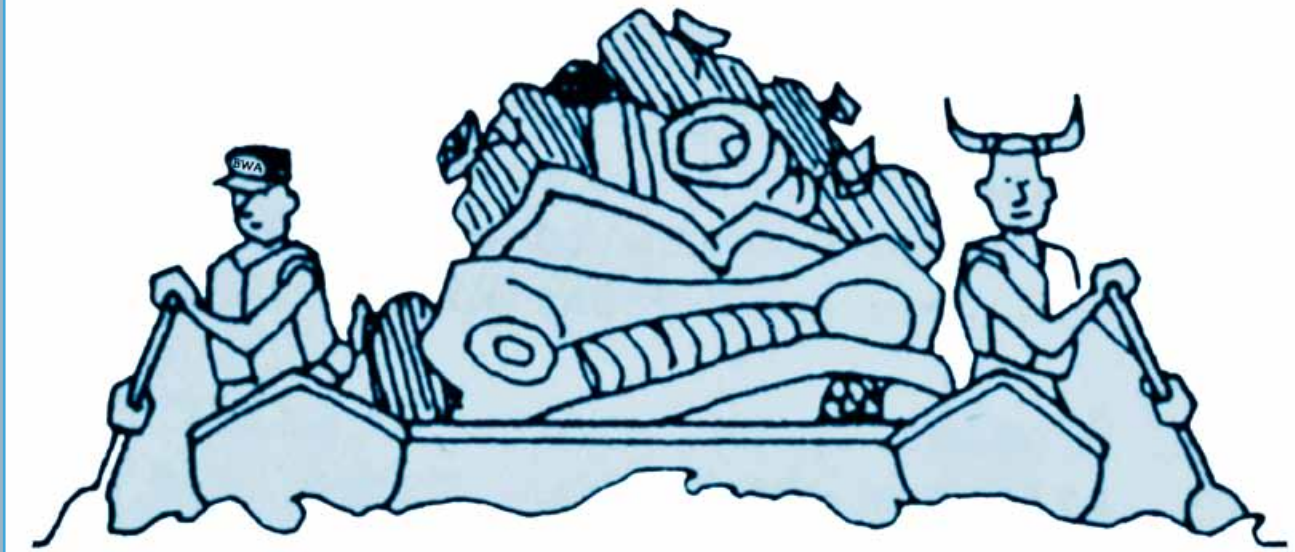
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# BWA Elkhorn Trash-Bash 2019

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# Photo Essay of a successful Elkhorn Creek clean up!

Photos by Don Spangler









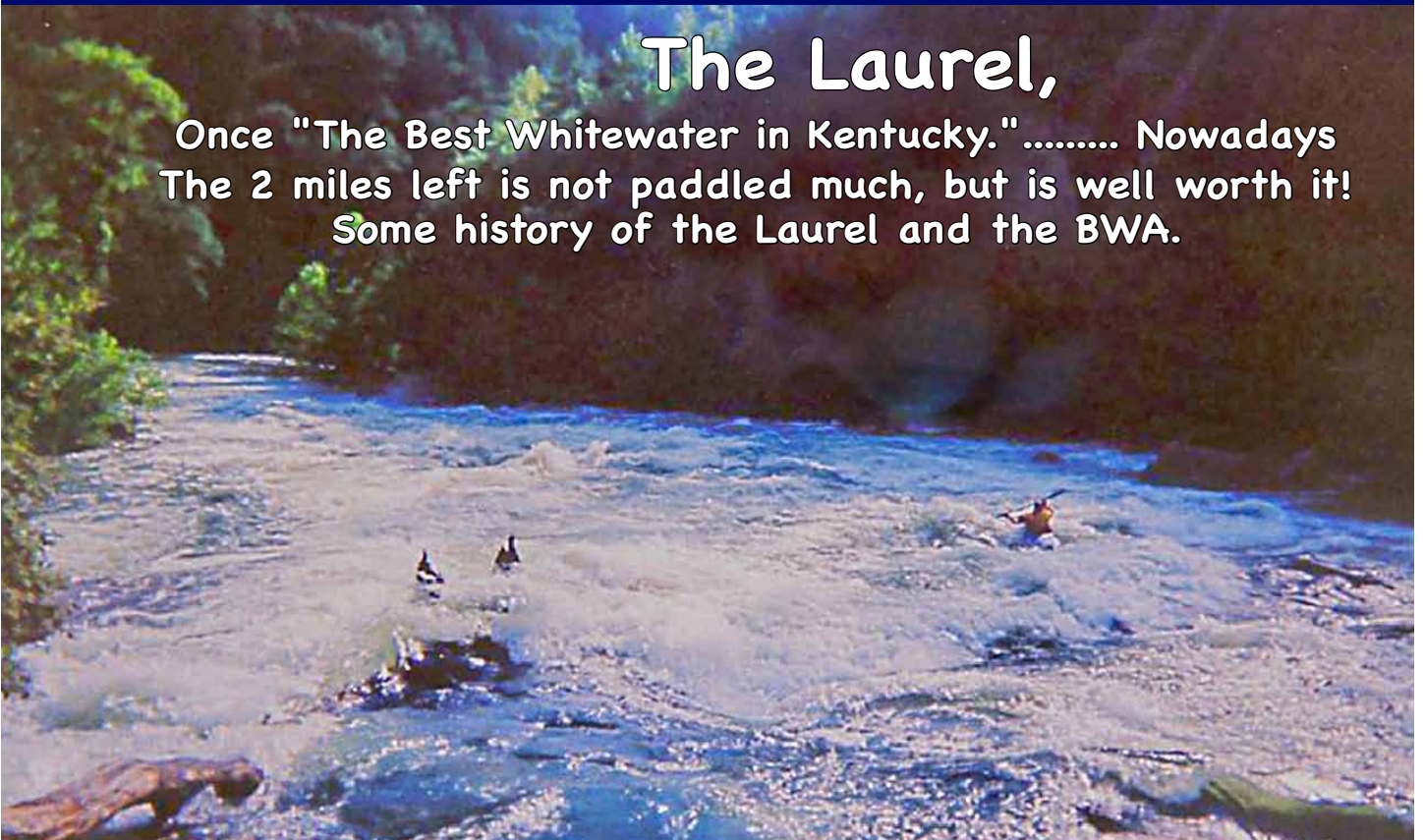




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# The Laurel River Runneth

Brent Austin

Bowlines Dec 1993

Yes, I know you have wanted to get on the Laurel River for years and can never quite catch it when it releases. The problem has typically been that the release is unpredictable and no one at East Kentucky Power Cooperative has been cooperative. Especially when it comes to disclosing releases or the data used to open the dam. Some of you have given up and probably said to yourselves that "it is no big deal, it is probably not even that great of a run." NOT!

In the span of one week in August I caught it twice, both times right close to the buzzer, the horn that announces a release is pending. And, both times I called the power company and got a very forthright individual on the phone to tell me that it was going to release at X and such time this very day. And let me tell you, this is a very fun, but short run with a difficulty level comparable to the Ocoee.

On August 23, 1993 Mike Clark and I were on the phone at our offices talking about the news from Don Coapland where he mockingly bragged and taunted us about getting on the Laurel one recent Sunday afternoon coming back from the Ocoee. We called the power company and learned from them that a release was going to happen that afternoon around three o'clock. We busted out of Lexington at 2:00 and made it to the dam at 3:00, having, perhaps, violated a few speed limit laws on the way. As we are taking the boats off of the car, the horn goes off, and with smug looks of satisfaction, we slid into the river to explore what lay down below. The level of the gauge was 763.



Tavis Sewells on Upper Spillway



Don Coapland on Lower Spillway

One of our big concerns was that the release might be short, perhaps a half hour, so we did not dally too much as we made our way down river. We ran four rapids in the class III category, passing up numerous play spots and surfing waves before we got out of our boats to scout the last rapid not drowned by Lake Cumberland. We learned that this rapid had several names, Golf Course or Whore House, because of the number of holes present. The right route was the class IV move, which we took. This run was completed in 20 minutes or so. As it turned out, the river ran for at least 3 hours, so we blew down for nothing.

That Friday of the same week, Don Coapland, Travis Sewalls and I found out about another release and got there shortly after the release began. This time we learned that the release would probably be 3 or 4 hours, so we took time to surf and play in many spots. The level was 766 on the gauge, or about three feet higher than Mike and I had run it. We spent about an hour and a half on the river, but could have spent longer time in spots.

There are several routes through the rapids that could have been explored as well. Nonetheless, it was a great level and loads of fun.

To get to the put-in, take exit 38 off of 175 and take highway 192 to 1193. About 16.5 miles from 175 you will get to the road that takes you down into the canyon where the dam is. The takeout is the same as the takeout for Cumberland Below the Falls run. After putting on, about 100 yards down stream is a really sweet, glassy surfing wave. Several hundred yards further is the first class 11 rapid you will encounter. Moving past that you will observe on river left the spillway coming in over a twenty foot drop into the Laurel. (It looks runnable). At



this point you encounter the first significant rapid that we called "Upper Spillway". Class III on the right, Class IV- on the left.

Just downstream from this, within view is the second rapid which we called "Lower Spillway". Class III+ on the right and Class IV- on the left. Down from that a short ways is another rapid in the Class III- range we called "Pillow" because of the pillow move that is like a miniature Heinzerling (Upper Yough). This is a class II+ move however.

After this, the action picks up as we entered a good Class III+ rapid we called "Prelude" because it leads directly into "Golf Course". There is some hole dodging and ,until you get to an eddy on river left in the middle of this rapid. At this point you have three options. You can run the challenging Class IV+ move on river right and dance close to China Hole (so named because the hole is so deep you may be able to get to China that way), or you can run one of two slot moves on the left, both of the Class III variety. Whatever your choice, you continue to dodge or punch a few more holes until you reach the lake.

To have a river of this caliber within an hour or so of Lexington, is a real treat. The problem is still finding out about the releases. This August it was very hot and dry in the southeastern part of the United States. As a result, the Laurel dam may have run more than usual as there was an increased demand for power in the southeast. One fisherman told me that the river had been running every day that week. If we could ever figure out a way to accommodate the power company's needs with those of recreational interests, it would be an incredible treasure for the Lexington paddling community.

Brent Austin

## Plateau Update: The Laurel

**Brent Austin**

**Bowlines March/April 1995**

As many of you know, Kentucky has a gem of a whitewater resource located off Interstate 75 near London, Kentucky. Flowing off of the Cumberland Plateau in Kentucky, this stream carves its way through sandstone, much the same way its sister streams do all the way down to Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. While the plateau does not have the elevation in the north as it does further south, the characteristics are similar. Looking down at the river from I-75 in Laurel County, the stream looks similar to many of the put-ins on small streams further south: small, low volume, brushy and class 1-11 at best. Once it gets close to the edge of the plateau, it begins to fall off and carve through rock formed by ancient seas, later raised by the collision of continental plates.

At least it used to fall off. Today, the vast majority of the stream is buried under the Laurel River Lake, leaving maybe a mile and a half of whitewater to its confluence with the Cumberland River. It is easy to imagine what it must of looked like years ago. Being a smaller watershed than the Cumberland River or the Rockcastle River, it's descent off the plateau is more abrupt and would have provided miles of excellent whitewater, most certainly of the class III category, with perhaps a class V or two. Confluencing with the Cumberland River (which is where the takeout is for both of these runs), and being joined with the Rockcastle River a very short distance downstream, there was likely continued easy whitewater until it moved off the plateau and then joined the Big South Fork of the Cumberland, flowing north from Tennessee.

To get an idea of the kind of gradient loss that would have been experienced on the Laurel, keep in mind that the Cumberland, some 14 miles upstream from its confluence with the Laurel, loses 62 feet in one single drop, Cumberland Falls, then contains about six miles of good class III water. Unless the Laurel had a similar big drop, it would not only have lost that gradient, but it would have done so in a relatively shorter distance in a



manner creating challenging rapids! But alas, that was then and this is now.

Today, boaters are faced with a dam that releases water into the lower one and a half miles. The upper stretch, under the lake, is now a mystery. But, below the dam, exciting whitewater of the class III category, with one class IV at the bottom, offers a virtual playground of glassy surfing waves, play-holes and creek moves. The water is cold, coming from the bottom of the dam, but the quality is good, enabling the paddler to see clear to the bottom. Even in the summer, a dry top is advisable.

The problem, however, is that the releases have been unpredictable. The Laurel River Dam is a peaking facility, which means that it is operated when energy demands are at their peak. The power is supplied, primarily, to residential users in the rural areas of Central Kentucky, according to East Kentucky Power spokesperson, James C. Lamb. Thus, every time space heaters are turned on during cold days, or air conditioners used on exceptionally hot days, power may be generated from the dam. Mr. Lamb noted that the dam is required to release water for a half hour every two days. Because of that, it tries to time the required release with periods of peak demand, usually being in the morning or in the evenings, when people are at home using energy.

The economics of supplying cost effective energy results in unpredictable releases. However, after Mr. Lamb and his associate, Eddie Flinchum, met with the BWA at its monthly meeting on January 10, 1995, it became apparent that with past information relating to releases, weather data and lake levels, coupled with a developing relationship with the folks at East Kentucky Power, it might be possible to reliably do a number of runs on the stream. In fact, shortly after the meeting, after a series of heavy rains which were bringing the lake levels above the winter pool, Eddie Flinchum called me to let me know and to get the word out that the Laurel would be running all day on January 17 and 18, 1995.

Barry Grimes, Robert Hebble and Rich Ready took advantage of that information and paddled the stream for the first time. What does the past data show as the times when the Laurel has most often run? Mr. Lamb provided me with release data ranging from July 1993 through November 1994. He also provided me with weather data for the corresponding period. In July 1993, the Laurel ran seven times for more than three hours. On July 27 and 28, 1993, the release was for about 8 hours. Both days registered temperatures over 92 degrees. However, a number of other days registered temperatures in the 90's that did not coincide with releases. In August of the same year, there were twelve releases of three hours or more, most occurring when temperatures exceeded 90 degrees. Using the criteria of three hours of releases (30 megawatts or more), the

**Using the criteria of three hours of releases (30 megawatts or more), the following months contained the following number of releases:**

September 1993	2	April 1994	24
October 1993	15	May 1994	6
November 1993	12	June 1994	10
December 1993	8	July 1994	4
January 1994	27	August 1994	4
February 1994	19	September 1994	5
March 1994	24	October 1994	5

While this approach is useful, it does not account for days when there may have been two hours of releases at a full load, or close to 70 megawatt of power. It does seem obvious that the best months for releases are from January to April, when cold weather dictates power demands and the level of the Laurel Lake is not as much an issue for recreational purposes ie. above the dam). While there apparently is a recreational purpose associated with the dam, so far that purpose appears to be related to "above the dam" activities rather than "below the dam" pursuits.

Now, a word of caution is in order. As the winter progresses into spring and the creeks and streams begin filling up the reservoirs, Cumberland Lake backs up and covers the lower and best sections of whitewater on the Laurel River, Last year, the day after the 1994 Film Festival, I paddled the Laurel only to find the lake backed up and covering all the rapids except the first two: Upper Spillway and Lower Spillway. On the otherhand, Barry Grimes reported that all rapids were uncovered on January 18, 1995 and runnable. When I ran the Laurel in August of 1993 on two occasions, the rapids were all uncovered, even though

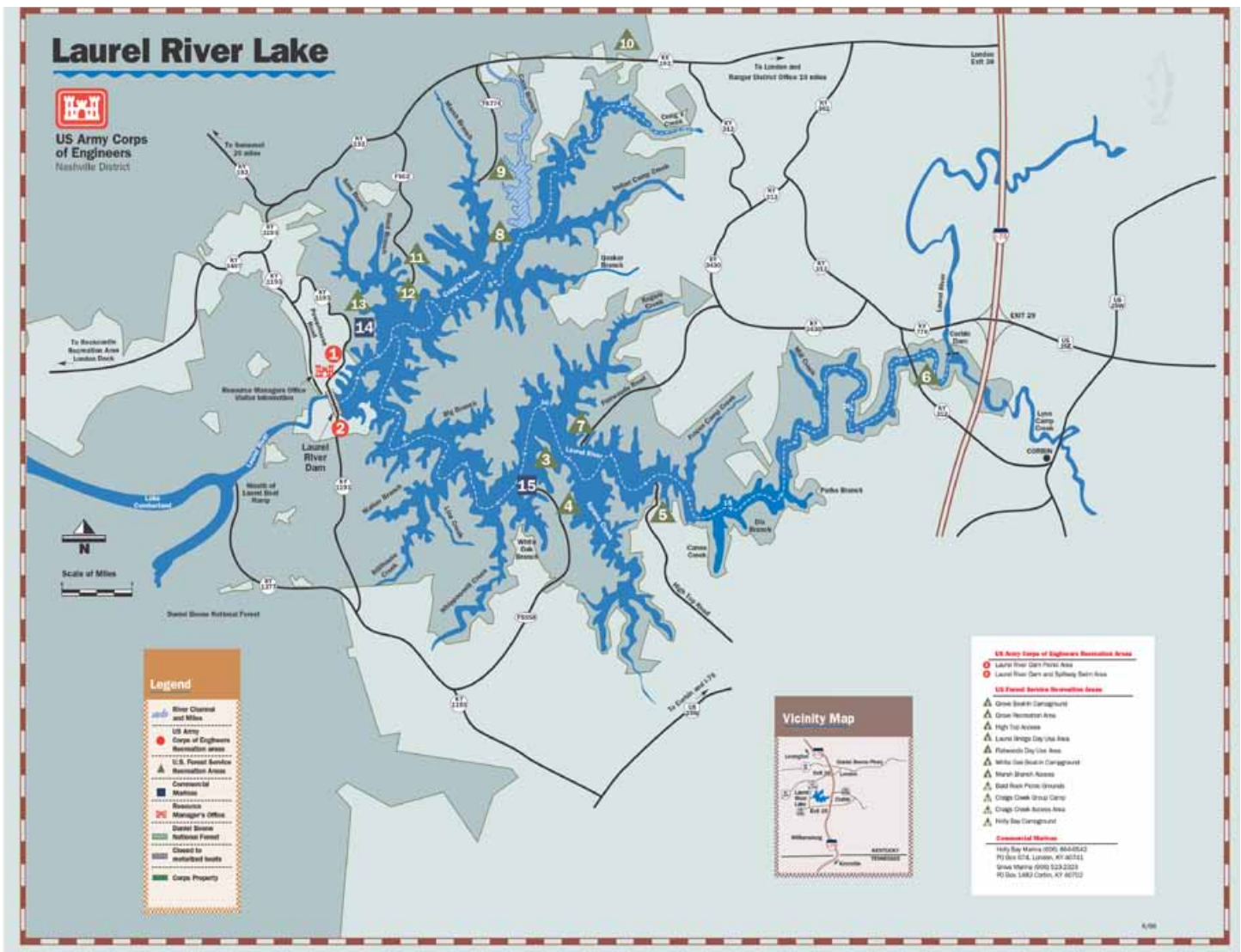


Lake Cumberland was, presumably at summer pool. Maybe the high lake level experienced after the Film Festival was a fluke and was well above the summer time levels which usually are higher than the winter pool. Anyway, keep that in mind. I hope each of you can make time to paddle this wonderful stream.

### Laurel River, less than a 90 minute drive from Lexington

Laurel River (class II-III(IV)) A spectacular, short and tough to catch flowing at runnable levels the Laurel provides about 2 miles of fun rapids in very cold water. The putin is just below the Laurel Lake Dam whose very unpredictable releases control the flows for this scenic stretch. Takeout is at the Laurel's confluence with Lake Cumberland.

<http://www.americanwhitewater.org/rivers/id/3312/>



### Notes from Brent Austin

With the Lake levels down, Whore House rapid is completely exposed and a Class V rapid. The ratings should be changed to reflect this serious rapid at the end of the run. The portage is not easy either. At 3800 cfs, this rapid has the kick and power of Iron Ring on the Upper Gauley. Brent Austin Summer 2010 Laurel

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Nasty Class V at the 2 & 3 feet (2500-400 CFS) releases. Very difficult canyon and boulder portage can be had. Some say the portage is better on the left. This rapid is very rare to be seen due to the elevation of Lake Cumberland covering it up most of the time. When Lake Cumberland elevation is below 705 ft look for it whether its there or not. More often than not its a pushed in hole by the lake and a nasty one at that. When the lake is down for maintenance and during September/October the rapid could be formidable.

# Laurel Creek

Frank Loudermilk

Bowlines Nov/Dec 1983

The Falls. It took Dad only 1 1/2 hrs. on the phone to determine a probable release from 5-7pm. The cauliflower ear he sustained in doing so was worth it. We arrived at 4pm to find a half maximal generation of icy water bubbling up from the bowels of the powerhouse. We hurriedly put on. By 5pm the high water marks were disappearing on the banks. None of us had run the Laurel before. We found this 2 mile run an enormously busy, technical III-IV stream with lots of eddy hopping to find the correct route.

About halfway down Dad demonstrated his now famous upstream brace followed by a remarkable impersonation of frozen fish bait. Order was restored just above a particularly nasty drop and Dad emerged unharmed and relieved that the ME canoe he was paddling belonged to Tubbo.

The last rapid was clearly the most difficult. I had heard that it was fiveish. I ferried to river right and saw a boat width slot between an obstructing rock and an ugly hole. I ferried back left and got out. It looked pretty reasonable if one caught a micro eddy above the drop. After that one had to book hard left to catch a slot and avoid another hole.

"Let's see what else is down stream." said Metz.  
"There's nothing down there" said I. "Just lake."

Dad had meandered quite a bit further down stream, a bit inexplicably in search of a bit of privacy in a last minute effort to lighten the load in his boat, I thought vaguely.

I caught the little eddy on river right, turned around and saw the small tongue open up like a freeway. Two drops and then the lake. I entered the tongue and blasted left. I hit the second drop accurately, exhaled and relaxed. I suddenly noticed another horizon line in front of us and a desperately small eddy on river right. I ferried hard enough to wash out of the bottom of the eddy. I turned in time to take a four foot drop and see several seconds of blue sky as I was propelled down stream on my stern. The boat righted in time for yet another drop that tossed me hard left. I braced and skulled up turning down stream for an even worse drop. I plunged 5 foot with little momentum. For several long seconds I paddled frantically forward yet



*Frank Loudermilk. Surfing: Circa mid eighties*

remained motionless. At last a final reprieve from the Great and Magnanimous River God. I raced to shore and grabbed my rope knowing Metz would be equally surprised. I saw her take the last drop on the left, missing the hole. Her run had been perfect - down the left for the last 4 drops. Although not without anxiety, she denied soiling her wet suit.

Now for Dad. I convinced my paternal role model that he should sneak the first drop by staying tight left the entire way. He strode gingerly up stream. Not desirous of an arduous portage and his confidence bolstered by a borrowed boat, he was ready.

Suddenly, over a minute or two the river dropped some 5 or 6 feet. Dad carried over the now unnavigable first drop and calmly paddled the now II+ rapid. One could see the look of consternation etched in his furrowed brow as the big one had slipped away from his. Sorry Big fella, I know how bad you wanted it.

This rapid has previously been named by Sam Moore as "Golf Course because of the great number of holes. Having been oked by Sam, a change in appellation is suggested. For the same reason it was called Golf Course and for the typo of ride it can give you the rapid shall henceforth be referred to as "Whorehouse".

Frank Loudermilk

## NEWS NOTES

The Dixie Division of the American Canoe Association has proposed amendment to the constitution that Kentucky be removed from the Midwest Division and be replaced in the Dixie Division. This request was initiated by a number of Kentucky members who felt they were more closely allied geographically with the Dixie Division.



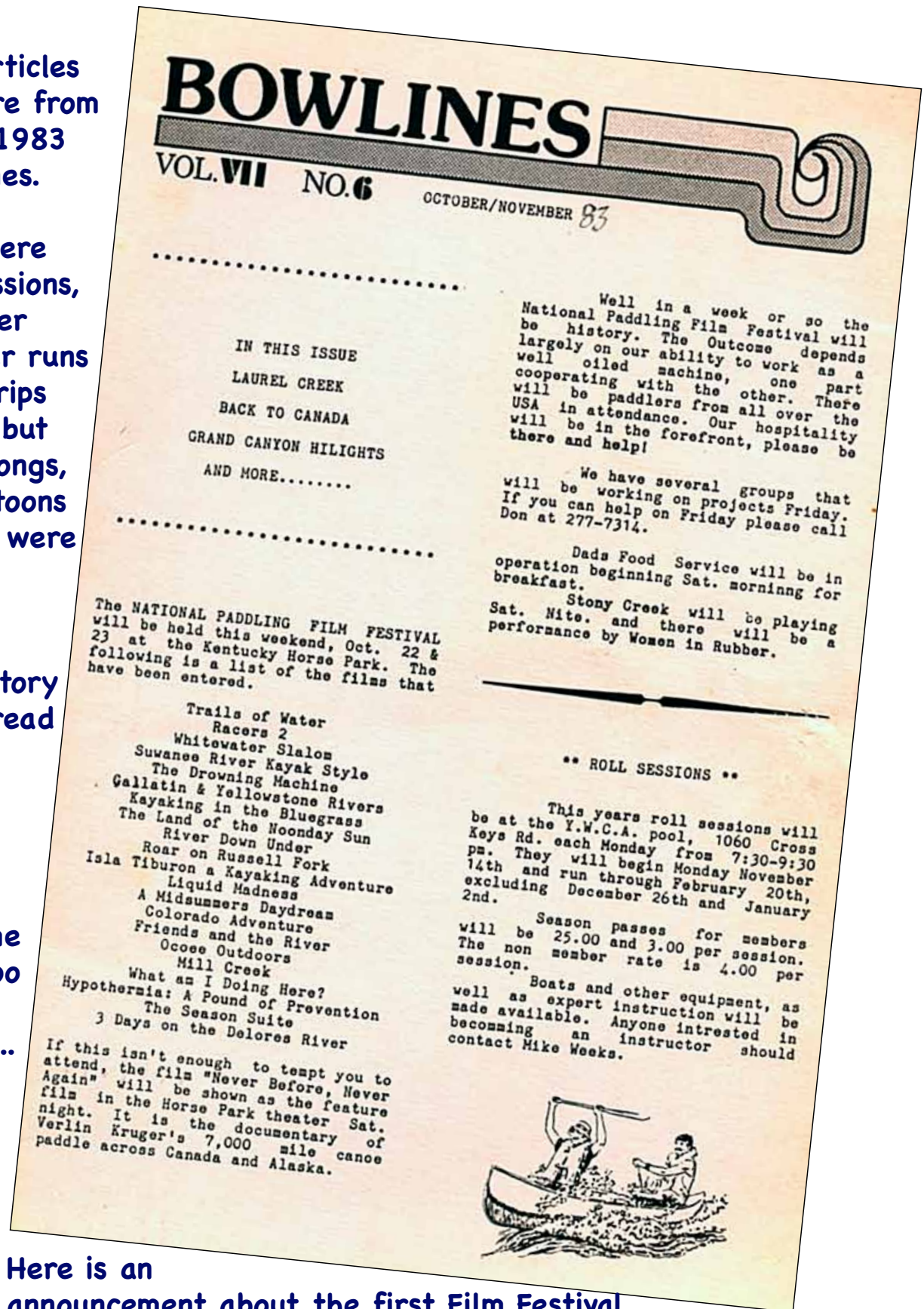
The BWA in the eighties..... golden years for a new paddling club with members that saw exploring & paddling rivers as the adventure of a lifetime. Friends and memories were made for a lifetime.

Most of the articles in this issue are from the Oct/Nov 1983 issue of Bowlines.

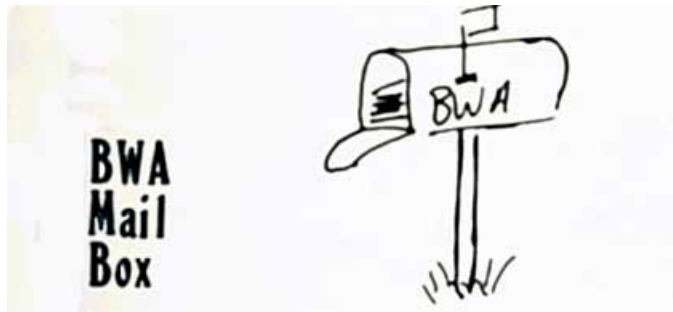
Not only is there info on roll sessions, news from other clubs, and river runs and vacation trips & happenings, but often poems, songs, as well as cartoons from members were found in each issue.

Interesting history to be able to read now and by others in the future!

If you are a new or longtime member you too can contribute to this legacy.... It will be appreciated!



Here is an announcement about the first Film Festival.



### **Bowlines Oct/Nov 1983 Bowlines**

*We used to exchange newsletters with other coubs & organizations. The mail box was used to pass on info from them to our membership.*

### **FROM SPLASHES**

New River Symposium - The third annual New River Symposium is scheduled for April 12, 13, 14, 1984 at the Appalachian State University Center for Continuing Education, Boone, North Carolina.

The multi-disciplinary Symposium is open to all those with a professional or avocational interest in the New River, from its North Carolina headwaters to its south in Virginia. Papers for the Symposium are being sought in natural history, folklore, geology, history, archaeology, geography, and other sciences, social sciences, and humanities. All papers should share the common theme of treating some aspect of the New River Valley, past or present, including its natural, physical, and/or human environments, or the interrelation of these. Proposals for the sessions and panel discussions are also sought.

Proposals are due by December 1, 1983. They should be addressed to Gorge Cox, National Park Service, New River Gorge, P.O. Drawer V, Oak Hill, West Virginia 25901; ph(304)465-0508.

Proceedings of the 1982 and 1983 are available by mail at 12-50 each from the Eastern National Park and Monument Association at the address above.

### **FROM THE AMERICAN CANOEIST**

The 1983 White House Symposium on Physical Fitness and Sports Medicine will be November 16-17, 1983, at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. Muscle strength and endurance development and maintenance will be the theme of the symposium. Medical research, and program specialists from many backgrounds will present research on topics in the areas of emphasis, and will also participate in panel

discussions and demonstrations. For more information, please contact:

Office of Sports Medicine, President's Council on Physical Education and Sports Medicine, 450 5th St., N.W., Suite 7103, Washington, D.C. 20001, phone 202-272-3424

### **FROM POLE & PADDLE**

June of 1984 is the planned grand opening of South Bend, Indiana's now East Raceway Project, better known to us as the salmon ladder-slalom course. Several days of events are being considered for the celebration. According to Fred Kahn of the Grand Opening Committee.

"Kayak races, tubing, and rafting are some of the activities suggested so far. We invite your organization to help in our plans." Anyone interested in helping should contact Bob Obat. If plans go along as they are going so far this will give the Midwest dam-controlled slalom sites in South Bend, IN, Wausau, WI, Niagara, MI (upper peninsula). Who else even has two?

### **FROM HEALTH WATCH, Ltd.**

Health Watch, Ltd., a provider of analytic and educational health care services, is proud to announce the introduction of its course "MEDICAL SELF SUFFICIENCY: EVERYTHING YOU WANT AND WILL NEED TO KNOW." This extensive two and one-half day course will provide information and training to persons such as boaters, swimmers, and other outdoor enthusiasts and professionals who occasionally find themselves in areas isolated from conventional emergency health care services. The cost is \$350 and will be Nov. 4, 5, 6, 1983. For more information write to Health Watch, Ltd. 719 Northwest Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland 20901

Help support KRC with the following events: There will be a Kentucky River Float Trip at 1 pm Sun. Oct. 10. They need volunteers to bring snacks and drinks for 2 hrs. on the river. Tickets are available at KRC, Special Media, and Good Foods Co-op. \$10 for nonmember; \$8 for members.

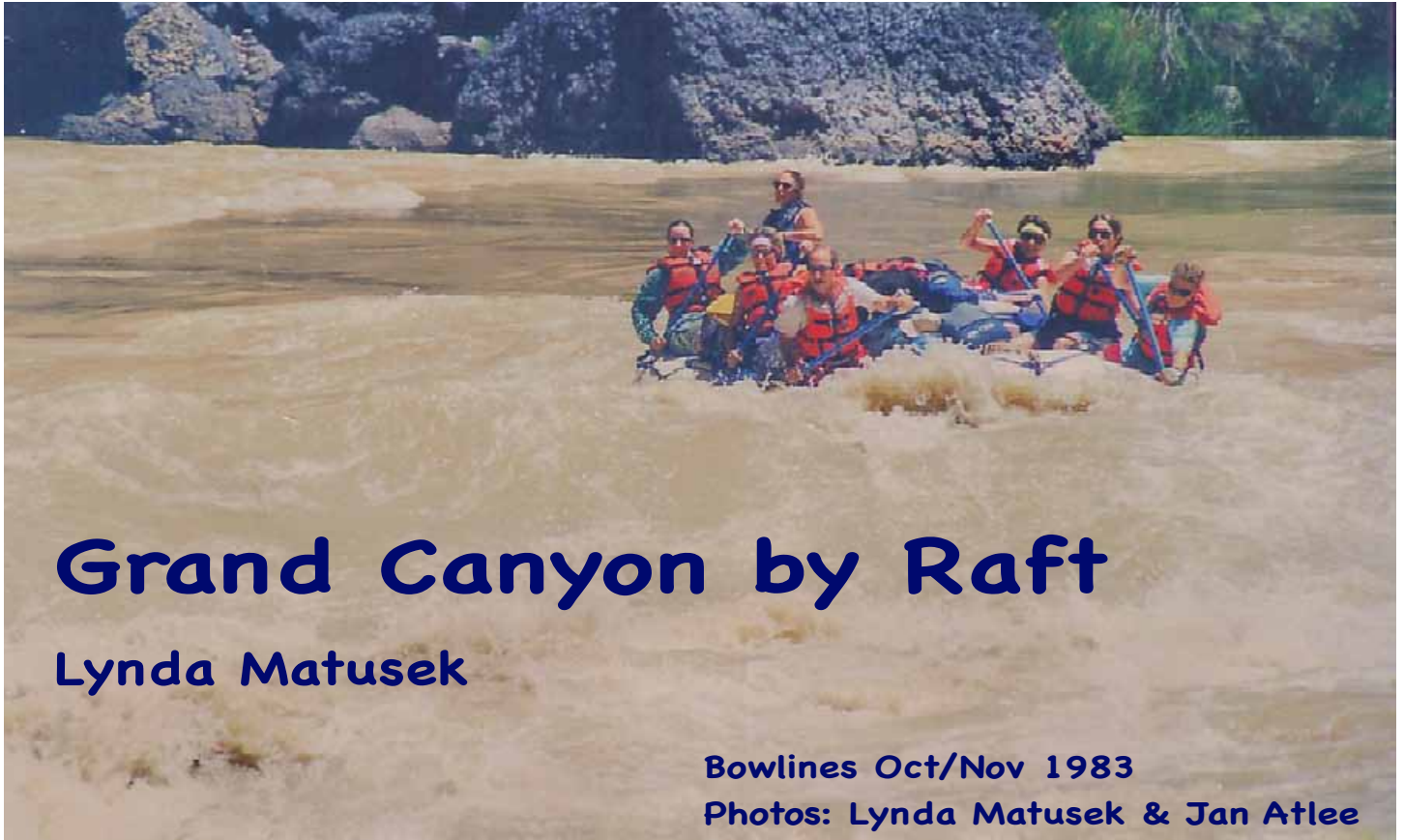
The organizational meeting of the Data Quality Task Force will be held Oct. 27 at 7pm at KRC.

The KRC New Moon Dance will be Nov. 5 at the Unitarian Church on Clays Mill Road at 8 pm. \$3.50 for members; \$4.00 for non-members. There will be a pie and partner auction.



It was amazing how many in the BWA managed to run the Colorado through the Grand Canyon in the first few years of the club. The first person that I recall, was the first BWA President, Kent Kirchner in his C-1. We must have watched his B & W 8mm film of the trip every 3-4 months while listening to Kent do a live narration to the action. Back then there was no videos you could buy or see on TV of WW paddling.

It was marvelous that two of our famous Women in Rubber, Lynda Matusek & Jan Atlee, managed to grab a trip in 1983. There were not a lot of permits issued for runs and this was also in the days before outfitters became as common on rivers like they are now.



# Grand Canyon by Raft

Lynda Matusek

**Bowlines Oct/Nov 1983**

**Photos: Lynda Matusek & Jan Atlee**

Anyone who has been can tell you: You can't describe it, you can't do it justice, there is too much to tell, there are no words for the feelings that the Grand Canyon inspires.

Depending on the people who journey with you, the hikes you got to take, the weather, the water level, there are a thousand different trips. It is always awesome. It is sometimes irreverent. It's spiritual and earthy, exhausting, exciting and peaceful, but never boring. And it wants telling. The experience is like heat emanating from your body; you want to share it. Here then, are two brief episodes from the fourteen day trip that Jan Atlee and I took this fall. They are only the crest of the proverbial wave.

## Day 6:

The dawn finds the camp expectant. There is an electricity in the air. We are surrounded by ominous black Vishu Schist cliffs and the river is dark and narrow here. It is the day we run Granite, Hermit, and Crystal. The kayakers look serious, as do the guides. We eat, load, push off. We stop at Phantom Ranch for a short mail run. I want no contact with the outside so I wash my hair and lay out in the sun. After an hour we are back on the Colorado and soon we reach Granite. We don't scout, but our guide fills us in on the battle plan. "We have to run the right side, but not get rammed into the granite wall that the current follows." She explains the waves will be big and chaotic; lots of reactionary waves off the cliff as well as the left side. It should be fun for us, and really more difficult for the kayakers. Our run is much as Martha has predicted: it is great fun, a great ride.



At Hermit we stop for the kayakers to check it out, but I'm not sure it helped. Several got trashed and a few even take a swim; If the waves didn't get them, the eddies did. Our raft is warming up well, practicing for what lies below, and we do a good job maneuvering our boat to hit all the big waves at the right angle.

And then we reach Crystal. Granite and Hermit were not easy, they've gotten their share of boats and boaters, they're big, tough rapids, but nothing can compare to Crystal. It is simply the worst looking rapid I have ever seen in person, certainly that I've ever considered running. It brings a new dimension to the words "seething", "chaotic", and "fear". The roar is louder than white noise.

Evidently Crystal was never an easy run since it was formed in 1966, but the flooding this spring brought about some changes, and made it more difficult. At 90,000 cfs it flipped a 33' motor rig, and as the water level dropped this summer, much to the river runners' consternation, the channel narrowed. The rocky shore on the right that had provided a sneak route at high water was now exposed. Now all the current funneled into a series of waves, the first a giant swell where the diagonals from the tongue converge, the second a huge exploding mountain of a wave, and the third, where the old Crystal hole shifted down stream from previous years, but is just as tough. After the hole is another quarter mile (at least) of rock garden.

It's a long swim.

And that's what we were told. The oar rigs would go without passengers but we, the lucky ones, got the "go ahead" from Martha.

"We can do it," she said, her voice strong and controlled, her face firm with determination. "If you do everything I say ... and paddle like hell!" At least we had all those kayakers along, she reminded us to reassure us, "They make great rescue boats." Then she disappeared into the brush with the Day Tripper box and toilet paper. So much for control.

The best part of a nasty rapid is, of course, waiting for your turn. We were a lovely shade of green as we watched the Real Boaters try it first, and actually, they almost made it look fun. Almost.

Only Sturgis, the lead kayaker, cut the diagonal waves cleanly and eddied up high river right. The next two got



surfing by those diagonals into the first wave ...into the second wave... and into the hole upside down. One maniac ran the hole straight on (he obviously had a lemming in his ancestry), but all got their share of the fun, and did they look pretty! Crashing into the waves, getting buried, flipped, and rolling up. "Bottoms Up" George had a classic run; he went under at the top, rolled up enough to wave his paddle at us (For the Camera? To say he was ok?), then went down for more water, and then disappeared into the hole. George surfaced for lunch, and had to ask if he had run the big hole.



"I guess running it upside down is better than not running it at all," he said, a True Blue (in the face) Boater through it all.

It's much better than swimming it," everyone chimed in. The two big oar rigs went next. They tried to sneak right, but the current took those 23" boats right towards the heart of Crystal. All the guides could do was try to point the rafts into the waves, hope to crest then, and hang on.

I guess Lady Luck was riding their snout, or the magical mantra you could see them chanting (which looked something like "Om Ai Ca Shid"), but they got to the bottom ok.

And then it was our turn. After we muttered a few of our own prayers and put on all our wool clothes, we climbed in the raft and set off.

All of us were quiet, listening to the roar, drifting, waiting for Martha's commands. "Left, stop ... back, stop... back, left, back, back,...stop."

We'd reached the top right edge of the tongue. Martha stood up one last time to gauge our position. Back & right turn, right turn, now BOOGIE FORWARD!!! We paddled like hell on wheels. We tried to sneak and ride the right side of the rapid, and we almost made it, but like the others before us, we got pulled toward the center. With the power of seven paddles we stayed in better position though. At the last second we made a sharp left and climbed the edge of the first wave.... then "Right turn! Forward!", trying to move out of the exploding second wave. Again, "Left Turn!" and we turned to face the monster.... I swear it, we went straight up forever... when we reached the peak, upright and exuberant, there was no time to celebrate, no time to scream, only the impending urgency of the next move, that of avoiding Crystal Hole.

"Paddle! Paddle! Paddle!" Our efforts paid off: we skirted the hole out, caught the big waves beyond it. We didn't have the time to relax yet, but the strokes were triumphant instead of terrified.

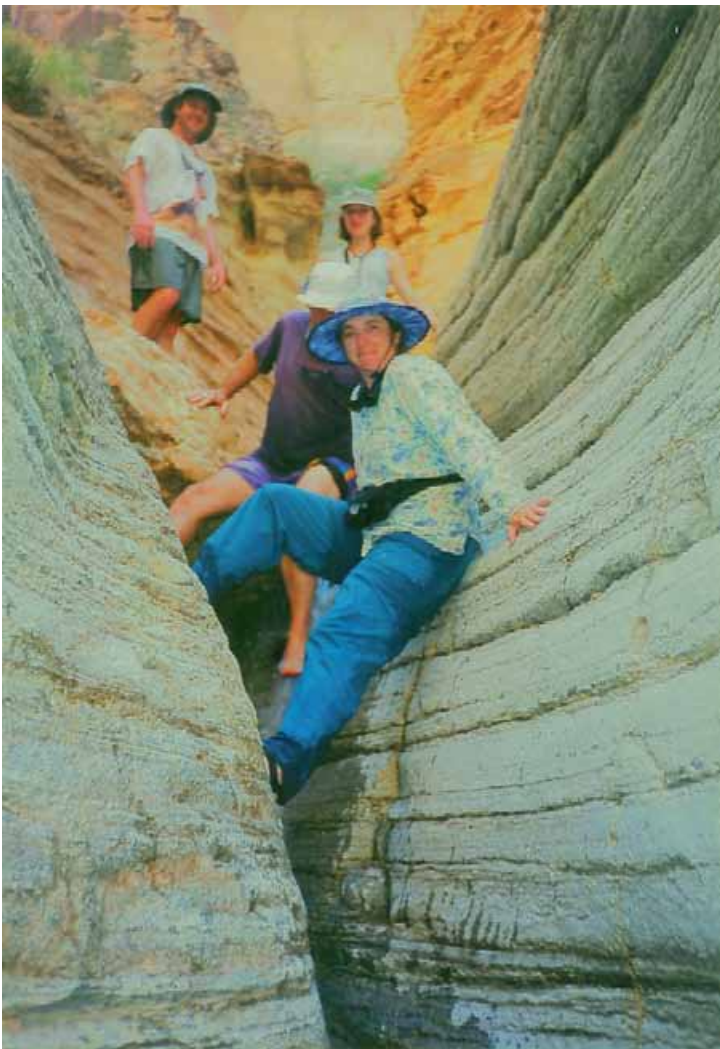
## **Day 9:**

We spent a lot of time off the water on our trip. The days were still long, and the current was fast, so we were able to take numerous hikes, exploring the drier side of the Grand Canyon. Each one was distinctive: sparse or lush, travertine, granite, or shale underfoot: all were beautiful in their own way.

On river right a slender high waterfall cascades out of bare rock. At its base there's a shallow, clear pool shel-

tered by the towering cliffs. Like the mouths of many of the side canyons the scenery is dry, rocky, and uninviting. There is little greenery around the falls, only steep sand banks and boulders. The point where Deer Creek erupts seems inaccessible at first glance, but with careful inspection of the downstream side of the creek, it is possible to discern a trail of sorts weaving up the broken rock.

Like many of our hikes, it starts as an almost vertical climb, steep and hot; but it doesn't take that long to reach the ledge that will lead us into the narrow side canyon. We walk inside the rock, along the thin lip of a trail, a slice of sky above us, below us the sound of Deer Creek some 40' down, hidden in the crevice of solid stone. The canyon opens up slowly as we travel in, until we round a bend and a small oasis lay before us. The water dances over boulders, carving down through the rock as it passes us, and it had created a haven for cottonwood trees, ferns, flowers, and bodies like ours, Where the canyon walls taper into the plateau ahead, our glen is silhouetted against the harsh red cliffs in the distance.



While we enjoyed the top pool, with a shower massage at its waterfall, our guides set up a rope descent into the creek where it begins its course down through the rock. I am here to experience new things. I repeat that to myself a few times, grit my teeth and grab the line? Lower myself on a rope down a practically sheer cliff? I must be crazy.

I smile then; naturally I'll try it. I try not to think about how I will get out; I mean they wouldn't leave me down there... they couldn't... I rappel down 15' into the waist deep water. It's not that hard. Some others, as inexperienced as I, joined us, and we started off. It's beautiful: carved rock, cool clear water tumbling down its narrow passage in the shade of the walls. There are a couple of hollowed out chambers that allow a little sunshine in. A small tree grows in one, and delicate ferns and moss grace another.

As we go deeper it gets colder. We descend by balancing on the sloping ledges at the edge of the rushing stream, by boulder hopping, and straight out wading. We navigate the small drops along the way by leaping, a la Esther Williams. It's quite an adventure.

Then we reach the second rope descent. I see someone climbing over the edge of a 10' undercut drop, sharing the space with the creek. I call it quits. I've



enjoyed this enough not to go on. The kayakers who have worn their wetsuit vests and the hardy continue. I watch them disappear into the waterfall and then turn back to the sunshine and the warm rocks above.

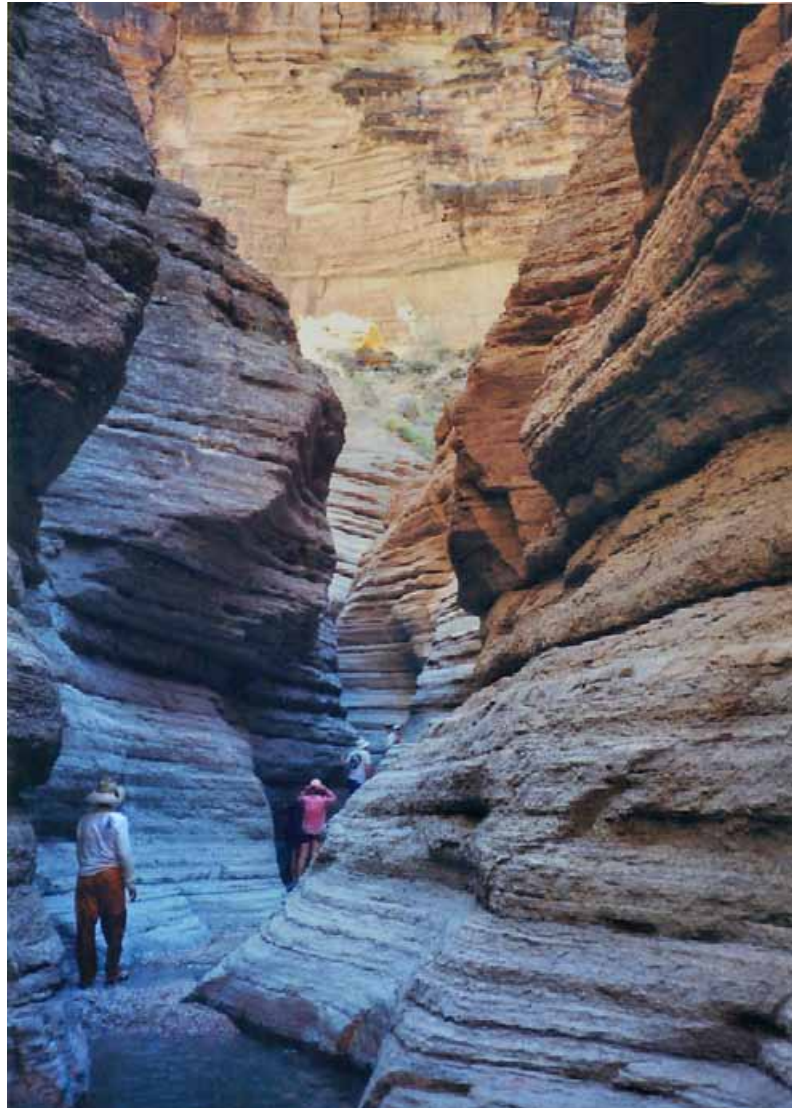
The return is not difficult at all. After climbing back into the hot noon light, I feel very satisfied with myself, somehow stronger. I find a shelf to stretch out on. I relax and wait for the others to surface.

Our trip through the Grand Canyon was an amazing whitewater adventure, but it was so much more... volleyball at Red Wall Cavern, skinny dipping at Shinumo, mud fights at the Little Colorado, rock climbing at Elves' Chasm, shots of tequila at Tapeats, hot Mexican food at every meal, cocktails in drag, songs around the presto-log, Don Martin comics at the potty line, discussions of geology, history, politics of the Canyon, the best restaurants in Berkeley, men (lecherous toads), and women ("scum").

And if this narrative inspires you to journey into the Grand Canyon, I can't imagine that you will regret it.

It is an unforgettable adventure.

Lynda Matusek



# Off the Cuff

## Wednesday Elkhorn After Work Beginner Trip

June 24, 2019

After work beginner trip. Come on out for a beginner friendly Elkhorn run. This is a fun trip, not an instructional trip, not enough time for planned instruction while chasing daylight. Any instruction that happens is welcome but purely coincidental. Kid friendly for kids that can reasonably manage themselves in a boat and get on down the river.

Respond here or send me an email at VP@BluegrassWildwater.org to let me know you're coming.

Meet at put in at 6:30 and put on as soon as possible. Shuttles will already be set at Sauffley's.

If you can show up before 6:30 to help run shuttle, then let me know and plan on meeting me at Sauffley's.

Hanley Loller

June 26, 2019 04:29PM

Headed out. Offline until after trip, text me to contact.

Ten people confirmed. If you want to go and aren't signed up, just come on out.

Putting on the water at 6:30 PM

Hanley Loller

July 02, 2019

## Bowing Out

This will be my last post on the BWA site! I have elected to withdraw from the BWA as a member for a couple of reasons, but mainly due to living so far from Lexington and Kentucky and get to enjoy the many benefits of the BWA! I have increased my donations to American Whitewater and to St. Jude children's research for cancer. Also, I have trouble even getting BWA stickers for my CRV anymore! It has been real, fun, and back in the day real fun!!!! S.Y.O.T.R. !!!!!

B. J. PHILLIPS - KAYAK BUM AND RIVER GUIDE - THE ONLY AMBITIONS I EVER HAD IN MY LIFE AND IT WAS WELL WORTH THE WAIT !!!!

July 05, 2019 09:36AM

Love you BJ! We will see you at the Pigeon

Linda Tribble  
859-229-4358

## Comments from the Forum Worth Remembering

### Steering Committee minutes

Since most club decisions are being made at Steering Committee meetings I depend on seeing the minutes posted to the Forum. Currently the most recent ones posted are from January. Can the Secretary post these? Thx

Linda Tribble  
859-229-4358

### Tonight's meeting (July 9th, 2019)

At the meeting tonight we will be soliciting and accepting nominations for the offices of president and secretary to fill the current vacancies. So, please, if anyone is interested in shaping the BWA and being more involved, please step up. If you know someone who you would recommend, please nominate them.

Officers are required to be current whitewater paddlers, members for at least one year, and the president must have previously held a BWA office.

Hanley Loller

### Now accepting nominations

At the meeting Tuesday Robert Watts was nominated for President and accepted the nomination. We still have no nominee for Secretary. Nominations will remain open until immediately before the actual vote at our regular August meeting. I highly encourage anyone thinking of throwing their hat in the ring to do so. The BWA needs some new blood in the officer corps, and a little competition is a good thing.

Nominations can be made in person at a meeting, or online either on the forum or in our Facebook group. You can nominate yourself if you wish.

Hanley Loller

Rolling Session, July 25th

(From Sarah, Safety Officer)

We've been seeing a lot of new faces at roll session recently! Come on out to learn something new or work on skills in the pool with some awesome people. If you need to borrow gear, just let me know ahead of time ( Safety@BluegrassWildwater.org ) so I can make sure we'll have something that fits you. smiling smiley Again, if you already know how to roll and have a little extra free time, and don't mind helping out new paddlers, we could really use your help. Volunteers get in free!

Hanley Loller



## Meetings, also we still need a secretary

July 23, 2019

***Our next Steering Committee meeting is on August 6th, location to be announced.***

**The next regular meeting will be at Rockhouse Brewing where we will have a presentation on low-head dam removal as well as elections to fill the current vacancies at president and secretary. *Robert Watts is currently running unopposed for president and there are no nominations for secretary. I encourage any member who fits the basic qualifications to step up. If you know someone who you think would benefit the officer corps, please talk to them and nominate them. You can also nominate yourself, but if you aren't comfortable with that, just let me know that you're willing to run. We'll find someone to nominate you.***

***Hope to see everyone at the meetings.***

***Hanley Loller***

Great time on the Pigeon  
July 23, 2019

Had a great crew of new whitewater boaters last weekend on the Lower Pigeon. Afterwards some of us hit the Upper section. Had a couple of PFD's and great memories all along the way! Thanks for organizing the trip Storz!



If you can't boof it, squirt it! If you can't squirt it, are you even wet?

Mike D

**Finding Common Ground: The Angler and the Kayaker**  
July 17, 2019

Check this out ya'll and pass it around to your friends on social media,

Finding Common Ground: The Angler & The Kayaker is a new film about protecting our public lands and waters from AW partners at Fat Tire (New Belgium). Every share AW gets on social media earns \$1 split between AW and the National Wildlife Federation. To get this campaign off to a great start I'd like to request for all BWA members with a Facebook account to share the film as soon as is possible, and to encourage your networks to share as well. It's a great short film with a very relevant and fun message on protecting public lands.

Here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=359474268298146>

You can also share from the Fat Tire page and learn a little more about the campaign here:  
[[www.newbelgium.com](http://www.newbelgium.com)]

Thank you!

Brent Austin

## **Russell Fork River 2019**

Dates	Times	Flow
Oct 4-6*	9:30-3:30	800
Oct 12-13	9:30-3:30	800
Oct 19-20	9:30-3:30	800
Oct 25-27*	9:30-3:30	1000

\*October 4th and 25th releases are tentative and subject to change.

Target flows are 1100 cfs (800 cfs plus Russell Fork flows) not to exceed 1300 cfs at the Bartlick gage.

# Eddy Lines of Interest

**BWA General Meeting**  
**501 (C) (3) Public Charity**  
**EIN: 82-3598723**  
**February 12, 2019**  
**7:30PM**  
**Rock House Brewery**

"Positions"	"Members"	"In Attendance"
"President"	"Mike Daugherty"	"Y"
"Vice-President"	"Hanley Loller"	"Y"
"Secretary"	"Dot Edwards"	"Y"
"Treasurer"	"Kyle Koeberlein"	"N"
"NPF Director"	"Ben Mudd"	"Y"
"Program Director"	"Sam Arnold"	"Y"
"Safety Officer"	"Hanley Loller"	"Y"
"Conservation Officer"	"Sandra Broadus"	"N"
"Newsletter Editor"	"Don Spangler"	"N"
"Membership Coordinator"	"Brian Storz"	"Y"
"Web Meister"	"Joe Wheatley"	"N"
"Gear Meister"	"Sarah Leach"	"Y"
"Member At Large"	"Karen Payne Gill"	"N"

Non-Committee Members in Attendance 7

## Reports

Robert Watts gave a presentation on Drysuit Maintenance and Repair.

President Mike Daugherty  
 BWA is looking for a new roll session location.  
 Vice-President

Secretary Dot Edwards

Treasurer Kyle Koeberlein

## NPF Director

For the NPF: Food will be provided for free on Friday. BBQ will be sold on Saturday as a fundraiser for the Russell Fork Rendezvous. Amateur film judging will be hosted at Clay Warren's on Wednesday, February 13.

Program Director Sam Arnold

## Safety Officer Hanley Loller

Hanley made a motion for \$25 per person to subsidize 2 members retroactively who took the CPR certification class on February 11, seconded by Bob Larkin. Motion passed.

Conservation Officer Sandra Broadus

Newsletter Editor Don Spangler

## Membership Coordinator Brian Storz

RV and Boat show membership drive happened February 9-10. BWA will host a Sam Singleton Memorial Race on a date TBD on the Elkhorn from Saufley's to AW Acres. Volunteers will be needed.

Web Meister Joe Wheatley

Gear Meister Sarah Leach

Member At Large Karen Payne Gill

## Announcements

## Adjournment

Brian Storz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2/12/2019 at 8:48PM and it was seconded by Kyle Snowden.

Signature of Minutes Approval: Dorothy Edwards  
 2/12/2019

**BWA General Meeting**  
**501 (C) (3) Public Charity**  
**EIN: 82-3598723**  
**March 12, 2019**  
**7:30PM**  
**Panda Cuisine**

"Positions"	"Members"	"In Attendance"
"President"	"Mike Daugherty"	"Y"
"Vice-President"	"Hanley Loller"	"Y"
"Secretary"	"Dot Edwards"	"Y"
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"Gear Meister"	"Sarah Leach"	"Y"
"Member At Large"	"Karen Payne Gill"	"Y"

Non-Committee Members in Attendance 18

## Reports

- Allen Kirkwood (former BWA President) discussed the Red River Cleanup that will occur on May 11, 2019. The event is coordinated by Russ Miller and Allen Kirkwood and has been done each year since 1996. Clay Warren made a motion for the BWA to allocate up to \$300 for materials, gas for shuttles, repairs for duckies used in the cleanup and food for volunteers for the Red River Cleanup, seconded by Hanley Loller. Motion passed.

- Several new attendees introduced themselves to the club.

## President Mike Daugherty

- Roll sessions have begun again.  
 - Spring Clinic will be May 10-12 at the Russell Fork. The clinic will not be done in conjunction with the Vikings this year. BWA is currently looking for instructors and students.

- The 2nd Annual Elkhorn Creek Trash Bash will be on June 1 with the Sam Singleton Memorial Youth Race on June 2.

- The Army Corps of Engineers are planning on removing the first weekend Russell Fork release in October. Jason Foley is working as a liaison with AW to try to remedy the situation.



There will be a call for members to contact political representatives. More information will be provided to BWA members and on the forum on the situation soon. A meeting will be held in Elkhorn City on April 2 to discuss the Russell Fork release. The BWA will send as many representatives as possible and disseminate accurate information.

Vice-President

- Hanley currently already has 8 students signed up for the Clinic.

Secretary Dot Edwards

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Treasurer Kyle Koeberlein

- \$550 will be needed for the BWA's CPA. Hanley Loller made a motion for \$550 to be provided to Kyle Koeberlein to pay for the BWA's CPA, seconded by Brian Storz. Motion passed. NPPF Director

- Ben announced that the NPPF was a success.

The official amount raised will be announced at next month's meeting. Ben gave a huge thank you to all of the volunteers. A raffle was held for all of the NPPF volunteers during the meeting.

Program Director Sam Arnold

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Safety Officer Hanley Loller

- Last week's roll session was packed. Hanley made a motion for up to \$800 to be provided for roll sessions to occur through mid April, seconded by Clay Warren. Motion passed. Conservation Officer Sandra Broadus

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Newsletter Editor Don Spangler

- Don recommended members to review several past Bowlines articles in regards to the Red River Cleanup. The next Bowlines will be a large issue with several articles and photos in regards to the NPPF and Jess Albright Memorial Race.

Membership Coordinator Brian Storz

- The Sam Singleton Memorial Youth Race registration will be open soon. BWA needs volunteers and chase/safety boaters. The race is open for ages 8-17. An event announcement will be posted on the BWA website soon.

Web Meister Joe Wheatley

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Gear Meister Sarah Leach

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Member At Large Karen Payne Gill

- Karen is in the process of coordinating a club gear swap during the April General Meeting. Karen will work with Sam Arnold to coordinate the event to occur.

Announcements

Adjournment

Brian Storz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3/12/2019 at 9:11PM and it was seconded by Dorothy Edwards.

Signature of Minutes Approval: Dorothy Edwards  
3/12/2019

## BWA Steering Committee Meeting 501 (C) (3) Public Charity

EIN: 82-3598723

March 5, 2019

7:30PM

World of Beer at The Summit

"Positions"

"Members"

"In Attendance"

"President"	"Mike Daugherty"	"Y"
"Vice-President"	"Hanley Loller"	"Y"
"Secretary"	"Dot Edwards"	"Y"
"Treasurer"	"Kyle Koeberlein"	"N"
"NPPF Director"	Ben Mudd"	"N"
"Program Director"	"Sam Arnold"	"N"
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Non-Committee Members in Attendance 4

Reports

President Mike Daugherty

- NPPF was a success. Trash Bash will be held June 1-2 at AW Acres. Bob Larkin is coordinator. Brian Storz is coordinating the Sam Singleton Memorial Youth Race on June 2 during the Bash ([www.elkhorncreektrashbash.com](http://www.elkhorncreektrashbash.com)). Meeting information will be posted on the forum in advance of the meeting and in an email blast, also.

Vice-President

- Spring Clinic will officially be held on May 11-12. Ratliffe Hole is already reserved.

Secretary Dot Edwards

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Treasurer Kyle Koeberlein

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NPPF Director

- The NPPF volunteers' raffle will be held next week at the General Meeting. Clay Warren has made a request that NPPF donates some funds to ERI, the Ecuadorian River Institute which has been done for years in the past.

Program Director Sam Arnold

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Safety Officer Hanley Loller

- Spring roll sessions are beginning again soon. Hanley is actively looking for a new location. Georgetown Pavilion Pool has their facility available and is currently the best option. Hanley requests for \$132 for next week's roll session. Brian Storz proposed that the BWA allocate \$132 to Hanley for next week's roll session, seconded by Michael Daugherty. Motion passed. Conservation Officer Sandra Broadus

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Newsletter Editor Don Spangler

- Via Mike D, Don requests for trip reports.

Membership Coordinator Brian Storz

- Expedition Frankfort is holding an off-road racing event on March 30. The BWA will have a membership table there. The Sam Singleton Memorial Youth Race will be June 2. The theme is "Straight Down the Middle". A committee has been formed. Barry Grimes will be in charge of safety. The race is in conjunction with the Trash Bash. Brian and Bob are coordinating the Trash Bash and Race together.

Web Meister Joe Wheatley

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Gear Meister Sarah Leach

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Member At Large Karen Payne Gill

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Announcements

Adjournment

Hanley Loller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3/5/2019 at 9:03PM and it was seconded by Dorothy Edwards.

Signature of Minutes Approval: Dorothy Edwards  
3/5/2019

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**BWA Steering Committee Meeting  
501 (C) (3) Public Charity  
EIN: 82-3598723  
May 7, 2019  
7:30PM  
Rock House Brewery**

Positions	Members	In Attendance
President	Mike Daugherty	Y
Vice-President	Hanley Loller	Y
Secretary	Dot Edwards	Y
Treasurer	Kyle Koeberlein	Y
NPFF Director	Ben Mudd	N
Program Director	Sam Arnold	N
Safety Officer	Hanley Loller	Y
Conservation Officer	Sandra Broadus	N
Newsletter Editor	Don Spangler	N
Membership Coordinator	Brian Storz	Y
Web Meister	Joe Wheatley	N
Gear Meister	Sarah Leach	Y
Member At Large	Karen Payne Gill	N

Non-Committee Members in Attendance: 2

Reports

President Mike Daugherty  
Certified Letter sent to Safe Storage (BWA's storage area) in regards to storage situation and past agreement previous to the ownership change. Bob Larkin will follow up with BWA's legal counsel.  
AW Membership for the BWA has been renewed.  
Nominations for June BWA Officer elections will be made in the May General Meeting. Mike will put a reminder in the forum.  
Vice-President  
Shuttle situation for BWA clinic has been resolved.  
Hanley is leaving Bob Larkin in charge of firewood for the clinic.  
There will be a dance party Saturday night with music provided by DJ Dr. Love.  
Mike Wilson is in charge of clinic breakfast.  
Brian Storz is in charge of clinic dinner.  
Secretary Dot Edwards

Treasurer Kyle Koeberlein  
Club is in good financial standing.  
NPFF Director  
Ben Mudd has resigned due to move to Seattle, Washington. Mike Daugherty will cover NPFF Operations until the new election.  
Program Director Sam Arnold  
(via Mike) May's General Meeting program will have Brent Austin discussing the History of the BWA.  
Safety Officer Hanley Loller  
Roll Sessions start back in June.

Conservation Officer Sandra Broadus

Newsletter Editor Don Spangler

Membership Coordinator Brian Storz  
BWA has 317 active memberships.  
Beginners trip on the Big South Fork was successful with 34 attendees.  
Web Meister Joe Wheatley

Gear Meister Sarah Leach  
Due to generous donations on BWA members, the gear lending library is growing.  
Member At Large Karen Payne Gill

Bob Larkin is heading up the Trash Bash to be held on the Elkhorn June 1st. Camping will be provided by Mike Larimore on his property.

Announcements

Adjournment

Brian Storz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5/7/2019 at 9:15PM and it was seconded by Kyle Koberlein.

Signature of Minutes Approval: Dorothy Edwards  
5/7/2019

**BWA General Meeting  
501 (C) (3) Public Charity  
EIN: 82-3598723  
May 14, 2019  
7:30PM  
Rock House Brewery**

Positions	Members	In Attendance
President	Mike Daugherty	Y
Vice-President	Hanley Loller	Y
Secretary	Dot Edwards	Y
Treasurer	Kyle Koeberlein	N
NPFF Director	Ben Mudd	N
Program Director	Sam Arnold	Y
Safety Officer	Hanley Loller	Y
Conservation Officer	Sandra Broadus	N
Newsletter Editor	Don Spangler	Y
Membership Coordinator	Brian Storz	Y
Web Meister	Joe Wheatley	N
Gear Meister	Sarah Leach	Y
Member At Large	Karen Payne Gill	Y

Non-Committee Members in Attendance: 35

Brent Austin gave a presentation: "The History of the BWA"

Reports

President Mike Daugherty  
Announcements: Trash Bash and Singleton Memorial Youth Race is coming up on June 1-2.  
BWA Spring Clinic was a huge success.  
BWA Annual Summer Party will be at the Ocoee/Hiwassee in August. The exact date is TBD.  
Richard Taylor, previous speaker "History of Elkhorn Creek", will be



speaking at Rock House Brewery on May 25.  
BWA Officer Nominations for 2019-2020 are now open.  
Vice-President

Secretary Dot Edwards

Treasurer Kyle Koeberlein

NPFF Director

Program Director Sam Arnold

Safety Officer Hanley Loller

Conservation Officer Sandra Broadus

Newsletter Editor Don Spangler

Membership Coordinator Brian Storz

Web Meister Joe Wheatley

Gear Meister Sarah Leach

Member At Large Karen Payne Gill

Announcements

Adjournment

Hanley Loller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5/14/2019 at 9:10PM and it was seconded by Bob Larkin.

Signature of Minutes Approval: Dorothy Edwards  
5/14/2019

**BWA Steering Committee Meeting  
501 (C) (3) Public Charity  
EIN: 82-3598723  
June 4, 2019  
7:30PM  
Rock House Brewery**

Positions	Members	In Attendance
President	Mike Daugherty	Y
Vice-President	Hanley Loller	Y
Secretary	Dot Edwards	Y
Treasurer	Kyle Koeberlein	N
NPFF Director	Ben Mudd	N
Program Director	Sam Arnold	N
Safety Officer	Hanley Loller	Y
Conservation Officer	Sandra Broadus	Y
Newsletter Editor	Don Spangler	Y
Membership Coordinator	Brian Storz	Y
Web Meister	Joe Wheatley	N
Gear Meister	Sarah Leach	Y
Member At Large	Karen Payne Gill	N

Non-Committee Members in Attendance

Reports

- Sarah Leach is nominated to run as Safety Officer. Brian Storz is nominated as Conservation Officer.

- Bob Larkin discussed Trash Bash. Three times the amount of trash was collected compared to last year. Mike Larimore was a wonderful volunteer host in allowing and preparing his property for attendees to camp.  
- BWA Annual Party will be held in partnership with the Vikings Club in August TBD.  
- Michael Daugherty made a motion for the BWA to provide up to \$200 for food and BBQ supplies the June General Meeting to be held at AW Acres seconded by Don Spangler. Motion passed.

President Mike Daugherty

Big thanks to Storz, Larkin, Jessica Turner and volunteers for the successful Trash bash. Three times more trash was collected compared to last year.

Voting for elections will commence for the upcoming General Meeting.

Vice-President

Total revenue for the BWA Clinic was \$2968 with \$884.29 in expenses not including sales tax.

Secretary Dot Edwards

Treasurer Kyle Koeberlein

Kyle will be taking over the final accounting for the NPFF since Ben Mudd moved to Washington state.

NPFF Director

Currently looking for a nominee or co-directors.

Program Director Sam Arnold

Bart Bledsoe will be the speaker. "Ropes & Safety"

Safety Officer Hanley Loller

Roll sessions have had decent attendance though has lost money.

The next roll session will be held at the Bates Creek Aquatic Center on Thursday. Brian Storz made a motion the Hanley Loller be

granted \$500 for June roll sessions, seconded by Sandra Broadus. Motion passed.

Conservation Officer Sandra Broadus

Newsletter Editor Don Spangler

Membership Coordinator Brian Storz

The Sam Singleton Memorial Youth Race was a huge success with 23 racers and over 100 people that attended. Brian had a \$1200 budget. \$1500 was made. The additional \$300 will go towards next year's race.

BWA will have a booth at the Totally Tubular Tube-A-Thon, an Explore Kentucky Initiative, that will be held on June 15th on the Elkhorn.

Web Meister Joe Wheatley

Gear Meister Sarah Leach

Member At Large Karen Payne Gill

Announcements

Adjournment

Sandra Broadus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6/4/2019 at 9:25PM and it was seconded by Sarah Leach.

Signature of Minutes Approval: Dorothy Edwards  
6/4/2019

**BWA General Club Meeting  
501 (C) (3) Public Charity  
EIN: 82-3598723  
June 11, 2019**

**7:30PM  
AW Acres**

Positions	Members	In Attendance
President	Mike Daugherty	Y
Vice-President	Hanley Loller	Y
Secretary	Dot Edwards	Y
Treasurer	Kyle Koeberlein	Y
NPFF Director	Ben Mudd	N
Program Director	Sam Arnold	N
Safety Officer	Hanley Loller	Y
Conservation Officer	Sandra Broadus	Y
Newsletter Editor	Don Spangler	Y
Membership Coordinator	Brian Storz	Y
Web Meister	Joe Wheatley	N
Gear Meister	Sarah Leach	Y
Member At Large	Karen Payne Gill	N

Non-Committee Members in Attendance 30

**Reports**

- Elections held. All nominations were uncontested. Robert Milgate made a motion to accept the nominees as listed, seconded by Zina Merkin. Motion passed. The 2019-2020 officers are as follows:

President Mike Daugherty, Vice-President Hanley Loller, Secretary Dot Edwards, Treasurer Kyle Koeberlein, NPFF Director Gina Cunningham, Program Director Sandra Broadus, Safety Officer Sarah Leach, Conservation Officer Brian Storz, Newsletter Editor Don Spangler, Membership Coordinator Will Samples, Web Meister Joe Wheatley, Gear Meister Kris Mullins and Member at Large Dave Forman.

- Representative from Explore Kentucky discussed the need for volunteers for the 4th Annual Totally Tubular Tube-A-Thon to be held on June 15. Mike D. will post information on the forum.

President Mike Daugherty

Vice-President

Secretary Dot Edwards

Treasurer Kyle Koeberlein

NPFF Director

Program Director Sam Arnold

Safety Officer Hanley Loller  
Tim Miller made a motion for Hanley Loller to receive up to \$1000 to cover roll sessions from July through August, seconded by Bob Larkin. Motion passed.  
Conservation Officer Sandra Broadus

Newsletter Editor Don Spangler

Membership Coordinator Brian Storz

Web Meister Joe Wheatley

Gear Meister Sarah Leach

Member At Large Karen Payne Gill

Announcements

**Adjournment**

Dot Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6/11/2019 at 9:22PM and it was seconded by Ann Southerland.

Signature of Minutes Approval: Dorothy Edwards  
6/11/2019

**BWA Steering Committee Meeting  
501 (C) (3) Public Charity  
EIN: 82-3598723  
July 2, 2019  
7:30PM  
Rock House Brewery**

Positions	Members	In Attendance
President	Mike Daugherty	Y
Vice-President	Hanley Loller	N
Secretary	Dot Edwards	Y
Treasurer	Kyle Koeberlein	Y
NPFF Director	Gina Cunningham	N
Program Director	Sandra Broadus	Y
Safety Officer	Sarah Leach	N
Conservation Officer	Brian Storz	N
Newsletter Editor	Don Spangler	Y
Membership Coordinator	Will Samples	Y
Web Meister	Joe Wheatley	N
Gear Meister	Kris Mullins	N
Member At Large	Dave Forman	Y

Non-Committee Members in Attendance 3

**Reports**

- The BWA Annual Summer Party will be held at Ocoee Outdoors. Bob Larkin will view property since campground has had some logging to make sure the space is still usable. Tentatively, the party will be held on August 10, but may be changed to August 3 due to Railroad Festival date conflict. Vikings will need to check to see if Aug. 3 will work instead.

-Mike Daugherty is stepping down as President and Dot Edwards is stepping down as Secretary. Nomination will be made at the next General Meeting and voting for the positions will commence in the August General Meeting. Hanley Loller will serve as Interim-President and Dave Forman will fill duties as needed until the new election.

President Mike Daugherty

Non-Profits are not charged sales/service tax which began on March 26. A new bill may change this.

Vice-President

Secretary Dot Edwards

Treasurer Kyle Koeberlein  
Kyle spoke with a CPA to confirm new sales tax situation.  
NPFF Director

Program Director Sam Arnold

Safety Officer Hanley Loller

Conservation Officer Sandra Broadus

Newsletter Editor Don Spangler

Membership Coordinator Brian Storz