

# Drumchapel & Clydebank Kayak Club

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## Newsletter

**March/April 2011**

### Members Fee's

It was brought to our attention at the last committee meeting that there were several members who have still not paid their Annual Club membership that was due to be paid by the end of October last year. If you do not have a current membership card for the club, please see Shona as soon as possible. If those members do not pay their annual subscription shortly this will be your last newsletter, and you will also for go all the benefits that the club can bring to you!

### POOL SESSIONS

Can paddlers doing the early session **PLEASE** arrive early at 7.45pm to help with carrying the boats round. Please note that on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March we will be looking at Open Canoeing skills for both sessions. And on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March for those that are interested we have an evening with Sea Kayaks, The first part will cover packing a Sea Kayak for both day and multi day trips and the second part with be a rescue/rolling session.

### Club Clothing

Sandy is currently putting together another Club clothing order; please see Sandy or Shona at the pool side for all the latest information.

#### CLUB CLOTHING

The Club is selling various items of clothing with the club logo on front, they are as follows:

FLEECE £22

SLEEVELESS FLEECE £16

SWEATSHIRT £16

HOODED SWEATSHIRT £22

T SHIRT £12.50

POLO SHIRT £14

If interested see Shona or Sandy at the pool, DEADLINE 1ST APRIL.

## **CLUB FOUM & WEBSITE**

We now have a club forum which is already proving to be a useful tool for organising & communicating informal trips, sale/purchase of equipment, swapping information, etc. Find the forum via a link on our website home page. The website is updated on a regular basis so it's a good idea to check it each week, particularly the news, calendar & forum.

## **Newsletter Deadline**

Any information such as trip, trip reports or items for sale that is due for the next Newsletter must either be sent to Rab or Phil by the 20<sup>th</sup> of April for the May/June issue.

## **Committee Meetings**

The next Club Committee meeting is to be held on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of April at 7pm, the venue for the meeting is the Carbeth Inn. Remember any club member is welcome to attend these meetings.

## **First Aid Course**

Colin is at the moment trying to pencil in several dates for some First Aid Courses for Club Members. These will take place early this year so please watch out for further information in the next Club Newsletter or at the pool side for up to date information on these courses.

## **Trips**

**Loch Awe:** The secret seven (Anna, Graham, Donald, Suki, Bernie, Greame & Shona) paddled the spooky shores of Loch Awe on a flat calm, misty 6th of February. Some mystery adventure on the way out, a glorious 20ft waterfall which myself & graham were about to run until we remembered it was sea kayaks we were in! But the excitement didn't end there as round the headland; on a small deserted Island was Innischonnel Castle, a 3 storey ruin with numerous walls, steps, battlements & dungeons to explore. Next to the castle was the perfect campsite, so my next trip is an overnighter for the real bravehearts of the club! Thanks to everyone on the trip, especially Anna & graham for the hot choc & hot cross buns, yumyum!

## **Paddle's to look forward to.**

As you will see from the Diary there are a number of SCA trips up and coming. Anyone interested in taking part in any of these trips **MUST** be a current SCA member. Check the SCA web site for full details of the trip and the contact person for the respective trip.

**River Cononish:** Into February and on the 27<sup>th</sup> we have another trip, this time it is on the River Cononish which starts at Crianlarich and the get out is at Loch Dochart a distance of some 5km. This is a short trip but a well worth while trip. This is a Grade 1 river and flows into a Loch. The meeting time is 8.30am at the stores or 10am at Crianlarich.

**Leven to Burntisland:** This is a 22km trip that takes the incoming tide to follow the Fife coastline. We past various small villages and towns, with lots of small beaches and several coastal Castles, and even the odd cave can be seen. Meeting time is 8am at the Stores. The plan "B" trip will either be on the Firth of Clyde or Loch Lomond.

**Remember, if you have any questions on any aspect of the trips or information given, please ask.**

There may be further trips planned over the period of March and April, but at the moment I do not have any further information on these, so please check at the Poolside for the latest information.

So hopefully the above information is enough to "WET" your appetite for a paddle and we will hopefully see you out on the water.

***Please remember to phone up the night before a sea trip to check up for the trip status. (Between 7pm-9pm) If you require equipment or a lift, could you please contact the trip organiser at least a week prior to the trip?***

**Remember to print and pin this list up, or mark the dates and times into your Diary.**

Thanks Rab Burns

# Diary

Date	Location	Meeting time	Grade	Contact
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At Stores

## February

27	River Cononish	0830	Grade 1	Rab
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## March

8	Cumbræ	SCA Trip	B	SCA
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12	Leven to Kinghorn	0800	A	Rab
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20-21	River Orchy	TBC	Grade IV	Graham
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26-27	Loch Lomond	SCA Trip	A	SCA
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## April

3	Tay (Open Canoe)	SCA Trip	B	SCA
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5-6	Round Bute	SCA Trip	B	SCA
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9-10	Fort William Area	TBC	III/IV	Graham
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10	River Tummel (Open Canoe)	SCA Trip	B	SCA
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11	Committee Meeting	1900	All	Phil Hyde
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23-24	Beginners Surf Session	SCA		SCA
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29 – 1 May	Great Glen (Open Canoe)	SCA Trip	B	SCA
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NOTE: Please look at the grading of the trip, if unsure about the grading system, either ask or check the web site for further details.