

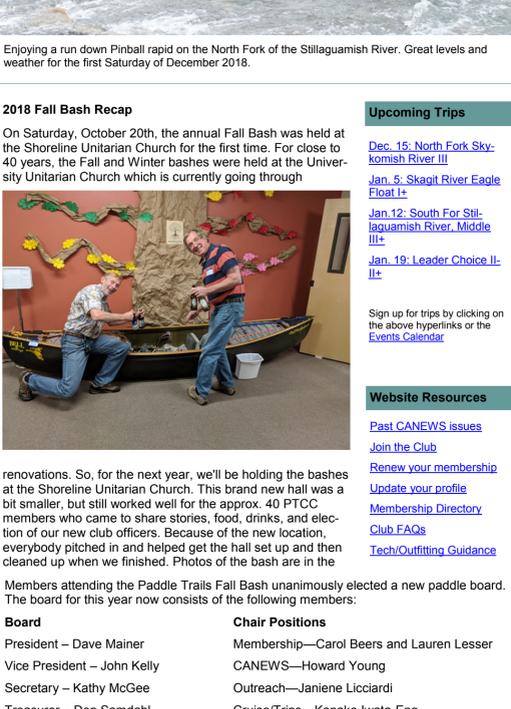


Paddle Trails Canoe Club

CANNEWS

December 2018

PTCC kayakers on the North Fork of the Stillaguamish



Enjoying a run down Pinball rapid on the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River. Great levels and weather for the first Saturday of December 2018.

2018 Fall Bash Recap

On Saturday, October 20th, the annual Fall Bash was held at the Shoreline Unitarian Church for the first time. For close to 40 years, the Fall and Winter bashes were held at the University Unitarian Church which is currently going through



Upcoming Trips

- [Dec. 15: North Fork Sky-Komish River III](#)
- [Jan. 5: Skagit River Eagle Flat 1+](#)
- [Jan. 12: South For Stillaguamish River, Middle III-](#)
- [Jan. 19: Leader Choice II+](#)

Sign up for trips by clicking on the above hyperlinks or the [Events Calendar](#)

Website Resources

- [Past CANEWS issues](#)
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renovations. So, for the next year, we'll be holding the bashes at the Shoreline Unitarian Church. This brand new hall was a bit smaller, but still worked well for the food. 40 PTCC members who came to share stories, frox, drinks, and election of our new club officers. Because of the new location, everybody pitched in and helped get the hall set up and then cleaned up when we finished. Photos of the bash are in the

Members attending the Paddle Trails Fall Bash unanimously elected a new paddle board. The board for this year now consists of the following members:

- Board**
- President – Dave Mainer
 - Vice President – John Kelly
 - Secretary – Kathy McGee
 - Treasurer – Don Samdahl
 - Director – Lori Lodzinski
 - Director – Rob Schneider
 - Director – Robin Stanton
 - Director – Alan Brackney

- Chair Positions**
- Membership—Carol Beers and Lauren Lesser
 - CANEWS—Howard Young
 - Outreach—Janiene Licciardi
 - Cruise/Trips—Kanako Wata-Eng
 - Social—Steve Reutebuch
 - Training—Lauren Lesser
 - Conservation/Access—Tom Matlock

Please check out their bios presented below.

On behalf of the whole club, the new board would like to thank the outgoing board members and officers for their many combined years of volunteerism and dedication to Paddle Trails: Kanako (President), Rob Schneider (VP), Kay Norton (Secretary), Lauren Lesser (Director) and Ench Volkstorff (Outreach). We are happy that many of them are serving in new roles this year. We also want to recognize Ollie Royer's many years of service as co-chair of Membership. Please thank them next time you see them.

Dave Mainer

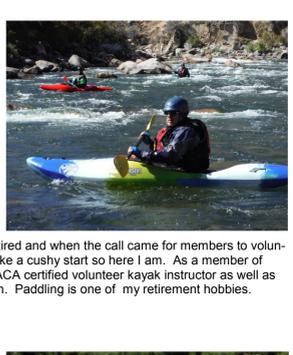
Two summers ago I spent 9 days paddling through Bowron Lakes Provincial Park. I got an unwelcome shoulder workout using my whitewater paddle while one of my companions gracefully dipped and pulled his hand-carved cherry ortental, its beautiful lines gracefully snapping and glimmering in the sunshine. I had instant envy.



So when the chance came along to carve my own paddle I jumped on it. Peterborough is a bustling but pleasant Ontario town, a non-distribution but for a rather frumpy, warehouse-like building that is the Canadian Canoe Museum.



This area of Canada is the birthplace of the modern canoe, a crossroads for voyagers. Being its seaside plain Janeke locks the inwards of the museum are a treasure trove of canoe memorabilia, original canoes from First Nation peoples on down to the likes of Bill Mason and Gordon Lightfoot. It was a canoe nerds dream.



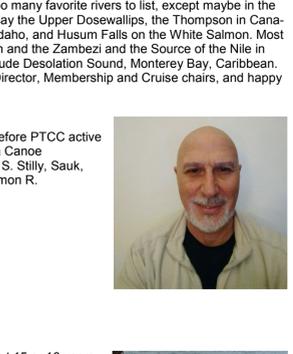
The class consisted of 8 Canadians and 3 Americans. We started our carving careers with blanks of the "chieftan" paddle from Grey Owl, which seemed like cheating, but in the process of carving the square lines of the rough cutout into round lines and curves, I understood. If we had started with a raw plank it would have required many days to get a proper paddle out of it. As it was, it was not easy.



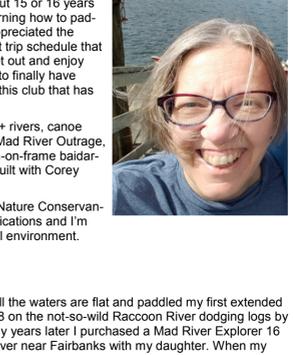
For two days we scraped and shaved and sweated in the dusty old building. The whole museum was our back-ground. During lunch breaks we were free to wander and take in the displays. There were many paddles from all over the world, a large collection of old canoes of different styles, temporal evolutions of art forms. Throughout all the educational exhibits, there was instilled the wonder of this vessel called the canoe and the paddle to accompany it, these wonderful instruments created by two leggeds to move through a watery and forested world, perfectly married to a way of life and a place in the wilderness.



Our instructor was Russell, a retired fire chief and a master carpenter. He showed us how to use the handtools of the trade, spokeshaves, rasps, sandpaper.



As we each whittled through one step at a time, our individual paddles emerged. Lines of grain in the cherry wood were



revealed, each uniquely beautiful. We customized the shaft to our own palms, fashioned the handle and neck to feel good to our hands, and thinned the blade to a nice flex. Russell said there's no better feel to a paddle than the silky finish of a quality oil and wax. We all chose this finish over the more durable option of lacquer. The luxury of using modern tools and materials, even though hand tools, was not on any of us. This was a far cry from finding a tree in the woods and using stone and rough metal to turn it into a paddle. The paddles in the museum looked even more like hard-earned works of art.

Carving, at least modern carving, is meditative. As I finished the paddle my mind wandered to the days in Bowron and the smooth waters of Algonquin where I had just finished a trip. At the end I had a fine cherry ortental. The maiden voyage of this paddle is yet to come!

Janiene Licciardi

Membership Renewals

Paddle Trails memberships are from November 1st through October 31st. Unless you joined after July 1st or you have already renewed, your memberships have expired and we kindly ask you to renew your membership now.

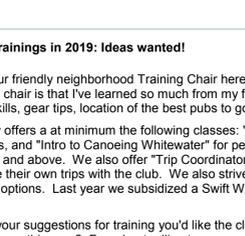
We firmly believe that you get a lot in return for your \$25.00 yearly membership; a robust trip schedule that connects you with great opportunities to get to know our fantastic local paddling destinations, a set of course offerings with knowledgeable instructors which are either free or well below commercial prices that will help you build your canoeing skills and confidence and, of course, a great community of friends to paddle with and learn from.

If you haven't renewed, when you log into the club website, you will see a message notifying you of your need to renew.



Click on the "Yes, I want to Renew Now" button and complete the information, following the instructions and prompts on the subsequent renewal screens.

If you've forgotten your password, click the "Forgot My Username/Password" link. You will be sent a temporary password in an email.



You may also renew by sending a check for \$25.00 made out to Paddle Trails Canoe Club to Paddle Trails Canoe Club, P.O. Box 24932, Seattle WA 98124.



PTCC Winter Bash

Saturday, February 23rd, 6:30-9:00 PM
Shoreline Unitarian Church
14724 1st Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98155

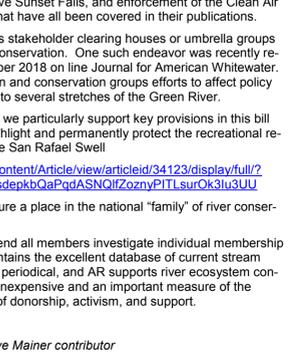
Mark your calendars for the Winter Bash. We'll again be holding the bash at the Shoreline Unitarian Church (while the University UUC is being remodeled). We'll be having Trip Coordinator Awards, the opportunity to add your favorite river trips to the 2019 Trip Schedule, and a great Potluck dinner. Beverages are provided by the club, so come enjoy an evening with your paddling friends and make plans for 2019 paddling adventures!

For more information, contact Steve Reutebuch (sereutebuch@yahoo.com, ph: 206-799-9138)

New PTCC Board for 2019

Dave Mainer, President

Dave and his wife Peggy joined Paddle Trails long enough ago that he's forgotten but thinks it was in 1986. We had purchased an Easy Rider (Ouzel-Tra's Kanako (President), Bob Schneider (VP), Kay Norton (Secretary), Lauren Lesser (Director) and Ench Volkstorff (Outreach). We are happy that many of them are serving in new roles this year. We also want to recognize Ollie Royer's many years of service as co-chair of Membership. Please thank them next time you see them.



John Kelly, Vice President

My first introduction to Paddle Trails was in the early 80's when my brother-in-law and I took a paddling course from Al Falco to learn to paddle my 17 foot Oldtown tripper canoe on class I and II water. We paddled with the club for a couple of years then kids came along and joined the club. Over the years, Paddle Trails has given us an opportunity to safely enjoy thousands of wonderful hours of canoeing, expand and improve our knowledge and skills and meet close friends who have become like family. My goal is to offer club members the same opportunities.



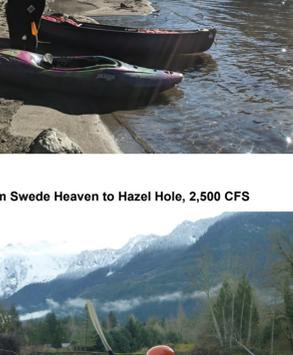
Kathy McGee, Secretary

I've been actively whitewater kayaking for the past eight years. I love all rivers - but my favorites include the Twisp, Sauk, and Skagit (the latter is where I learned to paddle). I'm hoping to bring the same passion I have for whitewater kayaking into PTCC, where I've been a member for the past several years.



Don Samdahl, Treasurer

I've been rafting and kayaking in the 70's, starting in boating and kayaking in Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Then I got into kayaking white water, which I've continued since we moved to Kirkland in 1987. I also love flatwater canoeing, which I've done on several extended trips in the Boundary Waters, Algonquin, and Canada. I think my favorite river these days is the South Fork Snoqualmie, which is playful enough most of the time when I don't need an extra boost on the Middle-Middle.



Lori Lodzinski, Director

In the spring of 1989 fellow classmates and still members, Pat Maxwell, Sarah Conyers, and I signed up for the spring training class entrusting our training and safety to Dan McMonagle, Dan Johnson, and Steve Salins. Joining PTCC was one of the best decisions I ever made. I started as a tandem boater until I bought my first dual sole/tandem canoe, a hand-made by Dan Johnson Merganser. My first tandem run (also my first dent and first camping trip) was on the Sol Duc and my first solo run was on the North Umpqua; two of my favorite rivers to this day. Canoeing is my first love and I would say too many favorite rivers to list, except maybe in the most challenging canoe runs I have visited the Upper Dosewallips, the Thompson in Canada, Bruneau-Jarbridge and Lochs in Idaho, and Humber Falls on the White Salmon. Most fun raft trips include Grand Canyon and the Zamuzi and the Source of the Nile in Africa. Favorite sea kayaking trips include Desolation Sound, Monterey Bay, Caribbean. In past years I have been President, Director, Membership and Cruise chairs, and happy to be a Director again.



Bob Schneider, Director

Been a PTCC member since 1996. Before PTCC active member of Portland's Lower Columbia Canoe Club. Started paddling in 1970! Love S. Stilly, Sauk, Chilliwack, and Middle Fork of the Salmon R.

Robin Stanton, Director

I joined Paddle Trails Canoe Club about 15 or 16 years ago, when I was very interested in learning how to paddle whitewater canoe. I've so much appreciated the friendships, the classes and the robust trip schedule that have enabled me to build skills and get out and enjoy Washington's rivers safely. I'm happy to finally have space in my life to give back a little to this club that has brought so much joy into my life.

Alan Brackney, Director

I was born and raised in Iowa where all the waters are flat and paddled my first extended canoe trip with a friend at the age of 18 on the not-so-wild Racoon River dodging logs by day and eating field corn at night. Many years later I purchased a Mad River Explorer 16 in Alaska to paddle the local Chena River near Fairbanks with my daughter. When my canoeing partner went off to college I bought a solo canoe and have been paddling solo ever since. It wasn't until I retired, moved to Sequim in 2013, and joined PTCC that I really learned to paddle a canoe properly and paddle whitewater in the splendid diversity of waters here in the PNW.

Carol Beers, Membership Chair

I started my whitewater canoeing adventure in New England in the 1970's with Grumman canoes.....boy does that make me feel old!! I have enjoyed paddling solo and tandem in open and closed canoes, kayak, and now inflatables--kayaks and rafts. Love being on the rivers...keeping me young!!

Lauren Lesser, Training Chair and Membership

Hi, I'm Lauren and I joined PTCC shortly after I moved to Seattle in 2015. As a novice boater in the Northwest, I love how the club was such a welcoming and supportive community. I've gotten lots of advice from club members on gear, rivers, and help retrieving my boat after a swim - I'm looking forward to giving back this year as training and membership chair! I paddle canoes & kayaks, and my favorite river is currently the Skykomish, for its crystal clear water & proximity to the delicious Sky Deli on Route 2.

Howard Young, CANEWS Editor

I discovered canoeing and Paddle Trails in 2010. I like paddling Pacific Northwest rivers for the mountain scenery and the excitement of exciting rapids. My favorite boat is the Dagger Ocoee, although I don't paddle one. As editor, I really enjoy compiling club member stories and photographs from the river. So send me your stories, tech articles, photos or video of you river adventures and I will make sure it gets in the CANEWS, which goes out most months of the year. younghs123@gmail.com

Janiene Licciardi, Outreach

I grew up paddling in the Adirondacks of NY, canoeing mostly flatwater and kayaking a bit of whitewater. I joined PTCC in 2014. For water adventures, canoe tripping and coastal kayaking are about equal draws for me. Deep wilderness and ways to explore it are my passion. Ross Lake, the San Juans, and the Skagit river are my local favorites but I'm always dreaming of north!

Kanako Wata-Eng, Cruise/Trip Chair

A 70 year kayaker. Originally from Japan, almost 30 years in the Seattle area. Average 170 river days last 4 years. Favorite rivers are Sauk, Green, Illinois, SF Salmon, Chilliwack, etc. This is my 4th year on the PTCC board. PTCC gave me the opportunities to paddle when I was new, and this is my way of paying back. As the new Trip Chair, my goal is to put more club trips on the calendar. Contact me with trip ideas!

Steve Reutebuch, Social Chair

I first joined PTCC in 2004 when I figured out that my wife Trish and I needed to find other people to paddle with so that we'd have people to shuttle cars from the pull-in to the take-out. Little did I know that I was joining a group that has become one of my favorite bunch of people! I now have been paddling 13 years and continue to learn more every year. I've been teaching solo canoeing for our Intro to River Canoeing class for about 10 years and really enjoy introducing new people to the joys of our local rivers. In addition, I love week-long trips down the John Day and Grande Ronde in eastern Oregon each summer, usually with other club members. As Social Chair, I organize the supplies and venues for our Fall, Winter, and Spring Bashes.

Tom Matlack, Conservation and Access Chair

As the newest member of the PTCC team inheriting a vacated chairperson position, I am excited and honored to help the club maintain and even improve public/boater access, environmental protections, and participation in the governing agencies and stakeholders of our venues. We all see the development pressures on our "water world," but a strong, unified advocacy for recreation is an important and popular component of sustainability. Stay tuned for upcoming public comment opportunities, hearings, access club cooperation, and updates on agency rules and regulations. tommatlack@comcast.net

Gear Talk

Who doesn't need another boat? Check out all the greatest info and deals on gear at [Gear Talk](#)

Paddle Trails Trainings in 2019: Ideas wanted!

Hi everyone, your friendly neighborhood Training Chair here! One of the reasons I signed up to be training chair is that I've learned so much from my fellow paddlers - better river reading, eddy skills, gear tips, location of the best puts to go to after paddling, etc.

The club usually offers a at minimum the following classes: "Intro to Moving Water" classes, for river paddlers, and "Intro to Canoeing Whitewater" for people looking to up their skills in Class II water and above. We also offer "Trip Coordinator Training" for people who want to organize their own trips with the club. We also strive to provide River Safety & Rescue training options. Last year we subsidized a Swift Water Rescue class which was excellent.

I'd love to hear your suggestions for training you'd like the club to support in 2019! What do you want to learn this year? From boat rolling to canoe sailing, there's probably someone who can teach it! E-mail training@paddletrails.org if you have ideas for a training you'd like to help make happen, or general suggestions (for paddling, training, club business, or new puts to try...)

Thanks, -Lauren

2019 Budget

The board approved the following budget at the November 28, 2018 board meeting.

2018-19 Budget	
10/1/2018 to 9/30/2019	
Membership	\$ 3,200
Safety/ Training	\$ 750
Social	\$ 200
Total Revenue	\$ 4,150
Administration	\$ 200
Awards	\$ 400
Club Express	\$ 800
Conservation	\$ 800
Outreach	\$ 500
Postage/PO Box	\$ 180
Safety/Training	\$ 1,100
Social Expense	\$ 1,650
Total Expense	\$ 5,630

New Conservation and Access Chair Initiatives

All PTCC Members,

Like my efforts to stay upright in my Nitro canoe, I am starting with small strokes and hope to grow the chair in the near future. My 1st priorities:

- Establish contact/dialogue with synonomous boating/recreation club liaisons in the PAC NW. Info is power and there is strength in numbers.
- Establish a bulletin board of upcoming hearings, land use applications and decisions, and updates for the wavetrain of agencies and jurisdictions that control and hopefully protect our venues (many agencies really do respond to public comment)
- Contact/cajole/cooperate with landowners/agencies about gated, signed, or restricted venue access (The Road to Nowhere on Upper N. Fork Stilly = high priority)
- Short info articles on "aquatic-related" access and stewardship for permitting jurisdictions (this is not a Read and Run and endeavor!)
- Clearing house for your questions, concerns, observations...so read those Land Use application signs, peruse the agendas and minutes for your city planning commissions and county councils, and e-mail me your questions and I can go Big Water and try to find you answers. (Ex: Are we really allowed to use smashed cars to harden our eroding river banks?) :)

Tom Matlack
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PTCC Renews Membership in American Whitewater and American Rivers

At the November 28, 2018 Board of Directors meeting PTCC unanimously approved budget funding for maintaining club membership in the national organizations American Whitewater and American Rivers.

Although both organizations are head quartered on the East Coast, our western rivers receive extensive coverage for their reporting, advocacy, action bulletins, trip reports, and how-to articles. For example, Elwha dam removal, White Salmon put in improvements, defeat of the Sno. Cnty PJLD dam above Sunset Falls, and enforcement of the Clean Air and Water Act are all regional topics that have all been covered in their publications.

More importantly, AW and AR serve as stakeholder clearing houses or umbrella groups for cooperative efforts in access and conservation. One such endeavor was recently reported by Evan Stafford in the November 2018 on line Journal for American Whitewater. In the article, Stafford details recreation and conservation groups efforts to affect policy change in Emery County, Utah, home to several stretches of the Green River.

As recreation advocacy organizations, we particularly support key provisions in this bill that establish a Recreation Area to highlight and permanently protect the recreational resources and conservation values of the San Rafael Swell

https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Article/view/articleid/34123/display/full/?fbclid=IwAR32-vLMMAMLE_Dqtpf79sdepkbQaPqdASNQI7ZzzyPItLsurOk3lu3UU

In renewing club membership, we ensure a place in the national "family" of river conservation, access, and reporting.

Finally, the club would like to recommend all members investigate individual membership in one or both organizations. AW maintains the excellent database of current stream flows, distributes an excellent monthly periodical, and AR supports river ecosystem conservation nationwide. Membership is inexpensive and an important measure of the "boaters' block" or brother/sisterhood of consensus, activism, and support.

Tom Matlack
Conservation and Access Chair w/Dave Mainer contributor.

Recent Trip Reports

People have been taking advantage of the rising river levels and getting out on a lot of trips. Check out the links to the trip reports below for stories or browse the photo gallery on the website for more photographs. [Photo Gallery](#).

October 27th

South Fork of the Stillaguamish from Granite Falls to Jordan 5.8 feet on the Gauge

[Trip Report](#)

November 3rd

Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River — Club Stretch at 4,500 CFS

[Trip Report](#)

November 11th

North Fork of the Stillaguamish, Swede Heaven to Hazel Hole

[Trip Report](#)

November 18th

Powerhouse Main Snoqualmie, 1490 CFS

[Trip Report](#)

November 24th

North Fork of the Stillaguamish from Swede Heaven to Hazel Hole, 2,500 CFS

[Trip Report](#)

December 1st

North Fork of the Stillaguamish, Hazel Hole to Oso, 2,200 CFS

[Trip Report](#)

