



Sandstone banks of the Wenatchee River, just upstream of Plain, Washington.

President's Currents

by Kanako Iwata

Can't believe it is already September! Hope everyone had a nice summer.

I just returned from the 6-day Lower Main Salmon trip from the Hammer Creek to the Heller Bar on the Snake River. Before the trip, I had heard of its beautiful sandy beach camps perfect for families, but had an impression the river would be flat like pancake. The group consisted of 11 adults and 6 small children on 5 rafts, 2 hard shell and 1 inflatable kayaks. The weather was hot but not brutal, though we didn't see the clear blue sky until the last day due to the wildfire smoke. To my surprise, there were quite a few good Class 3 rapids. The hardest Snow Hole rapid was, even at the 4500 cfs, pretty exciting with big waves and holes. One of our rafts was pinned on two rocks in the middle of the China rapid. With a help from a good Samaritan passing by on another group's raft, the raft and everyone on it safely escaped.



Paddle Trails' administrative year starts on October 1, meaning my presidency is near the end. We are currently in process of nominating new board members. Our club is run by volunteers. I volunteered because I benefitted from the club and wanted to return my gain to the club. If you have never served on our board of directors and committees, please consider helping. To see the job descriptions, log into our website, go to the Club Info -> Documents -> Club Administration -> PTCC Board Resource Library.

https://paddletrails.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=86&club_id=697352

Happy paddling and volunteering!

Renewed Membership?

If you haven't renewed your PTCC membership for 2018 do it now. Without renewal, you lose access to the website and CANEWS.

[Renew your membership](#)

Upcoming Trips

[September 13-17: Canoe Tripping Class 1+](#)

[September 15: Skykomish River Split Rock to Big Eddy II+](#)

[September 16: Skagit River Eagle Stretch I+ - 2-](#)

[September 29: Leader Choice II-II+](#)

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

Website Resources

- [Past CANEWS issues](#)
- [Join the Club](#)
- [Update your profile](#)
- [Membership Directory](#)
- [Club FAQs](#)
- [Tech/Outfitting Guidance](#)
- [Gear for sale](#)

Paddle Trails Needs You

Board and committee elections are coming up and Paddle Trails is looking for club members that are willing to help this organization continue to be a valuable asset to the paddling community. There is a strong need for an injection of new energy and new ideas from you to help keep us going. This is to backfill some of the members of the board and members who have been holding chair positions and need a break.

The board consists of 4 officers and 4 directors that provide a small bit of strategic direction but mostly help support our (currently 5) chair positions; membership, trips, outreach, training and communications. The board meets once per month about 8 months out of the year and we believe that no one position requires more than an hour or two per month on average. Meetings are pretty efficient and can be scheduled to fit the boards schedule and most people join the meeting using Skype.

At the next board meeting coming up in a few weeks, we will have a better idea of which roles we will need to fill. Please consider helping us fill them! The election will be at the Fall Bash on October 20. Let us know if you are interested or have any questions by emailing canoe@paddletrails.org. The club can get better only with your help!

SAVE THE DATE!!!
PTCC Fall Bash and Annual Meeting
Saturday, October 20th

[New Location! Shoreline Unitarian Church](#)

6:30-9:00 p.m.
(members are kindly requested to attend)

This is your chance to get together with all of your paddling friends and share food and stories of paddling adventures from this past year and plan for fall paddling! It's a great way to meet new and old club members. As always, we'll have a great potluck dinner (please bring a dish to share) with beverages supplied by the club.

If you have pictures of a paddling trip you would like to share, please let us know at canoe@paddletrails.org. Halloween costumes are highly encouraged.

The business portion includes the election of new Club Officers, and Directors, a brief financial update, Gear Swap, and the annual PTCC Cookie Awards for notable actions by club members during the past year. So, bring your favorite potluck dish, and if you prefer, your own plates, glassware, and flatware to reduce waste.

Questions?

Contact Steve Reutebuch 206-525-8678 sereutebuch@yahoo.com



POTLUCK DINNER

Cookie Awards

The PTCC board is seeking nominations for 2018 Paddle Trails Cookie Awards. For those not familiar with these coveted awards, they are given out to (unsuspecting) club members who have done extraordinary (or really dumb) things throughout the year while on a boat trip. We honor such things as the "Most Improved Male & Female Paddlers", the "Michael Phelps Swimming Award" and a variety of other weird and wonderful events members have had on trips this past year. Please send your nominates to any PTCC board member. A secret committee of highly discrete judges then select from your nominations and create unique, handmade "Cookie Awards" for the winners!



The Cookie Awards will be presented at the Fall Bash.

Just for Fun Survey

This new segment is to see what other members are saying about paddling, rivers and whatever. This is just for fun! If you have any questions you want to ask other members, send them to the editor.

What is your most favorite local river for the summer?

