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6th Month Club Anniversary Dinner

We all had a great time, lots of wine and the food a real treat, with everyone bringing yummy tasty delights. Fruit Platter fit for a King, compliments of Sylvia, Torte Cake, Alwyn, pizza, pies, curry & rice and more. James & Shantha chatting away. Great curry Shantha. Neville H. home made noodle dish, Karen & Brian, I can't remember, feeling no pain, it must have tasted great. Anyway, do remember planning for future overnight camps and longer expeditions. Kester arrives late. Clare still enjoying her red. Neil at the esky again, Eric really enjoying himself at this stage. Neville Holden getting louder. John S. getting out his maps, now he is getting serious. As the night progressed, the expeditions got harder and longer. Many interesting stories, pity I can't remember them all. New member, Phil turned up. Eric thought he would try an overnight camp that night and complete with swag, parked himself on the floor. Good thinking Eric. Thanks to the club members who attended for a top night.Fran.....

5th October- River Paddle

Started off from Banks Reserve East Perth, into a hell of a easterly wind, across the other side to try for a little protection and out across to the Herrison Island. Very choppy and a lot of concentration needed. Into Herrison Island bay area for a break and then out and under the causeway, John S. flying his kite, didn't see him again for a while as he took off towards the city. The rest of us circumnavigated Herrison, taking in the view of the statue without a head, flying fish, and lots of birds. Back into the bay area for morning tea and a chat. Off again and into the East Perth new development area, waterfall and more statues, extremely expensive houses, quite interesting. Rob Slinn new member joined us for the first time. Hope to see more of you Rob. The usual regulars attended. Very windy but enjoyable. Keep Paddling - Fran.

12th October - Mindarie to Alkimos Wreck

Great turnup: John & Fran, Neville, Brian & Karen, James & Shanta, John DiN, Sylvia, Claire and new paddler - Glen in his brand new green Capella. What an idyllic launching spot.

Protected marina/grassy banks. The 9km paddle to the Alkimos provided smooth conditions and ample time for social chit chat. Outstanding landing by all. Played dodge-ems with the four wheel drives. Handy man John DiN had all the bits & pieces to assist John S. in repairing a rudder. Looking up from our coffee we decide it was time to HIT the sea breeze and another 9km home. Launchings were a dream. Good on you Glen (this guy has some hidden talent or has done it before). Interesting home run - both Johns travelled the break for a little entertainment. We all made it in at staggered intervals, to be welcomed by Peter C and the trim, very expectant Sue. Keep Paddling - Claire

13th October - Boat Packing & Expeditions by Dave Byers.

A superb presentation, thanks Dave, we all got heaps out of it and boy are you organised. We are lucky to have experienced club members who are prepared to give freely of their valuable time to pass on helpful information. Much appreciated.

PS Claire has a computer printout of Dave's boat packing list. If you would like one let us know.

16th October - Full Moon Paddle.

Only attended by Fran, Karen and Brian for the paddle part of it, with John and a couple from Canada for the bbq. Very windy night and not my favourite paddle. Due to lack of attendance, we might put this on hold until there is more interest. Great Full Moon.

26th October - Ocean Reef Marina to Mindarie.

Eric started off the day with his terror story of his very real rescue in a friends power boat. A flip over with everyone thrown into the water. He has his own ideas on the EPIRB. If you are interested give Eric a call on 93392952 . Should you be planning a expedition, you may value his info.

The paddle was enjoyable. We stopped on two rocks island, had a dive, ate the only oysters available, and ogled the millions of abalone. Played with the seals, carried out boats into the middle of the island where the birds nest. They had left, but the smell hadn't. Arrived at Mindarie and car hopped back to start thanks to Karen and Brian. Paddle On - Neville

November - Karridale Weekend. Keith Leech Farmyard.

We all camped in Keith's front yard, last arrivals being around midnight. We continued drinking our wine, whilst they erected their tents. James and Shantha did a top job of tent erection in the dark. Our host arrived home, after a dinner party, to find a front

garden full of tents and people. Next Morning - bit chilly - Les Allen and Steve ready to get on the water. We all hurried around as best we could, thank God, this wasn't a real expedition with a deadline take-off. We would have all been left behind. Anyway, who was checking. The paddle took off into White Pointer Territory, with an interesting paddle to Bird Island and a further paddle out to near Seal Island, I think, Les, Steve, John, John DiN, Kester, the brave with other opting for the shorter paddle away from the resident White, who apparently, one just bangs on the nose should he annoy you. Keith Leech, our local expert, informed us not to panic as the shark knows when you are scared stiff. Right!!! Sure!!! Not a problem.....

That night was party time with guitars and bongos. Keith a real musician and Fran pretending to be a guitar player, gave a concert. Bed in the tent and a great night's sleep. Breakfast, another bbq, this time bacon & eggs. Sunday paddle at Hamelin Bay and up to Cosy Corner. Very windy, great surf back to a hot cuppa and a long drive back to Perth. A special thanks to our mate, Keith for his hospitality and music.

3rd November Slide Night - Shannon River - Mike Wood.

Mike and Dave were kind enough to share their experiences of their trip to Shannon River, through some top quality slides and excellent commentary. Fantastic night was had by all. Thanks from the club.

9th November - Woodman Pt - Carnac Island

John, John DiN, Geoff, Peter. Three took off heading out past Woodman Point were heliographed from the beach by John DiN, who could not find the sailing club. Waited 5 mins. He joined us and headed for Carnac. Great weather conditions, no wind, paddled to east side of island with stopover for coffee and snorkling. John, the only licensed holder, collected his bag of big abalone which he shared, a little, with Peter. Circumnavigated the island and bumped into a large yacht packed with bikini-clad ladies drinking champagne. Very stunned looks upon their faces, where had we come from they asked. We flexed our muscles and paddled onward toward Woodman Pt. Great day had by all. Paddle On - John.

Our Overseas Paddler - Claire

Off to Mexico to show them how to do it. Have a great time Claire, we will be interested to hear all about it on your return.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYBODY SKCWA COMMITTEE.

MURRAY RIVERGLADES

Trip report 16 Nov 1997.

No its not the Sydney two day marathon, nor the difficult white water of the Termination/Andy's on the lower section, just beginners stuff.

Getting there:-160 km round trip from Perth. Take freeway, left at Pinjarra Rd/Mandurah lights, right at caravan park to Furnissdale boat ramp. Good picnic spot under the manuka trees. ETA:-09:00 Waited till 10:00, No-one else.

Conditions:- warm 28°C, 10 knot easterly breeze, low tide.

Route:- To round house dragging across the mud flat. Left up Wargaloorloop 1 km to campsite on right. On to Murray River and civilisation/Pub at Yanderup (an alternative put-in). Continue down Munjugup to the Peel Inlet/Estuary. The channel is flagged Red and Green. I had a tail wind back to Serpentine Branch with good views west. Round trip takes a peaceful 1.5 hours.

Observations:-Lots of people. Tin dinghies and house boats with retirees, young couples and dogs up on the bow. A Coca Cola work team development trip in Canadian canoes. Blokes prawning or crabbing with pots. Batches (aka really huge edifices) with registered jetties - we could try to get to know a friendly one to camp on the lawn as CALM or the Council are probably not keen on general overnighing

Wildlife:- great. Take a bird book and binoculars. I watched several herons including a Kokako - November is when the young hatch at Okarito\NZ.

Hey Mandurah Islands was a bonzer morning. By writing the trip up I hope to see you next time, eh.

On the way home I swung past Penguin Island/ Safety Bay to snorkel. Shoalwater brilliant with exceptionally calm and the low full moon tide -the channel was less than knee deep. Lots of swim throughs seaweed and seals. Saw Les and Rivergods there.

A couple of other things.

-I appreciate the effort of the founders of SKNA with the newsletter/lots of activities. We'll get the trailer going.

-I am looking into getting a customised sea kayak from Max at Quality Kayaks in NZ. Is anyone else interested. From DB/Mike's talks I've learnt quickly. Now just instruction and experience.

-At Xmas I am going down to Walpole which would be suitable for all abilities.

Let us know of your trips eg Abrohlis or Dampier etc. I'm off to Esperance Dec 1 to 6th. After a super day at the Harvey Slalom on 13th Nov I say keep paddling

Kia Ora K1W1

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1997
CALENDER

NOVEMBER

23rd November (Sunday) 7.30am Start

Garden Island (West side)

Meet at the beach. Inland (East) side of causeway

30th November (Sunday) 7.30am Start

Hillarys North Wall – Little Island – Surf & Seals – Pinnaroo – Return

DECEMBER

7th December (Sunday) 7.30am Start

Pengiun Island – Point Peron – Return

Meet in ferry car park

14th December (Sunday) 7.30am Start

Marmion Angling Club To Scarborough

Meet in MAAC car park. West Coast Drive.

21st December (Sunday) 7.30am Start

Cottlesloe To Fremantle (Bathers Beach)

Meet in Car Park on Marine Pde. Between Princes & Beach St.

28th December (Sunday) 7.30am Start

Hillarys North Wall – little Island – Surf & Seals _ Pinnaroo _ Return

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW 7.30AM START

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ANY IDEAS FOR FUTURE PADDLING VENUES. CALL PETER