



Keep Paddling

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FROM THE CHAIR

Following on from a quiet (ish) summer we are quickly approaching the time of year when two main events happen: the return to the Sunday evening **pool sessions**; and the club's **Annual General Meeting** – both are discussed in more detail in this newsletter. I've also got it in mind that I may be in a position to offer training and assessment in the **Junior Canoe Safety Test** for club members. Watch this space!

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Alan



"Angus Council is in the forefront of support for local clubs and we are seeing a considerable number of clubs gaining ACE Awards. ACE is a quality standard and any club gaining that award is making a statement of its commitment to quality." - Joy Mowatt, Convener of Environmental & Leisure Services

ANGUS CANOE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. The AGM this year takes place on 29th October, in the Caledonian Hotel, Brechin – 7.30 for an 8 pm start. This is a formal event that fulfills some important objectives regarding the management of the club – not least giving the wider membership an opportunity to air their views, opinions and ideas. The committee would seek to encourage as wide a participation as possible, as we try to plan a future for the club. With this in mind, the club's constitution requires 25% of adult members to be present to ratify any decisions made. I would encourage as many of you as possible to come along, and if you can't, then a note in advance would be helpful. The agenda is fairly routine (at the moment) with the addition of some proposed changes to our constitution which will enable the club to apply for some "tax breaks". For sat nav users the post code is **DD9 6DZ**, while [this link](#) will take you to the location in Google Maps.

POOL SESSIONS. This year's round of pool sessions are due to commence on Sunday, 25th October. Once again, at Kirrikuir pool from 7 – 8 for juniors, and 8 – 9 for adults. Many wide and varied activities are planned for the pool sessions, so do come along if you can.

ACE AWARDS. Angus Canoe Club have long held the ACE Gold Award, and it is now time to re-accredit in this scheme. We await the final decision, but are quietly confident that our policies and procedures, that form the backbone of the running of the club, remain up to the challenge. I'll keep you posted.

Diary Dates

October

18	Highland Series Marathon, River Dee
20	Angus Sports Council meeting, Montrose
24	Paddle '09 Bells Sports Centre, Perth
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25	First Pool Session, Kirriemuir
29	Club AGM, Caledonian Hotel, Brechin

November

1	Pool Session, Kirriemuir
8	Pool Session, Kirriemuir
15	Pool Session, Kirriemuir
22	Pool Session, Kirriemuir
29	Pool Session, Kirriemuir

MEMBERS IN ACTION. Club member *Jen Hartnett* has been on her travels recently with some thrills and spills in Africa. Jen has a video on You Tube if you wish to view it - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Dp78jAivQ> – well done, Jen! And also, with *Neil Rait* on the Tummel.



During the October holidays yours truly was able to fit in an open canoe paddle up in Inverness – starting by paddling up the Caledonian Canal as far as Loch Ness, then turning round and paddling down the River Ness, out to the Beaulie Firth, then back up the Caledonian Canal to meet up with the car at the start point! Great, no shuttle.



Alan and Paul Ready for the Off!



The Kessock Bridge

"Love many, trust a few, but always paddle your own canoe."

Anon