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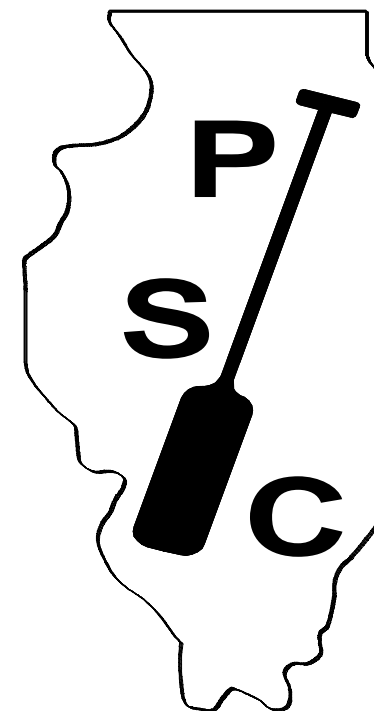
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From the Chair:

More Opportunities for Enthusiastic PSC'ers

Several committees will soon be hard at work supporting the activities of Prairie State Canoeists. Here is your chance to share your talents and time.

Events Committee will plan and carry out such events as the fall and Spring Dinners, the mid-summer picnic, and other special events for club members. This committee will determine dates, locations, menus, programs and entertainment. With the involvement of a number of people, our events will become more attractive, relevant and exciting for our members.

Membership Committee introduces Prairie State Canoeists to a wide range of potential new members and those who have or will develop an interest in paddling. It will arrange staffing of the PSC booth at appropriate events, design and produce publicity materials, organize events to welcome and cultivate new members, and carry out other creative ways to reach out to the public.

Please step forward. Let me know how you want to share your time and talents for exciting new activities for PSC. Contact Bill Kessler, 708.547.5314 or kslr@aol.com.

Spring Dinner - March 5 See the reservation form on page 13

And watch for the **April get together on April 10 following the Trip Leaders' Orientation Trip** on the Nippersink. We'll look for a watering hole in McHenry or northern Lake County area.

WANTED: co-leader & any others interested in doing exploratory trips on some of the rivers in the western portion of the U.P. this spring &/or early summer. Some things needed are two - three days time, camping gear for base &/or river camping, & capable of paddling in moving water. Anyone interested can call or e-mail me for further discussion; ideas/suggestions welcome. Allen Close, 708/748-2102 or thecloses@yahoo.com

Newsletter Deadlines for 2005

| Vol 37# | Deadline | Trip Announcements |
|----------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1 | November 15 | Dec 04-Jan 05 |
| 2 | January 15 | February-March |
| 3 | March 1 | April-May |
| 4 | May 1 | June-July |
| 5 | July 1 | August-September |
| 6 | September 1 | October-November |

Contributions should be e-mailed to: newsletter@prairiestatecanoeists.org
OR mailed to: PSC Paddler, 1319 Ivy Lane, Apt 103; Naperville, IL 60563

PRAIRIE STATE CANOEISTS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL

DUES: \$15.00

(Dues paid after Sept 1, are applied to next year.)

NEW MEMBER

RENEWAL

NEW ADDRESS/PHONE

**Please make checks payable to:
Complete & SIGN then mail to:**

PRAIRIE STATE CANOEISTS
c/o Ken Cole
224 Lafayette Dr
Bolingbrook IL 60440

READ AND SIGN BELOW:

I AGREE THAT I AM TAKING PART IN THE PRAIRIE STATE CANOEISTS ACTIVITIES AT MY OWN RISK. I WILL NOT HOLD PRAIRIE STATE CANOEISTS, ITS OFFICERS, TRIP LEADERS, AND OR MEMBERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURIES (INCLUDING DEATH) OR PROPERTY LOSS I MAY INCUR WHILE TAKING PART IN CLUB ACTIVITIES. I UNDERSTAND THAT PADDLING IS AN ASSUMED RISK SPORT, THAT PRAIRIE STATE CANOEISTS IS A VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION WITHOUT PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MYSELF/FAMILY. BY SIGNING MY NAME HERE, I INDICATE THAT I HAVE READ THIS WAIVER AND THAT NEITHER I NOR ANY MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY WILL SUE THE CLUB OR ANYONE ASSOCIATED WITH IT.

ALL ADULTS MUST SIGN

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

PRINT NAME _____

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

PRINT NAME _____

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PHONE NUMBER _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

CHILDREN-UNDER 21 (LIST NAMES AND AGES PLEASE)

PLEASE PRINT MY NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE IN DIRECTORY YES NO

PLEASE PRINT MY E-MAIL ADDRESS IN DIRECTORY YES NO

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not make a selection for printing, the club policy is to use the default selection of "NO" and your information will not be printed

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Trip Announcements

Details here are complete as of publication time but due to the nature of our sport, things can change, It is suggested that you contact the trip leader if you plan to attend a trip. That way if there are last minute changes, they can let you know.

Tue, Mar 1 Des Plaines River, IL

Andy Cocallis 847-680-5219
acocallas@cs.com
Joan Taylor 630-495-1565
taylorjrs@aol.com

Contact Andy or Joan for details.

Sat, Mar 19 Intro to Paddling

Tom Lindblade 630-207-9500
lindbladet@sbcglobal.net

See Page 3, Spring Trainings, for details.

Mon, Mar 21 Des Plaines River, IL

Andy Cocallis 847-680-5219
acocallas@cs.com
Joan Taylor 630-495-1565
taylorjrs@aol.com

Contact Andy or Joan for details.

Sat, Mar 26 Nippersink Creek, IL

Steve Shapiro 847-253-5875
steveshapiro2@sbcglobal.net

This is a nice easy stream to limber up those

stiff winter muscles for the paddling season. Because of the time of year and cold weather you must bring extra clothing and PFDs will be required. Canoe registrations are occasionally checked by DNR. We will paddle from Glacial Park to Spring Grove. DIRECTIONS: Take Route 12 (Rand Road) North from Fom Lake to the intersection of Route 31 & Route 12. Continue straight on Tyron Grove Road a short way to Keystone Road and turn left (S) to the Park. We will carshift at 9:30 a.m. Bring Lunch. Occasionally, this trip gets cancelled due to ice. If you don't call first and we have to cancel you will not be notified.

Sun, Mar 27 Mazon River, IL or Nippersink Creek, IL

Andy Cocallis 847-680-5219
acocallas@cs.com
Joan Taylor 630-495-1565
taylorjrs@aol.com

Contact Andy or Joan for details.

For Future Planning

Sat-Sun, Apr 2-3 St Francis River, MO

Intermediate Whitewater
Bill Barclay & Peg Strobel 708-386-1371
chocolate.house@verizon.net
Bob Tucker

Sat, Apr 2 Mazon River, IL

Advanced Beginner
Sherri Johnson 630-527-6691
canoesew@sbcglobal.net
Rosetta Kessler 815-729-0713

Sun, Apr 3 DuPage River, IL

West Branch (West Chicago-Warrenville)
Ray Ziemer 630-836-0086
rgziemer@worldnet.att.net

Sat, Apr 9 Moving Water 1

Training
Tom Lindblade 630-207-9500
lindbladet@sbcglobal.net

Sat, Apr 9 Vermillion River, IL

Whitewater
John & Mary Puskar 630-393-8821
jmpuskar@ameritech.net

Sun, Apr 10 Nippersink Creek, IL

New Trip Leaders Training
Joan Taylor 630-495-1565
taylorjrs@aol.com
Bill Kessler 708-547-5314
kslr@aol.com

Tentative Trip List 2005 (con't)

Fri-Mon, Sep 23-25 Wisconsin Whitewater

Bill Barclay 708-386-1371
chocolate.house@sbcglobal.net

Sat-Sun, Sep 24-25 Kickapoo River, WI

Fall Colors Trip
Sherri Johnson 630-527-6691
canoesew@sbcglobal.net
John & Marilyn Ziegler 847-742-7316
canucamp@sbcglobal.net

Sat-Sun, Sep 24-25 Wolf River, WI

Fall Colors Whitewater
John & Mary Puskar 630-393-8821
jmpuskar@ameritech.net

Sat, Sep 24 Mekan River, WI

Al Donaldson 319 277-3194
alandonaldson@insightbb.com

Sat-Tue, Oct 1-11 Michigan Rivers

Joan Taylor 630-495-1565
taylorjrs@aol.com

Sat, Oct 1 Fox River, IL

South Elgin-St Charles
Glenn Rabick 847-525-2821
jojoheads@msn.com

Sat-Sun, Oct 8-9 Fawn & Pigeon Rivers, IN

Jerry Emerson 219-662-1296
Paul & Alice Clifford 815-886-2554
Pclifford38@hotmail.com

Sat-Mon, Oct 8-10 Current River, MO

River Camping
Ken Cole 630-759-9137
rufustoo@att.net
Steve LaPorte 630-665-5707
stevelaporte@earthlink.net

Sat, Oct 8 Peshtigo River, WI

Flatwater
Lee & Marti Vandervest 847-729-2410
lvandervest@aol.com

Sun, Oct 9 Rock River, IL

Rich Rothrock 630-325-7019
richrothrock@yahoo.com

Sat-Sun, Oct 15-16 St Francis River, MO

Intermediate Whitewater
Bill Barclay & Peg Strobel 708-386-1371
chocolate.house@sbcglobal.net
Bob Tucker

Sun, Oct 16 I & M Canal

Larry Forgala 708-425-0733
larryfor@msn.com

Sun-Sun, Oct 22-23 Kankakee River, IN

Jasper-Pulaski
Fran Almquist 815-459-8134
franalquist@yahoo.com
Phyllis Wells 262-598-9855
phylnclyde@yahoo.com

Sat, Oct 22 Mekan River, WI

Al Donaldson 319 277-3194
alandonaldson@insightbb.com

Sun-, Oct 22 Illinois River, IL

Scouting
Rich Rothrock 630-325-7019
richrothrock@yahoo.com

Sat, Oct 29 Turtle or Bass Creek

Al Donaldson 319 277-3194
alandonaldson@insightbb.com

Tue, Nov 1 Des Plaines River, IL

Moonlight
Andy Cocallis 847-680-5219
acocallas@sbcglobal.net
Joan Taylor 630-495-1565
taylorjrs@aol.com

Sat-Sun, Nov 5-6 Sugar River

Al Donaldson 319 277-3194
alandonaldson@insightbb.com

Nov ? St Francis River, MO

Pick up trip if weather permits Whitewater
Bill Barclay & Peg Strobel 708-386-1371
chocolate.house@verizon.net

Tentative Trip List 2005 (con't)**Sun, Jul 31 Kishwaukee River**

Glenn Jensen 708-795-7995
mixinmimi@aol.com

Sun, Aug 7 Mid-Summer PSC Picnic

@ Silver Springs State Park
Tracy Hunt 630-832-3538
tjhunt@netzero.net

Sat-Sun, Aug 13-14 Upper Iowa River, IA

Steve LaPorte 630-665-5707
stevelaporte@earthlink.net
Dan Benthall 630-208-8249
dbthal@cs.com

Sat-Sun, Aug 13-14 Wisconsin Whitewater

Bill Barclay & Peg Strobel 708-386-1371
chocolate.house@sbcglobal.net

Sat, Aug 13 Kankakee River, IL

Momence-Aroma Park
Larry Forgala 708-425-0733
larryfor@msn.com

Sun, Aug 21 Kishwaukee River, IL

New Members Trip
Bill Kessler 708-547-5314
Kslr@aol.com
Joan Taylor 630-495-1565
taylorjrs@aol.com

Sat-Sun, Aug 27-28 Dowagiac River, MI

Joan Taylor 630-495-1565
taylorjrs@aol.com

Sat, Aug 27 Kankakee River, IL

Bird Park to Kankakee River State Park
Sherri Johnson 630-527-6691
canoesew@sbcglobal.net
Mike Caplan & Doug Spitzer 847-677-5053
floverdrive@aol.com

Sun, Aug 28 Kankakee River, IL

State Line to Momence
Sherri Johnson 630-527-6691
canoesew@sbcglobal.net
Mike Caplan & Doug Spitzer 847-677-5053
floverdrive@aol.com

Sat-Mon, Sep 3-5 Namekagon River, WI

Sherri Johnson 630-527-6691
canoesew@sbcglobal.net
John & Marilyn Ziegler 847-742-7316
canucamp@sbcglobal.net

Sat-Mon, Sep 3-5 Wisconsin River, WI

River Camping
Bob Fenger 847-356-2171
Louis Igyarto 847-587-7462

Sun, Sep 4 Lower Des Plaines River, IL

Rich Rothrock 630-325-7019
richrothrock@yahoo.com

Sat-Sun, Sep 10-11 Pine River, MI

Bill Barclay & Peg Strobel 708-386-1371
chocolate.house@sbcglobal.net
Paul & Alice Clifford 815-886-2554
Pclifford38@hotmail.com

Sat, Sep 10 Badfish Creek, WI

Al Donaldson 319 277-3194
alandonaldson@insightbb.com

Sun, Sep 11 Lower Fox River, IL

Rich Rothrock 630-325-7019
richrothrock@yahoo.com

Mon-Thu, Sep 12-15 Blue River, IN

Exploring
Joan Taylor 630-495-1565
taylorjrs@aol.com

Sat-Sun, Sep 17-18 Pecatonica River, WI

East Branch
Mark & Merri Morrall 815-765-3402
morrall@t6b.com

Sat, Sep 17 Upper Des Plaines, WI

Glenn Jensen 708-795-7995
mixinmimi@aol.com

Sun, Sep 18 Sugar River, WI

Tracy Hunt 630-832-3538
tjhunt@netzero.net

Paddlers Marketplace

Due to limited space, items will only be listed here for one issue unless you contact the editor and request that your ad continue. A new list is compiled for each issue.

FOR SALE: Two Number 4 Granite Gear Canoe trip packs, one green and one grey. Excellent condition; \$50.00 each or \$75.00 for both. Jack; 847-251-6313.

FOR SALE: Mainstream Sneak Kayak. Like new; camouflage color; very stable. Bob Fenger 847-356-2171.

Announcements***Beat the February Blues!***

Our January social event, hosted by Tom and Anna Croak, was a great success. We will try to hold these events in different areas of our far-flung membership territory.

The **February social event** will be

Saturday, February 12, 2005, 6:30 PM

**Les Brothers Restaurant, 7730 West 95th St, Hickory Hills, IL
708.233.0333**

Host: Larry Forgala, 708.425.0733// larryfor@msn.com

Directions: Take I - 294 to the 95th Street West Exit. Continue approximately 1 1/2 Blocks West to the restaurant on your right. Plenty of parking around the restaurant or just west. The event is casual. Please let Larry know by the 10th (e-mail preferred) if you are going to attend so he can give the innkeepers a heads up.

Thanks to ACA Certified Instructors

The Club would like to extend a gesture of appreciation to those individuals who have gone out of their way to achieve and maintain their certifications as ACA Instructors, and who also contribute time and effort to the club. PSC has established a program to reimburse instructors for some of the expenses incurred in keeping their certification current. If you are or have been an ACA certified instructor contact Tom Lindblade, lindbladet@scbglobal.net. for details.

The **solo canoe classes** will happen again at **Conant HS** starting on Tuesday night, February 15 7:30 - 10 pm. (will meet Feb 15,22 and March 1, 8 & 29) Class is for solo canoes only, limit of 15 students and will cover intro to various canoe disciplines, basic strokes, safety and how to get started in the sport. PSC members who wish to help teach the class and share equipment and knowledge are welcome to attend as instructional aides. You do not have to be a certified instructor to do this and you will have access to practice time after the class if you help. Those who wish to register for the class should contact High School District 211 at 847-755-6820. Members who want to help teach should contact Marge Cline 847-639-7336 or email <rivermom@mindspring.com>

Announcements (con't)**Dates To Remember**

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| Saturday-Sunday, February 12 & 13 | Wilderness First Aid Course, College of DuPage |
| Saturday, February 12 | February Social at Les Brothers Restaurant in Hickory Hills |
| Saturday, March 5 | Spring Dinner Bob Tyler and Tom Lindblade More Guerilla Canoeing in Illinois |
| Friday-Sunday March 11-13 | Canoecopia |
| Sunday, April 10 | Trip leaders' Orientation Trip, Nippersink River |
| Sunday, August 7 | Mid-summer Picnic—Games, Food, Paddle Gear Swap/Sale, skills, safety training |
| Saturday, November 12 | Fall Dinner |

THANK YOU PSC

As many of you may know, after 12 years of chairing Paddling in the Park, I have stepped down to pursue other paddling related activities, especially with the Illinois Paddling Council (www.illinoispaddling.org) to make Illinois a more Paddler Friendly State.

I wanted to let all the members of PSC know how much I appreciated the support you and the club have given me and PIP all these years. For 2005 Mandy Buckner plans to hold a PIP event in Madison, June 25 and 26. She is looking for help - just like I did for so many years with registration, safety boaters, instructors, someone to solicit raffle contributions and all the other myriad tasks it takes to put on such an event.

I hope you will offer Mandy the support you have given me in the past. Please email Mandy if you can help out: kayaker@gottapaddle.com or call me at 847-328-0145 if you have any questions on how you can help.

Thank you all - Sigrid

PSC T-shirts (\$12) and sweatshirts (\$20) are available for purchase. You may make arrangements for UPS delivery or in person at some trips by contacting: Rebecca Sells, rebeccasells2@aol.com, or Linda Gebhart lgebhard@aurora.edu; 630-466-7093.

Tentative Trip List 2005 (con't)

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| Sun, Jun 12 Badfish Creek/Yahara River, WI Mark & Merri Morrall 815-765-3402 morrall@t6b.com | Sat-Sun, Jul 9-10 Mekan River, WI John & Marilyn Ziegler 847-742-7316 canucamp@sbcglobal.net |
| Sat-Sun, Jun 18-19 Pere Marquette, MI. Bill Barclay & Peg Strobel 708-386-1371 chocolate.house@sbcglobal.net | Sun, Jul 10 Busse Woods Orienteering Michael & Christina Collins 847 674-2806 michael@canocouple.net |
| Sat, Jun 18 Salt Creek, IL w/stream monitoring Ray Ziemer 630-836-0086 rgziemer@worldnet.att.net Melinda Tury 630-894-2285 mtury@sbcglobal.net | Tue, Jul 12 Des Plaines River, IL Andy Cocallis 847-680-5219 acocallas@sbcglobal.net Joan Taylor 630-495-1565 taylorjrs@aol.com |
| Sun, Jun 19 Lower Fox River Larry Forgala 708-425-0733 larryfor@msn.com | Sat-Sun, Jul 16-17 Upper Iowa River, IA Scouting Trip Steve LaPorte 630-665-5707 stevelaporte@earthlink.net Dan Benthall 630-208-8249 dbthal@cs.com |
| Tue-Thu, Jun 21-30 Michigan Rivers Joan Taylor 630-495-1565 taylorjrs@aol.com | Sat, Jul 16 Kishwaukee River, IL Clean-up Mark & Merri Morrall 815-765-3402 morrall@t6b.com |
| Sat-Sun, Jun 25-26 Wisconsin River, WI Adults only John & Mary Puskar 630-393-8821 jmpuskar@ameritech.net | Sat-Sun, Jul 23-24 Baraboo Rover, WI Steve LaPorte 630-665-5707 stevelaporte@earthlink.net Dan Benthall 630-208-8249 dbthal@cs.com |
| Sat-Sun, Jun 25-26 Wisconsin Whitewater Beginning Whitewater Bill Barclay 708-386-1371 chocolate.house@sbcglobal.net Larry Rice 309-246-3757 lrice@mtco.com | Sat-Sun, Jul 23-24 Wisconsin River, WI Sherri Johnson 630-527-6691 canoesew@sbcglobal.net Dave & Mary Stjern 217-546-6474 DStjernlaw@aol.com |
| Sun, Jun 26 DuPage River, IL Glenn Jensen 708-795-7995 mixinmimi@aol.com | Sat-, Jul 23- Lower Fox River, IL Moonlight trip Larry Forgala 708-425-0733 larryfor@msn.com |
| Sat-Sun, Jul 2-3 Little Manistee River, MI Paul & Alice Clifford 815-886-2554 Pclifford38@hotmail.com Bill Barclay & Peg Strobel 708-386-1371 chocolate.house@sbcglobal.net | Tue-Thu, Jul 26-Aug 4 Michigan Rivers Joan Taylor 630-495-1565 taylorjrs@aol.com |
| Sat, Jul 2 Nippersink Creek, IL Glenn Jensen 708-795-7995 mixinmimi@aol.com | |

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| Sat, May 14 | DuPage River, IL |
| Sherri Johnson | 630-527-6691 canoesew@sbcglobal.net |
| Rosetta Kessler | 815-729-0713 |
| Sun, May 15 | I & M Canal |
| Larry Forgala | 708-425-0733 larryfor@msn.com |
| Sat-Sun, May 21-22 | Kickapoo River, WI |
| John & Mary Puskar | 630-393-8821 jmpuskar@ameritech.net |
| Sat, May 21 | Sugar River, WI |
| John & Marilyn Ziegler | 847-742-7316 canucamp@sbcglobal.net |
| Sun, May 22 | Des Plaines Marathon |
| Sun, May 22 | Fox River, WI |
| Tracy Hunt | Upper Fox 630-832-3538 tjhunt@netzero.net |
| Sat-Mon, May 28-30 | Wisconsin River, WI |
| Bob Fenger | River Camping 847-356-2171 |
| Louis Igyarto | 847-587-7462 |
| Sat, May 28 | DuPage River, IL |
| Ray Ziemer | Plainfield-Shorewood 630-836-0086 rgziemer@worldnet.att.net |
| Sun, May 29 | Kishwaukee River, IL |
| Glenn Rabick | Belvidere-Cherry Valley 847-525-2821 jojoheads@msn.com |
| Mon, May 30 | Milwaukee River, WI |
| Terry & Joette Heckenbach | 262-376-4230 jtnj@netwurx.net |
| Fri-Sun, Jun 3-5 | Intro to Whitewater |
| Tom Lindblade | Training 630-207-9500 lindbladet@sbcglobal.net |

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| Sat, Jun 4 | DuPage River, IL |
| Sherri Johnson | 630-527-6691 canoesew@sbcglobal.net |
| Rosetta Kessler | 815-729-0713 |
| Sun, Jun 5 | DuPage River, IL |
| Ray Ziemer | Clean up 630-836-0086 rgziemer@worldnet.att.net |
| Sun, Jun 5 | Kishwaukee River, IL |
| Tracy Hunt | 630-832-3538 tjhunt@netzero.net |
| Sun, Jun 5 | Nippersink Creek, IL |
| Bill Kessler | New Members Trip 708-547-5314 Kslr@aol.com |
| Joan Taylor | 630-495-1565 taylorjrs@aol.com |
| Mon, Jun 6 | Des Plaines River, IL |
| Andy Cocalis | Moonlight 847-680-5219 acocallas@sbcglobal.net |
| Joan Taylor | 630-495-1565 taylorjrs@aol.com |
| Sat-Sun, Jun 11-12 | Baraboo Rover, WI |
| Steve LaPorte | Scouting Trip 630-665-5707 stevelaporte@earthlink.net |
| Dan Benthall | 630-208-8249 dbthal@cs.com |
| Sat-Sun, Jun 11-12 | Fawn/Pigeon Rivers, IN |
| Paul & Alice Clifford | 815-886-2554 Pclifford38@hotmail.com |
| Jerry Emerson | 219-662-1296 |
| Sat, Jun 11 | Vermillion River, IL |
| Joan Taylor | w/ Mackinaw Canoe Club Clean-up 630-495-1565 taylorjrs@aol.com |

Announcements (con't)**Using the 'Net' for Trips Added To The Schedule on Short Notice**

Canoe trips scheduled after the publication of the master list may be announced in the next newsletter or on the PSC Website or Message Board. At its meeting on January 22, the board of directors approved the announcement of added trips with short notice via the website and/or the message board. No specific lead-time was required; however, all of the other requirements for official trips, as enacted January 12, 1997, are necessary. The list of requirements now reads:

"Points will be awarded to members in good standing for participating in PSC sanctioned events. These events must be:

- 1 Led by a PSC member.
- 2 Open to all other PSC members.
- 3 Be announced in the PSC newsletter or on the PSC website and/or message board.
- 4 Have a trip report and sign-in sheet filed by the leader.
- 5 Be a non-commercial event involving actually paddling canoes in water as a group.
- 6 Or be organizational support for a PSC sanctioned event (i.e., booths or staffing an event)."

The most active internet message board for PSC members at this time is psc paddlers@yahoo.com. To sign on (subscribe) to this message board, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/psc paddlers/> and click on the button 'Join this group!'.

PSC Summer Picnic

Date: Sunday, August 7, 2005

Place: Silver Springs State Park on the Fox River below Yorkville

This may be the first ever attempt to gather our members together on a warm summer day for some relaxed paddling and comradery. Plans call for good food, good friends, a 'lawn sale' of that canoeing and camping gear the you have hardly ever used, training sessions, test paddling a variety of canoes, skills and safety demonstrations, and canoe games. Tracy Hunt is the lead organizer. If you have ideas and resources to share for this event, please contact Tracy: 630.832.3538 or tjhunt@netzero.net.

Announcements (con't)**PSC Technology Committee**

The PSC Technology Committee will assure that the PSC website continues to serve the needs of our members and will address the maintenance and updating of the website as the technology and needs evolve. Members are Milt Levenberg, Michael Collins, Christina Collins, Sherri Johnson, Al Donaldson, and Bill Kessler. Suggestions and questions should be addressed to Bill Kessler at kslr@aol.com

Tentative Trip List 2005

This list is in development....If you would like to add a trip, contact any PSC Officer or Board member or send an e-mail to newsletter@praireistatecanoeists.org

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| Tue, Mar 1 | Des Plaines River, IL | Sat, Apr 2 | Mazon River, IL |
| Andy Cocallis | 847-680-5219 acocallas@sbcglobal.net | Advanced Beginner | |
| Joan Taylor | 630-495-1565 taylorjrs@aol.com | Sherri Johnson | 630-527-6691 canoesew@sbcglobal.net |
| Sat, Mar 19 | Intro to Paddling | Rosetta Kessler | 815-729-0713 |
| Tom Lindblade | Training 630-207-9500 lindbladet@sbcglobal.net | Sun, Apr 3 | DuPage River, IL |
| Mon, Mar 21 | Des Plaines River, IL | West Branch (West Chicago-Warrenville) | |
| Andy Cocallis | 847-680-5219 acocallas@sbcglobal.net | Ray Ziemer | 630-836-0086 rgziemer@worldnet.att.net |
| Joan Taylor | 630-495-1565 taylorjrs@aol.com | Sat, Apr 9 | Moving Water 1 |
| Sat, Mar 26 | Nippersink Creek, IL | Tom Lindblade | Training 630-207-9500 lindbladet@sbcglobal.net |
| Steve Shapiro | 847-253-5875 steveshapiro2@sbcglobal.net | Sat, Apr 9 | Vermillion River, IL |
| Sun, Mar 27 | Mazon River, IL | John & Mary Puskar | Whitewater 630-393-8821 jmpuskar@ameritech.net |
| Andy Cocallis | or Nippersink Creek, IL 847-680-5219 acocallas@sbcglobal.net | Sun, Apr 10 | Nippersink Creek, IL |
| Joan Taylor | 630-495-1565 taylorjrs@aol.com | Joan Taylor | New Trip Leaders Training 630-495-1565 taylorjrs@aol.com |
| Sat-Sun, Apr 2-3 | St Francis River, MO | Bill Kessler | 708-547-5314 kslr@aol.com |
| Bill Barclay & Peg Strobel | Intermediate Whitewater 708-386-1371 chocolate.house@sbcglobal.net | Wed-Sun, Apr 13-17 | Exploring Iowa Rivers |
| Bob Tucker | | Al Donaldson | 319 277-3194 alandonaldson@insightbb.com |

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| Fri-Sun, Apr 15-17 | Instructor Development Workshop | Sat, Apr 30 | Kankakee River, IL |
| | @ College of DuPage | Bird Park to Kankakee River State Park w/ | |
| Steve Shapiro | 847-253-5875 | Mackinaw Canoe Club | |
| steveshapiro2@sbcglobal.net | | Sherri Johnson | 630-527-6691 canoesew@sbcglobal.net |
| Sat-Sun, Apr 16-17 | Tippecanoe River, IN | Dave & Mary Stjern | 217-546-6474 DStjernlaw@aol.com |
| Jerry Emerson | 219-662-1296 | Sun, May 1 | Kankakee River, IL |
| Paul & Alice Clifford | 815-886-2554 Pclifford38@hotmail.com | State Line to Momence w/ Mackinaw Canoe Club | |
| Sat, Apr 16 | Mazon River, IL | Sherri Johnson | 630-527-6691 canoesew@sbcglobal.net |
| | Advanced Beginner | Dave & Mary Stjern | 217-546-6474 DStjernlaw@aol.com |
| Sherri Johnson | 630-527-6691 canoesew@sbcglobal.net | Sat-Sun, May 7-8 | Sugar Creek, IN |
| Rosetta Kessler | 815-729-0713 | Wine & Cheese Fest | |
| Sun, Apr 17 | Fox River, IL | Paul & Alice Clifford | 815-886-2554 Pclifford38@hotmail.com |
| Glenn Rabick | Algonquin to Elgin 847-525-2821 jojoheads@msn.com | Jim & Alice Deck | 217-442-2032 |
| Sat-Sun, Apr 23-24 | Vermillion River, IL | Sat, May 7 | Moving Water 2 |
| | Middle Fork | Tom Lindblade | Training 630-207-9500 lindbladet@sbcglobal.net |
| Larry & Evelyn Tennyson | 630-497-2516 eltennyson@attbi.com | Sun, May 8 | White River, WI |
| Sat, Apr 23 | Vermillion River, IL | Bill Kessler | 708-547-5314 kslr@aol.com |
| John & Mary Puskar | WW 630-393-8821 jmpuskar@ameritech.net | Fri-Mon, May 13-16 | MI UP Whitewater |
| Sun, Apr 24 | Pecatonica River, WI | Intermediate/Advanced Whitewater | |
| Sigrid Pilgrim | w / IPC 847-328-0145 sigpilgr@comcast.net | Bill Barclay | 708-386-1371 chocolate.house@sbcglobal.net |
| Fri-Sun, Apr 29-May 1 | Current River, MO | Dale Deane | |
| | Base Camping | Sat-Sun, May 14-15 | Instructor Certification Exam |
| Ken Cole | 630-759-9137 rufustoo@att.net | | @ College of DuPage |
| Dan Benthall | 630-208-8249 dbthal@cs.com | Steve Shapiro | 847-253-5875 steveshapiro2@sbcglobal.net |
| Sat-Sun, Apr 30-May 1 | Wisconsin Whitewater | Sat, May 14 | Kishwaukee River, IL |
| | Beginner/Intermediate | Mark & Merri Morrall | South Branch 815-765-3402 morrall@t6b.com |
| Bill Barclay & Peg Strobel | 708-386-1371 chocolate.house@sbcglobal.net | | |
| Doug Spitzer | 847-677-5053 floverdrive@aol.com | | |