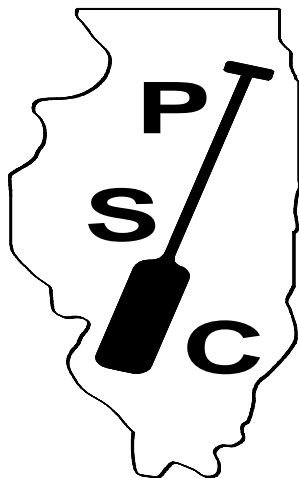


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## From the Chair:

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As you get this we are fast approaching the fall dinner and annual business meeting. There are still plenty of opportunities for us to get out and paddle so let's take advantage of the fall paddling season. Check your point totals on the website to make sure that the leaders have reported the trips you have been on.

Be sure to look at the article about the future of the newsletter and possible change in dues. If you want your thoughts about these subjects to be considered by the board at their meeting on November 11th, I will need to hear from you by October 15<sup>th</sup>. This information is also on the web site.

Be sure to find the reservation form for the Fall Dinner in this newsletter and send it in so that you can join us for the business meeting and election of officers and for the program about the Barren Lands. The dinner info is also on the web site.

The next newsletter might go out a little late so that information from the board meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup> can be included in it.

John

## From the Co-Chair:

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### Report on Success of Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee with Joann Benedetto as chair was convened in July to begin the process of selecting a slate for 2007. Janice Wellborn, Melinda Tury and Joan Taylor also served. We are pleased with the slate to be presented at the Fall Dinner on November 11th.

Jane Sprenne, Co-Chair; George Stenitzer, Treasurer; Susan Halvorsen, Carlin Horbal, Richard Rothrock and John Shafran, Board Members. Many thanks to the committee and to those who have agreed to serve PSC.

Joan Taylor

Newsletter Deadlines Vol # 39		
1	November 15	Dec 06-Jan 07
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

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## 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: 16' Penobscot, good condition; \$650 OBO. Bell Starfire, white gold; \$1100 OBO. Also: paddles, accessories, pads, packs, tent, misc, etc ( I am no longer able to paddle-parting with the equipment) John Sullivan; 815-723-3282; ilcanoe2@comcast.net

## Announcements

**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, r-sells@sbcglobal.net, or Linda Gebhart lgebhard@aurora.edu; 630-466-7093.

# What is the future of the PSC Paddler?

*The board needs your feedback!!!*

The board of directors would like to move in the direction of having most of our members receive the newsletter via an email notification when it is available on the web site. Some reasons to do this are: you would receive the newsletter sooner; it would be more environmentally friendly; and it will cost less to print the paper copies that will still be needed.

With the cost of everything going up, the board is considering a change to the dues structure.

Here are the options the board is considering. Please look at them and send your ideas to John Ziegler.

1. Raise the dues to \$20 for everyone
2. Raise the dues to \$20 for members receiving a printed newsletter and keep the \$15 rate for those opting to receive the newsletter via email notification.
3. Ask every member with email to take the newsletter this way with the hope that this will save enough money that we can keep the dues at \$15.

Regardless of which way you choose to receive the newsletter everyone will receive printed copy of the directory.

The board will be voting on this item at their November 11, 2006 board meeting. Please respond with your ideas to John Ziegler (847-742-7316 or [canucamp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:canucamp@sbcglobal.net)) by October 15. This will give me time to distribute this information to the board so that they can review it before voting.

Thank you,  
John Ziegler,  
PSC Chair

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**The members, officers and directors of Prairie State  
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# 2006 PSC FALL DINNER

## and Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 11, 2006

### Long Island Sound Banquets and Conference Center

1920 East New York Street, Aurora, Illinois  
(Just 2 1/2 miles west of Fox Valley Mall on East New York Street)

4:00 PM: Open board meeting; 5:00 PM: Social Hour; 6:00 PM: Dinner  
7:00 PM: Business Meeting, Awards and Program

Dinner Buffet: beef, chicken, meatless mostoccioli, variety of salads, mashed potatoes, cheese & relish tray, vegetable, rolls & butter, dessert, coffee and tea

#### Guest Speakers: Doug Hissom and Howard Caplan *The Barren Lands*

From the Tyrrell expeditions to the experiences of the native Inuit, Doug and Howard bring to life the amazing amount of history that went on in the vast expanses of the Barren Lands above the 60<sup>th</sup> parallel. The waterways they traveled include the Seal, Kazan, and DuBawnt Rivers. This is a great presentation for the entire family.

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#### 2006 PSC Annual Meeting and Fall Dinner Reservation Form Deadline: Nov. 2, 2006

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

No. of adults @ \$24 each  
\_\_\_\_\_ x\$24=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

No. of children age 15 and under @\$12 each  
\_\_\_\_\_ x\$12=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

No. of children under age 5 @ \$6 each  
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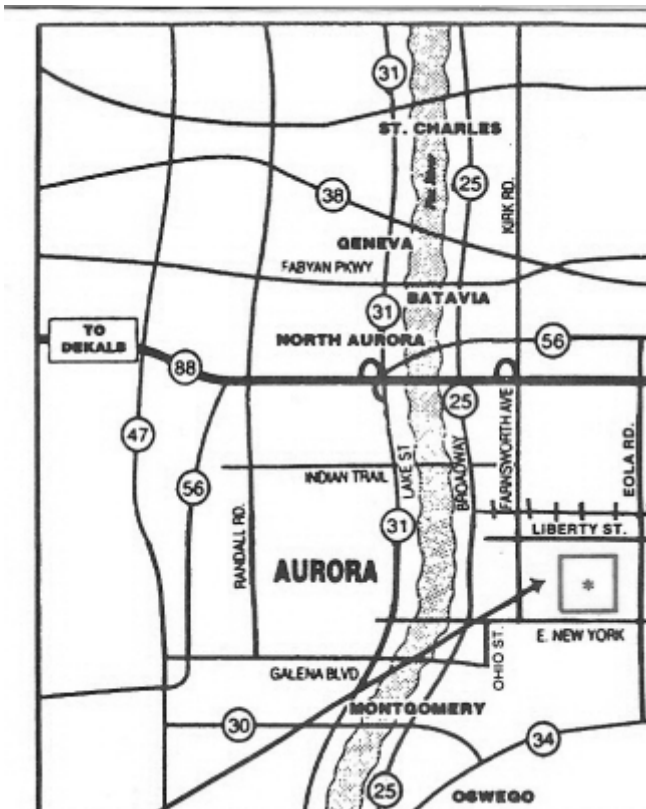
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\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check payable to: Prairie State Canoeists

Mail to: Prairie State Canoeists, c/o George Stenitzer, 177 N. Adams, Oswego, IL 60543

**And this is a great opportunity to send your 2007 dues – one check, one stamp, two jobs done!**

# Map to the 2006 PSC FALL DINNER



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**Welcome New Members** (since March 12, 2006)

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**Member Information Updates**

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## Trip Announcements

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### Sun, Oct 1 Illinois River Beginner/Intermediate

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

This is a scouting trip. We will be paddling the elbow area of the river. The Illinois River at this time of year should be at its best. Power boats should basically be off the river and river traffic should be minimal. Directions: Take I-80 and exit

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### Tue-Tue, Oct 2-10 Michigan Rivers Base Camping---Advanced Beginner

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

**Peggy Jacobs**

We will camp at Burt Lake for the 1st part of the trip and PaddleSports for the latter half.

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### Sat, Oct 7 Salt Creek Advanced Beginner/Flatwater

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**Glenn Jensen 708-749-6141**  
zymurgyteacher@yahoo.com

We will start at Graue Mill and paddle to Plank Road Forest Preserve.

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### Wed, Oct 11 Mid Week Paddle

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**Melinda Tury 630-894-2285**  
mtury@sbcglobal.net

Locations and times for this paddle will be posted immediately following the Sept. 13, 2006 paddle.

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### Sat, Oct 14 Des Plaines River Yaktoberfest! Advanced Beginner

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**Glenn Jensen (Red) 708-749-6141**  
zymurgyteacher@yahoo.com  
**Glenn Rabick (Blue)**

We will be enjoying the fall colors on this six mile trip. Afterwards the Yaktoberfest will begin featuring homemade creations by both Blue and Red. Those who wish to join the fest must contribute some sustenance. Call or email for details. Carshift will be at 9:30 am.

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### Sun, Oct 15 I & M Canal Beginner/Flatwater

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

Contact leader or check the PSC website for details

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### Sun, Oct 15 Rock River Beginner/Flatwater

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

Absolutely great Fall canoeing. Put-in is in Oregon at the Park East Access Area, south of the spillway dam, one block north of Rte. 64 on the east side of the river. Car shift at 9:30 am. Expect rock formations, very few power boats, maybe the resident

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### Sun, Oct 15 Fox River Beginner/ Flatwater

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Glenn & Dawn Rabick 847-515-2821  
grabick@sbcglobal.net

Car shift at 9:30 a.m. Contact leader or check the PSC website for detail.

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### Sat-Sun, Oct 21-22 Kankakee River Jasper Pulaski

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Fran Almquist 815-459-8134  
falmquist@yahoo.com

Phyllis Wells

canoe the Kankakee river and view Sandhill cranes

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### Sat-Sun, Oct 21-22 St. Francis River (Whitewater)Intermediate/Whitewater

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Bill Barclay/Peg Strobel 708-386-1371  
chocolatehouse@sbcglobal.net

A chance to paddle a good whitewater river in October without worry about cold temperatures (at least usually - we paddled this last year in Nov at 70 degrees). Nice drops, as canyon, and chances to play. Wet/dry suits, helmet required. Call leaders for details.

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### Wed, Oct 25 Mid-Week Paddle Gang

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Melinda Tury 630-894-2285  
mtury@sbcglobal.net

Locations and times for this paddle will be posted immediately following the Oct. 11, 2006 paddle.

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### Sat, Oct 28 Kishwaukee Advanced Beginner/Flatwater

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

Contact leader or check the PSC website for details

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### Sat-Sun, Oct 28-29 Wisconsin Dells, WI Beginner/possible cold weather trip

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Loius/Ruth/Tyler Igyarto 847-587-7462

BOB Fenger 847-356-2171

This years Dells trip will be back at the beautiful Wisconsin Dells stretch of the Wisconsin River. In the past, Mother Nature has handed us cold weather, wind rain and/or snow every bit as often as we've had 70's and sunshine. So regardless of the forecast, come prepared for whatever She may hand us. Ther **WILL NOT** be an organized dinner on Saturday night. We will be camping at Mirror Lake State park and leaving from there both days a 9:00 a.m. **Directions:** Driver north on I-90/94 to the Wisconsin Dell. Exit south onto US 12. Proceed south approximately 1 mile to Fern Dell Road. Turn right/west and proceed to the entrance to Mirror Lake State park. (Signs for Mirror Lake State Park are easy to follow.)

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### Sun, Oct 29 Lower Fox Beginner/ Flatwater

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

Meet in Yorkville on Hydraulic Street by the Post Office downstream left, south of the Rte 47 bridge. We will lunch at Silver Springs Park and end at Scooters, just north of downtown Sheridan. Put-in is at 9:30 am.

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### Sun, Oct 29 IPC end of season paddle Intermediate/Flatwater

**Lee Butler 815-232-5340**  
**lbutler9@juno.com**

**\*\*BRING YOUR ACA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER**  
**\*\* IPC's SEASON ENDER TO SUPPORT**  
**ROCKFORD'S PROPOSED WHITEWATER**  
**PARK. Please pass on this information to any**  
**paddler you know - we need a big turnout!**  
**Mark your calendars for Sunday October 29th**  
**and come out in support o**

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### Sat, Nov 5 Upper Des Plaines River Advanced Beginner/ Flatwater

**Paul Klowski**  
**847-687-2477 pklowski@comcast.net**  
Put-in & Take-out will be determined by water  
levels, within two days of the trip. Call or  
email for updates. Proper skills, gear & cloth-  
ing for cold water & air temps are required.

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### Sat, Nov 11 Fall Dinner

**John Ziegler 847-742-7316**  
**canucamp@sbcglobal.net**

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### Tue, Dec 5 Des Plaines River Advanced Beginner

**Andy Cocallas 847-680-5219**  
**acocallas@sbcglobal.net**

Afternoon/evening paddle along the upper  
Desplaines. Last chance before snow starts  
sticking and water starts freezing. Call or e-  
mail leader for info.

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## Trip Reports

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### **27-May-28-May Wisconsin River**

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The trip was very easy paddling; water was high enough to eliminate most of the sand bars so we base camped at Muscoda and did day paddles. We covered all of Muscoda to Woodman as day trips with a stop for ice cream. There are many eagles out on the river and Voytek took pictures. **Donna Fontana**

## **Trip Reports**



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:

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Complete & SIGN, then mail to:

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1102 Westhaven Dr  
Wheaton, IL 60187

READ AND SIGN BELOW:

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ALL ADULTS MUST SIGN

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