



# Newsletter

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## **MEETING INFO**

**Date:** Feb. 26, 2009

**Place:**

Seaman's Lodge,  
425-A Nimrod St.  
Pioneer Park  
Nevada City

**Time:** 6:00 Social  
7:00 Meeting

**Program Presentation:**  
American Whitewater

**Speaker:** Dave Steindorf

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**(before the 15th  
of the month)**

## ***SNCKC Meeting, Thursday, Feb. 26th***

### ***Soupsational Meeting***

***Starts at 6:00 p.m. rather than 6:30***

**A** great assortment of homemade soups, breads,  
and desserts will be provided.

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**O**ur guest presenter this evening is Dave Steindorf, stewardship director of American Whitewater, an organization that works on hydropower projects all over California and across the country. He will explain how his organization restores rivers, eliminates the degrading of water, and protects access to rivers and lakes for recreational use.

Many of these projects involve great flat water and whitewater paddling sites, and Dave will be showing slides with examples, noting how they can be improved through the hydropower relicensing process.

Perhaps most important to the group, you'll learn about new paddling opportunities in California.

## 2008-2009 SNCKC OFFICERS

President: Joe Abrell

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Board Member At Large: Vivian Tipton

Founder & Honorary

Board Member At Large: Kit Wiegman

### 2009 Trip Schedule

Feb. 21st. Scott's Flat Lake

Chuck and Robin Hart 271.7121

Feb. 28th Folsom Lake (Rattlesnake?)

Ron Brunmeier 274.9550

*\*March 14th Whiskeytown/Siskiyou (Cancelled)*

*\*March 20, 21st Upper Sacramento River.*

*Camping on Friday night, paddling Saturday.*

*This trip will depend on river levels at the time.*

Kit Weigman 265.4463

April 4th Downtown area of Sacramento River

Chris Crain 477.0616

*\*April 17, 18, 19th Clear Lake*

*Dave has reserved Site 58 (on the lakefront)  
and Site 56 (across the road).*

*This was changed from May 1st, 2nd, 3rd.*

Dave Bishop 272.7982

*\*April 25th Tomales Bay Cancelled. Kit will reschedule later.*

*\*May 8, 9, 10th Camping at Englebright Lake.*

*This is first come, first serve, so some of  
us will need to go out early*

*and establish camping for the group.*

*Leader needed*

May 23rd Lake Natoma Joe and Diana Abrell 273.3095

*\* Dates Changed from Original Schedule*

Members with trip suggestions or who have an additional trip they would like to schedule and lead may contact Susan Rossman at (530) 265-6146 or e-mail her at [srossman21025@sbcglobal.net](mailto:srossman21025@sbcglobal.net)

Carpool arrangements are between drivers and riders, please coordinate accordingly.

All events are available to members and their guests. Paddlers not affiliated with SNCKC may attend at the discretion of the trip leader. All paddlers must sign a "Waiver of Release and Liability" before launching their paddle craft and must abide by the safety rules for the paddle.

# Winter Kayaking with SNCKC

The first six weeks of the new year brought some harsh weather to the area, but as usual leaders and club members adjusted and enjoyed two paddles and attempted a third.

First, Viv and Mike Tipton led a hardy group of paddlers on a very chilly day to Englebright. Participants were dubious as they set out in the cold, but once they hit the water, the sun shone brightly and they had a great paddle.

Next, Marilyn Yerkes planned a Rollins trip, but the rain poured down.

Not to be stopped, the group gathered the following week and had a super paddle, with the lake fuller than usual.

Finally in early February, Wendy Thibeault had everything planned for Natoma. But, alas, a strong wind was predicted in that area. Not to be stopped, a paddling group of four (Colleen missed the picture) went up to Scotts Flat in the frigid weather, but took a look at the whitecaps and retreated.

Stay tuned for next month's adventures. — *Connie Wright*



*The gangs all here  
at Rollins Lake.*

*Good weather, smooth  
paddling and a nice  
cozy spot to eat at the inlet.*



*Photos by Connie Wright*

# More Winter Paddling

*The lunch bunch  
at Rollins*

*"My this beach  
is rocky to  
sit down on"*



*Those SNCKC members are hardy souls,  
they will even try to paddle in cold stormy  
weather at Scotts Flat Lake*

