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## **MEETING INFO**

**Date:** Feb. 26, 2009

**Place:**

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

**Time:** 6:30 Social  
7:00 Meeting

**Program Presentation:**  
Boat-in Camping

**Speaker:** SNCKC members

## **SNCKC Meeting, Thursday, Mar. 26th "Boat-in" Camping**

The camping season is almost here, and it may include many opportunities for "boat-in" camping. Are you wondering how you'll get your tent, sleeping bag/mat, clothing, stove and food into that narrow kayak and what food will you pack, hoping to keep it simple yet tasty?

At the March 26th meeting, three club members with kayak camping experience - Susan Rossman, Diana Abrell, and Colleen Wirth, will show you how. They'll use an actual kayak to demonstrate how to pack equipment, and will bring food items and menu suggestions for the kayak camper.

*The social begins at 6:30, followed by the general meeting at 7:00 p.m.*

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## **SNCKC Successful Collecting for Charity Last December**

For those who were not able to attend the Christmas Party, a kayak load of wrapped gifts donated by party goers went to a local group which supports women coming from difficult or abusive situations. Thanks to all who were able to participate. Here is a note from the Assistant Director. - Lani Brunmeier

*To Each and Every Secret Angel:*

*Your generosity is so very much appreciated. Our Christmas outreach project was a tremendous success and we have already received several phone calls from clients letting us know what a wonderful Christmas they had thanks to you. It got a little hectic just before Christmas, and I apologize to anyone who couldn't get through on the phone or who I may not have returned a call to. Without you we could not have accomplished what we did!*

*Thank you again for helping us help those who needed the help this past year.*

*Rose Johnson, Assistant Director of Women of Worth.*

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### 2009 Trip Schedule

*\*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 Wiegman 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.

# Late Winter Highlights

## ***So the Weather Is Frightful – Some Hardy Members Go It Alone!***

### ***Lake Natoma, February 8th - Not So Bad***

***by Lazlo Privari***

One hardy soul attended the February 8th trip planned, then canceled, to Lake Natoma. The sky was grey, and the forecast indicated wind, and the temperature close to 50 degrees. Laszlo not listening to his voice mail drove to Natoma by 10 am., and found the car-park full of trucks and cars with Huki race kayaks, single and double outriggers, stand on top kayaks, etc. A large group of approx. 40-50 people were present and went off from the dam towards the bridge.

Having not seen any of the SNCKC members, I decided to just go out myself, but in the company of all those racers. The water was calm to start with and halfway to the bridge I felt the wind pick up, which created waves. On my return trip the waves were pushed by the wind for about 45 minutes up to 9-12” on depth. It was a good exercise through half way back, when I passed the stand-up race kayak that had a hard time with the wind. Crossing the lake I suddenly felt the wind drop, and the waves were back to 2-3”, which was welcome at the end. It never rained, and it was a good day for all, except for those who decided not to come. Keep on paddling! – *Laszlo*



### ***Engelbright Lake, February 21st - All By Myself***

***by Dave Bishop***

Not snowbound, or cold, or windy, nor busy, not that Scotts Flat Lake would have been busy, but with three out of four negative attributes. Englebright was an acceptable substitute paddling destination. It was either there or not get out on the water at all, and I was primed to go paddling. Might as well have had the lake all to myself there were so few fishermen. It was a good day for kayaking, and the air was still, and it was mostly bright and sunny.

However, I was very disappointed to find the falls, the area we have come to refer to as “the Grotto,” only running at about half of its ideal, picturesque, volume. After all the precip we’d had in the last several days, its many rivulets should have been cascading down over the emerald green rocks in a striking array. My exclamatory “Oh Phooey!” (or words to that effect) would have easily been heard over the pitiful pitter-patter of the paltry falls. So I muttered, “If you think I’m going to take a picture or you today, you’re sadly mistaken,” and headed back to the launch ramp. It was a good paddle, even though it was solo and not exciting. – *Dave, the Ark*

# More Winter Paddling at Folsom

## **FOOLIN' AROUND ON FLOSON**

*by Dave Bishop*

Ten pairs of legs, no pairs exactly alike, hanging off a dock in a tight row, ten mouths devouring about everything from soup to nuts, ten SNCKC paddlers enjoying a lunch break after a couple hours on the glassy surface of Folsom Lake. February 28th, and with the area's rainfall at about 78% of normal for this time of year, there were in some places, a hundred yards or more of sandy lake bottom to border the present shoreline; certainly that much to drive over to where we parked our cars by the water's edge. It was either a partly cloudy or a partly sunny day (your choice) with no breeze, and quite warm for February. Despite the low water level there is still a lot of lake surface, and though we paddled for perhaps four hours, we only covered the west end of the lake. Some of us inadvertently got too close to the dam and were shooed out of the restricted area by a voice on a PA system. Quite a number of fishing boats puttering around and a few very noisy jet skis and "hot" boats but none of which bothered more than our ears, fortunately. We had a good paddle, and our thanks to Ron and Lani for organizing the outing.



*A beautiful day on Folsom Lake – The SNCKC gang and Panda too!*

*Photos by Connie Wright*