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MEETING INFO

Date: May 28, 2009

Place:

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

Time: 6:30 Social
7:00 Meeting

Program Presentation:
Proper Trip Planning

Speaker: Garth Schmeck
Penguin Paddlers

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(before the 15th
of the month)

SNCKC Meeting, Thursday, May 28th Trip Planning

This month's meeting starts the warm weather paddling season with a discussion of trip planning and related opportunities.

The featured speaker is Garth Schmeck, owner of Penguin Paddlers. Garth is a knowledgeable, professional kayaker and an entertaining speaker, guaranteeing that he'll get the kayak juices flowing.

We are inviting any member of the Penguin Paddlers and the Sacramento Sea Kayakers, to share in this presentation to enhance our knowledge in planning future trips for our respective Clubs. Bring your trip ideas and comments to help make this a great paddling season.

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

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2009 Trip Schedule

May 23rd Lake Natoma Joe and Diana Abrell 273.3095

May 29th, 30th & 31st — Butt Lake Marlee Chamberlin 530-272-4804

New Schedule for Summer- Winter 2009 coming soon

Members with trip suggestions or who have an additional trip they would like to schedule and lead may contact Ron Brunmeier at (530) 274-9550 or e-mail him at tigertail@theunion.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.

Clear Lake Camping Trip

Clear Lake ... A New Adventure Every Time

by Dave Bishoop



A way out there in the middle of the lake a brisk north wind has stirred up some pretty good white caps. From our campsite's little beach there comes a steady kersplash, kersplash, kersplash as 8 -10" wavelets arrive and retreat. It's about 2:30 Friday and after the drive over from Grass Valley, I am looking forward to doing some paddling, but not all by myself with the wind and water acting up. Later, after some snacks and a little supper, the wind has died down significantly, and out I go to scout the intended destinations for Saturday's paddling. The three sloughs on the schedule to be visited are right where we left them the last time we were here. Good. In fact very good, because although the lake level is up, we could actually paddle under the footbridge which crosses Old Kelsey Creek, something which we could not do last time.

Sarah Dearing arrived at our campsite at Clearlake State Park about 10:15 Saturday morning, followed shortly by Chris and Wendy. We paddled to the dead end of the tree and brush lined slough named Old Kelsey Creek, seeing a lot of bank fishermen hoping to pull a bass or a crappie out of the still water. We saw a number of turtles sunning themselves on large old limbs protruding from the water. Very shy, most of them dropped into the water with a splash like a rock when we neared. Rounding the point south of the creek's mouth we headed across Soda Bay to look at the springs which give the area its name, then returned to camp for a lunch of hot clam chowder and dessert. Rested and recharged, we then paddled north to explore the upper reaches of present day Kelsey Creek and next, another slough perhaps a quarter mile north of there. Exploring these sloughs was quite different than the lake outings we usually have; narrow, tree lined, channels, quiet. No bath-tub rings here! They are the highlights of a trip to Clearlake.

Having a waterfront campsite was great. Only had to unload boats once and replace them on their vehicles once when ready to leave, not to mention there was a minimum of carrying necessary. The sparkling lights of the houses and traffic way over at the edge of the east side of the lake was spectacular at night. This was an outing you shouldn't have missed, but if you're lucky it may be on the schedule again.. –

Dave, the Ark

Lake Spalding Day Paddle

Impromptu Spalding Paddle

by Connie Wright

Snow-capped mountains, rushing waterfalls, jumping fish, and trees in the water providing shady spots, and water without a ripple.

A happy group of paddlers enjoyed all during a paddle to Lake Spalding on a very sunny Saturday in May. Finding a lunch spot was a bit of a problem due to the lack of flat spots. But the resourceful group finally came through with a place that worked, even though it involved climbing a steep hill, or for some, holding on to kayaks in the water while they ate.

A great time was had by all. And so peaceful due to the lack of motor boats. Mike and Viv Tipton led the unscheduled paddle, inviting people a few days ahead. More than 15 eager paddlers showed up on short notice!



Looking at the waterfall

Paddling a very full Lake Spalding



Photos by Connie Wright

More Spalding Paddling, Cont'd.



*Above: Chris Takes a Dip at the Waterfall
Brrrr that was cold!*

*Top Left : Light Winds & Good Weather
at Spalding*

*Middle Left: Emergency stop to help get
Chris's boat upright and dry*

*Lower Left: Kayaking around
the waterfall*

Photos by Robin Hart