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MEETING INFO

Date: October 22, 2009

Place:

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

Time: 6:30 Social
7:00 Meeting

Program Presentation:
"Channel Islands"

Speaker: John Terry

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(before the 15th
of the month)

SNCKC Meeting, Thursday, October 22nd "Channel Islands" with John Terry

Our Meeting for October is a "Channel Islands" slide presentation by John Terry from the Sacramento Sea Kayakers. John is a very experienced kayaker who travels far and wide to interesting places. The last time he introduced us to the Lake Powell, which motivated our group to do a similar trip last Spring. I wonder what excitement he has in his goody bag for us this time? I am sure it will be an interesting evening to look forward to. Welcome John again to our Club. Social time is at 6:30pm and meeting starts at 7:00pm. Bring some finger food to share.

Photo by Chris Crain

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Summer - Fall 2009 Trip Schedule

October 31 Englebright - *Leader TBD*

November 7 Lake Oroville Forebay - *Brunmeier's 274-9550*

November 21 Lake Natoma Pot Luck - *Abrell's 273-3095*

New Trip Schedule Coming Soon for Winter 2009 and Spring 2010

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.

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Lake Wildwood Paddle

Lake Wildwood Paddle/Barbeque

by Connie Wright

A long trail of paddlers (27) circled Lake Wildwood in several groups on September 19, all enjoying the late summer weather and lack of heavy motorboat activity. Following the paddle, the group enjoyed a barbeque with an ample supply of salads, side dishes and many desserts.

Several in the group delved into the game of patanque, which involves sending a small ball down the right track. The game was first introduced by Bill and Chris Cason, and has caught on quickly for recreation at campouts.

Many stayed at the picnic site until the lights came on, enjoying the warm evening and great conversation.



Photos by Connie Wright

Pyramid Lake Campout Paddle



Photos by Patrick Smith

Pyramid Lake Trip Report *By Diana and Joe Abrell*

Eight Club members camped and paddled at Pyramid Lake the weekend of October 9-11, and five **E**other Club members made day trips to paddle during the day on either Friday or Saturday. The camp area originally intended, the Willows, was scheduled to receive 150 boy scouts and a few dozen leaders and fathers that weekend so we, of course, decided to choose another area. The area we eventually chose, Warriors Point, turned out to be excellent. It was right on the water, grassy, and very clean. It was probably better for fall weather camping than the Willows site. No one else was camped within 1/4 mile of us and an adjoining level area of mixed grass and sand provided a great Petanque court. It was sunny all weekend with days in the high 60's+ and nights in the 40's. Big campfires and lots of good food helped us survive the weekend.

So, did we find time to paddle? Yes, both Friday and Saturday. Pyramid, which is as fickle as Tahoe, provided interesting paddles both days. On Friday we paddled north from our campsite along the west shore. It was windy in the morning on the way to where we ate lunch, with the paddle after lunch back to our campsite being as smooth as you could imagine. In contrast to what we expected, the wind essentially died around noon.

On Saturday we experienced the opposite. Saturday morning we drove to Popcorn, near the southwest end of the lake, and paddled south and east along the shore around the southwest end to a beach toward the east side of the lake. During lunch on the beach, the wind began increasing. Not to be panicked, we sprawled in the sun on the beach for an extended lunch. After lunch we paddled a bit further east, but, as the wind kept increasing, we finally decided to head back to our launch site. We arrived back at the launch site about 3:30p, loaded up and drove back to our campsite for an exhilarating game of Petanque, which ended in a tie, before dinner. All in all a great weekend which even exceeded the hopes of the leaders.

Pyramid Lake Campout Paddle Cont'd



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