

# The DDRC Current News

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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION** of articles, announcements, events, trips, etc. is the 1st Thursday of the month. It is on a come first served basis therefore sooner is better.

**DDRC BOARD MEETINGS** are held every second Tuesday of the month - **6:30 PM @ Enchilada's** (directions on back of newsletter). All members are welcome to attend to learn more about club business.

**DDRC Welcomes New Members  
David Belcher  
& Bill Smith!**

## MARCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Rich Grayson made a motion to have our TRPA donation given in memory of the late Wayne Robinson.

Pat announced 50-50 raffle for May meeting.

Beth Burgeson volunteered to man DDRC booth for Plano earth day April 19.

Bryan Jackson and Pat Chamberlain volunteered to work DDRC table at Galyan's paddleday event March 22.

Rand is back! and was volunteered by Pat to work Boy Scout booth May 10.

A lot of members showed up for the meeting along with several new people. Many paid up their membership dues. It was a good meeting, very lively!

Thanks to all who volunteered their time. Sam Saloan.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DDRC MAY MEETING** White Rock Lake, Cultural Bath House Center, 7:00 pm; Bring your boats and picnic. There will be a 50 50 raffle.

## Upcoming Events & Trips

**April 11-13 Kiamichi River near Antlers, Ok.** - If you can't get away Easter weekend because of family obligations, why not come out the weekend before and get your "paddle on". Antlers, Ok is only 150 miles North of Dallas making for a quick trip. We will be camping at the K River Campground Friday and Saturday nights. Paddling distance will depend on river flow but plan on around 10 to 15 miles on Saturday with the possibility of a short run Sunday.

For more info goto [www.paddlingpals.com](http://www.paddlingpals.com) or contact Bryan Jackson at email: [foot5236@hotmail.com](mailto:foot5236@hotmail.com)

**April 12 Austin Paddlefest 2003** Town Lake, Festival Beach in Austin [www.austinpaddling.org](http://www.austinpaddling.org)

**April 20 Hidalgo Falls River Festival Hidalgo Falls on the Brazos River Near Navasota, Texas** -

Downriver race/float trip / Slalom race / Whitewater rodeo / Exhibits and demos / Classes. Come Saturday and get Hidalgo Falls access certification. More info at: <http://www-phil.tamu.edu/~sdaniel/festival.html> Directions: <http://www-phil.tamu.edu/~sdaniel/location.html>

### **Easter Weekend:**

**Buffalo River** - Base Camp will be at Tyler Bend Recreational Area at Hwy. 65 on the Buffalo. Contact Marilyn Scholl for details 972-370-5844 email: [gerounsefell@cowtown.net](mailto:gerounsefell@cowtown.net).

**Caddo Lake campout on Goat Island** - Parking at Pine Needle Lodge put-in is \$2.00 per day. Camping is primitive, so bring everything you need with you. Contact Jack Deatherage 972-222-1407 email: [jfd2@prodigy.net](mailto:jfd2@prodigy.net)

**Big Piney Creek or other location(s)** - in northern Arkansas, depending on water flow. Paddling Friday, Saturday, Sunday Whitewater kayaking, experienced only; mainly class II, up to class III. Camp at Long Pool Campground. Some day(s) might pay for shuttle. Alan Tittle: 214-649-5055; [alan.t@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alan.t@sbcglobal.net)

**May 16-18 2003 Illinois River near Tahlequah OK.** - Mark this weekend down on your calendar. The Illinois is one of the most scenic rivers around and this is one of the best times of the year to paddle it. We will be camping at Petyon's Place Friday and Saturday nights and paddling a full day Saturday and a shorter run on Sunday before packing up. For more information, contact Bonnie Haskins 972-254-9672 or Bryan Jackson 214-704-5058 or email Bryan. [Jackson@paddlinpals.com](mailto:Jackson@paddlinpals.com) or go to [WWW.paddlinpals.com](http://WWW.paddlinpals.com)

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If your email address comes back with a mail failure notice, you will be deleted from the recipient list for an electronic copy of the DDRC Current News until we get a request to be added back with a current email address. For reference we get back about 10-15 invalid email addresses each month, so it is a bit of a pain to keep everything up to date.

So if you'd like to get the newsletter electronically, or haven't been getting it and you're wondering why, it's most likely because we don't have your correct email. Send the editor your updated email address at:

Wanda.dietel@classicnet.net

### Meet DDRC Members

If you are interested in telling us about yourself. Send whatever information you would like share about yourself (where and what you paddle, the kids, the dog, where you live, how you pay for your paddling habit, etc.) to me via email preferably with a picture so we'll all know who you are.

As a participant in any DDRC activity, an individual assumes the responsibility of evaluating all inherent risks before participating and assumes any risk of death or injury inherent in the sport. The participant waives claims that may arise against the club, its officers, members, servants, agents and/or trip coordinators, for death or injury to person or property, including claims of vicarious liability and claims arising from civil recklessness or any degree of negligence. Not waived are claims against an individual who causes injury intentionally or with criminal recklessness and claims among driver, owner and passengers of a motor vehicle for injuries.

### TIDBITS OF INFORMATION:

**Boating Safety "Sidekicks" Go Paddling!** : The latest booklet for kids on boating safety will be available in the Spring 2003. Check out the first two booklets Boating Safety "Sidekicks" & Boating Safety "Sidekicks" Go Fishing! or interact and check out the fun online at: [www.boatingsidekicks.com](http://www.boatingsidekicks.com). "Go Paddling is developed in cooperation with the American Canoe Association [www.acanet.org](http://www.acanet.org) & the National Safe Boating Council [www.safeboatingcouncil.org](http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org)

**Beginner's Guide to Paddlesport:** The American Canoe Association [www.acanet.org](http://www.acanet.org) will publish its first **Beginner's Guide to Paddlesport** in the May/June edition of Paddler Magazine.

## About the Buffalo River from [www.buffaloriver.com](http://www.buffaloriver.com)

The Buffalo National River begins as a trickle in the Boston Mountains, where it flows north and then eastward through the Ozark Mountains until it merges 150 miles later with the White River at Buffalo City.

The upper Buffalo, where we're located, offers the river's finest scenic beauty. With its massive, towering bluffs, countless waterfalls, watchable wildlife, ties to both historic and prehistoric cultures, and remote, unspoiled location, the upper Buffalo River wilderness is surely mid-America's finest outdoor destination. In fact, the entire river is such a special place that in 1972, Congress designated it as America's first national river. This unique status protects the Buffalo from commercial or residential development, along with other destructive operations such as damming and gravel mining, thus preserving its scenic beauty and natural wild state forever.

**Floating Season:** The floating season on the upper Buffalo (Ponca to Pruitt) is March through June, with early July floating a possibility on occasion. The Buffalo is primarily dependent upon rainfall for its water level, so once the rains of spring and early summer have passed, so has the chance to float the upper section. (Hiking, however, is great year-round, as is trail riding!)

**River Levels & Safety:** The Buffalo is rated Class I & II, meaning that it is typically suitable for paddlers of most any age and skill level (see Young Children note below). Floating is generally done in canoes, with rafting and kayaking possible when the water level is high enough. In the event of flooding, the National Park Service will close the river to boating.

During the floating season, we monitor and report current river conditions on this Web site daily. Click here for our current Buffalo River & Trail Report, which also gives you helpful information about what paddling skills are necessary to float the river at its present level.

**RIVER SAFETY & YOUNG CHILDREN:** We recommend that children be at least age 4 and able to swim before floating the Buffalo. Consider taking little tykes to one of the pretty local swimming holes (just ask us at the office for directions). We've found that small ones love playing in the sand and splashing about in the calm water's edge rather than taking a long, uncertain canoe ride. If you need help determining if a float trip is right for a child or anyone else in your group, just call us at 1-800-221-5514 or e-mail us a [boc@buffaloriver.com](mailto:boc@buffaloriver.com).

## White Rock Lake Cleanups

Every Second Saturday

While the DDRC doesn't officially conduct White Rock Lake cleanups anymore, that's no reason to not help with ongoing cleanup events. Every second Saturday morning you can show up at Sunset Bay or under the Mockingbird bridge and help with either of the two cleanups that two great organizations are carrying on. Meet new and old friends. Get on the water! Help cleanup your own backyard! Mariner Sails manages the cleanup that begins under the Mockingbird bridge.

See

[http://www.mariner-sails.com/kayaking\\_events.htm](http://www.mariner-sails.com/kayaking_events.htm) for more details.

"For the Love of the Lake" manages the cleanup usually at Sunset Bay/Dixon Branch. See <http://www.whiterocklake.org/flotilla/index.htm> for more details.

Both of the links above are on the home page of the Dallas DownRiver Club at <http://www.down-river.org/>

### Plano Earth Day

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

April 19

Want to get to know your fellow DDRC members? This is a great way for new members to get involved without a big time commitment. We're joining the City of Plano again this year for their Earth Day celebration! The event includes interpretive walks, Master gardeners and naturalists, plant societies, lawn equipment reps, hayrides, other outdoor activity organizations, and a variety of activities for the kids. It is held at Arbor Hills Nature Preserve in west Plano (near Parker and the tollway) on Saturday, April 19 (Easter weekend). Shifts will be approximately 9-11:30 and 11:30-2. Call Beth at 972-422-4973 or email [catinapriorlife@hotmail.com](mailto:catinapriorlife@hotmail.com) if you'd like to help promote paddling and enjoy this Earth Day event at the same time!

### Caddo Lake

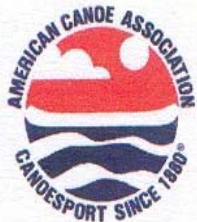
#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

April 26

Hi, My name is Jean Werneke. I am President of the Caddo Lake Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism. The Chamber, along with the Greater Caddo Lake Association, City of Uncertain and Harrison County are sponsoring a lake-wide clean up on April 26th, 9 am to 2 pm. We are looking for volunteers to work on the lake side from boats/canoes/kayaks etc. Your names were brought to my attention and I wondered if you would be prepared to assist us. You could work on any part of the lake you prefer. We are organizing groups of people to work road side too. We would be extremely grateful for any help you could give us. if interested contact Jean Werneke by email at: [werneke@prysm.net](mailto:werneke@prysm.net).

Sincerely,  
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## On Going Events, Classes & Instruction

**Saturday Night Kayak Polo:** When: Saturday nights, 7:30 PM through April ?

Where: The Colony Aquatic Center in The Colony, TX. Take Plano Pkwy. to Hwy. 121, then north on Paige Rd. to North Colony Blvd. Go east (right) about 3 blocks, look for Aquatic Center near fire station on north side of road. Mapsco 554-G Cost: \$5.00 per person. Contact David Lamb, Email: David.Lamb@arl.siemens.com

**Don Rodenbaugh Natatorium City of Allen Facility:** Friday and Saturday Intro. To Kayaking and Kayak Roll Clinic - April 25 & 26

**Baylor – Tom Landry Fitness Center:** Tuesday and Thursday Evenings, Introduction To Kayaking and Private Lessons - Sunday Afternoons, Kayak Roll Clinic and Private Lessons

**Arnie Blatt's Famous Friday Night Roll Clinic at the Colony Aquatic Center:** One more season of Kayak/Canoe classes There will be assistance in basic instruction and roll sessions for those inclined. Come on out and practice, visit, vent your frustrations, drown your sorrows, but make it look like an accident. Every Friday night thru April 12th. The cost this year will be \$4.00 per session or prepay \$15.00 for 5 sessions, all proceeds going to the pool. Official pool time is 7:30 - 9:30pm.

**Beginner Kayak Orientation or Re-Orientation:** May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>; San Marcos River June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> (follow up or re-schedule); Destination TBA September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>; San Marcos River or other TBA Basic safety, self rescue, strokes; perhaps some surfing. Alan Tittle 214-649-5055 Alan.T@sbcglobal.net  
www.circuitriderelectronics.com

**Every Wednesday:** DDRC Roll, Paddle, and Rescue sessions from 5:00 pm to dark at Lake Grapevine, Rockledge Park. The Park is located at the northwest side of the dam (off the other side of the road from the spillway). For more information call Keith Smith (940) 566-4869 or email The DDRC Wedn evening roll, paddle, and rescue practice starts this Wedn, after work (about 5- 5:30pm) at Rockledge park, Lake Grapevine, and will continue every wednesday evening, same place same time....call Keith Smith for info (940) 566-4869 or email keith\_ccw@hotmail.com

**Monthly Urban Paddle and Potluck Adventure:** Looking for a place to paddle? Looking for other people to paddle with? Looking for something to do on a Saturday morning? Then this event is for you! Come explore paddling venues around the D/FW area with us on the last Saturday of each month. We'll meet at the designated place at 9 a.m., paddle for a couple hours, then have a potluck lunch. What to bring: you and your friends, boats, paddles, pfd's, potluck offering to feed your group plus a few more.

April 26: Trinity River at McKinnish Park in Carrollton off Sandy Lake Road and I-35. Meet at the boat ramp at 9 AM If interested contact Pat Chamberlain at pchamberlain29@hotmail.com (972) 727-3586, or Phil Lang at phil\_lang@sbcglobal.net (214) 564-9628.

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## Spring 2003 TCRA Race Schedule

Apr 12 Austin Outdoor Gear & Guidance Paddfest 8 mi. & Sprints Town Lake, Austin Lee Deviney 512-306-8058  
txpaddler@aol.com Web: <http://www.kayaktexas.com>

Apr 12 Longhorn Sladeo Whitewater slalom Colorado River Park, Austin Ben Kvanli 512-392-9910 benkvanli@aol.com

April 13 Hidalgo Falls River Festival Marathon, Whitewater Slalom 7 miles Hidalgo Falls, Brazos River, Navasota Steve Daniel sdaniel@philosophy.tamu.edu Web: <http://philosophy.tamu.edu/~sdaniel/hf-fest2.html>

April 26 USCA Regional Championship Marathon 8 miles Brazos River, Sealy Grady Hicks 713-453-5071 gte-hicks@worldnet.att.net

April 26 The Eagle Classic Marathon 14.5 miles Colorado River, Lake Buchanan Cody Ackermann 512-303-5073 x.8008 Cody.Ackermann@lcra.org

May 3 Buffalo Bayou Regatta Marathon 15 miles Buffalo Bayou, Houston Gretchen Ferguson 713-752-0314 <http://www.buffalobayou.org>

May 3 The Texas River Marathon AKA The Prelim Marathon 45 miles Guadalupe River, Cuero to Victoria TWS 512-357-6863 tws@austin.rr.com Web: <http://www.texaswatersafari.org>

May 3 Rockport KayakO'Rama Marathon 10 miles Aransas Bay, Rockport Ed Hegen 361-729-2328 ed.hegen@tpwd.state.tx.us  
May 17 Dupont Swingin' Bridge to Seadrift Canoe Race Marathon 34 mi. Guadalupe River, Dupont Safari checkpoint to Seadrift TWS 512-357-6863 tws@austin.rr.com Web: <http://www.texaswatersafari.org>

May 31-Jun 1 TX State Unlimited Championships Marathon 25 & 43mi. San Marcos River, Staples to Palmetto SP Cindy Meurer 512-469-1630 cindy\_meurer@hotmail.com

Jun 14-18 Texas Water Safari Marathon 260 mi. San Marcos and Guadalupe Rivers, San Marcos to Seadrift TWS 512-357-6863 tws@austin.rr.com Web: <http://www.texaswatersafari.org>

Taken from the Texas Canoe Racing Association website: <http://www.txcanoeracing.org/>

## What is the TCRA???

The **Texas Canoe Racing Association** ("TCRA") is a statewide club for persons interested in the sport of marathon canoe and kayak racing.

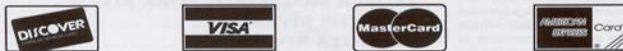
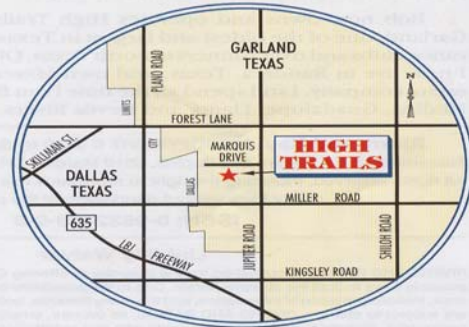
**HISTORY:** In 1971 a group of canoe paddlers with an interest in canoe and kayak racing joined together and formed the **TCRA**. During the last 28 years the organization has grown to one of the largest canoe clubs in the state with more than 170 members. The club is now recognized as the voice for canoe racing in Texas and its members have gained national recognition. Each year the **TCRA** participates in approximately 20 canoe races and the **TCRA** sponsors the **Texas State Canoe Racing Marathon Championships**.



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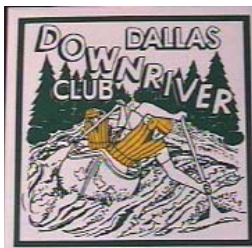
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Receipts		
New Memberships	\$37.00	
Renewals	\$220.00	
Raffle Income	\$113.00	
Total Collections	\$370.00	
Disbursements		
Mar Newsletter	\$129.25	
Raffle Merchandise	1,097.52	
Website Domain	190.00	
Name Registration		
Balance due to USCA	199.00	
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Total Expenses	1,615.77	
Sub Total	\$4,944.37	\$1,615.77
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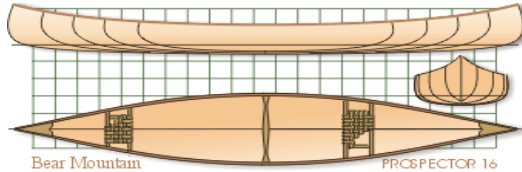
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**April 2003 Meeting**  

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**Thursday 7:00 PM**  
**April 17**  
**Enchilada's Restaurant**  
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