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KNIK CANOERS AND KAYAKERS

OCTOBER 23 GENERAL MEETING

WE ARE BACK AT THE LIBRARY FOR ALL FUTURE MEETINGS!

We will have two great presentations:

Float Hunting Alaska's Wild Rivers

Listen to two decades of experience on the best techniques for float hunting in our Grand state. Michael Strahan will give an overview of his new book at the Knik Canoers & Kayakers October meeting. *Float Hunting Alaska's Wild Rivers* is five books in one, with sections on river rescue and floating, hunting strategies, gear and equipment, an extensive river overview section and comprehensive pre-trip planning advice.

Come and grab some autographed copies as Christmas presents.

Chris Batin says the book is "The finest how-to, where-to-go manual for float hunting Alaska's remote rivers, written authoritatively by Mike Strahan, the world's foremost expert on float hunting." Chris Batin, Contributing Writer, *Outdoor Life* magazine and award-winning author of *Hunting in Alaska: A Comprehensive Guide to Alaska's Hunting*.

The next speaker is going to be a surprise (mainly because we don't know who it is yet). Come and be surprised!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

IMPORTANT NOTE: GENERAL MEETINGS ARE BACK AT THE LIBRARY.

2008 Calendar

OCT 2008

7..... KCK Board Meeting 6:30PM
.....AVEC 4831 Eagle

23 General Membership Meeting, 7:00PM, Loussac Library

NOV 2008

4..... KCK Board Meeting 6:30PM
.....BP Energy Center

20 Thanksgiving Potluck General Membership Meeting, 6:00PM, Russian Jack Park Pavilion

Eddyline notes available at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KCK_Alaska/ and KCK.org

Have you pictures you want to share regarding a trip you made? The newsletter sometimes has room. Share your story with millions, thousands, hundreds. Some things you may want to include:

- Where you went and when
- The size of the group
- Any particular service providers you found extremely useful and reliable.
- Any tips you want to offer.
- Bright pictures print best.
- Send to the Eddyline Editor for publication.

Summary of KCK 10/7/08 Board Meeting

Board members present were Kathy Luchsinger, Jim Davis, and Marv Copley. Non Board member attendees included Richard Sepersky and Alden Worachek.

- At the prior Board meeting the Board accepted the resignation of Alden Worachek due to other pressing responsibilities. The Board thanked Walden for his contributions. Alden agreed to maintain check writing responsibilities and prepare the year end financial statements.
- Minutes from the last Board meeting were accepted by the Board.
- Marv raised the issue of attracting potential instructors for the beginning sea kayaking class in return for funding a portion of their ACA advanced sea kayaking instructor certification. The club is trying to expand the club instructor base. At this point the Board is only soliciting an indication of interest from anyone interested. Marv will find out the facts concerning the certification courses.
- The Board especially wanted to thank Jim Gonski for stepping up to teach the Sea Kayak and IK class, Eric Downey and Jim King for the rafting class and Marv Copley for coordinating the Safety Class. Several members that historically had done this have left the state.
- The Board had expected to hold discussions with Sam Steele, who indicated a desire to have the club sponsor a Pacraft class in the spring. He indicated that, through an email sent out through the Eddyline, several people indicated an interest in taking this type of class. Sam emailed mid day on the day of the Board meeting that he would be unable to attend the meeting. The Board indicated he would be welcome to address a future meeting. Eric Downey indicated a willingness to organize the class. The Board has not decided whether to organize the class and seek instructors or seek a commercial vendor to teach the class.
- The November Thanksgiving Potluck was discussed. The Potluck will be held on November 20 at the Russian Jack Park Chalet. The club provides Turkey, Ham sodas, plates and silverware. Club members are asked to bring a potluck. This important meeting is also when the new Board is elected, volunteering opportunities are discussed and members provide some ideas regarding what activities and what direction the club should take.

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Knik Canoes and Kayakers is an Anchorage-based non-profit volunteer organization with members throughout Alaska and beyond. The club offers information, classes, programs and trips for whitewater and sea kayakers, canoeists and rafters. The club also promotes and represents the interests of paddle sports in Alaska.
Eddyline article submissions:
Stories may be submitted to the Eddyline editor: Richard Sepersky at

Display advertising:
Contact Richard Sepersky

New Member? Sign up for the Eddyline list server. This is where members share ideas, people ask for partners to go on trips, and where people ask for advice and information. It is a great online communications device. www.kck.org Also check out http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KCK_Alaska/ This site has a list of historical emails and other useful information.

Board and Contacts:

President: Kathy Luchsinger

VP/Secretary: Eric Downey

Alt. Secretary: Luci Davis

Other Board members:

- Jim Davis
- Marv Copley

Non Board Contacts

Membership:
Charlene Carter

Eddyline Editor:
Richard Sepersky

Program Coordinator:
Eric Downey (Info above)

Checkwriter: Alden Worachek

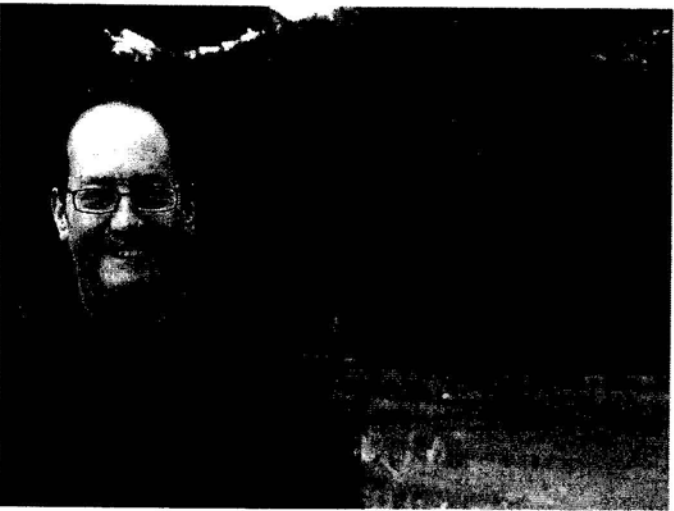
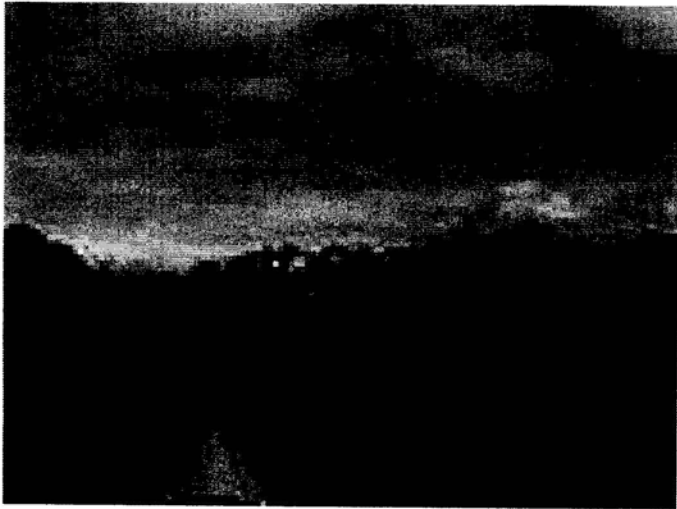
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Terry Kelly

WANTED- NEW BOARD MEMBERS!! Are you ~~Bored~~ Board Material? It may be too late to run for the President of the United States but it is not too late to run for the KCK Board!!!!
NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

At the November General meeting, Board members are elected. It doesn't take much time but it does take a great love of water sports, a desire to help improve the sport and an opinion. If you would like to get an idea of what being a KCK Board member is like, you are welcome to speak with any of the current Board. You are also welcome to attend any Board meeting. The next Board meeting is Nov 4 at 6:30PM at the BP Energy Center. Join in! You will not be bored!

Board Meetings are held during most non summer months the first Tuesday of the month at the BP Energy center at 6:30PM

Be sure to thank all the instructors and volunteers that stepped forward to make the KCK a success this year! Without people like that, the club could not exist. Interested in helping do something? Contact any Board member.



Here are some pictures of Aialik Bay Trip. Thanks Dan S. for the pictures! The group of 6 went in July on a 6 day trip. Weather cooperated and there did not appear to be any work being done at Petterson Lagoon. Watch out for the wildlife!

Interested in PacRaft Class?

The club has been asked to investigate offering a PacRaft class next spring. If you have an interest in supporting the effort, please contact Eric Downy:

- Instructors
- Pacrafts
- Teaching materials or ideas

-If you are interested in taking the course contact Sam at . Sam will report the number of interested parties to the Board.

It's that time of year again! Membership Renewal Time!

Advantages of membership include:

- This Pulitzer Prize winning newsletter
- Summer BBQs (Free Food!!)
- The chance to take classes and learn new stuff
- Annual Member list
- Interesting presentations
- Safety Meeting
- Club sponsored trips
- Door prizes
- Holiday Potluck at Thanksgiving
- List Server
- Discounts many outfitters, instructors and cabins
- Safety Reminders
- Trip Planning
- Opportunity to meet others!
- A chance to volunteer or join the Board
- A chance to volunteer to help out at classes
- The chance to feel good about helping pay for all this!

Renew Now! Your renewal will expire in December 2009!

Thanksgiving Potluck: The Potluck and November General Meeting will be at the **Russian Jack Park Chalet on Nov 20 at 6PM.** (Come 30 minutes early if you want to help set up.) KCK provides Ham, Turkey and utensils. Members bring side dishes. Come, eat and vote for the new Board.

