



The Paddle

Winter 2014

<http://www.masondixoncanoeclub.com/>

Happy New Year !

Some of the coldest weather we have had in decades and the MDCC message board still trickles with pickup trips.

A big "thank you" completed with fist bumps, high fives, and handshakes to our outgoing President John Enagonio. John has led the club for 2 years and a member for over 10 years. His efforts have been crucial in the negotiation, education, and organization of the Harpers Ferry river access issues and solutions.

And please welcome the first ever female MDCC President, Bonnie Watson Wisdom. Bonnie has been a MDCC member since 2011 and this is her first officer position...straight to the top!

Welcome some new blood to the MDCC board of Directors. Beth Zeilinski and Cathy Boyd both are active and new to the club. Cathy is also taking the role of Pool Session Coordinator.



John Enagonio MDCC President 2011-2013



Bonnie Wisdom New MDCC President

2014 MDCC BOD and Officers

Congratulations to officers and board members of MDCC for your election / reelection to serve for the upcoming year. Your commitment helps make for a stronger club that keeps paddling enthusiasts connected to each other, encourages safety and skills advancement, and acts as a resource to protect the Harpers Ferry area as a recreational resource. In addition to those listed here, Dan Eigenbrode will head up newsletter / membership, and Chuck Davis will chair Stewardship.

Your 2014 Officers:

Bonnie Watson Wisdom, President
Earl Baer, Vice President
Sheila Chapelle, Secretary
Keith Unger, Treasurer

Your 2014 Board of Directors:

Merrill Pearson	Vitas Eidukevicius	Beth Zeilinski	Ron Shanholtz
Chuck Davis	Bobby Miller	Cathy Boyd	John Enagonio.

Your 2014 Volunteers *(excluding trip coordinators, instructors, etc)*:

Thursday Night Paddle (TNP) Tsar: Bonnie Watson Wisdom
Pool Session Coordinator: Cathy Boyd
Web Master: Vitas Eidukevicius and Chuck Davis

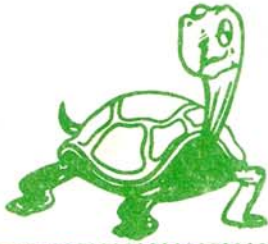


Keith Lefler in the Tim Gavin race

Ron Shanholtz Reprint

Blast from the past. The next page is a copy from the 1974 DC Club's newsletter of a reprint of Ron's article from MDCC "The Paddle". Note typewriter print and the important safety message it projects. Do you know a Jim Novice ? Certainly the river has not changed much, but Ron addresses that in another article. I will share that with you next newsletter. You may need to zoom in a little to read.

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Canoe Cruisers Association
of Greater Washington D.C.

Chairman : John Seabury Thomson
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September 1974



THE WHITEWATER RIVER - FRIEND OR FOE?

I am the river. I am mighty and powerful, yet also, at times, meek and timid. I have a friend. His name is Joe Experienced Canoeist. He respects my power and is familiar with my currents. He is a strong swimmer, yet wears his life jacket. He wears his wet suit when paddling my cold water in winter, spring and fall. Joe Experience and I play together often. He slides skillfully down my rapids. I playfully upset him once in a while but Joe knows to place his feet downstream and ward off my boulders. Joe helps others to learn more about me so that they too can become my friends.

I also have an enemy. His name is Jim Novice Canoeist. If he travels with my friend Joe, he also becomes my friend. But if he ventures upon me alone or with others of his kind he is my enemy.

He shows no respect for my power. He does not realize how easily I can overcome him. He has not become familiar with me.

I have set my traps for him. I will lure him to my bend with an easy smooth current. When he rounds my bend, it will be too late. I will hurl him over my waterfall and smash him and his canoe against my boulders.

If this does not get him I have many other traps. I can topple a tree into my current. The innocent looking branches will upset his canoe when I give him a shove with my fast current. My current can travel through the branches but his canoe will crash helplessly into them.

My boulder trap usually works best. I swing his canoe sideways with my current. Then I shove his boat against a boulder and he upsets. As he washes downstream I push him ahead of his boat. His puny body tries to clutch my boulder but then I shove his canoe against him and show him my powerful force as I crush him against the boulder.

So beware if you are like Jim Novice, but come see me often if you are like Joe Experience, and we will spend many enjoyable hours together.

Ron Shanholtz

(From The PADDLE, May/June 1974)

Name that Rapid !



First to post the correct answer on the designated thread for this (thread titled "Name that rapid" started by DanE) wins something at the banquet. Photo taken downstream by Dan E from the river right,.

Mark your Calendar !

MDCC Banquet

Saturday, February 22, 2014

6:00 pm (church open at 5:30)

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
64 South Main Street, Boonsboro, MD 21713

Pot Luck. Bring a dish to share. MDCC will supply soda, ice, cups, plates, plastic/paper ware.

Enter from the rear parking lot. Door prizes for most everyone and great food. A couple of short videos will be shown with MDCC members as the stars. Refer to the message board for more details.

Awards will be given....please submit your awardees' name to Bonnie Wisdom soon and be prepared to present it. Contact: Bonnie bonniewisdom.np@gmail.com

MDCC Pool Sessions

Sunday mornings **March 9, 16, 23, and 30**

8:00am to 10:00am

Hagerstown YMCA 1100 Eastern Blvd N

Free volunteer instruction. Equipment not provided by MDCC, but members can provide extra gear with prior notification. Arrive early. (*please note the earlier time, the YMCA now has a 10:30 open swim*)

No pre-registration required. Must be an MDCC member. Annual membership fee \$10. \$15 per member per session. See last page of newsletter on how to join. Please fill out application in advance and bring with your fee to the banquet or first pool session.

Refer to message board for updates. Or contact Cathy Boyd cboydcdm@msn.com

Trips 2014

Need trip coordinators for the 2014 schedule. Contact any officer to schedule your trip! You don't necessarily have to be the leader, just wanting to paddle. Pick your day, your river, and the rest will come together. You can also just pick a date and make the trip a Dealers Choice based on what is running closer to the time.

[Check the message board and schedule for updates on all MDCC events and trips.](#)

<http://www.masondixoncanooclub.com/viewforum.php?f=3>



Nancy blasts into Squirtland



Jamie G takes the "boof" line at Bull Falls during the Tim Gavin Race

Editor's Notes

If you have an old photo to share, please send to me. I would like to include older (and new) photos in the newsletter. Trip reports are nice, too. dankayakbike@yahoo.com

JOIN ! RENEW !

MDCC annual dues have always been \$10.00 per household !!!

Send in your membership dues and forms soon! Banquet and pool sessions just around the corner! Go here for the info to do so:

<http://www.masondixoncanoecclub.com/MDCC/Join.html>

See you on the river in 2014!

Mason Dixon Canoe Cruisers



Melius vivit qui remigat

Who paddles lives better