

The DDRC Current News

Newsletter of the Dallas Downriver Club—Visit our website at www.down-river.org

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Special points of interest:

- The Deadline for next month's newsletter is December 30th. Contact Fred Crowley 972-867-2626, oldwolf@airmail.net
- Please send articles, upcoming trips, boating tips and information.
- DDRC board meetings are held every second Thursday. All members are welcome to attend to learn more about club business. Contact club President Alan Tittle at 972-727-3586 or ATatDDRC@aol.com for time and location.

HEY FOLKS!!!!!! DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY/MEETING

The December meeting - **Thursday, Dec. 20, 7PM** will be at Don Hughes' home for the second year.

**7249 Elm Ridge,
Dallas 75240.**

Please bring a pot luck dish.
We need volunteers to help prepare the meat. The club will provide meat and non-alcoholic beverages.

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FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING,
YOU'LL MISS THE CHRISTMAS
PARTY AT DON HUGHES – 20 DEC!!!**



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DDRC Officer Nominations are Being Solicited

DDRC officer nominations are upon us. Lots of opportunities to get involved in running the club. This is a **fun** group - this is an opportunity spread your wings, gain some experience, and of course have some **fun!!!** Please make your wished known at the December Party.

The First Lady of DDRC

(a.k.a Pat Tittle, a.k.a Paulette Bunyon,)

For the results of these efforts, nobly supervised by Lige in the background, go to page 6.



TWO BOATS TO BE RAFFLED AT THE DECEMBER 20 MEETING!

The Dallas Down River Club is holding a raffle for two boats, a tandem touring canoe and a whitewater kayak, generously donated by two DDRC members. Tickets are \$2 each and the drawing will be held at the Holiday DDRC meeting Dec. 20. Tickets are currently available to purchase by reservation, pending payment, and will also be available to purchase at the holiday meeting prior to the drawing. The boats will be available for personal viewing/inspection at the December 20 meeting. For those who would like to purchase tickets prior to the meeting, please contact Alan Tittle at (972) 727-3586 or ATatDDRC@aol.com with your contact information: name, phone, number of tickets wanted, and boat preference. Tickets will be reserved in your name pending receipt of payment by **Dec. 15**. You will receive your ticket numbers when you call or via return e-mail. Your tickets will be added to the 'pot' once payment is received. Send payment to:

DDRC Boat Raffle
P.O.Box 820246
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RAFFLE TERMS AND CONDITIONS fine print:

Boats will be raffled separately from the monthly raffle. All tickets purchased will go into one pot. The first winner may select the boat of their choice. If there is no known choice the canoe shall be awarded first.

Mailed payments must be received at the P.O. Box by December 15. We accept no responsibility for any money delayed or lost in the mail, except to refund payments received late.

The boats will be at the Dec. 20 meeting for viewing and should the winner be in attendance delivery will be made then.

Members will vote on how to use raffle proceeds. Presence at time of drawing is not required to win.

However, the winners will be responsible to either take the boat with them if they are present or arrange to pick up their boat from Alan Tittle.

Both boats are pre-owned and are raffled as is.

Raffle 1:

Canoe, touring -

Contributed by Wayne Sanaghan

- 16' Yankee Rebel, Tandem Fiberglass, Yellow, aluminum gunnels and thwarts, padded seats
- Excellent condition, although there is one spot that can use some touchup
- 4 wood paddles included in 3 lengths; one long, one short, two medium
- Tie down kit for roof mounting

Raffle 2:

Kayak, whitewater -

Contributed by Paul Juma

- Prijon Invader, Purple
- Excellent condition, Back brace has some sun damage
- Werner paddle included
- Front and rear float bags
- Spray skirt is NOT included

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JANUARY 1
ONLY \$20**

please make it easy on our treasurer by being on time. Check out the web-page for membership details

**ESKIMO ROLL
SESSIONS**


Further details at the December meeting.

The pool at The Colony will be available to us beginning either January 18 or 25 and going through April 12. With the exception of one Friday in March.

Open 7-7:30 til 9:00 and admission is \$3per person.

A new instructor is needed this year for instruction, if we are to provide a formal 3 or 4 week class. There is also a need every week for volunteers to help out and provide boats for newcomers to the sport.

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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

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We Have Mail!

An e-mail from Pat & Lewis Bayers, former DDRC members now living in New Port Richey, Florida

“Hi,
 Hope all is going well with you and that you're getting some paddling done. We have been doing as much paddling as possible. Sometimes my sister goes with me during the week when she is off work .

The manatees are coming into the rivers now and I have had about 100 sightings since our last trip out with my sister in Crystal River. I have signed up to do some manatee research and will be going to classes soon. This is great because we can do the work in our canoe.

Last Saturday, we paddled the Withalacochee River. There is a wonderful canoe base/livery service that we got a shuttle from. They held

a country music fest that day, so we enjoyed that after our paddle. Here is a trip report of one of the highlights for your entertainment:

Bambi's Revenge: We were paddling the Withalacochee River, located in central Florida (waaaaay out in the country) last Saturday. Around every bend were pretty good size gators. They say that for every one that you see, there are ten more that you don't. The bold ones stay on the banks while the other more shy ones swiftly glide under the water. We heard some gunshots and then saw deer hunters up on one of the highway bridges, getting into their pick up truck. We hoped that the rest of the hunters would not be near the river where we were paddling because we did not know that there was deer hunting going on and did not want to be a target.

Bambi's Revenge continued on P5



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Bambi's Revenge

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Anyway, about an hour later, we came upon a huge bull alligator, relaxing in the sunshine. It was about as long as our canoe. (Our boat is 17 feet, 9 inches long!). About 100 yards downstream, we saw two men in the water, appearing to be skinny dipping. We wondered why they would be in the water in gator-infested territory. One of them inquired "Hey - do you have an anchor?" I thought he was crazy and asked if he had lost his - I did not see any boats around. I heard there was a prison nearby and did not want to think the worst. He said that they "bagged an 8 point buck and were taking it across the river when it sank to the bottom." They were

trying to drag the bottom to locate the carcass.

Well, I have been reading up on gators lately and learned that they kill their food by drowning it and then leaving it underwater until it rots. They then return for a feast. I do not like hunting of any kind, so I did not feel any sympathy for the hunters. As we kept paddling downstream, I thought of the large gator only a football field away. Would he smell the blood and go for the easy meal? Since I don't read the local newspaper regularly, I don't know if any hunters were missing last week, but maybe I'll buy a copy this week."

Useful Recipes that Your Mother Probably Never Taught You

BEAR

Meat from the Brown, Grizzly or Polar Bear is usually rich, tender, and delicious, especially if the animal is under 3 years of age. Meat from older animals generally needs to be tenderized by marinating it for at least 24 hours - this is a pain!

Bears killed just before hibernation period are fat from gorging on berries, roots, or fish. The gamy flavour that some people find objectionable is concentrated in the fat. Therefore the fat needs to be trimmed from the meat before cooking. The meat should always be cooked until it is well-done to kill any trichinae that may be present. This danger is always present if the meat is pink or rare -be warned, this is worse than Montezuma's Revenge!

Bear fat is excellent for pastry-making, provided it is rendered first otherwise it will turn rancid even when frozen. Rancid bear fat is good for use as a mosquito repellent -also repels anyone within 3 miles. To render bear fat, cut the suet and surface fat into cubes and heat it slowly in a heavy covered kettle, then strain it. Bring the liquid fat to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes to sterilize it, then pour it into sterilized, air-tight containers. If the containers are sealed and stored in a cold place, the fat will remain sweet and edible for months -oh goody!

WARNING: Do not eat the liver of Polar Bear. It has an excessively high content of Vitamin A, which if

eaten, will produce a toxin reaction in the body and may cause death.

BEAR STEW

1. Kill a bear
2. Have your spouse dress the carcass and butcher the meat
3. Use about 3 lbs of bear meat
4. Trim all fat and wash meat well in cold water.
5. Cut into 1 1/2" cubes and soak in water (4 cups of water, 1/4 cup vinegar, 1 tbsp of salt) for at least 15 minutes
6. Drain and pat dry
7. Melt shortening (lard is good!) in a heavy frying pan, add bear meat, and brown on all sides.
8. Add onion, garlic, and celery until the onion becomes translucent
9. Add chopped green pepper, a can of tomato paste, 2 cups of mashed-up tomatoes
10. Add some Tabasco sauce (or a lot) and a little bit of whiskey into the pan (don't forget to thoroughly taste the whiskey prior to wasting it on this recipe). Mix well (or six mell if you've tasted a lot).
11. Simmer until meat is tender (have lots of fire-wood handy)
12. Serve to spouse first to show your caring and sensitive side

Y'all take care, eh?

Thanksgiving at Caddo Lake



A Great Fire—see picture on P.1

A great weekend. Some folks went out early - some on Friday, some on Saturday. The weather was perfect - sunny with temps in the 70s and night-time temps in the low 60s. Late Friday night, a storm came through with some rain and wind but was gone by dawn. Even the blasted 1 cylinder pump at the other end of the island wasn't too obnoxious. In the mornings we were awoken by the gentle soothing sounds of shot-guns as hunters were scaring the bejabbers out of ducks, squirrels, and other critters. Most folks just ate, took it easy, paddled, ate, swapped lies, took it easy, ate, with some even paddling around Goat island, while others just took it easy and swapped lies. Did we mention that folks also ate?

A great weekend!



Club Vote for Donation to River-related Organizations

The December meeting will be reserved for electing those organizations to receive donations.

When nominating or prior to the election, please give a 3-10 minute presentation on the organization's missions in support of our rivers or water sports.

Some possibilities for considerations are:

- Power Olympic Center
- Texas Rivers Protection Association
- American Rivers
- American Whitewater Affiliation
- Caddo Lake Institute
- American Red Cross
- NYPD relief fund (tbd)
- Hidalgo Falls accompanying acreage purchase

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