

A Message from your Membership Director

March 11, 2007

No water this year?

As you will have seen in the press, and on our website, there will be no water in the Thames River this year. The Springbank Dam reconstruction will continue through the summer. This will have a severe impact on our programs and our finances.

What Programs will continue?

At our recent Board Meeting, the Directors made the following decisions about programs:

- **Sprint Program** will be relocated. Judi Sofalvi will make the arrangements.
- **Day Camp** will continue, if we can find another location. The search is on.
- **Tripping**, away from the Club location, will be increased, if possible.
- **Lessons** will take place, if possible. We are exploring other locations, particularly the Ponds, which we have used in previous years.
- **Dragon Boat**. Each team is responsible for searching for alternate locations.
- **Marathon & Voyageur** are frequently in other locations. That will continue.
- **General Recreational Canoeing & Kayaking** will be not be possible this year.

We are negotiating with the City and the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority about access and fees for locations under their control.

If anyone has a barn, or other secure storage location close to suitable water, please contact the Board.

What about Membership?

The Board also decided as follows:

Various groups must have valid memberships through 2007:

- Directors, Coordinators, and Staff.
- All people participating in any program of the Club.
- All people with boats in storage.
- Any external group who wishes to retain access privileges to LCC facilities.

The following incentive is offered to all members, including those listed above:

- Membership for 2007 will be at normal rates, \$40.00 for a single membership, and \$50 for a family membership.
- Any person who is a member through 2007, will be eligible for 25% off their 2008 membership. For those members, their 2008 membership will be \$30.00 for a single membership, and \$37.50 for a family membership.

Any paid-up member may request to have their 2007 membership fee refunded.

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What about Storage?

The Board also decided as follows:

- 2007 storage fees will remain at \$120.00 per berth, with the existing arrangements for shared berths and kayaks stored in the corner.
- Any person who retains their storage through 2007 will be eligible for 25% off their storage fees for 2008. For those members, 2008 storage fees will be \$90.00 per berth, with the same 25% reductions for shared berths and kayaks stored in the corner.
- If anyone wishes to remove their boat from storage, they may claim a pro-rata refund of their storage fees after they have vacated, for any full months remaining in the year.
- If anyone removes their boat from storage, claims a refund of fees, and wishes to return in 2008, they must join the waiting list for a vacant berth.

Novack's and Nova Craft Novack's and Nova Craft offer a 10% discount for London Canoe Club members. If you are contemplating purchases this year, consider whether you will save by being a Canoe Club member.

Regrets The Board sincerely regrets that our 2007 season has been so badly disrupted. We hope that you will support your Club through this season. If you have ideas for alternative sites or activities, please contact the Board. We look forward to an exciting season in 2008.

Robin Whimster
Membership & Storage