

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## March 2010

Welcome to the London Canoe Club!

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you about the board of directors' plans for the 2010 paddling season. I have been a canoe club member for almost 20 years. I first joined to take advantage of the canoe lessons program, soon learned to love canoe tripping and then tried out the Voyageur canoes and historical reenactments. I've taken a few paddles in the marathon canoes, and soon after I fell in love with dragon boating and raced for the canoe club's team for 10 years. I have tried out a few kayaks but lessons are still on my to-do list. I served as board President and Vice-President for a few years in the early 2000s and am extremely happy to serve again.

Before I tell you about the plans for 2010, I want to remind everyone why the canoe club is here; our mission is as follows...

The London Canoe Club promotes and encourages paddlesport activities with participation for families, individuals and groups in London and district; with emphasis on safety, education and enjoyment of the environment.

How can we achieve this mission? The answer is simple; support from our members and our community; seeking new partnerships and working with those partners to make our mission a reality.

In 2009 we partnered with the Lower Thames River Conservation Authority to use space at Sharon Creek Conservation Area for our programs. Once again this year we plan to use Sharon Creek Conservation Area as our base during the months of June, July and August. We welcome members to volunteer their time to assist at this location. We will be holding both canoe and kayak lessons this summer. (link to information?) We have a number of canoe and kayak trips planned with something for everyone from half day local trips to longer out of town trips.

The London Canoe Club will play a part in National Canoe Day and Clean up the Thames activities. We'll post all events on the website so you can stay informed.

How can you help? Be involved! Oh, and bring a friend. Simple, isn't it.

The board of directors is looking to the future with optimism and excitement. Join us.

Paddles up,  
Janet Taylor