

ETWC NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017

PROMOTE canoeing and kayaking as a water sport
TEACH boating techniques and water safety for river travel
PRESERVE our remaining wilderness rivers for future generations

ETWC Annual Christmas Party!

Saturday, December 16, 2017 6:30 p.m.

Location: Sam Suffern's home at 126 Everest Circle, Oak Ridge Tn. 37830

The club will provide ham, turkey, wine, beer, and soft drinks.

Attendees should bring a side dish to share.

If you want to participate in the traditional Chinese Gift Exchange, bring a small wrapped gift (valued around \$20)

Directions from Knoxville:

Take Rt 62 into Oak Ridge. At the Y-12 Federal Credit Union take a right onto Lafayette Avenue. Once on Lafayette Avenue go to the fourth traffic light, this should be the Oak Ridge Turnpike. Go right onto the Oak Ridge Turnpike. Travel past the Sonic and through the red light at Fairbanks Road. The Oak Ridge Veterinary Clinic will be on the right take the next left at the former Mattress Outlet Store (now closed). Travel a short block to a tee in the road. Turn right onto California Avenue, at the intersection with Delaware Avenue bare right; staying on California Avenue. Go to the top of the hill (approximately 1.1 miles). Take a right on East Drive, travel 300 yards and turn left onto Everest Circle. Sam's house is the second house on the left.

In case these directions don't work for you give Sam a call (483-4800), and he will talk you in. See you there!

Officer Nominations for 2018

Thank You to all of our club officers for 2017 for all your hard work and a great year.

Following is our list of Officer Nominees for 2018. The election will be at our December 16 Christmas party meeting.

President	Mark Bevelhimer
Vice President	Donna Price
Secretary	Pat Zingg
Treasurer	Kary Scarboro
Newsletter	Bill Lewis
Roll Practice	Need Volunteer
Trip Coordinator	Ian Anderson
Membership	Bill Wilder
Kayak Clinic	Francis Ruppel
Webmaster	April Morton
Need Volunteers for	Roll Practice, Conservation, and Safety.

CLUB DONATIONS

Every year our club makes donations to organizations that support our mission through their conservation efforts. These donations are funded from our fundraisers and dues. These are the suggested organizations and amounts which was agreed upon at our November meeting to be finalized, voted, and approved at our December meeting.

• TCWP (Tennessee Citizen's for Wilderness Planning)	\$200
• AW (American Whitewater)	\$200
• Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains	\$100
• NPCA (National Parks Conservation Association)	\$100
• American Canoe Association	\$125
• TCWN (Tennessee Clean Water Network)	\$100
• Cumberland Trail Conference	\$100
• Little River Watershed Association	<u>\$ 75</u>
	\$1,000

ETWC's Own Teresa Gryder Published in American Whitewater Magazine

Teresa Gryder has been a regular contributor to the club newsletter for many years and recently her writing prowess was featured in American Whitewater magazine. She wrote a very detailed article on what it takes to successfully complete a multi-day self-supported kayak trip. Part I – 'Paddling a Heavy Kayak' appeared in the May/June issue of AW magazine and Part II – 'Boats and Gear' in the Sept/Oct issue. If you are not an AW member, you should consider joining; since ETWC is an AW affiliate club, the annual AW fee is only \$25 for ETWC members.

American Whitewater was founded in 1954 and is the premier advocate for the interests of the Whitewater community in the United States. Check it out at:

<https://www.americanwhitewater.org>

We would not be able to enjoy many of our wild natural rivers without AW advocating for their preservation and use for recreation.

The Ocoee Likely to Run All Winter

The wooden penstock that runs water from the upper dam down to the powerhouse at the bottom of the middle Ocoee run ruptured near Diamond splitter Rapid in early November and until it can be repaired, TVA will be releasing water into the middle reach probably for the next several months. Although we would all much rather run our favorite streams on the plateau and in the mountains in the winter and spring, it's nice to have another option. Check the TVA generation schedule for Ocoee #3; that's the flow that should be running in the middle Ocoee.

Safety

While searching for deals on a rescue vest I came across a real treasury of safety and kayaking articles on NRS.com especially related to cold weather gear (it's that time of year). Check them out at:

<https://www.nrs.com/learn/whitewater-kayaking/>

Trip Reports

Trip reports make our newsletter so much more interesting. I always looked forward to reading them. So, please send me some reports, they don't have to be long or even eloquent, just a note with a funny or interesting experience. Send to bill.lewis865@gmail.com.

Roll Practice

Kary is working on getting the Oak Ridge Civic Center's nice warm pool again for our winter roll practices. Assuming all goes as planned, roll practices will resume at 8:30pm on Friday nights in January.

Guests are welcome, but all will need to sign a release. (minors will need a guardian) Roll practice cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for 18 and under and is used to pay the pool rental.

National Paddling Film Festival

The NPF is coming again on February 16 & 17 at the Buffalo Trace distillery club house in Frankfort Ky. I attended this a few years ago and it was a lot of fun. It's about 2.5hrs up I-75 from Oak Ridge. Lots of good films, vendors, beer, comradery, distillery tours and tastings. See: www.npff.org This would make a great group trip!

East Tennessee Whitewater Club

Minutes September 19, 2017

Jimmy Groton

Presentation: Mark showed a lot of amazing photographs and video clips from his trip down the Grand Canyon this past summer.

Treasurers Report: Kary reported that we had \$707.56 in checking and \$7,116.29 in savings. She reported that we made about \$1,002.04 on the clinic.

Clinic: The clinic was very successful this year. Good job Francis!

Meeting Schedule: There was some discussion about setting a meeting schedule for the rest of this year and next year. Mark, Ian, and Kary will meet separately to discuss.

Roll Practice: Roll practice at the Oak Ridge Civic Center will begin in January and end in May 2018. Kary has not heard anything from the City so she will contact them.

Beginners Trips: There were lots of trips over the summer and about 8 to 10 people who were in this year's clinic participated. We need to continue to find ways to involve new members in club activities beyond the clinic.

Miscellaneous: There was talk about the club sponsoring a service project for the NPS at Jett Bridge. We will talk with Matt and Brett about projects and scheduling.

Reed mentioned that he had loaned Matt some of Theresa's slides so they could be digitized. The slides could be used in an upcoming presentation.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee will need to meet to get a slate of nominees to vote on.

Website: The website needs to be updated and probably needs a complete overhaul.

Holiday Party: ~~We tentatively set the date for the holiday party as December 9. Sam mentioned that he may be deployed on a 90-day assignment to help with post-hurricane recovery efforts and may not be able to host the holiday party like he usually does. Ian said that he would try to book the Clubhouse for the party.~~ *Party will be December 16th at Sams.*

ETWC Webpage and Forum and Facebook

Check out the discussions on our forum and check out some great whitewater photos.

<http://etwcweb.com/discuss/>

Or see us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/179301605435695/>

PROGRAMS

We are always looking for interesting programs for our meetings. If you have a program or an idea please contact Donna Price at 865-406-1058.

2017 ETWC OFFICERS

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Please keep your dues up to date!

If you want to pay online via PayPal, fill out the form at:
http://www.etwcweb.com/concrete/membership/online_form
 Or, send Kary your \$15 check payable to ETWC along with the membership form at the end of this newsletter to:

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**EAST TENNESSEE WHITEWATER CLUB
MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL FORM**

Dues: \$15.00 Yearly Family Membership (*January 1 renewal date*)

Send to: East Tennessee Whitewater Club, P.O. Box 5774, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5774

Name(s) _____

Address _____

_____, _____ Zip _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ Email _____

I would like to receive my newsletter by email. (circle) Yes No

Membership Status? (circle) New Renewal

What boats do you paddle? (circle) Kayak C-1 C-2 Solo Canoe Tandem Canoe

What is your paddling ability? (circle) Beginner Intermediate Advanced Expert
Class I-II Class III Class IV Class V

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I, _____, desiring to join my fellow paddlers in the East Tennessee Whitewater Club (ETWC), do hereby declare that I fully understand and accept the following facts of life on the river:

1. Canoeing, kayaking, or rafting, particularly on whitewater rivers, exposes the participants to various safety hazards, including but not limited to, water hazards (boulders, undercut rocks, trees, strainers, water formations such as water falls, holes, keepers, hydraulics, and other obstacles), swimming in turbulent water, using paddling equipment, accidents or illness in remote places without medical facilities, and travel in a vehicle not driven by me.
2. No one but I am responsible for my safety when I choose to paddle a particular river or a particular rapid.
3. I further understand that I have no legal duty to assist others, nor does anyone else have a legal duty to render such assistance to me. I certify that I am in good physical condition, that I can swim, and that I have no physical defects or injuries that would prevent me from participating in this activity. I fully understand and agree that, when I participate in canoeing, kayaking, or rafting, there is always the possibility of unknown, uncontrollable dangers and accidental or other physical injury and death. I know I can be killed, and I willingly assume the risks referred to in Paragraph 1 and elsewhere in this release.

Therefore, in consideration for granting me the right to join and participate in ETWC activities, and intending to be legally bound, I hereby release, waive and discharge my right to sue ETWC, its trip coordinators, instructors, leaders, officers, directors, representatives, agents, employees, and affiliates, and also any landowner or governmental unit which may allow ETWC to use its property, for any and all loss or damage on account of injury to my person or property or on account of my death, which may occur during, in preparation for, or in transit to or from an ETWC activity.

I further understand that ETWC carries no insurance for the protection of participants in whitewater activities, and any insurance coverage existing with respect to ETWC shall not alter the terms of this waiver nor impose any liability on ETWC.

This waiver applies only to acts or omissions of ordinary negligence and to any deliberate act intended to promote my safety or well being.

This waiver is signed by me in the interest of permitting ETWC to exist and to serve the paddling community, and to enable me and my fellow paddlers to feel free to donate their services to improving the sport and to help in training those less skilled in the sport without fear of liability.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Parent or guardian if participant is under 18 years of age)