

### ***5-31-03 Canoe Racing News/ Upcoming Races/ Race Cancellation***

-Several of us returned from New York after doing the General Clinton Canoe Regatta over Memorial Day Week-end. It sure was a rainy time but the good thing was that it brought the water level up for race day. Race results can be found at <http://www.canoeregatta.org> .

-Hoigaard's Canoe Derby began this past Thursday, 5-29-03, at Lake Calhoun. There were a total of 35 canoes and very nice weather. I talked to Jim Lind and he was given another copy of my "Letter to Race Organizers" where I explained that if I got the Hoigaard race results in either one of two different formats that I would have the results posted on the MCA website and also send them to the "Canoe News". If or when I get those results they will be posted.

Todd Ellison and Dan Hassel started off the start line quickly and continued to paddle by themselves. I can't really comment on how their race went other than it didn't appear they had any problem. The next battle was between Jason Larson and Brad Anez (sp)?, Ed and Brett Arenz, Al DuBois and I. There was some moving back and forth through out the race. Going back into Lake Calhoun, Al and I were riding Ed and Brett's side wash back to the finish. I knew we didn't have enough speed to out paddle them for any long distance so we were content to ride until they made their move. They started the sprint and we maintained riding to a hard fought tie. Jason and Brad ended up third.

-Saturday, 5-31-03, was the Anton's Canoe Classic held on the Sauk River between Rockville and St. Cloud. If or when I get those results I will have them posted on the MCA website and also send them to "Canoe News".

Todd Ellison and Dan Hassel got another good start but Jason Larson and I also had a very good start to catch up with them. A short distance into the race the word left was heard. Todd Ellison wasn't sure who said it and looked back and hesitated just enough causing Dan and him to move to the left over a very shallow gravel bar (later Dan said he received more scrapes on the bottom of his canoe on that move than in the other two previous years) while Jason and I stayed right in the faster water. Well, Jason and I were now ahead for a period of time before Dan and Todd caught up with us. We rode their side wake and stern wake but they were intent on dropping us and they did.

Jason and I were now paddling hard but Kjell Peterson and Scott Ankeny moved up on us after a period of time. I'm only guessing but this may have been about half way when they finally moved up on our side wake. We discussed the possibility of working together and we let Scott and Kjell pull for a short period. It's my experience that Scott usually makes it very hard to ride his side wake because he will intentionally not keep a straight line thus making the other team work much harder. Well, today was no different. Jason and I decided to speed it up and try to stay ahead of them for the remainder of the race. Kjell and Scott caught up with us a couple times but in one of the shallows we dropped them and we pushed hard to the finish. We came in second six seconds in front of Kjell and Scott.

-Remember, Monday Night Rookies returns this Monday, 6-2-03.

**-Cancellation:** The **Marine Canoe Race on the St. Croix River** scheduled for 6-21-03 has been **cancelled**.

-I received a couple attachments from Beccy Fillman of the City of Cohasset concerning the **Blackwater Barge Canoe Race** for Saturday, 6-28-03. I tried sending the two attachments a couple days ago and I know some of you weren't able to open them. I don't think I'll try re-sending them but here is the information:

Location: Portage Park in Cohasset

Three different race times.

12:00 pm (Noon)- "Paddle with a Pro" for Children (this is prior to the Pro race)

1:00 pm- Pro Race (2 laps around the race course and three portages) (Cash Prizes)

1:15 pm- Recreational Race (1 Lap)

Contact Person: Beccy Fillman, Recreation Coordinator, 218.328.6225 ext 11

-Hackensack C-1 and C-2 races are June 14 (C-1) and June 15 (C-2)

-I will be sending out Al Rudquist's Rapids Round Robin Race information again in another E-mail. This race is two days ( July 5 and 6). Must race both days!

- I've decided that I'm not going to put down any information on the calendar on the MSN site. Most of the information is on the MCA site, other websites, and if anything comes up I'll just sent an e-mail or post it as message on the MSN site. The race schedule is in several different formats already so I'm not going to take the time to put it in another format.

I think that is all for now!

***Chuck Ryan***