**The Adobe Whitewater Club (AWC) of New Mexico – Spring 2015 Newsletter**

The purposes of the Club are to promote river sports in New Mexico and elsewhere, to develop skills in river running, to support the preservation, protection, and improvement of rivers and river environments, to encourage the safe usage of our rivers by all and to work for the continued availability of rivers for recreational uses.

**Check out the exciting things our club is doing to deliver on our purpose, ways to get involved and broader community opportunities. Your $15/year membership enables all of these exciting things!**

**AWC Programs**

*6:30pm 2nd Tuesday each month at El Norteno*

*(SE corner Wyoming & Montgomery in ABQ)*

April: Lifestyle Habits Impacting your Activity

Kim Cooper, Personal Trainer/ Defined Fitness

Just one bad lift of a boat, tweak of your back, or weeks of overusing specific muscles (i.e. kayaking too much without balancing your muscles) can take you off the water. Kim will discuss how habits and patters of movement will impact how your body responds when going into activity. Learn some ways to adjust how you move in your usual day that can give you more mobility, stability and body health into your boating activities. Start the season right, boat smarter, portage easier.

May: Steve Harris will present on the Chama Project

June: Marcel Bieg will present on the topic of Emerging Trends in the Outdoor Sports Industry

*(check AWC website for details closer to the May/June dates)*

**AWC Events: Save the Dates!**

**AWC Programs: 2nd Tuesday of every month**

Check our AWC Facebook, website <http://www.adobewhitewater.org/>, and monthly emails for updates

**AWC Weekend by the Rio Summer Kayak Clinic, Picnic, & Community Paddle: June 27 & 28**

This year we will be combining our spring and fall clinics and picnics into one epic, fun weekend at the Taos Junction Bridge Campsite in Pilar.

Saturday we will have beginner, intermediate, and kids kayaking clinics (details to be announced separately). AWC members will have the opportunity to register prior to the general public as we have had fully booked sessions on the Race Course the past 2 years.

Saturday evening will be a camp cook-off potluck. We are looking into the possibility of having live music. Even if you don’t attend the clinics, come out for a great evening of socializing, meeting other boaters, and enjoying the sound of the river.

Camping at the Taos Junction Bridge Pavilion campground will be provided for AWC members at no cost on Friday and Saturday night.

Sunday we encourage everyone to hit the river for a paddle. AWC will not formally be organizing any paddles, so it will be up to people in the community to network and organize among themselves informally.

**AWC Advanced Canoe Clinic with Kent Ford: May 15-17**

The clinic will be held in Durango on the Animas. Cost is $208 per person with a $15 discount for existing AWC members and a $5 discount if you are an ACA member. A $104 deposit, payable to the Adobe Whitewater Club, is required upon registration. It is refundable if you cancel at least 2 weeks in advance. There is space in the clinic for up to 10 people.

To register, email Tim at timscofi5@gmail.com.

**Holiday Party: Saturday December 5 (tbc)**

Reserve the date for our annual holiday party! We are looking for a committee to lead the plans for this year’s event. Should we go to a restaurant? Have a pot luck at a community center? What ideas do you have? Please contact Christine at sonorajo@hotmail.com if you are interested in leading the plans.

**AWC Committee Updates**

**Membership Committee**

**Committee members:** Mary McArthur (Database), Therese Dorwart (Hospitality), Scott Carpenter and Deadra White (Greeters)

**Objective**: Connect members, track attendance, welcome people to events, and maintain our mailing lists and databases.

AWC provides monthly programs, boating clinics, pool sessions, input on boating issues (very important at this time), an e-mail list, a forum, retailer gear discounts, rental equipment, a video/book library, and networking for trips ad advice among other benefits. Joining AWC provides a great way to meet and network with other boaters at meetings and other events. Our modest $15/ year membership per family is invested directly back into our New Mexico paddling community.

To join this committee or renew your membership, contact Mary McArthur at marymac@hubwest.com.

**Advocacy Committee**

Lead by JoAnne Allen

Updates on the Gila and 226 are being provided real time via emails, on our webpage, and Facebook.

**ACTION NEEDED**: Please call the Governor’s office at 505-476-2200 and ask her to veto Senate bill 226. They will ask for your name and zip code and the call takes <30seconds. The bill, if passed, will make it illegal for boaters and fisherman to walk in stream beds/ rivers where both sides of the banks are on private property.

**Family/ Kid Crew Committee**

**Committee members** (still being developed): Scott Carpenter, Bart Harvey, Doug Safarik, Sarah Neal, Glenn Wellman, Tom Fort, Tim Schofield

**Objective**: Provide a network of “family/kid-minded” boaters to nurture the love of rivers and share new experiences. *Kids at heart* are always welcome.

**Technology Committee**

**Committee members** (still being developed): Tom Fort (webpage), Jessica Sunderland (Facebook)

**Objective**: Keep the broader community updated to relevant news and opportunities.

To join any of the committees above or to create a new one, reach out to someone currently on the committee or contact Christine at sonorajo@hotmail.com

**AWC Gear**

Marcel is helping us look into the possibility of purchasing some AWC bumper stickers and hats.

**Opportunities to Get Involved in AWC**

AWC is a non-profit, community based organization. Everyone who contributes, graciously and freely shares their passion with the community. If you like what we are doing, or would like to see us do something else, get involved! The smallest contribution can make a big impact if we all work together.

**Please take a moment to thank those that you see contributing and let them know what you like that they are doing!**

**Open Positions:**

**Communications Specialist**

As you can see, we have a lot of exciting things going on. You can make a tremendous impact and contribution by helping us to organize all of the information. We would like someone to be in charge of sending out our monthly email that would announce our programs or any other relevant material. If you have an interest in taking this to the next step, it would fabulous to have someone to coordinate a newsletter on occasion. This role is entirely what you want to make it; it would have a meaningful impact regardless of how big or small.

**Programs Committee**

**Committee**: We are interested in having a committee of 2-5 people lead our monthly programs. You can make a huge impact in our community and have fun simply by brainstorming ideas for monthly presentations, engaging speakers, and coordinating logistics.

**Present at a Monthly Meeting**: If you have a topic that you think would be beneficial for a monthly presentation, please let us know the topic, the speaker, and contact information.

To get involved: email Christine at sonorajo@hotmail.com

**Board & Committee Leaders Update**

**Thank You**

To the following board members who will be transitioning off of the board: Marcel Bieg, Dave Childers, Rick Deschler, Peter Small. We will have a special recognition of their contributions in our monthly meeting in June.

To Celia Southwick and Betsy Butler for their leadership on monthly programs the past couple years. As of January, Christine has been and will continue to temporarily fill this role and we are looking for our next program leaders.

**Welcome**

To the following new board members: Scott Burchfield, Bart Harvey, Sarah Neal, and Glenn Wellman!

Each board member is nominated by a current board member because of their contributions and interest in the community and their passion for paddling. They then indicate interest and are voted on by the board. All contribute of their time freely and voluntarily for the love of rivers.

**Other Broad Community News**

**Open Boating Sessions**

**Albuquerque**: Sandia Lakes Wednesday nights 5:30pm-7:30pm, kayaks (play boats, whitewater, touring, sea, IK, etc.), SUPs, canoes welcome. Rafts are also welcome if you want to practice flipping or have fun with kids. Come practice skills, introduce family or friends to paddling, socialize, or demo equipment. Pending interest, games such as ultimate kayak Frisbee may be organized. $10 per kayak, $3 per visitor. Sponsored by New Mexico Kayak Instruction. Register on meetup.com in the Greater Albuquerque/ Santa Fe Kayak Community Meet-Up. Rules for the location are posted at that site.

**Farmington**: Farmington Aquatic Center Thursdays 6:30-8pm during the months of February through April and September through November. $5 entry.

Farmington Lake is once again opening up to boaters starting May 1.

**Los Alamos**:

**Rio Rancho**: Rio Rancho Aquatic Center Saturdays 10-11:45am. Kayaks only (pool not large enough for larger kayaks). $5 per kayaker. You MUST pre-register on meetup.com in the Greater Albuquerque/ Santa Fe Kayak Community Meet-Up as there are limited spaces due to pool size. If you do not pre-register you may be turned away.

Santa Fe: GCCC Wednesday nights 6:30-8:30pm. Kayaks only. $10 per kayaker, discounted punch passes available. You can just show up.

**Safety & Instructor Certification or Unique Paddling Related Classes**

**ACA Raft Instructor** Class May 27-31 via San Juan College (OLER 245-001)

**ACA Swift Water Rescue** Instructor Class June 10-14 via San Juan College (OLER 299-001)

**Adaptive Paddle Workshop** June 5-7 at San Juan College (OLER 299-003)

**Expedition Sea Kayaking in the Apostle Islands** July 14, expedition Aug 1-9 through San Juan College (OLER 230-001)

For any of the San Juan College classes, you can register online on contact Marcel in case of questions at biegm@sanjuancollege.edu.

**Swift Water Rescue** with Steve Harris in Pilar, NM. May 1-3 and June 19-21. Regular cost $350. Cost for AWC members $250. To register, contact Steve Harris at 575-751-1269

**Boat Swap**

Kokopelli Raft & Kayak Boat Swap May 1st 4-7 PM at 802 Early St. Santa Fe, NM 87505

<https://www.facebook.com/events/453389454825256/>

**Upcoming Nearby Paddle Festivals**

**May 8-10 Mother’s Day Races** in Pilar, NM

<http://raftnewmexico.org/>

**May 22-25** **Paddle Fest** in Buena Vista, CO

<http://ckspaddlefest.com/>

**May 28-31 Animas River Days** in Durango, CO

<http://www.animasriverdays.org/>

**June 14 Sandia Paddle Fest** in Albuquerque, NM at Sandia Lakes 11am-4pm and **Sandia Film Fest** at Sandia Prep Theater from 6-9pm. Sponsored by Garcia Subaru and New Mexico Kayak Instruction, proceeds to benefit Kayak New Mexico 501(c)3’s Adaptive Paddling Programs. The paddle fest will include a variety of 1 hour mini-courses in whitewater kayaking, touring, SUPs, and canoeing as well as a variety of kayak, SUP and canoe demos. The demos are intended for those new to the sport, learning different types of crafts, and how they feel. If you are interested in volunteering to help organize or contribute to this event in any way please email Kelly@newmexicokayakinstruction.com and jane@kayaknewmexico.org.

**June 18-21 FIBArk** in Salida, CO

<http://www.fibark.com/>

**Kayak New Mexico 501(c)3**

Kayak New Mexico 501(c)3 is an Adaptive Paddling 501(c)3. They would like to thank members of the Adobe Whitewater Club: Dave Brauer, Peter Coha, and Rick Deshler have each donated gently used boats to Kayak New Mexico 501(c)3 who then provided them to two Veterans with PTSD and a young man with Autism. The size and shape of the boat is matched with the most active paddlers in our programs. As a testament to how these boats are benefiting adaptive paddlers, two of these recipients are pursuing ACA instructor certifications. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation of kayaks or gear or to volunteer your time to help grow the programs please contact Kelly at Kelly@kayaknewmexico.org or Jane at jane@kayaknewmexico.org.

**ACA**

AWC is an ACA Paddle America club. If you also join the ACA as an individual member, you can receive benefits including a year-long subscription to the Rapid Media magazine of your choice, discounts on gear and educational materials from the ACA online store, the Subaru VIP Discount and more. [www.americancanoe.org/benefits](http://www.americancanoe.org/benefits).

ACA members support a community of paddlers, instructors, water stewards, conservationists, and competitors dedicated to imparting knowledge to paddlers everywhere.

The ACA initiated the State Director Program with the intent to expand the ACA’s effectiveness at the local level. Paddlers can bring issues or ideas to their State Director/Executive Council, who can convey that information to the ACA for support, guidance, or assistance. In 2015 in New Mexico, the ACA is providing its support to the fight in defending the Gila River from a proposed diversion project, providing support to fight against Senate Bill 226 which will limit access to public waters, and to have city sponsored pool sessions in Albuquerque.

Join the Adobe Whitewater Club and introduce us to your paddling friends and family, for the love of rivers!

Your $15 annual membership is invested directly into the New Mexico paddling community, enabling many of the things mentioned in this newsletter.

Paddle on,

Your 2015 Board of Directors

Therese, Jessica, Chad, Scott B., Tom, Scott C., Bart, Glenn, Sarah, and Christine