

## Summer Photo Notes

Mohan Lake, Maple Lake, Solstice Evening,  
Moonrise and Broken Group Islands.

## Summer Photo Newsletter.

From the desk of the Pres:

*WOW, what can I say, summer got off to a late start but from what you will see in this newsletter one would never know.. A lot of members did a lot of paddling and from what I have heard good times were had by all..*

*One thing about the members of this club we do get out there and enjoy the natural world and all that it has to offer.. I met a fellow the other day and he asked about the club, its activities and members.. I told him that we were a bunch of eclectic folks that had a passion for being outside and eating.. A big grin came to his face and he asked when the next meeting was..*

*Enjoy the images and the words.. Fall is about to set in ... it's time to wax up the boats, start thinking about our winter activities and dream about where you might want to venture next paddling season.. Planning an adventure is half the fun so why not start now..*

*Chris..*

Another summer in the Comox Valley is nearly over. Luckily our Fall months here are almost as nice as our summer ones, and so we still have many paddling opportunities ahead of us before the winds and rains of November strike. Komoux Valley Paddling Club (KVPC) members have followed their outdoor interests in a number of different locations and pursuits. Some of these trips have been non-club activities simply undertaken by groups of friends. Alaska, the Rockies, Vancouver Island West Coast, the Gulf Islands and Haida Gwaii all felt the footsteps of KVPC members. I am sure that there are many other trips that I have not heard of yet but we look forward to all the stories, told over a glass of cheer during the Comox Valley's wintery months. For those of you who, like me, spent the summer at home, take consolation from the fact that many people travel thousands of kilometers and spend thousands of dollars just to reach the Comox Valley – and we live here year round.

This newsletter focuses on the official activities of the KVPC since my last report and is mainly a compilation of photos linked together with a minimum of text.

Geoff R.  
September 2005

## Mohan Lake

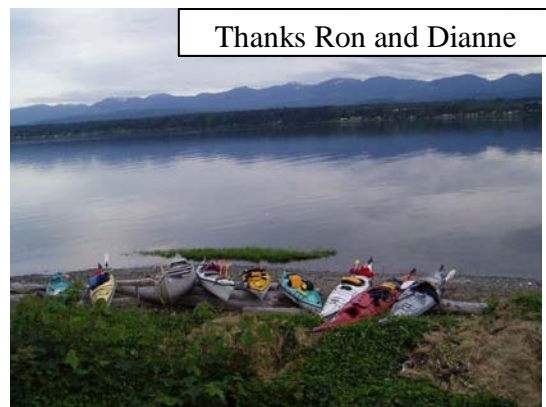
Club members enjoyed a weekend camping and paddling on MOHAN LAKE, thanks to the hard work and preliminary planning of Steve and Wendy.



## Maple Lake clean-up



## Solstice Paddle



## Moonrise Paddle

After two clear nights prior to our official club paddle, the day of the Moon Rise paddle dawned cloudy and overcast – and stayed that way for most of the evening. Twenty plus members assembled for a very short paddle to the Goose Spit followed by appropriately extensive snacks and libations – and a thirty second glimpse of the moon. I have no photos this year from that event.

The highlight of the summer for many of us was the recently completed Broken Group Islands trip. Thanks to the hard work of Brian and Cathy, the Sechart Lodge was booked for about twenty-five members. The following is a brief photo journal of that trip.

## Broken Group Islands:

Friday at 5:00am saw a number of KVPC members on the highway heading from the Comox Valley to Port Alberni where they joined up with those of us who had enjoyed the hospitality of a variety of Port Alberni Motels, B & B's or campers. The Lady Rose Marine dock was organized chaos as twenty plus kayaks, lots of equipment bins, two large propane tanks and over one hundred passengers were all loaded onto the MV Francis Barkley for the three hour trip out to Sechart Lodge.





The loading was carefully supervised by KVPC members

The trip out to Sechart Lodge gave the members chance to enjoy the scenery and to get to know each other a little better.



Sechart Lodge is just outside the NE edge of the Broken Group Islands. The Frances Barkley stops at the lodge both on its out going and return trips. We were quickly unloaded and met by one of the National Park staff for a safety and environmental briefing. The afternoon was spent on a short introductory paddle through the Pinkerton Islands and to the spectacular Hand Island campsite.



Approaching Sechart Lodge



Unloading



Park briefing



Pinkerton Islands



Hand Island campsite I



Hand Island campsite II



Saturday's clouds and showers did not interfere with a paddle through the NE islands of the Broken Group. The club, including Bill rowing his skiff, traveled over twenty kilometers through wonderful island scenery. Returning to the lodge for a hot shower, appetizers and supper was a bonus enjoyed by all.



For Sunday, Brian had arranged a water taxi trip out to one of the small islands between Lovett and Trickett islands. Fog delayed us for a while, but the trip out and the paddle back to the lodge gave most of us our highlight of the trip. The next eight pictures illustrate a wonderful day.



Loading the Karey M.



Approaching the landing beach.



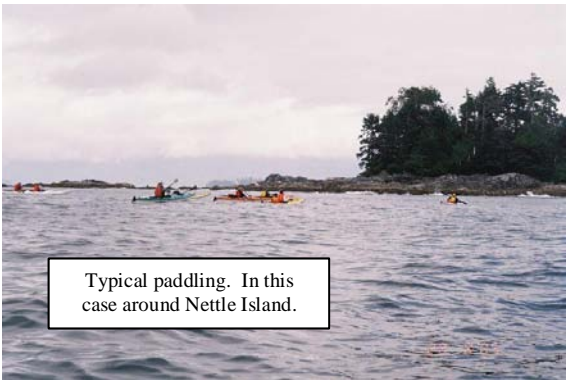
The landing beach



Lunch break



The "Big \*\*\*\*\* Tree".  
Sixteen of us circled it, a  
circumference of about 64 feet.



Typical paddling. In this  
case around Nettle Island.



A splendid National  
Parks Biffy.



The entire group.

Monday was the day of return for most of us. Sandy and Ron paddled back to Torquart Bay and Penny and Doug stayed at the lodge for another two days of leisure.

This final page shows the continued determination of some of the club members to find the best ice cream on Vancouver Island and surrounds and an aerial view of our paddling routes through the Broken Group. (The rest of the group put in another morning of paddling along the coastline east of the Lodge.)



The executive of the Komoux Valley Paddling Club looks forward to seeing all club members at the first meeting of the 2005 – 2006 winter season.

