

# The Paddler

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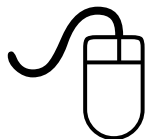
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## Twitter!

Our URL for Twitter is

[http://twitter.com/ewp\\_trips](http://twitter.com/ewp_trips). To get the latest updates and trip announcements, sign-up on Twitter and follow us where ever you are. We will send out notices when we need help with setting up and taking down the wharves. We can share the work and lighten the workload. What a great way to be an active member of EWP! Our trip e-mail is [ewp\\_trips@PaddleEWP.ca](mailto:ewp_trips@PaddleEWP.ca).



## Club Contact Information

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Club Website: <http://www.paddleEWP.ca>

## Annual General Meeting

Held January 30, 2010

Thank you to the members who attended our AGM. Here are the results of the election:

**President:** Dale O'Brien

**Vice President:** Scott Forbes

**Treasurer:** Darryl O'Brien

**Secretary:** Brenda Lukasik

**Communications Director:** Barbara Allan

**Event Coordinator:** Richard Allan

**Member at Large:** Kyle Polsfut

**Webmaster:** Jean Leduc

Thank you to these volunteers for the time they contribute to our club!



Do you have a kayaking story to share? If so, please contact Barb at [barb@paddle.EWP.ca](mailto:barb@paddle.EWP.ca) with your submission and we will do our best to post it in an upcoming issue of The Paddler.

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## EWP 2009 and 2010 Lesson Students

First, a **thank you** for being part of our Intro Kayak Lesson Programs this past winter. For many it is a big step to climb into an enclosing kayak and then purposely tip over. Almost all of you have met this challenge and more.

We recognize however that for many it is a much bigger step to make the jump from kayaking in a pool to lake or river paddling outdoors. We routinely see a huge drop of in participation due to the perception of the difficulty of this step.

As a paddling club we feel some responsibility to bring our new members out to continue their paddling adventure. If you started back in November 2009 with a lesson finishing at Christmas, that is quite a while not to have been in a boat and there could definitely be a feeling of intimidation to think about getting out on a river.

So this year in an effort to get more of you outdoors we are trying something new. We are going to offer two **Outdoor Stroke Review Sessions** on the outdoor ponds at **Rundle Park** on **Wednesday, May 26** (6 - 8 p.m.) and a repeat of the same program on **Wednesday, June 2** (6 - 8 p.m.). Cost for each of these sessions is **\$20 per person** and does include a **kayak and associated gear**

(paddle, skirt and pfd). Participants should bring a change of clothing. During the session we will review and practice all the strokes taught in the lessons.

Then there are three opportunities to get out on a river from which you can choose. For a number of years we have been taking an **Intro River Trip** to the **Pembina River Provincial Park** (65 km west on Hwy 16) and this year will be no different. The first trip will be **Saturday, May 29** when we meet at 11 a.m. in the picnic area, and the second trip will be **Sunday, June 6**. Each of these trips costs **\$59** and includes kayak equipment taken for you and a warm chili lunch and drink following the excursion.

The final offering is something new. We call it the **Edmonton Border to Border Tour on the North Saskatchewan River**. We will meet in Laurier Park (home of the Valley Zoo) at 6 p.m. on **Friday, June 11** and will paddle through Edmonton taking out at the Pedestrian Bridge at 50 Street. We will be in touring (in sea kayaks, which are supplied) and participants should bring a drink and snack. Cost is **\$39** per person. A vehicle shuttle is required and will be organized with the registrants prior to the trip.

Hope to see a bunch of you involved.

Dale O'Brien

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## GENERAL COURSE & MEMEBERSHIP INFORMATION

- + Costs include paddling equipment (boat, paddle, skirt helmet & PFD)
- + Costs do not include Travel, Food, Camping, unless specified
- + EWP Membership is Annual (membership year Jan 1 - Dec 31) and required for ALL EWP Programs and is therefore INCLUDED in the course cost.

*Annual Membership is required for all courses - for insurance purposes*

Membership	January 1	July 1	September & Next Year
Individual	\$30	\$20	\$40
Youth	\$20	\$10	\$25
Family *	\$85	\$65	\$130

\* 2 Adults and two children - additional children add \$15 per child

Please download at the **Edmonton Whitewater Paddlers Membership/Waiver Form** from our webpage, fill it out and bring to your first lesson.

More General Course & Membership information:

Minimum registrations required (six) EWP reserves the right to cancel courses or decline registrations

## Registration Information - How to Register for Courses

All registrations must be received a minimum 2 weeks prior to the starting date of the course.

1) By mail: Download a registration form and mail it in with a cheque (payable to EWP) to:

**EWP Lessons, c/o 11215 - 53 Avenue, Edmonton T6H 0S6**

2) By e-mail: E-mail intent to register to [dalob@paddleEWP.ca](mailto:dalob@paddleEWP.ca), and follow that within one week with a registration form and cheque (payable to EWP).

**\*\*Course payments may be made by cash, cheque, or Paypal\*\* See our website for more information.**

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## Upcoming Events

### April 10th - Red Beard Tourney

Recreational level tournament held in **Calgary** at the SAIT pool. No previous playing experience is required, as they say "If you can wet exit you can play".

A small group of EWP members are planning on going, if you want to come have fun with us, plan to attend.

This year, the tournament is set on **Saturday, April 10th, 19h00 - 23h00 at the SAIT pool** (1301 16th Avenue NW, Calgary... see <http://www.calgarykayakclub.com/ckc/main/polo.asp> for directions).

Admission: **\$20**

Spots reserved by payment:

- cash (at polo night)
- e-mail money transfer e-mailed to [calgarykayakpolo@gmail.com](mailto:calgarykayakpolo@gmail.com)
- cheque (to Calgary Kayak Club) mailed to Steve Clemens, 8551 34th Ave NW, Calgary, AB, T3B 1R3

This tournament is open to anybody with the skills to wet exit, so tell your friends (maybe even take them to a pool session and teach them to wet exit)! Teams will be made in advance from registered players.

Hope to hear from you soon!

### May 8/10 - EWP Provincial Recreational Tournament

The tournament will be held at the **Kinsmen Pool** on May 8, 2010 from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The event is aimed at club teams from Alberta, all ages and skill levels are welcome.

To register your team please contact [dale@paddleEWP.ca](mailto:dale@paddleEWP.ca) before May 1.

If you cannot get a full team together from your club, feel free to register as an individual and we will place you on a team suitable for your skill level.