



# Sierra Nevada Canoe & Kayak Club Newsletter

January- February, 2021

**This will be us soon!**



*Greetings from our President.....*

*What a year 2020 was, one like no other we have experienced. Looking forward to a much better 2021 when we can get together again. Not the first few months, but hopefully we can have our usual outdoor BBQ and Games at Western Gateway Park in May, kayak/camping trips starting in June & meetings at Seaman's Lodge starting again in June. Let's think positive thoughts!*

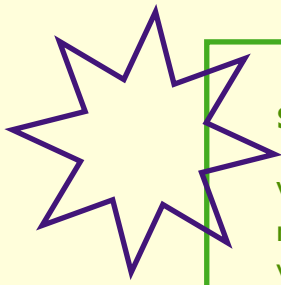
*Stay safe! Looking forward to our next get together!*

*See you then!! Marlee Chamberlin*

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### **SNCKC Website ~ Trips Update**

With the departure of Gene Harris, I have taken over the duties of website maintenance. Please visit [www.mysnckc.org](http://www.mysnckc.org) and check out the TRIPS page where you'll find the most up-to-date information on our day paddles and camping trips. For those interested in detailed information on scheduled camping outings, this should be an invaluable go-to source for members!

Carol Yoder, Webmaster

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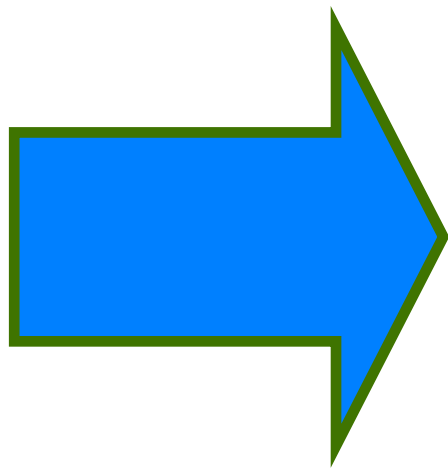
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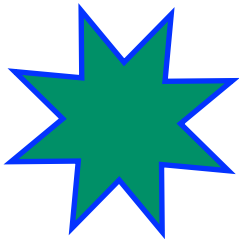
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## Trips & Events Schedule 2021

Several *Tentative* Paddles and Camping Trips have been planned, please write these on your calendars in pencil and we'll hope for the best! Look for email updates as the dates approach and check the website for further trip details!



### Tentative Camping trips for 2021

June 7-11	McArthur/Burney SP	Joe & Diana Abrell
July (Dates TBD)	Butt Lake/Mountain Meadow	Wendy Thibeault
August 19-23	Twin Lakes (Bridgeport)	Marlee Chamberlin
September (TBD)	Elkhorn Slough (Monterey)	Chris Crain
October (TBD)	Tomales Bay (Pt Reyes)	Randy Aust

## FAREWELL, NOT GOODBYE, TO GENE HARRIS !

It's sad to wave farewell to friends, in this case to Gene and Katie Harris, who finally acted upon their long contemplated move to Kansas, bringing them closer to family.

Most of you know Gene from his many years as an active member of SNCKC, where he was an avid paddler and volunteered as club president and in other capacities. His abilities, enthusiasm, and friendly manner were always in evidence, strengthening the club and enriching our paddling experiences. Even in this covid-plagued year, we enjoyed many paddles together.

In late October, a small group (artificially limited in size due to covid) had a nice farewell paddle with Gene on Scott's Flat, in perfect paddling conditions. A few pictures of that paddle are below. Post paddle, we gathered outside at the Wheelhouse (formerly Five Mile House) for a pleasant get-together with food, petanque, and lively conversation.

We'll miss Gene and Katie, and wish them well in their new home and in their search for kayaking venues in the Kansas highlands. Their departure was sudden, driven by a crazy-fast house sale, but they remain happily in our memories (as I believe we do in theirs). And, we certainly hope they'll visit for a reunion paddle!

\* Letter written by Chris Crain; Photos submitted by Chris Crain and Carol Yoder \*





## More Good Times ~ Natomas Thanksgiving Paddle - November, 2020



Thanksgiving paddles are a longstanding SNCKC tradition, one put at risk in this current covid climate. Interest remained, however, and the wide launch and lunch spots at Natomas provide for appropriate social distancing. The selected mid-November date featured beautiful weather, hardly guaranteed at that time of year, and the unusual high water level provided an unexpected option not usually accessible to paddlers. We started the day with exploration of a paddling maze located across from the Nimbus Flat launch, and then continued up to our typical lunch stop at Negro Bar.

Negro Bar was closed off, as part of a massive reconstruction project, but the beach remained open. No potluck this time, but we spread out along the beach, ate well, and soaked up the sunshine. Nearby thickets provided for other mid-paddle needs.

So, stay tuned for the 2021 Thanksgiving paddle. Weather forecasts remain fuzzy, but vaccinations are on the way, a refurbished lunch location awaits, and pent up demand promises an even larger crowd. Start planning your potluck contributions!

\* Report and Photos Submitted by Chris Crain. \* If you have more photos of this event, please send to [carolannyoder1@gmail.com](mailto:carolannyoder1@gmail.com) to be added to our website.\*



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HAPPIEST NEW YEAR  
TO ALL!

