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# THE WET EXIT

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**JUL.—AUG. OUTLOOK**

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# Updated July/August Paddling Schedule

## From Rachel Finson, Trips Chair

Hi SNCKC,

We have a great line-up of both day paddles and overnight trips for July and August. There are changes since the last published schedule, so be sure to review and note the changes.

~~July 11-15 - Sunset Loon Lake camping trip (Chris)~~

~~July 13 - Loon Lake Day paddle (Chris)~~

July 24 - Lake Valley (Laurie and Dennis)

July 31 - Spaulding (Chris)

Aug 5 - Fuller Lake and lodge, as day trip or overnight (Alan)

Aug. 7 - Lake Tahoe (Chuck)

Aug 15-19 - Twin Lakes camping (Rachel)

Aug 22 - Rescue clinic (lake TBD)

The Sunset Loon Lake and Twin Lakes camping trips have been previously announced and the leaders are now communicating with the participants that have signed up.

Alan is inviting club members to join him at the Grass Valley Rifle Rod & Gun Club, which is on Fuller Lake up Hwy 20 to the Bowman Lake Road. This can be a day trip or an overnight. I will send further information about this opportunity shortly.

Chris is inviting day paddlers to join the campers on Loon Lake, and he will send out further information very soon.

Thank you to Laurie and Dennis for jumping in and leading Lake Valley on July 24, so this trip will be as previously scheduled. They will send out an email to the group.

Spaulding was closed for our initially scheduled date in early July and is now rescheduled for July 31, with Chris leading.

Chuck is leading a one way day paddle on Lake Tahoe on August 7. He will send out further info as that date approaches.

Finally, the club rescue clinic is scheduled for Aug 22. Normally the rescue clinic is at Rollins Lake, but the water level may be too low due to the PG&E infrastructure problems. Everyone should take this rescue clinic and renew/review the techniques. More info. will be sent once the lake levels for later August have been assessed.

Thanks all and I hope to see you all on the water,  
--Rachel

# CLUB MEETINGS and EVENTS

Monthly club meetings are typically held at 6:00 pm the  
fourth Thursday of every month at

*Seaman's Lodge in Pioneer Park,  
427 Nimrod Street, Nevada City.*

## Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, July 25th: - **PIZZA NITE**

**Hank Meals** - A Photographic Portfolio of a  
Passionate Pedestrian: Landscapes and Land-  
marks of the Yuba-Bear River Region  
(See Next Page)

August Date - Date: TBD

Annual Rescue Clinic

Thursday, September 26th:

TBD

Thursday, October 24th:

TBD

Thursday, November 21st(?):

Thanksgiving Pot Luck

Thursday, December 13th(?):

SNCKC Christmas Party

**Yippie!!!**



Please bring  
\$5 or a Salad  
or a Dessert  
to share

[Link to Website List of Events](#)



## PIZZA NITE



## A Photographic Portfolio of a Passionate Pedestrian: Landscapes and Landmarks of the Yuba-Bear River Region

**Hank Meals** has lived and worked in the Yuba watershed for over 50 years. He has worked on many forestry-based jobs, but he

is best known as a writer, photographer, archaeologist and landscape historian. Despite knowing this place “pretty well” he is still learning.

Hank has made thousands of photographs of this region but will concentrate on waterways for this presentation and promises to show you places you’ve (probably) never been.



It is not enough just to “love nature” or to “be in harmony with Gaia.” Our relation to the natural world takes place in a *place*, and it must be grounded in information and experience.” (Gary Snyder, *Practice of the Wild*: 1990).





## Wright's Lake, Loon Lake, and Icehouse Res.

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## Sunset Campground at Union Valley Res.

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July 11th—15th, 2024



This month fifteen SNCKC members and two dogs enjoyed a four day camping outing in the Crystal Basin area, tucked up against the Sierras and just west of Desolation Wilderness. Camping was centered at Sunset campground

on the shore of Union Valley Reservoir. Paddle venues were Wright's Lake, Loon Lake, and Icehouse Reservoir. This was a new area for most participants, unvisited by the club for a few years, and post paddle reviews were stellar. Local hiking, biking, and swimming added to the paddling activities, and it's always fun to hang out around the campfire with friends.







## Wright's Lake

was Friday's paddling venue. While small (only about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile in its longest direction), the lake's 7000 foot elevation offered welcome cooling, and the inbound creek has a very fun paddling labyrinth through a large meadow area.



**Loon Lake** was Saturday's paddling venue, with three folks and one dog coming up from GV for the day to join the fifteen campers and their two dogs. The lake was quite full, providing opportunities to explore ins and outs of the granite shoreline, while enjoying views of nearby Sierra peaks.



The whole group paddled together from the boat ramp along the south shore, turning north around Aktahcmak Point and paddle up to the lunch spot. Lunch was at a paddle-in campsite, which will likely feature as a paddle-in/camping option sometime in the future.

After lunch the group of eighteen (and three worn out dogs from lunch play) split up into two separate paddles.



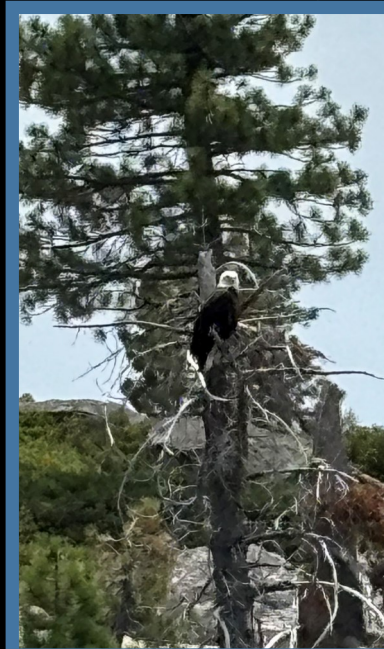
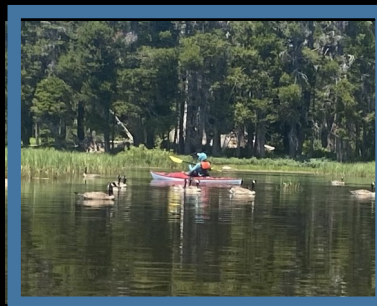
One group of ten (and two dogs) paddled to the far north-east corner of the lake and then returned south and paddled around Aktahcmak Point, returning along the north shore to the boat ramp. Their round trip was estimated at about 10 miles



The second group, made up of 8 paddlers and one dog

looking for a slightly more comfortable trip back, paddle south-west, around Aktahcmak Point, and made a westerly beeline to the boat ramp. They paddled a distance of about 8.5 miles.

Both groups experienced a stiff breeze coming out of the west-north-west.



**Icehouse** was Sunday's paddle for a hard core group of six, plus two happy dogs. Others enjoyed hiking, sightseeing, and simply hanging out in the area.

Check with participants for firsthand reviews, and join us next time!

-Chris





## CLASSIFIEDS

**For  
SALE****Hurricane Santee Sport 116**

I have a **Hurricane Santee Sport 116** for sale. Only on the water about 6 times and rinsed after every paddle, and then stored on rack in the garage.

This beautiful blue thermoformed kayak weighs only **36.5 lbs.**, has a 300 lbs. capacity, and tracks beautifully. It's super easy to load on your car and it has a built-in paddle holder and a "pinch & pull" foot-brace system.

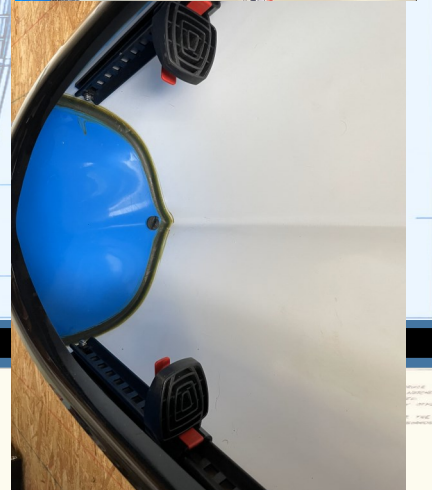
**SPECS**

- Length 11'-6"
- Width 28"
- The cockpit: 55"x24".
- Weight: 36.5 lbs.
- Capacity: 300 lbs.

At the dealer a Santee Sport 116 sells for close to \$1200....

I am willing to sell it to a **SNCKC** club member for only **\$600**, which is 50% less than buying it new from a dealer.

Contact **Margaret Arroyo** 530-802-1466 call or text.









# WHERE'S THE KAYAK?

Rachel Finson correctly named Iowa Hill as last month's location

First member to send me the correct name of the venue below receives a newly designed and minted, 3-inch in diameter, SNCKC sticker (shown below on the lower left).

Send your answers to [keith@zwrvr.net](mailto:keith@zwrvr.net)



## 2024-2025 SNCKC Officers



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