



# HRCC NEWS

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## THIS YEAR'S TRIP DATES

**Family Camping**  
Friday 8/16 -  
Wednesday 8/21  
2002

**HRCC Club Trip**  
Thursday 8/22 -  
Sunday 8/25  
2002

## GEARING UP FOR 2002

Wow. 2002 is well underway... and it's time for the LETTER. I actually wanted to get this newsletter into your hands in January but hey, shit happens. There was another club related item that I wanted to get a handle on first, and I'll tell you about that in a bit.

First things first. Everybody is aware that hot on the heels of our last trip there was a viscious attack against the United States. We are now at war. I won't harp on the subject, but the events following the bombing have tended to put things into perspective for a lot of people. Be proud that you're a citizen of a country that affords you the freedom to participate in endeavors like the Hog River Canoe Club. Such simple things don't come cheap. 'Nuff said.

As for last year's trip, how about that weather? Sixteen hogs, including four rookies, were again graced with nearly perfect weather as we drifted down the river. A mature bald eagle watched over us as we floated from Hartland Rapids to the Cornish Landing on Friday.

Saturday morning we put back in where we left off and meandered back to Wilgus. Sunday took us South from Wilgus to the Ashley Ferry Landing. It was three days of easy going, sun drenched fun. Sunblock was definitely in short supply.

We did some recon on Jarvis Island, which is a little upstream of the Ashley Ferry Landing. It looks like prime rootin' grounds for a bunch of Hogs. I don't know about you guys, but I miss the raging Hog fires, and the head of this island seems like a perfect place for one. Moving to the island presents some logistical challenges, but it's nothing we haven't overcome in the past. The rookies might actually have to haul some firewood this year! The island is also very paintball friendly. It's been years since we've had a paintball venue, so I'll be bringing the equipment for a little Hog vs. Hog action.

Something new to the trip was the musical talent of some of the Hogs. Chris, Mike, Steve and Casey put in some good jam time. Mike even brought the harmonica on the float. I hear those guys are working on ways to bring better instruments on the float... something about a stage and water safe instruments. This should prove interesting if they can pull it together.

The Hog River CD was a hit. It played, over and over, both on the float and off. I still have "Innagoddadavida" ingrained in my head. Make it stop! Anyway, Mike won the drawing and got to take the disc home. Maybe we should burn a second disc. Send me your song suggestions and if there's enough interest I'll cut a two disc set. I have a shiny new cd machine at work.

We have a new Spodie Master, Mickey. He's had his first round of training, and I'm sure Mark will keep an eye on him this coming trip. Good luck Mickey, and may your Spodies spin heads and turn bellies!



John and Mickey, who demonstrates his bailing prowess... or is that the new Spodie cup?

Well, we had no official award or tournament winners this time. I guess that makes us all losers. However, the best bet for Running Dummy was Steve for skillfully swamping a boat. Best Fisherman goes to Don for his artful angling. He also

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clinched the award for Blown Bladder. That reminds me, Blown Bladder will be an expanded contest this year. The award will still go to the seal-breaker on Friday, but the "winner" each day will have to buy a round that night.

Barely worth mentioning was last year's spud gun. They just don't have good plumbing parts in New Hampshire. I was so disappointed that I've designed an awesome one for this year. After spending countless hours in my ultra secret potato and PVC laboratory, I think I've finally finished the engineering. Only kidding, but it's propane fired with a lot of great features, and it should throw a spud easily across the river. A game of chicken anyone?

So, who want's to go on the trip this year? It's time to start assembling the list, so please let me know if you are coming, if you have a rookie, if you're bringing a canoe and all that kinda stuff. The dues this year are going to hold at \$60, so get yours in to me as soon as possible. Moose can now attest to how difficult it is to assemble this trip when you don't know how many people are coming. We did not have enough boats last year and there was great potential for a pig-pile flotilla. We were very lucky that the new staff at Wilgus allowed us to rent canoes and take them up-river.

The reservations are made at Wilgus for both Family Camping and the Hog Trip. Still in the treasury from last year is a balance of \$244. At this point, there are two paid members. I'll soon be working a couple of t-shirt angles, as well as a possible hat option. I don't know about you, but I'd like a nice low profile cap (orange, of course) instead of the high-rise hats we've had. I'll keep you posted on all this stuff... there will be another letter in a few months.

And now for that other club related item I promised. I'm pleased to announce that the Hog River Canoe Club now has an official website. There's a lot of cool stuff on the site, and I'll be constantly gathering new material. Check it out at [www.gis.net/~occo/hrcc](http://www.gis.net/~occo/hrcc). I'd love to have your input about content for the Hog site, especially on the pages where we need photos. Anybody got a pic of Larry standing in a fire? How about Casey or Pete sending the Spodie back? Let's have some fun with it.

Oh, and a little reminder... if you want cold beverages to drink, it's probably a good idea to have a cooler to put them in.

See you on the river... and on the web!

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## AMMENDMENTS MADE TO GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

As a result of discussion during the business meeting last trip, there were a handful of adjustments made to the Articles, Rules and By-Laws. All of the changes were additions or clarifications. Here is a quick list of what they were...

- Addition of Article 6**, making orange the official color of the Hog River Canoe Club.
- Addition of Rule 6**, establishing the Spodie Master as an official club post.
- Addition of the Blown Bladder Award** to the Special Annual Awards List in By-Law 3.
- Addition of By-Law 4E**, defining the Running Dummy Award.
- Addition of By-Law 4F**, defining the Blown Bladder Award.

A copy of the ammended Articles should accompany this newsletter. If you need a copy, please let me know, or download a copy from the HRCC website at [www.gis.net/~occo/hrcc](http://www.gis.net/~occo/hrcc).