

**Dec 1, 2007 2008 further notes**

This newsletter consists of two emails; one a news flash, really, the second a bit meatier. The first came out in early November 2007; the second December 1.

Hello Whitewater fans,

I haven't had time to craft the proper newsletter, heralding the World Championship performances, in Brazil, of Scott Parsons, in seventh place, and Ashley Nee, in 23rd, who thus qualified two US berths for the Beijing Olympics.

I am nevertheless rushing this out to pass on the news that Brett Heyl is featured in today's Wall Street Journal, this news courtesy of Peter Wilson. I would have passed along the article itself, but it contains photos, and the last time I tried to send photos, it seems I clogged up many an email account.

Jennifer Hearn points out that the USA has the opportunity to qualify for the Olympic Games in C1 and C2 during the North/South Americas Olympic qualifier event, probably this Spring in Charlotte, NC.

There is a link to complete Worlds results on [daveyhearn.com](http://daveyhearn.com), and [cathyhearn.com](http://cathyhearn.com) has a good summary write-up of the various races, and some images of the racing.

Check out the WSJ article, on page B1, which I believe will come complete with photo.

All best,

Jamie

Hello fellow alumni and friends,

Despite my best efforts, I have been elected (or selected? shanghaied?) as USAWS committee rep from the Northeast. (USAWS=USA Whitewater Slalom.) This means that you can all complain to me about the stupid things that the slalom committee may do, and USACK (USA Canoe Kayak) as well. It also means that I can't help knowing more about what's going on in the sport. For example, next year's Team Trials, the Olympic team trials that is, will be on the new Charlotte course, at the end of April. The trials should be a truly huge deal, for a change, because it's not just the US Olympic

trials, it's also an international qualifier for Olympic slots. This means the Canadians and probably a selection of Europeans will be there trying to pick up another Olympic slot for their teams. Big race. I was told there would be no tickets sold at the gate; all in advance.

I now turn this newsletter over to updates and news from various correspondents:

1. I am late passing this along from Sarah Leith, but the pages are still up to look at:

Hi!

I wanted to pass on the Team's Blog. Austin Crane did an outstanding job updating the slalom community through this blog that he put together. Anyone on the Team was allowed to post articles. It was the best source of information this summer.

<http://ustour07.blogspot.com/>

I wanted to point out this blog that is being updated by the athletes on the team. I highly recommend reading Le Cebolla - it will bring back great memories of too much downtime at the races:

<http://ustour07.blogspot.com/2007/07/la-cebolla.html>

The blog also has links to races individual web pages. It is a great site.

2. I was sent this note, and link, from Davey and Jennifer Hearn:

Here's the first draft at the 2008 Whitewater Racing Schedule:

<http://tinyurl.com/2dr3pf>

[www.daveyhearn.com](http://www.daveyhearn.com) will keep adding more links as information turns up. Thanks for your help!

3. I heard from Candi Kaufman (via Clarke, Wozniak) who paddled the Grand Canyon with her family this summer. Sounds like Candi is as active as ever.

4. I have a request from David Jones, who is looking for used boats:

Jamie, Any prospects for any slalom C-1's and C-2's from your area. I am trying to round up a couple for the camp. If not, do you know who might be able to help. New or used.

David

5. And last but not least, there is a request for donations from USA Wildwater:

Call for Help for the Wildwater Junior Worlds We need your help! Now that it is all said and done, USA Canoe/Kayak is left with a deficit of over \$20,000 from hosting the Wildwater Junior World Championships. We need your help to help eliminate this deficit. By all accounts, the Wildwater Junior World Championships were a wonderful event and a huge success. They were run very well and they were well attended by USA racers. The event helped raise the profile of Wildwater racing in the US and attracted new racers to our sport in the all important junior category. In addition, we showed the Europeans (again) that we know how to run a first class international event, which will bode well for future bids. Unfortunately the event was unable to generate sufficient revenue to cover the high costs of putting on a world-class championship that met tough ICF standards. As a result USACK, which hosted this important event to support its growing contingent of Wildwater members, is faced with a significant deficit that if unaddressed will cripple its ability to continue supporting its non-Olympic sports such as Wildwater. The USA Wildwater Committee (WWC) has investigated, analyzed and very thoroughly debated the situation. Ultimately the WWC has concluded that the right thing to do is to respond to the call for help from our governing body and to help eliminate this unbudgeted deficit. The WWC feels strongly enough about the situation that we are taking the following actions: 1. The WWC has donated its entire 2007 funding from USACK (a \$2500 non-Olympic stipend) back to USACK. (Note: this has already reduced the Junior Worlds deficit to below \$20,000). 2. We are requesting YOUR help with donations to lower or eliminate the remaining deficit. You can help us help USACK with the Junior Worlds deficit in one of two ways: 1. If you are unable to help financially, please forward this on to someone that can. 2. If you can help please forward a tax deductible donation. Please make the checks out to: USA Canoe/Kayak and mark the memo field with "For the Wildwater Junior Worlds. Send your donations to:

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Cheers, Jamie