

PADDLES UP 2002

Southland's inter-school fun kayaking weekend

Sponsored by **Alpha Outdoors**
and **WestpacTrust**

16+17 March 2002

Mavora Lakes

Paddles Up 2002 was run in cool weather on the Mararoa River at Lake Mavora and Kiwiburn last weekend. This inter-school fun kayaking weekend has been run in Southland since 1989 with the assistance of teachers, parents and kayakers. Over ninety secondary school students paddled in several kayak events. The fun slalom course challenged paddlers to toot the tooter, duck under the limbo gate, whack a ball, throw their paddle and do an eskimo roll as they paddled down the rapids. Medium water levels made life interesting for the novice teams, while the top individual paddlers hotly contested places in both the downriver race and slalom. Competitors in the whitewater rodeo thrilled the spectators with their freestyle tricks finale.

WestpacTrust Down River Race

Junior Girls	Rosie Given (SPC) 1;	Paula Wood (JHHS) 2;	Natalie McEwan (MC) 3
Junior Boys	Pete Conway (JHHS) 1;	Glen Collins (FC) 2;	Matthew Grant (NSC) 3
Senior Girls	Miriam Wood (JHHS) 1;	Gemma Smith (GHS) 2;	Megan Foster (WHS) 3
Senior Boys	Ashley Whitehead (FC) 1=;	Duncan Gibson (SPC) 1=;	Kane Walsh (FC) 3

Individual Slalom

Junior Girls	Natalie McEwan (MC) 1;	Aleisha Meffan (GHS) 2;	Rosie Given (SPC) 3
Junior Boys	Hamish Gibson (SPC) 1;	Brian Thorne (FC) 2;	Thomas Kelly (NSC) 3
Senior Girls	Gemma Smith (GHS) 1;	Megan Foster (WHS) 2;	Miriam Wood (JHHS) 3
Senior Boys	Duncan Gibson (SPC) 1;	Damian Holden (MC) 2;	Tim McRae (MC) 3

Team Slalom

Junior Girls	Quick Silver (JHHS) 1;		
Junior Boys	Good, Bad, Ugly (FC) 1;	Peanut Butter Nutter (SPC) 2;	Green Machine (MC) 3
Senior Girls	The Spinners (WHS) 1;	Voittaja (SGHS) 2;	Blues Clues (MC) 3
Senior Boys	Mellow Yellow (MC) 1;	Crazy (SPC) 2;	Hardly Abel (JHHS) 3

Alpha Outdoors Rodeo

Senior Boys	Duncan Gibson (SPC) 1;	Damian Holden (MC) 2=;	Abel Gear (JHHS) 2=
Senior Girls	Gemma Smith (GHS) 1		

SCC Best Boy

Abel Gear

SCC Best Girl

Miriam Wood

2002 Paddles Up Cup (Best School)

St Peters C 1;	Menzies C 2;	James Hargest HS 3
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