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BLACKWATER PADDLERS NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of the paddling club newsletter is being published at this time for a couple of reasons. First, I've decided that the best months for publishing a quarterly paddling newsletter are January [to hopefully boost the spirits of ice-bound paddlers in the dead of winter], April [to let everyone know about all of the great plans that are in place for the upcoming paddling season], July [to check in and report on just how things are going with the paddling season and to share some updates regarding adventures yet to come] October [to reflect on the season just past and to begin planning for next year]. So this is the April issue, hopefully you are filled with anticipation regarding the upcoming season. A second reason for getting this issue of the newsletter to you at this time is that this coming **Thursday April 18th** is the date of the club's annual spring meeting and the Waterwalker Film Festival. Actually it will be mostly films

but there will be just a little bit of club news.....there are some exciting things that the executive would like to share with you in person. Please plan on attending this special event, and bring along friends, neighbours and family members who are interested in paddling and outdoor adventure.

NOTE: The Spring Meeting and Waterwalker Film Festival will take place at the HELEN DIXON CENTRE [NOT CORRELIEU MUSIC ROOM] at 7:00 p.m

CLUB NEWS

Revised Club Website...www.quesnelpaddlers.com

The URL is the same but the layout is brand new and the site is much more user friendly and functional. One of the features will be the constantly updated Trip Schedule utilizing a Google Calendar. You will just need to go to the site, click on the date/event and all the updated trip or event details will appear on the screen. Now you can join the club on line or you can download registration forms for completion at home. Photos as well as reports of club trips and events will be posted, and issues of this newsletter will be archived on the site. Remember that the Blacwater Paddlers is also on Facebook, a great place for everyone to upload photos and news of your own paddling adventures.

Volunteer Warden Program

The club executive is continuing a very positive discussion with representatives of BC Parks regarding the introduction of the Volunteer Warden Program at Bowron Lake Park. BC Parks is making a concerted effort to increase volunteer involvement in all of British Columbia's provincial parks. After over a year of public consultation and planning, they are at the point of inviting and considering ideas from community groups for increased volunteer inclusion. The Volunteer Warden Program is actually not a new idea, there have been dedicated volunteers in Bowron Lake Park in the past and BC Parks maintains a well-established program of Volunteer Wardens who oversee a number of the province's Ecological Reserves. Briefly, the Volunteer Warden Program is seen as a way for committed club members to become involved in fostering public awareness of and appreciation for Bowron Lake Park, a very special part of our community. Volunteer Wardens would provide support for BC Parks Staff and Park Facility Operators by serving as "eyes and ears" and assisting in other tangible ways, including involvement with Park stewardship projects, particularly those involving youth in our community. Most importantly, Volunteer Wardens would be ambassadors for both the Park and for recreational paddling, and would share all that is good about both with the general public. Once discussions with BC Parks are finalized, there will be a full discussion with all club members. However any members who are interested in discussing this club proposal in detail at this time are invited to contact Jeff Dinsdale [250 992-9143].

Liability Insurance Coverage for Members

When you join the Blackwater Paddlers, approximately \$10.00 per person of your membership fee is funnelled to the RCABC to cover the cost of liability insurance. For those of you who are mathematicians you will quickly deduce that in the case of Family Memberships, which cost \$35.00/year/family, if there are more than two people in the family, the club quickly starts losing money....but that is a matter for discussion at a future time. At this time we just want to highlight some of the details of the liability coverage. Our club insurance is just that, liability insurance....more specifically it is personal liability coverage. All paid up club members participating in sanctioned club events are covered by this liability coverage. This is not general insurance coverage that covers accidental injury or damage to property, it is liability insurance.

When planning events, groups like the RCABC and our club are constantly having to consider issues like risk, safety and skill level. The RCABC has addressed this issue by establishing what they call sanctioning standards. In order for a club event to be sanctioned, the club must ensure that scheduled events like evening paddles, day trips, instructional classes, etc. meet the standards that have been established by the British Columbia Recreational Canoeing Association. These standards are elaborated on the RCABC website www.paddlebc.com For this reason, when an event does not completely meet the RCABC standards – [for example the May 16-20 "Bros on the Bowron Paddle" is not a sanctioned event because individual canoes will be leaving the put-in at different times and there is no established trip leader] the events are listed as being not sanctioned which means that the liability insurance coverage would be void if an incident occurred during one of these events. Further, it is important to note that even though club policy is to have every participant, including those individuals who are not club members sign a group waiver form at the commencement of each sanctioned event, the liability insurance does not extend to cover non members, it is only in effect for paid-up club members. This clarification may represent a change in understanding for some members and non members. To put it all in a nutshell...everyone is encouraged to join the club, registration forms are on the website, you can even register on line.

PADDLING SAFETY/ LESSONS

The Blackwater Paddlers is a member club of the Recreational Canoeing Association of B.C. [RCABC]. As such we subscribe to the purposes of the RCABC which are:

1. to coordinate, promote, and encourage all types of recreational paddling;
2. to develop safe canoeing practices and activities for canoes;
3. to involve society in appropriate conservation and environmental issues around the province.

With this in mind, this paddling season the club will be offering several opportunities for members and others to develop their paddling skills. We are fortunate to have club members who are RCABC certified paddling instructors and who are offering instructional programs in Quesnel. Nothing increases a paddler's confidence like exposure to the basic skills that are taught during one of these classes. Again, with reference to the club Event Schedule, if you go to the club website and click on the course you are interested in, all of the details will be immediately available to you, including cost, name of instructor, location etc.

Lake Water Level 1 – RCABC Course	June 21, 22, 24
Moving Water Level 1 – RCABC Course	TBA Check on website
Poling Workshop	Saturday September 14 th
Rescue Practice	May 1 st , May 23 rd , June 12 th
Introduction to Voyageur Paddling	Wednesday July 24 th

Look for the possible addition of more courses...this is a work in progress

By the way...did you notice that what we used to call Flat Water is now called Lake Water...as a paranoid Canadian I am now losing sleep wondering what was politically incorrect about the old term Flat Water

VOYAGEUR PADDLING

They are sometimes called "Big Boats" but we call them Voyageur Canoes...26 feet long and capable of carrying up to 10 people....but 6-8 if you want some comfort. These are the canoes that made the fur trade possible, they are what both Mackenzie and Fraser paddled down the Fraser river. The club would like to keep its tradition of voyageur canoe paddling alive and so there are some events on the Event/Trip Schedule that will include voyageur paddling. The Bird Paddle on Sunday May 12th, River's Day on Sunday September 29th and the Thanksgiving Bowron Lake Trip on October 12th – 14th will include opportunities for interested persons to reserve a seat in a voyageur canoe. There will also be an Introduction to Voyageur Canoe paddling on Wednesday July 24th. Check the schedule on the website for all of the details.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Until now, the Blackwater Paddlers membership year has run from November 1st to September 30th. However, the RCABC insurance cycle runs from May 1st to April 30th. The executive has voted to bring the two into line, so the club membership year will now run from May 1st to April 30th. This means that if you have already renewed your 2013 – 2014 membership you will receive a bonus...your membership will not be due until May 1st, 2014. Those of you who have not renewed your membership are encouraged to do so asap....why not at the upcoming Waterwalker film night? The cost remains the same as the past few years, \$25.00 single and \$35.00 for a family membership.

BLACKWATER PADDLERS 2013 TRIP SCHEDULE

BLACKWATER PADDLERS

Trips and Events Schedule 2013

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION/LOCATION</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	
Thursdays to May 2	*	Pool Sessions - Rec. Centre 8:00 - 10:00		
April 12 - 14	*	RCABC Paddle Conference - Hope B.C.	John M.	250 994 3382
Thursday April 18		WaterWalker Film Festival - Helen Dixon Centre	Ron W.	250 992 2855
Wednesday May 1	LW	Rescue Practice - Hallis Lake	Ron W.	250 992 2855
Sunday May 12	LW	Bird Paddle - Dragon Lake	Jerry McF.	250 249 0033
	BC	Bird Paddle - Voyageur Canoe - Dragon Lake	Jeff D.	250 992 9143
May 16 - 20	*	Bros on Bowron - multi day trip	Jeff D.	250 992 9143
Thursday May 23	LW	Rescue Practice - TBA	John M.	250 994 3382
Saturday June 1	*	TRY IT OUT DAY - TBA	Rec. Centre	
Wednesday June 12	LW	Rescue Practice - TBA	John M.	250 994 3382
Saturday June 15	LW	Ghost Lake - Day Trip	George R.	250 992 3086
Thursday June 20	MW	Lower Cottonwood River - Intro	John M.	250 994 3382
June 21, 22 & 24	COURSE	Lakewater Level I - RCABC Course	Ron W.	250 992 2855
Sunday June 23	WW	Upper Cottonwood River	John M.	250 994 3382
Saturday June 29	WW	Upper Cottonwood River	John M.	250 994 3382
Wednesday July 10	MW	Lower Quesnel River - Intro		
July	MW	Cariboo River - overnight		
Wednesday July 24	BC	Introduction to Voyageur Paddling	Jeff D.	250 992 9143
Thursday August 8	MW	Lower Quesnel River		
Sunday August 11	WW	Horsefly River	John M.	250 994 3382
Saturday August 17	WW	Middle Quesnel River	John M.	250 994 3382
		Voyageur Rock Clean-up Party	Jeff D.	250 992 9143
Thursday August 22	MW	Lower Quesnel River - Intro		
Saturday August 31	MW	Upper Blackwater River		
Wednesday Sept. 4	MW	Lower Quesnel River - Intro (last one this year)	John M.	250 994 3382
Saturday Sept. 14	MW	Poling Workshop - TBA	Dave McC.	250 747 2470
Sunday Sept. 29	MW	B.C. Rivers Day - Fraser River	Ron W.	250 992 2855
	BC	B.C. Rivers Day - Voyageur Canoe - Fraser River	Jeff D.	250 992 9143
October 10 - 14	*	Bowron Lake Circuit - multi day trip	John M.	250 994 3382
	BC	Bowron Lake - Voyageur Canoe - West Side Overnight	Jeff D.	250 992 9143
Thursday October 24		Annual General Meeting - Social	Ron W.	250 992 2855

POINT OF VIEW -- OPEN FOR DISCUSSION HYGIENE AND SANITATION IN THE BACKCOUNTRY

To be honest, this is a topic that I don't really feel I have the background to discuss authoritatively, but due to a few personal experiences, I would like to put it on the table for discussion. However, the last thing I want this article to do is to take any of the fun out of backcountry travel. Fortunately there are also a number of resources that are available and you are referred to an article in the current issue of British Columbia Magazine called [Coming Clean While Staying Green](#) -- How to Wash Up In The Woods While Being Kind To The Environment, by Larry Pynn. This article also has some excellent links that discuss the topic.

What I want to address is the whole matter of cleanliness and hygiene when we are camping and travelling in the back country. I am interested in two things: personal health as well as in protecting the environment. I also recognize that not all backcountry trips are the same, they vary in terms of length, remoteness, group size and group make-up. The considerations for a family group for example would be somewhat different than those for a larger group of unrelated individuals.

Health problems on back country trips are preventable, so why worry about hygiene? Here's a quote... "hygiene is direct preventive action taken to prevent or reduce enteric[intestinal] illness". This is even more important when we become aware of what seems like an increasing number of our friends and family [and paddling partners] who are dealing with compromised immune systems.

Water Sources

As a SOBF [Survivor Of Beaver Fever] this is maybe one area where I can speak with a little bit of authority. If you haven't had it, believe me you don't want it. There is no way that we can be sure that even the water from the purest, bubbling, sparkling mountain stream is totally safe to drink. For this reason we must filter or treat all water that we will be ingesting, in some acceptable/approved manner. Common sense tells us to totally avoid some water sources like swamps or other standing/stagnant/dicoloured water, or water at risk of fecal or other effluent contamination. When all else fails, boil the water before you use it.

Personal Hygiene

One of the biggest causes of intestinal illness is "fecal-oral transmission". Should we be talking about this topic in a family newsletter? The fact is that it happens....and it happens a lot. The basic rule of thumb to short-circuit this problem is to WASH YOUR HANDS! But how practical is this on a canoe trip or other type of back country outing? Despite what cowboys and bush men may want you to believe, dirt does not prevent the spread of harmful bacteria. The use of hand sanitizers which are easily carried on your person will help. Use them after a pit stop and before handling food. But nothing will prevent the transmission of fecal contaminants like a scrub with good old soap and water, in fact some bacterium are actually resistant to the sanitizers

Doing the Dishes

When I was a Boy Scout, Al Schreiber [bless him] my Scoutmaster, first introduced me to the joys of camping and the outdoors. He had a big influence on my life...but he was definitely old school. I still remember him lecturing us when it came time to do the dishes. "Wash the cups and cutlery first in the hot water or you are going to get trench mouth". This scared the daylight out of all of us who were members of the Eagle Patrol. I had visions of a mouth full of oozing sores, all because some poor soldier in WWI didn't wash his cups and cutlery first. For your information, trench mouth is officially Acute Necrotizing Ulcerative Gingivitis and it is a painful gum disease caused by the gram negative bacteria known as spirochetes.

What is the best way to do the dishes on a backcountry trip? You need to use hot soapy water [use biodegradable soap]...the hotter the better to ensure that your eating and cooking utensils are clean, followed by a dip in clean, preferably hot/warm water with a capful of bleach added, followed by a rinse with clean water. The dishes/pots can then be hand dried or better still air dried. You may say that you don't dip your dishes into a bleach solution at

home so why when you are camping? Good point, and this is where considerations about group size and composition come into play.

But this raises a couple of questions. First of all there is the matter of what to do with the washing and rinse water once the dishwashing [or hand washing] is finished and secondly, is it necessary to use dedicated basins for each task or can dish washing basins also be used for other purposes like personal hygiene [sponge baths, foot washing, hair washing, etc.]? I will deal with the first question below but will leave the second question for your individual consideration and comment, this may also be a matter that is strongly influenced by the variables of group size and composition mentioned above.

The "Health" of Lakes, Streams and Campsites

There is a dilemma for backcountry campers when it comes to disposing of soapy wash water and human waste. Related to the issue of the health of waterways is the issue of maintaining the health and integrity of the whole campsite itself. This is perhaps not such an issue in settings like the Bowron Lakes Circuit where there are over 50 established campsites complete with out houses....and we are very grateful for these! It is however a very real issue in total wilderness settings, particularly when the same wilderness campsites are used over and over again....these sites tend to be the logical and often the "best" places to camp.

The Nazko Lakes Canoe Chain is a case in point. There are logical places to camp on that circuit yet there are no established facilities once you leave the put in. This also raises the whole issue of maintaining the integrity of the camping spot, not just from an aesthetic or sanitation perspective but also from a safety perspective. Animals will be attracted by indications of human presence both past and present, and if habituated to a site, this could put the safety of campers at risk. With these dilemmas, what is the answer?

Dish water should not be poured into lakes and streams. If there is an outhouse, this is where the dishwater [and other wash water] should go.....down the hole. Ideally, an outhouse should be located at least 200 feet from a water source. But what if there is no outhouse? Commercial outfitters, particularly rafting companies have a policy of carrying out all human waste, but waste water is not carried out as well. On some canoeing trips, it is a practice/necessity to dig a small KYBO [Keep Your Bowels Open] discretely located in the bushes and far removed from the water source [and preferably in sandy soil to make for easier digging], this is primarily for human waste. Wash water could also be poured into this hole before being covered up by dirt however some writers feel that human waste and wash water should be separated, probably in the belief that this would minimize the chances of attracting animals. The fact is however, this may not be a practical solution if such a campsite is heavily used.

Summary -- A Clean Camp

- Minimize the impact on the environment by camping only in previously impacted areas.
- Think about using a fire pan or fire box to protect the soil from the camp fire. Upon breaking camp, completely disperse the camp fire remains in a fire safe manner.
- Do not "lather up" directly in a lake or stream, never use soap directly in a water source.
- Dispose of wash water [grey water] into or on to the soil at least 200 feet from the water source.
- Burn used toilet paper in a fire safe manner.
- Upon breaking camp, be sure to completely fill the KYBO with dirt and place a large rock or branches over the site.
- Opinions regarding urinating are conflicting. Some say only urinate on bare rock and avoid vegetation, to keep vegetation free of urine's salts. Others point out that urine is sterile and after all, animals urinate on back country vegetation. Still others point out that because urine is sterile and because wildlife do it, urinating into moving water has the advantage of removing any smell away from the campsite and therefore minimizes the chance that animals will become habituated to that area.

INTO THE BOWRON...THANKSGIVING 2011

There is something special about having the Bowron Chain, a world renowned wilderness paddling destination right in your back yard. From May to September we check out the license plates on those vehicles moving through town transporting canoes and kayaks, or those parked in the Safeway parking lot as the owners stock up on paddling food. We know that these people come from hundreds and even thousands of miles away to experience something that is truly spectacular. In our minds we wish them a safe trip, and for a brief moment we wish that we could tag along with them.

We do travel to the Bowron often. We read about the Bowron's history, search out old photos, relive our Bowron experiences with our paddling friends and value time spent with those whose families have had a relationship with the Bowron for decades. While this may seem a bit possessive, we are also stewards who care about this special place a great deal.

Familiarity only spurs a desire to experience even more of what this place has to offer. Not only do we go to the Bowron for paddling, camping and hiking, but also for ski touring, snowshoeing and dog mushing. We look for reasons to visit in the shoulder seasons when the Bowron is deserted, there is something about the sound of newly formed ice tinkling against the bow of the canoe. And it is also for this reason that we go to the Bowron to observe and celebrate special occasions, and why five of us loaded up the venerable Wannabe, our voyageur canoe that has taken many of us on journeys totalling several thousand kilometres, for an October trip to celebrate Thanksgiving in grand style on the Bowron.

The Bowron is actually Bowron Lake Provincial Park and in addition to a main campground and headquarters, it consists of 10 major lakes connected by a series of portage trails, rivers, and creeks, all in the shape of a quadrangle and set in the midst of the spectacular Cariboo mountains. This interconnected network is known as a circuit or chain of lakes, the total distance around the chain is 116 kilometres. There are amenities for campers, consisting of approximately 50 developed campsites, all with pit toilets, fire rings, tent pads and bear caches. There are also 7 rustic but very usable cabins, four large cooking shelters as well as some facilities that are used by park staff from May to September.

When I push off from shore, I never feel that I am going on or around the Bowron but rather that I am being drawn into the Bowron. It has a way of enveloping you, and the further that I paddle into the heart of those mountains, the more I feel that I am in the midst of my own private and very spectacular preserve. On this trip we were paddling counter-clockwise around the circuit, on what is known as the West Side. Eight days earlier our son, daughter-in-law and their 10 month old son had set out around the chain in a clockwise direction and we had been monitoring their progress with the help of a SPOT locator. Our plans were to meet up somewhere on Spectacle Lake where we would make our decision about just where we would enjoy Thanksgiving turkey together.

We put in at 10:00 a.m., it is only about a 75 minute drive from home. There was a brisk headwind, it was polar fleece and toque weather, with the warm sun occasionally poking through a cloudy sky. Our first stop was for a pre-arranged coffee at the cabin of our friends Gary and Eileen Seale. The Bowron has been part of Eileen's world for her whole life. Her father was appointed Fisheries Officer on the lakes in 1936. Gary and Eileen's cabin, located on one of the few pieces of titled land within Bowron Lake Park, was built by Eileen's father in 1939 when it was known as the Kew cabin, on land that had at one time been owned by Thomas and Elinore McCabe, colourful and possibly slightly eccentric Bowron pioneers. The cabin, brings forth feelings of nostalgia, with mementos from the past mounted on the walls and placed on the window sills.

After leaving Gary and Eileen's, that pull into the Bowron became stronger. We paddled in the lee of the locally named Sugarloaf mountain to lessen the impact of the cold headwind and then we entered the Upper Bowron

River, home of the longest salmon migration route in British Columbia. The narrow twisting river was sheltered from the wind and there were still plenty of yellow leaves on the willow trees that line the muddy river banks. The river actually meanders through the Bowron Marsh and is perfect habitat for beaver and moose as well as waterfowl and many song birds. But most birds were gone, there were just small numbers of Canada Geese, mallards and mergansers flocking together and no doubt thinking seriously about heading south.



We branched off onto a small channel that took us to Swan Lake, we were now truly into the Bowron. The outlet of this shallow lake doesn't freeze in winter and it is home for several over-wintering Trumpeter Swans, hence the lake's name. We set course for a golden oasis on the far shore, a spot known as The Birches, actually a large group campsite with sandy soil, a beautiful 180 degree panoramic view and hundreds of birch trees, all at the height of their autumn plumage. This stop had been silently anticipated for it allowed us to visit a special spot. Kyla's tree had been planted in memory of a child from our "village", a much loved newborn who passed away in the first weeks of her life. We have come to know that scattered throughout the Bowron are a number of memorials including planted trees, mounted plaques, stone carvings, even the remains of old cabins. This place is obviously very special, even sacred for many people.

After lunch we entered Spectacle Lake en route for the rendezvous with our kids. We paddled down the east side of Pavich [Maternity, Deadman's] Island and as we moved forward our attention was riveted on three black dots which slowly came into focus as a bull, a cow and calf moose feeding contentedly on the grasses growing in the shallow water. We were so engrossed by the moose that we didn't immediately notice the heavily loaded red canoe slowly making its way towards us.

The moment when the Wannabe rafted up with that red canoe was very special. All three of them looked fantastic, they had huge smiles, everyone was so glad to be together. They explained that the shelter at Pat's Point was in the process of being replaced with a spectacular new timber frame structure, we all gladly agreed to go back to The Birches. We chatted as we paddled together in the afternoon sunshine, hearing all about their eight day's worth of adventures paddling the chain with their 10 month old son (who was actually on his third trip into the Bowron).

Camp was set up quickly, first tents, then the kitchen followed by chairs around the fire ring. It was a time to take off rubber boots, to stretch, eat apples and hold the baby. We sat down to turkey with all the trimmings while there was still daylight, what a great Thanksgiving meal and what a lot to be thankful for.

As the sun disappeared it got colder, we all added layers and gravitated to the warm fire. Soon it was very dark, headlights and lanterns were switched on, the clean-up chores were finished and everyone was in bed by 8:30 p.m.

We took our time breaking camp, the morning was quite warm and we had all day to get back to the put-in. It was the kind of breakfast that you don't usually eat at home, definitely not heart smart. We were on the water by 10:30 and retraced our route from the day before. When we got to Bowron Lake, we were greeted by the very typical strong early afternoon Bowron wind, fortunately blowing at our backs. We rocketed down the lake to our vehicles, it was an exciting finish to another great trip into the Bowron.

THANKSGIVING 2013

There will be an opportunity to paddle into the Bowron on the 2013 Thanksgiving



weekend....actually there will be two different options. A non sanctioned trip is being proposed for those who would like to travel the whole Chain, leaving on October 10th and finishing on October 14th. There will also be a sanctioned club trip leaving on October 12th, paddling out to Pat's Point for a two night campout and returning on October 14th. The two groups will come together at Pat's Point on Sunday October 13th for Thanksgiving Dinner....Turkey with all the trimmings. The sanctioned trip is for all types of boats however there will be seats available in two voyageur canoes if there is any interest. Refer to the club Event Schedule and contact organizers for details.

BEFORE WE GO

- Do you have a trip report that you would like to share with other paddlers...if you would like to see it in print in an issue of the club newsletter, please contact the editor....the only thing that is more fun than your own paddling adventure is reading about the paddling experiences of others.
- For lots of current and interesting paddling news, go to the RCABC website, www.bccanoe.com where you will find lots of information about upcoming paddling-related events, current and back issues of the RCABC publication CANEWS, and lots of information about paddling resources, including a link for access to online topographical maps
- Brigade on the Fraser River hosted by the Fort Langley Canoe Club. The last week of August, gathering on the Sunday August 25, finishing on Friday August 30. Paddling from Harrison Hot Springs to Deas Island (almost to Steveston, almost to the ocean)

It's an inclusive, not too strenuous, tour of the legendary Fraser River. you'll see eagles, rafts of cedar logs, a bit of history and culture, Historic Fort Langley, and, best of all, some of your paddling friends. See more details on our web page.

http://www.fortlangleycanoeclub.ca/voy_fraser_brigade_2013.html

Bring a team, or come alone, or with a friend or two. We're accommodating all sorts of paddlers. We know we have folk coming from Hinton and Kelowna. If you think you might be interested, give a quick reply especially if you can't get all the paperwork started just yet. The camping, as previous organizers have told us, is the most difficult part. It helps to know how many are coming. I hope to hear from you!

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