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# Blue Ridge River Runner

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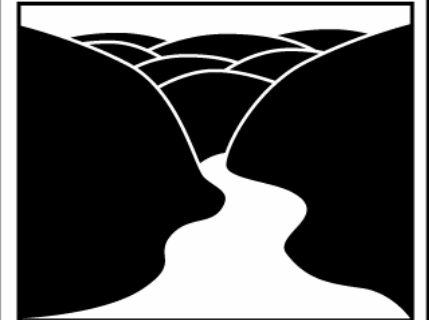
### BRRR Club Meeting AND Picnic to be held June 16

Summer is in full swing, so beat the heat and make plans to attend the June Club membership meeting that will be held on June 16 at Bill Kitchel's place near scenic Bent Creek, Virginia. A pot-luck dinner is planned, and members are asked to bring a covered dish and drinks of choice, with the main course (hot dogs and burgers) being graciously provided by David Morgan and Danny Booker. Come early and float the James down to Bill's place for a relaxing afternoon on the water, or just come and attend the meeting/dinner, it's your choice—just come! See Page 2 for directions and more information.

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## June 2004 Club Meeting/Picnic

by David Morgan

Our June 16, 2004 bi-monthly meeting will be held at Bill Kitchel's property on the James just north of Bent Creek VA. To get there from Lynchburg VA, take US 460 to Appomattox VA. At Appomattox, take VA 26 north to the intersection with US 60 at Bent Creek, VA. At intersection with US 60, go straight across and continue on 605, AKA River Road, for about .8 miles. This is not far after road first breaks away from the river. Turn off is to the left. We will have something on 605 to mark turn off.

Although we will not plan on eating until around 6:30 or 7:00 pm, come early if you wish and float the James to Bill's place from the US 60 bridge or my place at Allen Creek VA (approximately 4 miles of some of the most exciting flat water you have ever seen). We can arrange a shuttle when you get to Bill's.

Danny Booker and I will provide the dogs, burgers, and associated fixings. You bring a dish and your drinks. You might also want to bring a lawn chair.

If it rains, we will spread a tarp or something. So come on out for what should be a great time.

### ***DIRECTORY UPDATES***

#### ***New Members***

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### **CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS**

As the BRRR Club Charter dictates, elections were held at the April meeting to select our club officers. By the membership's unanimous decision, all current officers were voted to an additional term, with the exception of the position of Cruise Chairman. Please welcome recent member Justin Farrar as our new Cruise Chairman, and offer him your support either by volunteering as a Trip Coordinator or by participating in the various club-organized trips. Thanks and congratulations, Justin!

*(LEFT) Club member Tom Nolen surfin' it up at Rock Island, Tennessee (thanks for the photo, Tom!)*

## MY VISIT TO THE OCOEE FACIAL RESTRUCTURING CLINIC

by Justin "Franken Justin" Farrar

Well, it has been a very eventful week for me. I left Friday, April 30 for Bryson City, NC for a week of paddling with my buds. I arrived at the NOC in time for a last minute run down the Nanny. You know, just a playful run. Saturday we headed out for the Nolichucky ("we" being Mark Andes, Dave Kessman, Jeff Powell, and myself). This was a first descent for three of us, leaving Dave as the trip leader. We all had very clean lines, and an awesome run! What a way to start off a week long trip.

Sunday we headed off to the Ocoee, this was a run I had been looking forward to for many months. It was still just the four us, to say the least it started out with a bang! Jeff lost his paddle on Grumpys (Jeff had just purchased the paddle that morning!) Mark broke out his brake down and we were off again. Up until this point we all were having a great run, and then we came up on Double Suck. We decided to run "in the meat" line. Dave went first and nailed it. I was second and tripped up over a pour over rock and was upside down.

I was setting up for my combat roll when it happened. I hit my face on a rock, broke my nose and gashed my forehead pretty good. Now I am out of the boat and conscious, thank God. Stuck in the eddy behind the big rock outcropping I sat, bleeding and wondering what the heck I was to do! This is where the story gets awesome. All the boaters that day chipped in and helped me out, in the mist of the river rescue to get me to shore a raft showed up and ferried me to shore, Mark and I hitch hiked to my truck and off the ER. One broken nose and eleven stitches later I was on my way.

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One would think the trip stops here...this is only the beginning. Monday we woke up and headed for the Tellico. Jeff had to head back to the real world, leaving Mark, Dave and myself. I have to say getting back on the horse was tough, especially with swollen eyes and nose. Let me back up here a minute, it was the Middle Tellico, not the upper section. It was a great run, I only walked one rapid, and Dave and Mark had very clean runs.

Tuesday, we headed back to the Middle Tellico; I had to run it all to feel good about the trip. This river trip was great because the swelling went down and I could play more, and I found out I could still roll!! Wednesday, Mark, Dave and Scott headed down the Chattooga Section 3.5; I was sidelined by my stitches burning. They had a great run, and rode the "Bull" (Bulls Sluice) perfect and Woodall Shoals. This is where we ran out of water, and spend Thursday, and Friday on the Nanny. Saturday we ran the Dirty Bird, this time it was Dave, Howard Kirkland, and myself. It was a nice sunny day and the water was so dirty, it made it a great run. Between dodging all the rubber on the water and surfing all we could it was a great run. It is so sad to be back home and worrying where the heck I am going to paddle this weekend! But the stitches come out Wednesday, and I get to see the new face that the Ocoee gave me.

See ya on the river!

## 2004 WESTERN RIVER EXTRAVAGANZA

**Jarbidge and Bruneau Rivers, Idaho  
June 19 - July 4, 2004**

**by Howard Kirkland**

This article is an updated version of the article previously shown on the Club News Page. This update was necessary to correct several discrepancies in the earlier version:

- The river is named *Jarbidge*, not *Jarbridge*, as previously reported. I have found both spellings in various guidebooks and other sources, and even in the same article.
- The Jarbidge River portion of the trip will take at least two days and one night; probably three days and two nights. We had previously estimated one day for this portion of the trip. The Bruneau portion will probably still require only two days and one night.
- The difficulty level of the river could possibly be higher than previously expected; this will depend greatly on the water level. The one trip report we have found related to very high water; we will probably have moderately low to very low flows for our trip. Only time will tell.
- And, as David Morgan pointed out, the Jarbidge and Bruneau rivers begin in Nevada, not in Utah.

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Dave Morgan, Danny Booker and Howard Kirkland are heading up this two-week trip to Idaho's Jarbidge and Bruneau Rivers, and other targets of opportunity in the area.



The Jarbidge and Bruneau Rivers flow northward out of Nevada's Humboldt Range into the deserts of Southwestern Idaho, eventually joining the mighty Snake River southeast of Boise. These rivers have sliced through the Basalt and Rhyolite bedrock of the Inside and Blackstone Deserts, forming sheer-walled canyons hundreds of feet deep. The scenery is staggering in its beauty and variety. The rapids are Class III-IV in difficulty, with perhaps one mandatory portage.

We will do a 29-mile two-to-three-day trip on the Jarbidge, followed by a two-day 56-mile trip on the Bruneau, camping overnight on the river. We will also spend one night at the confluence of the Jarbidge and Bruneau, in the vicinity of the community of Indian Hot Springs, ID, where there is access to a highway and to our vehicles, and an opportunity to re-

stock our pantry. There are also hot springs here for bathing and relaxation.  
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At this time of year, the Jarbidge and Bruneau river flows will be moderate to low, but should be navigable. All the rest of the rivers in the area should be moderate to moderately high, providing almost limitless opportunities for single- or multi-day trips as we see fit. In the event that our target rivers are too high or (more likely) too low, we have several satisfactory alternatives to choose from.

If you wish to join us, but can't take off for two weeks, come spend a week or so with us. We are infinitely flexible.

If the past three (or is it four) trips are any indicator, this trip will be filled with fun, excitement, entertainment, great company, great food, outstanding scenery, and the greatest variety of paddling opportunities you'll ever experience.

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## 2004 WHITEWATER EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
June 11-13	Wyoming WW Championships	Jackson, WY	jacksonholekayak@wyoming.com
July 24	N. Fork Feather AW Member Booth	Caribou, CA	klweis@snowcrest.net
August 1-2	AW Deerfield River Festival	Charlemont, ME	www.americanwhitewater.org
Sept 10-11	Ohiopyle Falls Race	Ohiopyle, PA	BJ2Aadams@juno.com
Sept 24-25	AW Gauley River Festival	Summersville, WVA	www.americanwhitewater.org
Sept 25-26	West River Releases	Jamaica, VT	<a href="http://vtparks.anr.state.vt.us/html/jamaica.cfm">http://vtparks.anr.state.vt.us/html/jamaica.cfm</a>
Oct 1-3	Russell Fork Rendezvous	Haysi, VA	John_foy@alltel.net
Oct 16-17	Moose River Festival	Old Forge, NY	Ckoll234@aol.com (513) 673-3837
Oct 22-24	Whitewater Symposium	Bryson City, NC	www.wwsymposium.com
Oct 29-31	NOC's Guest Appreciation Festival	Bryson City, NC	www.noc.com
Nov 20	"The Thing" at	Tallulah Falls, GA	Sutton@suttonbacon.com

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## BRRR CLUB TRIP SCHEDULE

<i>TRIP/EVENT</i>	<i>DATE/LEVEL</i>	<i>COORDINATOR/PHONE</i>
<b>BRRR June Membership Meeting and Picnic</b> —Bill Kitchel's property, Bent Creek, VA	<b>June 16</b> All	<b>Dave Morgan</b> 434-993-3288
<b>Fourth Annual BRRR Western Rivers Extravaganza</b> —Idaho's Jarbridge and Bruneau Rivers are the targets. Come for the whole 2 weeks, or less as your schedule dictates.	<b>June 19-July 4</b> All (rafts will be available)	<b>Dave Morgan</b> 434-993-3288 <b>Howard Kirkland</b> 434-332-4839 (Home), 434-528-0505 (Work), 434-941-1225 (Cell)
<b>BRRR West Virginia Whitewater Extravaganza</b> —Mountain River Campground, Hico, WVA. An annual favorite!	<b>August 14-15</b> All (rafts will be available)	<b>Dave Morgan or</b> <b>Howard Kirkland</b> (see contact info above)

*"Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming: 'WOW, what a ride!'"*

*---Kenneth P. Bowles*

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