

# GEORGIA CANOEING ASSOCIATION



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NEWSLETTER

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June Newsletter deadline is May 15th. Send typed copies of all information to:  
Tom Carter, 110 Peachtree Hills Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30305.

## MAY TRIP SCHEDULE:

Please refer to river descriptions in your Directory. Please try to remember to register by Thursday, so the trip leader can make plans. You can always take your chances, though.

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| May 1  | Upper Chattahoochee, Class III                             | --Buddy Holmes, 252-6154                         |
| May 4  | Executive Committee Meeting, 7:30, Fernbank Science Center |  |
| May 7  | Cartecay, Class III  | --Ken McAmis, 0:391-2237                         |
| May 8  | Amicalola, Class III-IV                                    | -- <del>Hank Klausman, 255-7420</del> Roger Nott |
| May 14 | Nantahala, Class III                                       | --Dan Langston, 296-8435                         |
| May 15 | Toccoa, Class I  | --Bill Roberts, 633-2314                         |
| May 21 | Chattooga, III, Class III                                  | --John Houser, 525-3616                          |
| May 22 | Upper Chattahoochee, Class III                             | *--George Baughman (Athens), 549-3053            |
| May 28 | Nantahala, Class III                                       | --Maureen Maloney, 292-9584                      |
| May 28 | Broad, Class II  | --Earl Moore, 964-4677                           |
| May 29 | Middle Chestatee, Class II                                 | *--Roger Nott(G'ville), 532-7781                 |

\*Those of you who wish to save a long-distance phone call may call Bronwyn Fowlkes, 233-1383 by the Friday preceeding the trip.

## RACE RESULTS - HELEN RACES, April 16 & 17

Here are GCA members who placed in the Helen Races held last week-end. The GCA was not as well represented as they have been in the past at this race, but with the new wildwater format, maybe attendance will increase. The wildwater event consisted of sprints through the middle of Helen, with the larger classes divided into heats, and the winners of the heats racing against each other. Those who competed really enjoyed this different style.

### SLALOM

C-1o

2nd - Nick Myers  
3rd - Herb Henry

C-2Md

2nd - Jack Weems/Bronwyn Fowlkes  
3rd - Dick Creswell/Elise Wright

C-2Wd

2nd - Roz Creswell/Caroline Weismueller

C-20Jr/Sr

2nd - Jack Weems/Bruce Weems  
3rd - Jack Weems/Mary Weems

C-2o

2nd - Rodger Losier/Bruce Johnson

### WILDWATER

C-1o

3rd - Herb Henry

C1Wo

1st - Bronwyn Fowlkes

C-2o

1st - Doug Wilson/Bill Raney

C-2Mo

1st - Ken McAmis/Bronwyn Fowlkes

C-2 Jr/Sr o

1st - Robin Oscar/Peter Oscar

## SPECIAL NOTICE

The Georgia Canoeing Association needs delegates to attend the 1977 Senic River Symposium in Baton Rouge, La. on June 17 and 18, 1977. Contact Allen Lewis for information.

## 1977 SOUTHEASTERN U. S. CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

We're now a month closer to the 1977 Southeastern U. S. Championship Races and have fewer race workers than we had at the time of the last news letter. The past few weeks have brought a chorus of telephone calls saying, "I don't have time." This is probably true of all of us, however this approach won't cause the race to happen. If we as a club are to sponsor a national race, we as a club must support that race. As many of you know, a tremendous amount of work is required to run an event of this size. In actual numbers, this means we must have about 60 workers to have a successful race. Thus far we have virtually no volunteers. We need your help to allow our club to sponsor a good, well-run race. Don't wait for someone to call and beg you to work. Decide now to give some of your time to work at the race and call one of the race chairmen below to volunteer. Most of our needs are for gate judges for the slalom race, but we do need help in other areas as well.

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| Race Chairman                    | Ken McAmis      | 233-1383 |
| Slalom Judging                   | David Jones     | 261-6793 |
| Slalom Timing and Scoring        | Jack Weems      | 938-5263 |
| Wildwater Timing and Scoring     | Tom Carter      | 262-3396 |
| Safety and Traffic Control       | David Garrity   | 634-1847 |
| Physical Facilities              | Allen Lewis     | 477-0502 |
| Communications                   | Carlton Shuford |          |
| Boat Inspections                 | Ed Weatherby    |          |
| Publicity and Sales              | Joe Blanchfield | 284-7645 |
| Posters, Emblems, T-Shirts, Etc. | Tom Lines       | 233-9545 |
| Protest                          | Marvin Albitz   | 656-2740 |

We have a commitment for water at an earlier time than ever before, and we plan to run more boats than in previous years. For us to do this, we must have your help. There are over 400 members in our club. It is totally unreasonable to expect ten or fifteen of these to run a race of this magnitude. A lack of response to the needs of this club activity will indicate the club's lack of interest in sponsoring this race. Accordingly, we will have no other alternative but to cancel the race if we do not have an adequate number of workers by the first of June. If you want to see our club ~~to~~ continue to sponsor this national event, you must help. Don't wait on someone to call you. Call now and volunteer your time and talents. If you can't reach the appropriate committee chairman, please call me. The important thing is to call and volunteer your time. Without it we can't continue to sponsor this event. With your help we will have the biggest, most competitive race ever.

Ken McAmis  
Race Chairman

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### W A N T A D S

FOR SALE: Pavelbone Kayak mold in good condition. Also Fiberglas cloth, mat, some tools etc. Make your own kayaks and save money. Call Donald Downing. Business-588-7454  
Residence-237-2847

FOR SALE: 17' Low Line Canoes. Perfect for camp groups and Boy Scout troops. Near perfect condition. \$250 each, we have several. Also 15' Lowe Line with floatation, \$250. Sears aluminum canoe vereran of Etowah Falls, \$200. For further information call Chris Smith at 933-9305 after 7:00 PM.

FOR SALE: Two kayak molds - One Pavelbone and one Prijon "Special Slalom". Also one Pavelbone Kayak(tired but game) and two Norse kayak paddles. Call George Stephenson at 404 471-3235.

### CANOE AND KAYAK LESSONS

Clinics for beginners in canoe and kayak. Sponsored by Rapid South of Atlanta. Qualified and experienced instructors. Fee - \$25 for GCA members and \$35 for non-members. For further information call John D'orazio (458-5775) or David Klausman (255-7420)

TRIP REPORTS

CONAMICALOLA RIVER, Saturday March 5, 1977

The Conasauga trip was diverted to the upper portion of Amicaloa Creek. We paddled from the dirt road put-in to Highway 53 in 3 hours including a lunch break. The gauge read 0.6 feet. The water temperature was 42 degrees and the air temperature was 47 degrees. The Amicalola is one of Georgia's most scenic streams. Roger Nott's fantastic acrobatic show at the swimming hole swing was the most spectacular event of the lunch break. Those paddling were Bob Pearre and Roger Nott in C10, Earl and Yvonne Moore in C20, Gary DeBacher in C1, Bill Roberts, Randy Espy and Frank Bonner and company in K1's.

Allen Lewis-C10

CHATTOOGA SECTION 111, Saturday March 23, 1977

We had a beautiful day. The gauge read 2.20 feet. The temperatures at put-in time were air-56 and water-44. We had all kinds of good runs on all the big rapids. Roger Nott made a good run on the first chute at Dick's Creek. I believe everyone tried Bull Sluice. Even more amazing all but a couple of boats made it right side up. The group included Roger Nott-C10, Ken McAmis and Bronwyn Fowlkes-C20, Gwen Bergen and James McCay-K1. There were 4 boats whose names I didn't get.

Allen Lewis-C10

OHOOPTEE RIVER CLEANUP, April 5th, 1977

Our Ohooptee River cleanup was a tremendous success and it was indeed a pleasant experience to work with such enthusiastic people. It was evident that by the end of the day each of us had made new friends and felt a great deal of satisfaction in improving our environment. We look forward to extending similar cleanup activities to other local rivers. Our hearty thanks go to the participants from the following groups:

Savannah React  
Ogeechee Canoeing Club  
Ohooptee Canoeing Club  
Jeff Davis Canoeing Club  
Georgia Canoeing Assoc.  
Explorer Post #1, Savannah  
Reidsville Boy Scouts  
Savannah Chapter of the Audubon Society  
Georgia Conservancy  
Coastal Beverage Company

John and Tee Brower, Organizers

Middle Chestatee - March 27, 1977

After a rainy Saturday and some early morning grayness, Sunday was beautiful. I had only run part of this run on the Chestatee below the Class III section we used to run before the landowners put up such a fuss. The "Middle" Chestatee is a very good Class II run with two exciting Class III's, one being the Coppermines Rapid. I was extremely impressed by this intermediate run, and I understand it is canoeable all summer, so I hope to get some more GCA members introduced to it.

We put in on "Slabtown" Road on Tesnatee Creek just above its confluence with the Chestatee and paddled down to Highway 60. A shorter trip can end at the Highway 52 bridge. The section from Highway 52 to Highway 60 is very scenic, but also very flat, except for a rapid under the Highway 60 bridge which doesn't have to be run. The run down to 52 would probably take about 4 hours. Please call me for directions if you would like to check this out, and be sure to go on the next club trip up there.

Paddlers were: Craig Lyerla, K-1; David Schwab, C-10; and the following open tandem canoes - Dave and Ann Ulfick, Dan and Helen Langston, and Bronwyn Fowlkes and Ken McAmis.

Bronwyn Fowlkes

