

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT. WITH YOUR HELP I WAS ABLE TO MAKE BOTH THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC FESTIVAL AND THE JUNIOR WORLD TEAM. WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT I COULD NEVER HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THESE GOALS.

I STARTED CANOEING WITH MY STEPFATHER AND FRIENDS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE GCA. RON TOWE AND HIS WIFE SANDRA WERE VERY ACTIVE AND PLAYED A MAJOR PART IN INTRODUCING ME TO THE SPORT AND AND TO A LOT OF REALLY NICE PEOPLE ASSOCIATED WITH THE GCA.

I HAVE ALSO BEEN ALLOWED THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL GCA PICNIC WHICH I LOOK FORWARD TO EVERY YEAR.

AGAIN, MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU.

SINCERELY,
Allen Braswell

ALLEN BRASWELL

A reminder: WANT ADS ARE FREE TO PAID-UP GCA MEMBERS SELLING USED PADDLING-RELATED EQUIPMENT ONLY. Ads for "new" equipment or things like cabins, lots, rentals, bikes, sailboats, cars etc., must include \$5 for up to 2 lines, \$10 for up to 5 lines. If you're not in the membership directory, call me or clip and send your newsletter address. Type your ad if possible. Keep it short, single-spaced, across the full width of the page. Please include all that you're selling in a single ad. Mail your ad before the 15th to: Gary DeBacher, 614 N. Superior Avenue, Decatur, GA 30033. Sorry, no ads taken on the phone. FREE ADS THAT DON'T FIT THIS FORMAT (5 lines or 7/8 inch vertically) WILL NOT BE RUN.

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ADDRESS CHANGE? SUBSCRIPTION PROBLEM? Write to GCA Membership Chairperson, P.O. Box 7023, Atlanta, GA 30357. The editor does not do these things. Deadline for the next newsletter is the 15th! Send material to Gary DeBacher, 614 North Superior Ave., Decatur, GA 30033. Use a decent ribbon and type border-to-border (zero margins) with indented paragraphs, and don't skip a line between paragraphs. This saves valuable space. Photos, cartoons, artwork, and clippings of interest to paddlers are also welcome. Ads are free for members selling used paddling equipment only. NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WILL BE THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM, at the Atlanta Jewish Community Center at 1745 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta, just north of Brookwood Station next to an Int. House of Pancakes. Members and interested persons are invited to attend. If you wish to submit any matters for discussion or vote, call President Gwen Bergen, 512-7320, so she can plan time on the agenda.

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| July 7 | Etowah | 1-2, trained beginner | Nancy Barker | 874-8897 |
| | Nantahala | 2-3, intermediate | Brannen Proctor | 982-0433 |
| | Ocoee | 3-4, very advanced | Scott Wilhelm | 449-3835 |
| 8 | Broad | 1-2, trained beginner | Walt & Salena Lynch | *353-3621 |
| | Upper Hooch | 2-3, intermediate | Dan & Elise McIntyre | 252-9513 |
| 14 | Upper Hooch | 2-3, intermediate | Andy Lyons | 482-1713 |
| | Nantahala | 2-3, intermediate | Mary Beckman | 925-7999 |
| 15 | Chauga | 2-3, intermediate | Laura Jordan | 1-803-836-8498 |
| | Cartecay | 2-3, interm. | Rob Kerr | W: 442-4698 |
| | Ocoee | 3-4, very advanced | Evelyn Hopkins | 875-2574 |
| 21 | Nantahala | 2-3, interm. | Jerry Cope | *746-3127 |
| | Chattooga 3 | 3-4, advanced | Tony Able | 378-5550 |
| | Hiwassee | 1-2+, easy intermediate | Dirk Bertrand | 929-0385 |
| 22 | " | " " " | " " | " " |
| | Nantahala | 2-3, interm. | Francis Cheung | 939-0202 |
| | Ocoee | 3-4, very advanced | David Tillis | 393-1729 |
| 26 | Thursday Cartecay run. | Intermediate. | David Goodwin | 299-5325 |
| | Thursday metro Hooch | | Gwen Bergen | 512-7320 |
| 25,28,29- | Beginning Canoeing and Kayaking Clinics-- see enclosed flyer. | | | |
| 28 | Flint | 1-2, trained beginner | Don Langford | *324-3007 |
| | Locust Fork | 2-3, intermediate | Jimmy Jones | 252-6784 |
| | Ocoee | 3-4, very advanced | Jim Silavent | 587-1172 |
| 29 | Cartecay | 2-3, intermediate | Dennis Crain | 633-6487 |
| | Nantahala | 2-3, " | Bruce Bishop | 641-1542 |
| August 4 | Broad | 1-2, trained beginner | Bill Mann | 242-7748 |
| | Etowah | 1-2, " " | Nancy Barker | 874-8897 |
| | Chattooga 3 | 3-4, advanced | Scott Wilhelm | 449-3835 |
| 5 | Cartecay | 2-3, intermediate | Haynes Johnson | 971-1542 |
| | Nantahala | 2-3, intermediate | Brannen Proctor | 982-0433 |
| 11 | Hiwassee | 1-2+, easy intermediate | Michael Bridges | 924-0006 |
| | Nantahala | 2-3, interm. | Tony Able | 378-5550 |
| | Ocoee | 3-4, very advanced | Hal Herndon | W:432-8705 |
| 11-12 | Intermediate Canoeing and Kayaking Courses-- see enclosed flyer. | | | |
| 12 | Chauga | 2-3, intermediate | Laura Jordan | 1-803-836-8498 |
| | Nantahala | 2-3, interm. | Julie Keller | 939-0202 |
| 18-19 | GCA ANNUAL SUMMER GALA-- PADDLING AND CAMPING. SEE ENCLOSED FLYER. | | | |
| 18 | Childrens' Canoeing and Kayaking Clinic. Deadline Aug. 11. Flyer enclosed. | | | |
| 25 | Bush Head Shoals | 1-2, trained beginner | Jim Patsios | 477-9747 |
| | Hiwassee | 1-2+, easy intermediate | Hank Baudet | 623-9230 |
| 26 | Upper Hooch | 2-3, intermediate | Dirk Bertrand | 929-0385 |
| | Ocoee | 3-4, very advanced | Jerry Cope | *746-3127 |
| | Chattooga 4 | 3-5, expert | Hal Herndon | W:432-8705 |

SUMMER ROLLING PRACTICE -- STONE MOUNTAIN LAKE
In return for GCA hosting Atlanta Whitewater Club for winter rolling practice, AWC has invited GCA to join in their summer rolling practice at Stone Mountain Lake, each Wednesday from 6:30 PM til dark. There's no charge except for the \$5 park entry fee. Get a \$20 season pass if you plan to come often.

To reach the boat ramp, enter at the east park gate off Stone Mt. Freeway, take the first left, and follow that road until you cross the dam with the lake on your right. Turn right into the parking lot where the ramp will be obvious. These sessions should run through September. For questions or further information, call Allen Hedden at 573-6633 during the day.

If you want to make a family outing of it, I suggest a picnic supper after rolling practice, followed by the laser show on the lawn in front of the granite carving. ---Allen Hedden

GCA President Gwen Bergen's telephone number has been changed. The new number is ...512-7320. Please make a note of it!

MIDDLE HIWASSEE WEEKEND RELEASES

TVA will provide a rare opportunity to run the NC middle Hiwassee on summer weekends by releasing 500cfs from Lake Chatuge between 9 AM and 3 PM on July 21 and August 11. This provides an 11 mile easy run with some class 1 and easy 2 rapids. I hope to run this section on one of these dates, and paddlers may call me at 634-4651 if they are interested in joining me. ---Gary DeBacher

THURSDAY EVENING METRO HOOCH RUNS are anticipated on July 26, and on August 2, 9, and 16. The typical plan is to meet at the hwy 41 takeout at 6 PM. Gwen Bergen is coordinating for these dates; you can call her at 512-7320. Actually, nearly any Thursday you'll find GCA paddlers there. OCOEE ON WEEKDAYS? Call Greg Grant at 615-344-2573 for impromptu trips in the summer.

* NOTE! You now must dial 1-404 for all area code 404 numbers outside your local area! The numbers marked by asterisks are outside the Atlanta metro area, so most GCA members will have to dial (mash) 1-404 to reach these numbers. To volunteer to lead --coordinate trips, call Cruisemaster Barry Hahn at 252-9538

THINGS THAT WENT WELL. First, since I have not yet received an official report on the GCA Alcovy Picnic, I was there, and to all appearances it was a great success. There was enough water, the sun was out, and so were many paddlers of all levels of ability, some to take the 5 mile easy run, some the half mile class 3 shoals, and some to run both. The barbecue was excellent, and the only down note was a log which prevented us running "Toilet Bowl", the best route in the last rapid. A few ran Asterisk Ledge on the right side instead. Thanks to Jim Patsios for dreaming up the whole thing. Do it again?

EARLY REPORT ON THE SOUTHEASTERN RACES. No need to say much; most of you were there. Things went well on the whole, although a wire broke and dropped a gate right over the Falls on Saturday. (It broke where I tied it...) For the first time in about ten years I didn't inspect boats. Probably just as well, as the classes were most peculiar, and I would have had a very hard time adjusting to it. The decked slalom entry was a little light Saturday: many bigtime paddlers were abroad. On Sunday, however, early rain, late water and a fairly large open slalom entry kept us busy all day until after 6 PM. No big snags, everything seemed well run, it just took a loooong time. I thought everyone did a great job. ---Editor

FOOT ENTRAPMENT AND DROWNING AT LESSER WESSER ON NANTAHALA. On May 18, an open boater was bumped over by a raft on the approach to Lesser Wesser. He assumed the "approved" feet up and pointed downstream position, went over the left side of the lower ledge, and disappeared. Some NOC employees went down in below the ledge at considerable risk to themselves (one eas temporarily entrapped himself), but were unable to get him free in time.

The Forest Service and NOC employees examined the ledge later, after the water was "off", and found a crevice which had apparently been scoured empty of sand and gravel by the spring floods. An attempt was made to fill the crevice with rocks of various sizes.

Paddlers should be aware that the stretched-out, feet downstream position is **not** a safe position for going over most ledges. It is safer to curl the legs up into a ball when going over a ledge and until well clear of it in order not to risk foot entrapment. Such traps exist in many places. Dave Garrity once experienced momentary entrapment when going over the river-left last ledge below Powerhouse on the Ocoee; he was in the stretched-out position. There isn't any one "safe" position. Swimming in whitewater is an **active** skill which requires water-reading and situational decisions even more than when we are in our boats. ---Gary DeBacher

Comment on River Cleanups

Here is a suggestion for cleaning up rivers that is simple and easy to accomplish:

When shuttle is being run, have the non-drivers pick up trash at the put-in and/or takeout. The plastic grocery bags used by many stores, while environmentally questionable, are great for collecting trash. This system has been tried on a few recent club and private trips----- the volume of trash that can be collected by even a few people during a short shuttle is amazing. I plan to start carrying a small supply of these plastic bags in my gear bag for future trips.

Now for an editorial: Maybe if there is a positive response to this suggestion, the club could plan cleanup activities that could generate support from outside the paddling community as well as from paddlers. (Note: the last "cleanup" trip I led, oops! coordinated, generated exactly one call vs. over two dozen calls for a non cleanup trip on a similar level river). A paddling club in another state finally decided to quit listening to all the reasons why cleanup-type activities were not and would not be well attended. The result has been turnouts of paddlers that often exceed the total number of club members, support from other paddling clubs, tons of trash removed from rivers, donations from local merchants to cover some of the expenses, and a lot of fun for those participating. As a bonus, there was a lot of good will generated with previously hostile local landowners (it does not take a lot to convince a land owner that the refrigerator, tires, oil cans, etc. removed during a cleanup were probably not put there by paddlers!). What do club members think? Would more cleanup activities be well received in GCA? I suggest contacting the president or board members if you would like to see this type of activity organized. ---Dave Richardson

Upper Hooch - Ga. 115 Bridge to Duncan Bridge Rd. - June 2, 1990: As we drove through rain, mist, and fog, we were wondering, "Why are we doing this?" But by the time we arrived at the put in, the rain had nearly stopped and the camaraderie of the others soon answered any question of why we came. Our group utilized the Wildwood Shop shuttle til it was overwhelmed and "Mr. Anonymous" (a GCA member) offered to bring the rest of us to the put in. "Thank you! Mr. Anonymous." Since there were 18 boats we split into two groups. Thanks to Barry Hahn and Scott Wilhelm for running lead and sweep for the first group, and to Polly Heyward for running sweep for me as we brought up the rear. We all played and enjoyed our way down the river. The few sprinkles of rain that fell while we were paddling served us well in keeping us cool. Thanks to the entire group for making the trip an easy one to coordinate. Participants were Ruth Kraushaar, Ruth's friend Jim, Polly Heyward, Bill Welchel, Thomas Jones, Al Cook, Barry Hahn, Hank Baudet, Bonnie Poland, Jerry Dodd, Sue Jones, David Woodsfellow, Scott Wilhelm, Bill Kelly, Claudette Des Rosiers, Kirk Lakeman, Margo Booth, Julie Keller, and Frances Cheung. I don't remember who paddled which kind of boat. We had OC1s, OC2s, K1s, and a Fun Yak in our flotilla. Nancy Barker-Trip Co-ordinator.

Hiwassee River---Saturday, May 19

This was a joint GCA/AWC trip originally scheduled for the Lower Conasauga. The lack of rain and resultant low water meant that the trip had to be shifted to the Hiwassee River in Tennessee. Eighteen paddlers showed up for the trip out of the 25+ who had signed up. We were met by warm weather, a good flow from two generators at he Appalachia Powerhouse, and more boats than I had ever seen on this river before. This section of the Hiwassee is a wide but very pretty river. It is an easy intermediate run that offers a lot of opportunities to work on eddy turns, ferries, side surfing holes, surfing waves, and other river skills.

There were no major problems. It would have been nice to split a group this size into smaller groups, but a shortage of paddlers familiar with the river precluded that option. Paddling OC2 were Frank&Jean Kruczynski plus Bonnie Poland&?????; paddling OC1 were Peggy Miller,????, and Dave Richardson; paddling K1 (including one squirt boat and one funyak-type inflatable) were Fred Borchuck, Nancy Stroup, Adrian Freeman, Nathan Freeman, Joe Goldberg, Meredith Dunlop, Pam Coture, Carl Schneider, Mathew Schneider, Hal Herndon, and Martha Herndon.

My apologies for all the misspelled names & missing names-I couldn't read the signatures.

This is a wide river that is pretty and has a lot of potential for playing and training. It can be run with only one generator operating but two generators operating is a more comfortable level. The TVA often does not cut on the generators until after noon, especially during the summer. For information on the generating schedule, call TVA's automated information line at (615)632-2264. Punch in "44" to get the release schedule for the Appalachia Powerhouse. The schedule is usually revised after 6pm eastern time the day before. Trip coordinator--Dave Richardson

ETIQUETTE COLUMN

Dear Paddling Gourmet,

I am a single female who recently finished paying off both my new Mercedes and my large house in Buckhead. I want to take up paddling but don't know what type of boat to buy. I know that this is not an etiquette question, but can you help.--Betty from Buckhead

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Dear ~~Buckhead Dimbo~~,

Your prayers have been answered. Please contact the Paddling Gourmet immediately at the enclosed unlisted number (dial T-H-E-H-U-N-K) immediately. As you may know, the best canoes and kayaks are made in Europe. I suggest that we leave as soon as possible. It could take several months to find just the right boat for you.--P.G.
P.S. be sure to bring your American Express Platinum card.

NOTE: The Paddling Gourmet will be in Europe for the next several weeks reviewing several restaurants. In his absence please submit your review of restaurants near southeastern rivers to the GCA editor, ATTN.:The Paddling Gourmet; Be sure to include directions, price range, & rivers the restauant is near.

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