

# CLASSIFIED ADS

For sale: Bluehole Starburst Tandem Canoe. Set up with 2 saddles, toe blocks, bow and stern airbags, knee pads, etc. RED, good condition \$650.00. Some paddling gear available at extra cost. Call Allen at 424-2716.

For Sale: Perception Kayak-Dancer XT . BLUE. Used very little. Includes air bags, spray skirt, paddle, helmet and cradles for Yakima car top carrier. \$625.00 for all. Call Jim or Allen at 424-2716.

The results of the fund raising raffle have just come in. Winners were 1st Mark Levine, 2nd Milton Moore, 3rd Mike Miller, 4th Joseph Pritchard. Thanks to each of you who helped with this all important effort, especially to the Atlanta Whitewater Club, the Central Georgia River Runners, and the Blue Ridge Voyageurs of Arlington, Va., who raised \$100. by selling Canoe Santas. The entire effort raised over \$2500. for the river rights fund. More to follow next month. Thanks again for your support.

Ads offering paddling gear will be placed at no charge for dues paid club members only. Phoned in ads will not be accepted nor will hand written ads (I can't read my own handwriting much less yours) I must have your ad by the 10th of the month or it will go in the following month's newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation.

**DUES ARE DUE  
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## HENRY ANSWERS LAWSUIT

### RIGHT OF PASSAGE CHALLENGED

Defendant Ralph Henry of Chattooga County has answered the lawsuit filed by the GCA and Benny Young, owner of Twin Oaks Canoe Livery located on Armuchee Creek near Rome, Ga. Though the answer was lengthy and full of legal jargon, the bottom line was very clear. Mr. Henry contends that Armuchee creek belongs to him and that if anybody paddles it through his property, he will have them arrested for criminal trespassing. As those of you who have been following our mission to clarify the Georgia right of common passage know, this is just another step in the direction we must take to set the record straight. We do have the right to paddle in this state and have had since the early Indian treaties granted the right of passage through Indian land so fur trappers could

bring their pelts to market. Unfortunately, there were two laws passed in the mid 1800's which tried to define navigation and did not do a very good job which may be understandable due to the fact that the country was at Civil War at the time of their passage.

Nevertheless, there is no question that the right of passage exists, but it appears that it will take winning this court case to clarify it. We did

try to work through the state legislature to achieve our goals but as you know if you followed that procedure that we were unsuccessful largely due to the personal feelings of one Mr. Tom Murphy who it seems owns land on both sides of a Georgia River.

We will keep you up to date on the further progress of this highly important cause. Thank you for your support and donations to the legal fund.



## GCA MAKES NATIONAL NEWS

## SYMPOSIUM UPDATE

THE CHATTOOGA RIVER! Just the mention of its name will bring a thought or a comment from each of us who have been privileged enough to have paddled her waters and marveled at the still unspoiled beauty. Since being awarded wild and scenic status in 1968, it has remained a truly wilderness experience for all of us to enjoy.

As many of you know, the GCA has been a leader in maintaining the solitude the river now offers. We have worked with the Forest Service in utilizing the advance permit system since its inception in 1985, and has encouraged other clubs to work within the existing rules for the benefit of all river users.

When changes were in the wind, it was again the GCA that established a dialogue with the commercial rafting companies to try to maintain status quo. When it was clear that more public involvement was necessary, your club reacted and was the driving force behind organizing the Chattooga River Symposium held at Clemson University last March to discuss important issues effecting the public's right to use the resource.

The Symposium was

thought to be a success shortly after it ended but only now are we beginning to see the results of the effort. The USFS has contacted clubs in the surrounding area and has set a meeting to discuss two burning issues. First, the advance permit system which unfairly penalizes private paddlers who prefer to paddle on club trips for safety purposes; and secondly to set the stage for establishing a club advisory board to maintain a lasting communication link with the USFS to continue input into future river management decisions.

Had we not gotten involved in this process when we did, we would almost certainly be looking at the next Forest Service step which may have been an advanced reservation system for all paddling groups. Something which we should try to avoid as long as is possible.

Your Executive board will keep you informed of this all important process. It is our mission to maintain the wilderness experience the Chattooga offers for generations to come.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS JANUARY 10TH. SEND TYPED MATERIAL TO ANDY WARSHAW P.O. BOX 941755, ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30341. PLEASE BE COURTEOUS.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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THE NEXT GCA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IS THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH HELD AT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER AT PEACHTREE ST. AND BROOKWOOD STATION AND CONVENES AT 7:30 P.M. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. IF YOU HAVE AN ITEM FOR DISCUSSION, PLEASE CALL PRESIDENT GWEN BERGEN AT 512-7320 SO SHE CAN ADD YOUR TOPIC TO THE AGENDA. THIS IS YOUR CLUB! COME OUT AND GET INVOLVED.

## EDITORS NOTE:

In several other club newsletter across the country, I have noticed regular monthly advertising for paddling partners. example: Have boat Need Tandem Partner or Have experience in paddling tandem, need partner with boat. If some of you out there have such needs, send them to me in type written form (Its hard to read my own handwriting much less yours) and I'll run them. Who knows what might happen.

## JANUARY TRIPS

# Happy New Year

1-1	Cartecay	5th Annual Chili Run	Jay Srymanski	404-635-2726
1-3	Executive Board Meeting	Jewish Community Center		
1-5	Upper Hooch	2-3 Intermediate	Nancy Barker	874-8897
1-5	Nantahala	2-3 Intermediate	Mike Collier	404-967-2158
1-6	Upper Hooch	2-3 Intermediate	Rob Kerr	404-889-6566
1-7	Monday Night	Rolling Practice		
1-12	Upper Hooch	2-3 Intermediate	Susan McGilvary	242-9484
1-12	Chattooga 3	3-+ Advanced	Julia Crosby	995-9434
1-13	Coopers Creek	2-+ Trained Beginner	Grant Luckhart	373-2293
1-14	Monday Night	Rolling Practice		
1-19	Nantahala	2-3 Intermediate	Bill Gay	482-8568
1-19	Chattooga 4	3-4 Expert	Allen Hedden	424-2716
1-20	Locust Fork	2-3 Intermediate	Frank Crane	591-0268
1-20	Town Creek	3-4 Advanced	Ted Sparks	205-236-4316
1-20	Upper Hooch	2-3 Intermediate	Dirk Bertrand	929-0385
1-21	Upper Hooch	MLK Holiday	Oreon Mann	522-3469
1-21	Monday Night	Rolling Practice		
1-26	Upper Hooch	2-3 Intermediate	Barry Hahn	252-9538
1-26	Tellico	3-+ Advanced	Jim Silavent	587-1172
1-26	Nantahala	2-3 Intermediate	Dewey Tate	355-5826
1-27	Lil River Canyon	3-4 Advanced	Frank Crane	591-0268
1-28	Monday Night	Rolling Practice		
2-2	Flint	1-2 Trained Beginner	Jim Patsios	477-9747
2-3	Cartecay	2-3 Intermediate	Bruce Bishop	641-1542
2-4	Monday Night	Rolling Practice		
2-7	Executive Board Meeting	Jewish Community Center		

## INTERESTED IN CANOE CAMPING?

Several members have asked about the possibility of GCA doing some overnight canoe camping trips. Ideally, these trips should be through areas that will allow camping on public lands such as National Forest. If you are interested in planning or participating in overnight canoe trips, or wish to volunteer to coordinate any other paddling trip, call Cruisemaster Dave Richardson at work 435-3800 or at home 431-9841.

Keep in mind that permits are required for club trips on the Chattooga and Nantahala rivers. The Forest Service has not enforced permit requirements on the Nantahala in the past, but from time to time has issued permits at the put in for large groups. The Chattooga permit system is strictly adhered to and you must apply for and carry an advanced permit as well as a regular day permit when you are paddling on a club trip. The Cruisemaster has applied for all Chattooga permits in advance and will supply you with one if you are leading a club trip.

# DUES ARE DUE