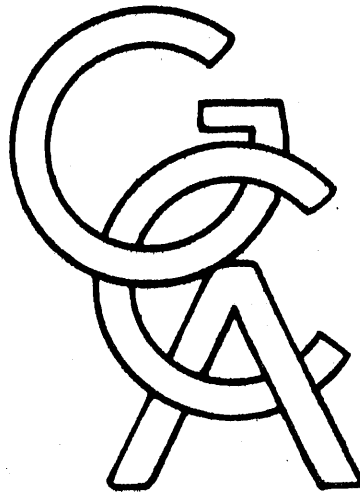


GEORGIA CONSERVANCY NEEDS SUPPORT

Conservation Committee Chairman Claude Terry is now Acting Chairman of the Georgia Conservancy's Inland Waters Committee. On page 6 read excerpts from his July letter to the Fulton County Commissioners which regard to a proposed sewer line to run on the east bank of the Chattahoochee from Perimeter Road to Long Island near I-75.

The letter begins with the recognition that long-range planning is necessary to serve the burgeoning real estate developments and to prevent pollution of the river. It questions the planned location and offers alternate routes.

Read, then Write! Write your municipal, state and U.S. legislators. Let them know that their constituency feels the urgency of saving the rivers--of acting before we have reached the point of no return, which is so dangerously close. Support the Conservancy's work with your own effort. Help to make the GCA's membership in the Conservancy an active membership.



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PER CHATTAHOOCHEE - Saturday, August 8, 1970

The upper Chattahoochee run (approximately 8 miles in length) is a Class 3 river. Assembly will be at 10:00 a.m. on August 8 at the Ga. 255 bridge west of Clarkesville (east of Cleveland). Shuttle will be worked out ahead of time. PRE-REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL so that adequate transportation will be available for drivers. Rapids are relatively gentle down to Smith's Island, where there is a good Class 3 route. Below Smith's Island, there are a series of stimulating Class 2 rapids and some interesting ledges. Some river experience is advised. Bring Coast Guard approved life jackets, bailers, lunch, etc. Register with trip leader: Bill Dunlap, 41-3400, ext. 2718 (office) or 355-1943 (home).

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RAINING WEEK - August 17-23

Several member families are planning to spend this week in sharpening canoeing skills on the Nantahala and perhaps on other nearby rivers. We plan to camp at the Lost Mine Campground and to decide from day to day on activities as water conditions and interests indicate. We expect to set up slalom gates on the Nantahala and to work intensively on slalom techniques. On Saturday and Sunday, August 22-23, we will probably go to either the Chattooga or the Little Tennessee, depending on water conditions.

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If you are interested in joining us during the week, contact Payson Kennedy (457-1362) or Claude Terry (874-7494).

If you wish to join us on August 22-23 only, contact Clyde Woolsey (766-8771) Friday, August 21, to learn time and place to meet. (This will replace the trip tentatively planned at the first of the year on the French Broad.)

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#### FAMILY FLOAT--CHATTAHOOCHEE BELOW BUFORD DAM - Saturday, August 22

The group will meet Saturday, August 22, at 10 a.m. in the Buford Dam parking lot and float half way to Roswell. Parking in the lot is permitted, but the ranger warns that there is a lot of vandalism.

Bring the kids and picnic lunches, and we'll see you there.

PRE-REGISTER with either Harry (Buddy) Collins: 366-4315, or with LaVerne Hunt 378-8519.

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#### REPORT OF FAMILY FLOAT ON THE BROAD RIVER, JUNE 27 -- John Krickel, reporting

The Broad River trip was announced as a family float--and families we had! There were eleven children among the 33 relaxed canoeists who made the trip on Sunday, June 27. For four families, the trip had begun the day before when we rolled to Victoria Bryant State Park. Fifteen of us ate family-style at Crump's Fish Camp and probably set some kind of record for consumption of catfish, fried clams, brunswick stew, french fries, hush puppies, slaw and iced tea.

Sunday morning was clear and cool. By 10:00 a.m. 16 canoes had assembled at the Danielsville courthouse. The river was extremely shallow with barely-covered sand bars running down the middle, due to a six-weeks local drought. The bottom was clean gravel and sand, however, so it was pleasant to step out and help your canoe over the shallow spots. At one point we passed close to a 3-foot water moccasin coiled in a snag. We dug up a freezer chest full of ice and cokes which my daughter and I had buried on our Saturday scouting trip, and after lunch everyone stopped for refreshments at the ruins of the old bridge. By 3:30 we were at our take-out point. While the river had been perhaps too tame, probably half the canoes had been manned wholly or partly by children and beginners. The family float has a place among GCA outings, I think, and hope we will continue to see

Attending were: Jan, Marvin & Mark Albitz; Mary Goodson & Exa Brown; Frank & Camp; A. B. Close; Harry, Nancy, Susan & Sylvia Collins; Mary & Charlie Gafner; Anne & Bill Hirsch; John, Marth & Mary Ann Krickel; Clyde, Jane, Alison & Steve John & Ann McNay; George, Dot, Helen & John Stephenson; Bill, Joan, Kristi & Webb.

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## SECOND ANNUAL NANTAHALA - GREAT SUCCESS

Many folks are due thanks for another outstanding Nantahala slalom and down-river race. Thanks to:

- \* The 202 Participants
- \* Claude Grizzard - Race brochures
- \* Payson Kennedy and Claude Terry - Slalom (plus assistance from Stin, Will and many others from Pennsylvania and greater D.C.)
- \* Rosemary Bridge - Starter
- \* Roy Wood and Staff - Race Master
- \* Tillie Wood, Bill Close, Bob Milton and members of the difficult "paper work" staff
- \* Betty Terry and Anna Belle Close - Slalom finish line
- \* Horace Holden - Race Chairman
- \* Tom Masterson, Tom Berg and many others who helped with safety
- \* TVA - for water
- \* Nantahala Power Co. - for access to startingplace
- \* For all those not mentioned, but not forgotten

There will definitely be a 3rd Annual event next year--same weekend.

Best time for down-river was a shattering 50 min. 51 sec. turned in by Will Provine in the K-1 race. Place results follow. Inquiries welcomed. GCA members noted.

<u>K-1 Slalom</u>	<u>Penalty</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st: Provine, W.	30	109	139
2nd: Lederle, J.	130	139	269
3rd: Maxey, B.	160	137	297

<u>C-1 Slalom</u>	<u>Penalty</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Total</u>
Burton, J.	20	126	146
Schell, T.	140	133	273
Douglas, W.	110	165	275

<u>C-2 Slalom</u>	<u>Penalty</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st: Burton, J.	50	142	192
Schell, T.			
2nd: Ackerman, T.	130	152	282
Maxey, B.			
3rd: Klabunde, P.	260	236	496
Klabunde, P.			

<u>C-2M Slalom</u>	<u>Penalty</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Total</u>
Southworth, N.	30	174	204
Burton, J.	150	244	394
Bridge, R.			
Goodson, Mrs.	160	208	368
Goodson, O. K.			

<u>Father-Son Down-river</u>	<u>Time</u>
1st: Woolsey; Charles, Clyde (GCA)	53:56
2nd: Kennedy; John, Payson (GCA)	54:44
3rd: Grizzard; Chip, Claude (GCA)	59:28

<u>K-1 Junior Down-river</u>	<u>Time</u>
Reker, David	33:16
Alden, John	34:58
Goertner, Kim	35:04

<u>K-1 Downriver</u>	<u>Time</u>
1st: Provine, Will	50:51
2nd: Lederle, Joseph	52:46
3rd: Provine, Marie	57:15

<u>K-1 Senior Down-river</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tracy, B.	56:15
Newdorp, John	1:00:41
Horner, Marvin	1:02:38

<u>C-1 Undecked Down-river</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>1st:</u> Woolsey, Clyde (GCA)	1:05:10
<u>2nd:</u> Doswell, William	1:08:09
<u>3rd:</u> Caldwell, Hugh (GCA Hon)	1:08:41

<u>C-1 Decked Down-river</u>	
Kennedy, Payson (GCA)	1:0
Caldwell, Hugh (GCA Hon.)	} Tie 1:0
Gryder, Reid	

<u>C-2 Undecked Down-river</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>1st:</u> Schlagetter, Daniel	
Ridgeway, William	1:03:46
<u>2nd:</u> Park, Dr. C.R.	
Regen, Dr. D. M.	1:05:16
<u>3rd:</u> Crawford, William (GCA)	
Holden, Horace (GCA)	1:06:59

<u>C-2M, Undecked - Down-river</u>	
Kennedy; Aurelia, John (GCA)	1:0
Johns; Elizabeth, Fred	1:0
Waller, Janet; Nading, John	1:0

<u>C-2 Junior Down-river</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>1st:</u> Kennedy, John	
Woolsey, Charles	36:57
<u>2nd:</u> Devlin, John	
Gilly, George	37:38
<u>3rd:</u> Hertzling	
Jeffrey, William	37:40

<u>C-2 Intermediate Down-river</u>	
Romero, David	3
Wheeler, Alex	
Mitchell, Thomas	3
Suskaner, David	
Womack, Susan	4
Crawford, Trooper	

<u>C-2 Decked Down-river</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>1st:</u> Raleigh; Fran, James	1:01:03
<u>2nd:</u> Doswell; Perry, William	1:02:11
<u>3rd:</u> Goodson, Glenda, O. K.	1:02:41

Bill Crawford, Race Chairman, Report

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REPORT OF SECTION 3 AND SECTION 4 RUN OF CHATTOOGA, May 23 & 24--Claude Terry

Some things are difficult to remember in their full import to a person--your first kiss, graduation day, wedding day--they fade away, only to be sharply evoked by some reminder. Canoeing the Chattooga River is somewhat like these feelings. You run the river and come off the end stoked, really excited about this "best river in the Southeast." The memory slowly fades though, and it is only when you are once again perched on a rock in the narrows, with the river roaring by and rhododendron-hung granite cliffs behind you, that the memory floods back full-blown. That's how it was May 23 and 24 when the GCA and East Tennessee White Water Club held a joint run on the Chattooga.

We ran Section 3 (Earl's Ford to U.S. 76) on Saturday and Section 4 (U.S. 76 to Tugaloo lake--WHEW!) on Sunday, while many GCA people also ran the less difficult but beautiful Section 2 (U.S. 28 to Earl's Ford) (see page 4, Vol. IV, No. 6). The two days were highlighted by Reid Gryder's run of everything on Sections 2 and 4, including Bull Sluice and Sock'Em Dog, and the running of Section 3 by two canoes of juniors (one canoe--10 and 14, the other--8 and 11!). Also, two juniors ran in a kayak and a C-1. All in all, a beautiful, exciting Section 2 weekend.

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REPORT OF KINCHAFOONEE CREEK TRIP, JULY 18 AND 19--John Krickel Reporting

For years to come, I suspect, the Kinchafoonee Creek weekend will be the one to which all other family floats are compared. The ferry had been set up in advance, and we were in the water shortly after assembling.

Soft cypress trees draped in Spanish moss bordered every bank, interspersed with clean, warm, yellow sand beaches. The little river turned and doubled back constantly, providing always another beautiful view around the next bend. One horse-shoe bend was so sharp that we had the eerie sensation of seeing each other pass in opposite directions, separated by a low bank. Children manned their canoes, as they should be on a family float. Near the halfway point, limestone bluffs began to rise on either shore, and we tied up at an inviting cave to explore it. Later we were on the Kinchafoonee's famous "blue boiling spring," a natural artesian well. The 10-foot depth and the white sand of the bottom gave the crystal water a jeweled appearance. Soon we were all swinging on a long rope tied to a cypress. We stayed here over an hour, and the children hated to leave then. The bluffs of soft limestone had been honeycombed into indescribable patterns, and the stream had cut deeply under them, making a dark cool recess. The deeply shaded bluffs were covered with delicate ferns, and cool springs cascaded down through them, making a lacy veil. It was a refreshing experience to run a canoe through this fairy-curtain of water.

On Saturday night at Chehaw Park found miniature golf for the children, a campfire for the adults, and a look at the moon and Jupiter through Bill Close's telescope. The campsites at Chehaw, incidentally, are the widest-spaced in Georgia and located under towering pines--a perfect campground.

By noon Sunday, we were at Georgia's "little Grand Canyon" near Lumpkin. We stood on the brink of a 200-foot drop looking down at weird mesas and canyons whose walls ranged from white to yellow to red to black and every color in between. We hiked down to the bottom to enjoy the same scenery looking upward. We split into several parties to explore the many branches of the strange, flat-bottomed little streams. By 3:00 we were on our way back to Atlanta. There may never again be another weekend as good as the Kinchafoonee float, but when I listen to the leader's plans for next year, I have strong hopes. . .

Participating were: Anna Belle & Bill Close; Carol & Larry Guettler; LaVerne Hunt; Mary Ellen Fowler; Mary Ann & John, Martha & Charles Krickel; Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Carity; George & Dot, Helen & John Stephenson; Margaret Tucker; Joan & Bill, Kristi & Susan Webb; and Jean & Bob, Kathleen & Jere Webb and Tony Gonter.

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July 13, 1970

Dear Sirs:

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The section of the Chattahoochee from I-285 to I-75 flows between high bluffs and cliffs, which closely resemble river gorges in the Appalachians. Laurel, rhododendron, and azaleas are abundant. Many wildflowers which are now rare or extinct in most of the Atlanta area grow here in relative abundance. Red fox, beaver, muskrat, and raccoon can be observed along the shoreline. It borders on the incredible for a stream within a metropolitan area to still retain its wild character to such a degree.

The scenic values of the river in this area are only a part of the story. The river banks are widely used for hiking all year round, while from May to October an estimated 30,000 individuals float the river in canoes, rafts, and inner tubes. Hence, this section of river offers a tremendous potential for recreation of a type which can be found nowhere else in the Fulton County--Metropolitan area.

I fear that much of this scenic value and recreation potential is about to be destroyed by the construction of the sewer line and subsequent overdevelopment of the bluffs. We feel it would be to the property owners' long-term advantage to leave the river gorge intact, and that an alternate route could be found for the sewer.

DeKalb County has shown wisdom in preserving much of the Chattahoochee above Morgan Falls for parks. However, it appears that the area which currently is most scenic and provides the most recreation to residents has been "written off," in spite of the Metropolitan Planning Commission's suggestions that this is the best area of the Chattahoochee for a park. . . .

I suggest that the sewage could be either pumped along I-285 to join the existing sewers in the Northside Drive area (if these sewers are inadequate for the extra load, a new sewer could be put along the existing right-of-way), or the sewage could be pumped over the river to Cobb County's new line at River Bend. . . .

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/s/ Claude E. Terry  
Sitting Chairman, Inland Waters Committee  
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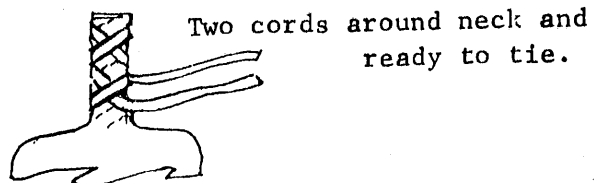
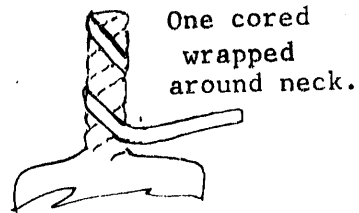
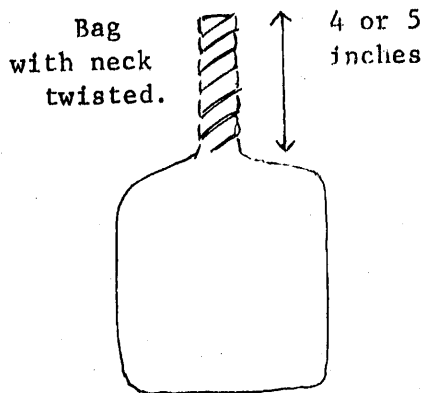
#### MORE ON WATERPROOF PACKS--by John Tryon

In the Appalachian Mountain Club we called them "elephant bags" because somebody once said they smelled like the Elephant House. The Army calls them Bag, Sleeping, Mountain, Cover Only, and they are often available in surplus stores. The Ski Hut, 1615 University Ave., Berkeley, California 94703, calls them Waterproof Duffel Bags, Stock No. R511, and sells them at \$1.75 apiece, plus postage. Whatever the name, two of these bags, one inside the other, make a waterproof pack what IS waterproof. And cheap. And capacious. I've overturned in the Delta River of Alaska; I've overturned in the Gulkana; after each unpleasantness, my gear was dry. My pants were dry; my sleeping bag was dry; the chow was dry.

These bags are shaped as open-topped cylinders about 15 inches in diameter by 30 inches high. They are made of rubberized cloth. It develops pinholes, but two bags, one inside the other, will keep gear dry even if both have pinholes. (These packs are not for objects that you want to get at quickly, such as a camera.)

The trick is to twist and tie the necks of the bags. You start with one empty bag, put the second inside it, and then pack in your gear. You press excess air out of the inner bag, gather up the slack of its neck, and twist 'round and 'round (two turns at least). Wrap the twisted neck both ways with the tie cord and tie with a bow knot. (See sketch.) Then do the same with the other bag.

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Which reminds me to say that a bag with a drawstring in the hem is no good until modified. Take the drawstring out of the hem. Sew the drawstring, at its center-point, to the hem. Leave both ends loose and about 18" long.

Words of warning: Don't lend your bags to other people. They come back torn. Lash your load so that the bags will stay in the canoe even if it floats bottom-side-up. John Dawson learned that on the Delta. His bag stayed with the canoe all right, but it hung down, was torn on a rock, and his camera got wet.

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\*Editor's Note: This technique was tried out, and found to work well, using two plastic baggies and rubber bands, for small articles such as comb, chewing gum, band aids. The double plastic bag arrangement can be put inside lashed-down, non-waterproof containers, with other articles that don't need protection from the water.

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#### NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Mailing deadline for the forthcoming (September) issue of the Newsletter is Wednesday, August 26. Contributions are welcomed but must be written; no items can be taken over the telephone. Mail material to Editor, Mrs. W. H. Close, 225 Forkner Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30030.

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