

GEORGIA CANOEING ASSOCIATION



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GCA MEMBERS:

The right to use Georgia's rivers for recreational purposes is being challenged by property owners. While we unquestionably respect the rights of landowners, we feel that the public has the right to use these rivers. The Georgia Canoeing Association has established a River Rights Defense Fund and has retained counsel to research relevant legal issues. This situation is becoming explosive and it is imperative that we act now. Funds are desperately needed to proceed. Individuals interested in maintaining their rights to the continued use of Georgia's rivers are urgently requested to contribute generously to this fund. Please don't delay!

Send your contribution payable to RIVER RIGHTS DEFENSE FUND to the Georgia Canoeing Association, P. O. Box 7023, Atlanta, Georgia 30083.

My check is enclosed for \$ _____.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____, Georgia _____
Zip _____

GCA CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

It is time to circle your calendar for Saturday, December 7th, the GCA's annual Christmas potluck dinner. It will be held in the Recreation Hall of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 435 Peachtree Street, at 6:30 p.m. Each family is asked to bring their favorite covered dish or confection and 50¢ per person (for the beverage).

Park in the church lot across from Brown's Decorators and enter on the North side of the church. Bring your slides too, so we all can share your latest great adventures.

In order that we may get an estimate of the number of people to expect, please fill out and return the form below to:

Suzy Helmlinger
605B Miller Drive
Ft. McPherson, Georgia 30330

Yes, I will attend the Christmas Potluck Dinner and will be accompanied by _____

members of my family.

Name _____

Address _____

We can hardly wait to see you there.

Deadline for December newsletter is December 7.

Send copy, typed if possible, to: Mary Catherine Ford
1225 Church Street, C-3
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Address changes and corrections should be reported immediately to:

W. D. Crowley
5808 O'Hara Drive
Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

NOVEMBER TRIPS

In appreciation of the volunteers and others who made the job easy this year, the Cruisemaster will lead all November trips, except Chattooga IV for which we have no leader. One call will serve for the entire month - phone 377-2970. I suggest wet suits for the Nantahala and Section III, and perhaps the other rivers too, depending on weather conditions. We might cancel Chattooga II if low water prevails. Unfortunately, I have been unable to make arrangements for an excursion to South Georgia/North Florida rivers during the Thanksgiving weekend. If people are interested and wish to use me as a focal point for coordination, feel free to call. ---Dale Bergen 377-2970

UPPER SAVANNAH RIVER TRIP

We are planning a trip on the Upper Savannah River between Lake Hartwell and the Clark Hill Reservoir. Anyone who has canoed any of this stretch, please call Marty Fishburne at 255-3362 or 261-3000.

Saturday, November 2

NANTAHALA

Class III - wear wet suit

Saturday, November 9

CHATTOOGA III

Class III-IV - wear wet suit

Sunday, November 10

CHATTOOGA II

Class I-II - wear hiking boots

Sunday, November 10

CHATTOOGA IV

Class IV-V - no leader

Saturday, November 16

UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE

Class II-III

Saturday, November 23

BROAD

Class I-II - Bring the family if the weather is nice

ROLLING PRACTICE

We have made arrangements to use the swimming pool at the Samuel L. Jones Boys' Club for rolling practice again this year. The pool will be open from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. every Friday. From 8:30 to 9:00 p.m. we are expected to share our boats with the boys and provide them some basic instruction. However, before 8:30 p.m., the boys should not be allowed in the pool and the club director has emphasized that we should keep them out of the water until that time.

We would like to provide a qualified rolling instructor for each Friday night session. It would take only 20 or so volunteers to cover the period from November through March, one night each. Please call me if you want to offer your services so that I can set up a schedule. (Dale Bergen, 377-2970) Cleve Tedford has volunteered to instruct those who want to learn to roll a C-1. Call him in advance at 394-7983 or 233-7111.

The Boys' Club is located in Decatur at 450 East Lake Drive. The club director, James Chisolm, is our contact. He is usually on the premises during the evening.

TRIP REPORTS

UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE, Saturday, October 5

The low water level (1.88 on the gauge) created a real challenge to one's maneuverability and ability to read water, but still there was ample water for an enjoyable trip. The early morning chill that made handling aluminum canoes bad on bare hands quickly changed to a beautiful, clear, summer-type day by the time we began paddling at 10:30. Actually, the weather was warm enough for Wes to go swimming at the Horseshoe. We all had a good time.

Canoers were: Allen Lewis, Dudley Crockett, and Jerry Snowden in C-1 Open. Wes and Susan Jones and Phil DeZos and Becky were in C-2 Open. ---Allen Lewis

CHATTOOGA III, Sunday, October 6

This was an impromptu trip and though the water was low at 1.45, we had good warm weather. Trip participants were: Bill Spencer, Steve Bowles, Dale Bergen, Gwen

Bergen, Carter Fowlkes, all in K-1's; Hoppy and Mary Eager, C-2 Open; and myself in C-1. This was Bill and Steve's first trip on III, and they did well. Steve didn't have a single capsize and ran every rapid. Gwen demonstrated how to back paddle out of Bull Sluice to pick up a better path. The trip leader showed everyone how not to run Dicks Creek Ledge and also how to come out of your C-1 in a rapid. Hoppy and Mary kept up with the pace of the decked boats which isn't easy at this level.

---Bill Heath

CHATTOOGA III, Saturday, September 14

The gauge at 76 was 1.85 and the weather was beautiful, which gave us a very good run. Trip participants were: Sandy Sanderfer, K-1; Ken McAmis, C-1 Open; Ander Sults and Kreg Pendergrast, C-2 Open; Falma Moye, C-1; Tom Moye, K-1; Gwen Bergen, K-1; Dale Bergen, C-1 Open; Bill Crowley, C-1; Hoppy and Mary Eager, C-2 Open; Walter Evans, K-1; Stewart Allston and wife, C-2 Open; Hale Sanders, K-1; Cleve Tedford, C-1.

This was Hoppy and Mary's first trip on this section, but you would never have known it by watching them. They had one of the best tandem runs I've seen. Cleve had a spectacular run of Bull Sluice in his downriver C-1. He entered the main flume over the top ledge and tried to drive through. He was sucked back into the hydraulic, but a strong downstream brace and lean kept him fairly stable. His paddle kept diving in the foam and he would feather it up and get a new bite. He got in an occasional forward stroke and was heading for Decapitation Rock, still trapped by the reversed current. Just before reaching the rock, he was caught by the waterfall and rolled upstream into the falls. He rolled back up on the downstream side, and he and the boat popped up on the rock. He slid off the rock and fell upside down into the main exit current. He then did a final roll in the swift current at the bottom.

I never have thought Bill Sluice was a bad portage; it was easier than usual this day. My thanks to Bill Crowley for running lead and Ken McAmis and Dale Bergen for running sweep.

---Bill Heath

ETOWAH, Sunday, September 22

An unusually large group met at the put in on Highway 19 at 9:30 A.M. (43 people and 25 assorted boats) on a cool overcast morning that did not change as the day progressed. The rains did hold off until most of us were on the road home. The water level was as low as many veterans had seen it so everyone braced themselves for some wading while pulling boats over the many low spots that did indeed present themselves. Normally fun rapids like Chuck's Shoals near the start and the technically challenging series at the end became frustrating, boat scraping mid river portages that belied a good spring and summer river. In spite of the clouds and water level, the natural beauty of the river triumphed and the group was greeted with a variety of lush mountain foliage, natural rock formations, fresh herbal scents, and ripe wild muscadines to make the escape from the city complete. A three and a half hour run, lunch at the falls and only a few spills trying the ledge below the falls made for an uneventful relaxing run. Due to the number of boats, we divided into two groups and many thanks to Carter Fowlkes, Tom Green, Dale Bergen, and Bill and Anna Belle Close for running lead and sweep for the two groups. Special mention to Dale Bergen who once again demonstrated his consideration and thoughtfulness in leading the shuttle, ferrying drivers and generally subordinating his own fun and convenience to helping others and making the trip easier for everyone.

Enjoying the Etowah this day were: Bill and Lisa Parker in a Folbot; Frank, Patty, Frank III, Tom and Jon Blackburn; Doug and Florida Ellis; Jerry Davey and Rob Wigand;

Ann Lawrence and Rob Nahigian; Bill MacBride; Jim, Gloria and Marci Tuttle; Gary and Edna Lachmund; Bill and Virginia Leonard; Bill and Anna Belle Close; Dale, Radine and Ben Bergen; Polly Heyward and Philip Kenny all in open canoes. In C-2's - Marvin, Marla, Jon, and Mark Albritz; Tom Green and Barbara Martin. In kayaks - Walter Evins, Connie Blosser, Carter Fowlkes, Jerry Bedsole, Ann Merry, Dot Stephenson, Mary Goodson, Gwen Bergen, and Zack Bergen. ---Philip Kenny

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ken Strickland Wins Eastern Wildwater Championships

GCA member Ken Strickland of Athens recently took first in the K-1 Cruising Class of the Eastern Wildwater Championships. This race was held on the Gauley River in West Virginia, probably the most technically demanding heavy water river in the East. Ken is no stranger to whitewater race enthusiasts, having placed either first or second in each of the four major southeastern wildwater races this year. He is also no stranger to the many GCA members who have had the pleasure to paddle with him on club trips this past year. We are all proud of Ken and wish him continued success in all his endeavors.

Trip Report - Gauley River - September 21-22

A trip on the Gauley River below Summersville Dam in West Virginia was run jointly by GCA members and members of Explorer Post 49. The Gauley is described as "the crashing, pounding end, the ultimate in Eastern Whitewater, and the expert's qualifying cruise". Most people who run it can't find the words to describe it, and those who attempt to usually gibber in broken superlatives. It is definitely an unforgettable experience for the experienced rafter and decked boater alike. Claude Terry served as trip leader and guided the raft, Kayaks and C-1 through some of the hairiest rapids many of us had ever seen. More than a couple of our members were caught temporarily in some awful big holes, and almost everyone experienced the wild feeling of a near backender as we plunged through the foam. We watched one kayaker in another group bounce on a brace in "Five Boat Hole" for over five minutes before he finally bailed out. Margaret Tucker had been caught in this same hole but was punched out by Butch Powell who washed in on top of her. Both days on the river were very exciting and enjoyable and everyone was in agreement that the Gauley was well worth the 22 hours of driving. Those making the trip were: Clyde Woolsey, Johnny Stephenson, Claude Terry, Mike Terry, Butch Terry, Falma Moye, Tracey Chappel, Butch Powell, Jim Hobbs, Cleve Tedford, Tom Lines, Bette Taylor, Greg Mohr, Mary Katherine MacDougal, Holly Hammond, Margaret Tucker, and Rick Howard.

Dues Increase

At its last meeting, your executive committee voted to recommend that GCA dues be raised to \$10. This recommendation was voted after much heated discussion that brought out several interesting facts about Club finances. The main point that prompted the vote was the fact that the Newsletter costs approximately \$4.25 per person per year. This combined with other expenses means that the Club will actually go in the hole for 1974. It is obvious that a dues increase is necessary; however, an increase and the actual amount of the increase must be approved at a general meeting of the membership. This subject needs careful consideration by each member. Please plan to attend the December meeting and feel free to voice your opinion on the issue. Any change in the dues must be made by you.

Legal Defense Fund

Money is coming in for our legal fund to protect canoeists rights to North Georgia streams. We thank the many members who have responded so well. If the flow of cash

continues at the present rate, it will be enough to meet the expenses of our legal research but not enough to begin to involve ourselves in a court case if litigation becomes necessary in order to insure or protect our right to use the rivers. Our lawyers are working now on an opinion that will show what the law says about our rights. In addition, attorneys within the State Department of Natural Resources are working with them in this effort. We deeply appreciate the help of DNR on this matter. Should a court case develop, we must have the cooperation of all of our members to meet these expenses. If we lose in this effort, we lose the right to canoe every single stream in North Georgia except the Chattooga or streams where "special arrangements" are made with each individual landowner.

FIRST AID COURSE

We will be having the first aid class as discussed in a past Newsletter. Place - American Red Cross, 1925 Monroe Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30324. Dates: Starting January 7, every Tuesday and Thursday night. Times: 7:30 - 9:30. Instructor: Bill Dickert - member of the Georgia Canoeing Association. Enroll: In the Standard First Aid & Personal Safety Course at 874-1601, Ext. 219. Deadline for enrollment is December 20, 1974. This class will be geared to the needs of the Georgia Canoeing Association. Enroll as soon as possible.

1974 GCA FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount in treasury on October 15, 1973 1890.45

INCOME

Membership Dues	2625.00	
May '74 Beginner's Training Session	449.00	
July '74 Intermediate Training Session	69.00	
Decals, Patches, Books	411.00	
* 1974 Southeastern Champ. Race	2198.25	
* 1974 National Open Canoe Race	1878.04	
Georgia Wildlife Federation	227.30	
GCA Legal Defense Fund	92.60	
Downriver Magazine Subscriptions	24.00	
Fee for newsletter ads	<u>10.00</u>	3907.90

EXPENDITURES

Printing & Mailing Newsletters	1934.25
Two trips to Senate hearings	246.60
Membership Directories	388.28
GCA Patches	151.76
Canoe & Kayak Books	253.95
Printing of GCA Brochure	94.64
Outstanding Expenses from '73 Race	323.60
1973 Christmas Social	70.00
Flowers At ACA Meeting hosted by GCA	39.01
Refreshments & Film at March meeting	65.50
Misc. Training Session Expense	27.80
Special Mailing Re: Julie Wilson	42.42
Georgia Wildlife Federation	227.30
Stamps for all new mailings	160.50
American Canoe Association Dues	35.00
American Whitewater Dues	10.00

1974 GCA FINANCIAL REPORT (Continued)

1974 S.E. Champ. & Nat'l open Races	406.20	
* 1974 S.E. Champ. Slalom & Wildwater	2139.69	
* 1974 National Open Canoe Champ.	1733.30	
* 1975 Race Patches	210.00	
GCA Post Office Box	14.40	
Misc. office supplies & expenses	48.36	
Corporation Annual Registration	5.00	
American Rivers Council	50.00	
Downriver Magazine Subscriptions	<u>18.00</u>	4612.57
Balance in treasury on October 16, 1974		1185.78

***These figures were furnished by the Race Chairman and are not yet final. They were only included in this report for information and are not part of the present balance.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1975 OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee, appointed by President Cleve Tedford, (Clyde Woolsey, A. C. Marshall, Polly Heyward, Phyllis Crowley, John Helmlinger) submits the following slate of officers:

- President ----- Anna Belle Close
- Vice-President ----- Jack Weems
- Secretary ----- Nancy Barker
- Treasurer ----- Bill Heath
- Cruisemaster ----- Allen Lewis
- Newsletter Editor --- Maureen Maloney
- Directors-at-Large -- Murray Johnson
- John Helmlinger

New officers will be elected at the December dinner meeting. Please be there.

---Clyde Woolsey

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Nominations from the floor are, of course, welcomed. However, should you wish to place such a nomination at the dinner/business meeting, please observe the requirement of the Bylaws (Article V, Section II) which states: "Nominations may be made only with the prior consent of the nominee." Be sure, therefore, to acquire the consent of the persons you plan to nominate so that their names may be added without complications to the slate presented by the Nominating Committee.

IMPROMPTU TRIPS

The unscheduled trips continue in popularity, and November days may offer delightful canoeing weather and water on the weekends. For intermediate (or family float) runs, you may still get in touch with each other this month by calling Nancy Barker at 874-8897 on Wednesdays and Thursdays (during the day, never after 10 p.m.) only for trips on the first two weekends. The Closes will be able to take calls for the remaining weekends in the month -- again on Wednesdays and Thursdays only -- EXCEPT -- the last week. Call the Closes on Tuesday or Wednesday of that week, as they may be

in South Georgia by Thanksgiving. Otherwise, the Closes may be reached Wednesday or Thursday evenings at 373-3945.

WANT ADS

For Sale

Hahn C-1, excellent shape, \$200 including spray skirt. Call Bill Crowley -- 921-8353 before 9:30 p.m.

For Sale

Handcrafted Kayak, strong, medium weight. No cracks or scratches. \$175.00 -- Clyde Woolsey - 766-8771.

For Sale

Femat kayak, good condition, with float bags: \$200.00 or best offer. Mary Alexander - office: 261-5875 - home: 434-9950.

For Sale

17' aluminum canoe, heavy duty. Used only three times. Padded Portage yoke, two paddles, two lifejackets. All in excellent condition - \$185. Jeff Viehmeyer - 479-5067

For Sale

2 Hahn C-1's (used) one has Lettmann cockpit. 1 downriver kayak, cheap! 2 Lettmann C-1 seats - can easily be installed in Hahn cockpit. Palma Moye -- 872-6398

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