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DUES ARE REALLY DUE! To be included in the 1976 Directory, dues must be paid by January 31, 1976. Details inside.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - JANUARY 23, 1976. Details inside.

FEBRUARY TRIP SCHEDULE: (Br-r-r-r)

Please refer to river descriptions in your Directory.

Note: Cold weather paddling is for properly equipped, ADVANCED paddlers ONLY. The trip leader's discretion is to be respected.

February 7 - Little River (Ala.)-III-IV. Dave Garrity - 634-1847 after 6.  
8 - Locust Fork, III. John Helmlinger, 755-0396.

14 - Talking Rock Creek, II. Gary DeBacher, 288-1773.

15 - Cartecay, III. Tom Hamby, 455-6743.

21 - Flint, I-II. Allen Lewis, 477-0502.

22 - Broad, I-II. Bronwyn Fowlkes, 255-4110.

21-22 - Tellico weekend, III-IV. Don Norton, 288-6219.

*Hockey game*

28 - Upper Chattahoochee, II. Allen Lewis, 477-0502.

29 - Etowah, I-II. Carter Fowlkes, 255-4110.

There is a section in the Directory on cold weather paddling that you should read before considering any trip in February or March. Remember that cold air and cold water upgrade the difficulty of rivers, and remember that class I rivers in July and August can sometimes become class II or even III in high water. A wet suit of some kind is practically a must.

## EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

The following is a list of members who will represent the Club for the various activities:

Racemaster	Jack Weems
Membership	Bronwyn Fowlkes
Safety	Ken McAmis
River Exploration and Information	Gary DeBacher
Conservation	Mairleen Maloney
Impromptu Trips	Eileen Lange
Auditor	Hale Sanders

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - JANUARY 23, 1976

There will be a general membership meeting on Friday, January 23, at 8:00 at the Student Center Auditorium at Georgia Tech. The main purpose of this meeting will be to have Mr. Larry Lyons, the US Army Corps of Engineers representative for the Atlanta area, present slides and information on Corps activities affecting the 12 county Metro area water supply, waste and recreation.

The Corps has eagerly volunteered this presentation to better inform the public and, in our case, the members of the GCA of their activities in this area. Mr. Lyons is well noted for his talks throughout the Atlanta area and his "straight answers," so I hope we will have a good turnout demonstrating our interest in his subject.

Additionally, there will be several other subjects we'd like the general membership's feelings on, including club cards, trip leaders' authority, training, etc.

This meeting may also serve to bring those hardy canoeists together to plan their winter assaults on "Old Man River." If time permits, any slides or films of river activities available will be shown. PLAN NOW TO GO!

## THE TREASURER SPEAKS.....

Dues are really due! The deadline is January 31, 1976 which is this month. If dues are not received prior to that date, your name will not be listed in the Directory and will be dropped from the Newsletter mailing list. There will be no "past due" notices, either. Please send \$7.50 (\$9.50 for optional affiliation with Georgia and National Wildlife Federation) now to Georgia Canoeing Association, P.O. Box 7023, Atlanta, Georgia 30309, Attn: Treasurer.

GCA PATCHES AND DECALS ARE AVAILABLE from the Treasurer. Cloth patches for paddling jackets, jeans, etc., and decals for canoe, car, etc., are a good way to advertise the club and to identify your equipment. Patches are canoe silhouettes with club name against State of Georgia background, and decals come either in that design or simply as the three letters, GCA. Call or write Carter Fowlkes, 4682 Dudley Lane, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30327, phone 255-4110. The patches are \$1.50, and either type of decal is \$1.00. Be sure to specify decal design.

## STOLEN EQUIPMENT - Jim Hobbs

On Saturday, December 27, two shuttle vehicles, a car and a truck parked at the 76 bridge (Chattooga) were broken into. The thieves smashed a window and took everything - down sleeping bags, down parkas, clothing, boots, even toothbrushes. The two boating groups, one from Florida and one from North Carolina, each estimated their losses at over \$1000. They reported the theft to the Clayton Police, who said there have been other similar incidents reported recently.

To keep the casualty list from growing larger, a few steps can be taken by paddlers:

1. Carry only necessary clothing and equipment on trips. Any articles of value left in a shuttle car should be locked in the trunk.
2. Be familiar with your insurance coverage (the group from Florida had no insurance of any kind).
3. Report all incidents, breakins, vandalism, etc., to the police, sheriff, Park Service, or other appropriate agency. In dealing with the police or other law enforcement agencies, always be polite and respectful (keep in mind, the police are "locals").
4. Report incidents to the GCA Newsletter. The time, place, and nature of the incident can forewarn other paddlers.

Common sense can prevent most problems. Leaving valuables in sight, even in a locked car, is like running rapids without a life-jacket - it's inviting trouble.

### AN ACCIDENT REPORT

This is a summary of an article found in the most recent issue of American Whitewater, Volume XX, No. 6, written by Charles Walbridge. The victim was a New Yorker of intermediate ability who was pinned under a boulder during a practice run for a race. Despite excellent efforts by fellow boaters, the current was too swift, and they didn't get him in time. (This was on a New York stream.)

The point of the article was that this is not an uncommon type of whitewater accident. This same kind killed Julie Wilson, Butch Bilbro in Tennessee, Bob Goeke, and Dr. Cooper on the Nantahala. Each of these was pinned under a tree or boulder, even though they were all properly equipped and experienced for the water at hand. Some accidents like this have occurred in water of less than Class III.

Walbridge makes several suggestions both on rescue techniques and precautions to take while paddling and swimming.

- I. Rescue in swift water
  - A. The rescuer should tie a rope to himself and, belayed from shore, enter the water upstream from the victim and try to pull the victim out.
  - B. Or the rescuer can try to tie the rope to the victim and pull him out.
- II. Avoiding pinning while swimming
  - A. Hold feet and arms high, feet downstream.
  - B. DO NOT try to stand up in a strong current.
  - C. Swim to shore and stand up only after you reach an eddy, particularly if the water is one foot deep or more.
- III. Precautions
  - A. Give accidents wide publicity to scare the casual boater and to alert the more experienced boater about the dangers of paddling.
  - B. Carry a throwline in each boat, mainly on smaller, more difficult trips.
  - C. Inspect heavily used rivers at low water for obstacles that may be hazardous.

### LEGISLATIVE OBSERVERS NEEDED

"Your mountains and marshlands, rivers, dunes and forests, and all the creatures that dwell therein need people to speak for them. You can help by volunteering part of your time during the next legislative session to observe and follow the progress (or lack of progress) of environmental bills and resolutions through the Georgia House and Senate. Your recorded observations are then channeled through the Georgia Environmental Council's state network of concerned environmentalists and to lobbyists, all of whom make their wishes on particular issues known to their respective congressmen and women.

"Experience firsthand our legislative processes and our state's history-in-the-making before the 6'o'clock news by calling G.E.C.'s Observer Chairman, Helen Ogren at 475-7218, or write her at Rt.4, Box 76, Alpharetta, Ga. 30301." (From the Atlanta Audubon Society newsletter). This Council works for the GCA, too.

### FLINT THREATENED - AGAIN

The whitewater section of the Flint River at Spewrell Bluff is being threatened by the DAM BUILDERS again. The conservation committee encourages your attendance on Flint River canoe trips. The use of the Flint for recreation may be a strong issue in our battle against this unneeded destruction of a beautiful river. For information on how YOU can help call: Allen Lewis at 477-0502.

### ROLLING SESSIONS

January 9th will start the rolling sessions held at the Samuel Jones Boys' Club in Decatur. The Director asks that we make sure the BOATS ARE CLEAN INSIDE AND OUT, AND THE POOL BE CLEARED BY 8:45pm. A garden hose will be outside for our use in cleaning boats, and there is a clock in the pool area for our convenience. Rolling starts at 6:00 pm. The address is: 450 East Lake Drive, Decatur.

## RACE NEWS

Here are some race dates for 1976, and where to get information. Anyone who has any of this knowledge of dates or results, please let the Editor know so everyone in the Club will know when, where, and who.

January 31-February 1 - Coquina Key kayak and Canoe Derby (Fla.)  
Call Bronwyn Fowlkes 255-4110 for info.

April 3 - Helen, Ga. races.

April 24-25 - Virginia Championships, Shenandoah R.  
Joe E. Swiger, Chairman  
P.O. Box 1291  
Front Royal, Va. 22630  
(703) 635-2253

June 26-27 - Southeastern U.S. Championships  
Nantahala River.  
Jack Weems, Chairman (GCA)

CLASSIFIED SECTION Cost - \$5.00 per ad non-members or new equipment.  
Free to GCA members for used equipment.

## FOR SALE:

### kayak and Canoe Paddles:

Laminated wood paddles with glass reinforced blades. Custom handcrafted for you personally. Nationally known manufacturer moves South. 2-3 week delivery. Call Steve Scarborough. 394-4067.

\$350 will remove a blue Blue Hole or blue OLD TOWN TRIPPER from my carport. Mike Rainey - 926-2371.

### Chattooga River runners Maps:

"Improved" waterproof material \$5.00.  
River Runners, 138 Norris Avenue,  
Liberty, S.C. 29657. (803) 843-9516.

C-1: Just breaking even. Brand new epoxy C-1 with ethafoam walls. Norse paddle and plenty of patching material included. \$180.  
Contact Bruce Loehle - 633-5639.

Molds: Two k-1 slalom and one K-1 downriver, epoxy, with interlocking flanges, excellent condition. \$175 each. Doug Woodward.  
H: 921-5481; O: 447-2375.

## TRIP REPORTS (Photos will be welcome in this section.)

### Chattooga IV - Sunday, October 26

The water level at 76 bridge gauge was 1.95. This level on Section IV is very difficult and should only be run with a strong group of good paddlers. There were only two people registered to go on the trip, but we met up with three other good paddlers, two of which belong to the GCA. At this level Five Falls was a difficult run. Those on the trip were Michael Rainey, Co-1 (Old Town Tripper, especially set up to run heavy water); and Grady Hobbs, Ken Hobbs and friend, and Don Norton in K-1s.

Don Norton

### LAZER CREEK - Exploration trip - December 5

December 5 was an ideal day to explore Lazer Creek. The sky was clear and the thermometer peaked near 70°. I set up my car-bicycle shuttle and at 1:20 pm, my canoe and I began a trip down what I was soon to find to be an excellent canoeing stream.

Lazer Creek, a tributary of the Flint River, is located entirely in Talbot County. It runs into the Flint on the right side about a mile below Yellow Jacket Shoals. Lazer Creek runs through a hardwood forest with some pines. The terrain along its banks on the lower section of the creek is very hilly with some hills up to 200 feet high. These hill-tops are easily accessible, they offer beautiful scenic views of the creek, and are nice for picnicking. Also the right side on the lower end is state-owned so you are free to roam as you please. There is also an abundance of wildlife in the area. I saw several squirrels, ducks, 3 raccoons, a beaver, and a deer on this trip.

This trip contains a total of 12 miles--8.7 on Lazer Creek and 3.3 on the Flint. The put-in is at a nearby bridge and the take-out is at PoBiddy Road Bridge on the Flint. Lazer Creek is mostly flat water and has a gradient of 7 feet per mile. According to one white water rating system, the creek gets a rating of Class I. However, there are at least 2 rapids which would have to be easy Class II's because of the maneuvering required. There are several other small, and 2 longer Class I rapids. Also, there is a Class II (or III to some) 5-6 foot

ledge at mile 5.5. With the low water, I just barely managed to run this in my Blue Hole, but I believe this would be an excellent play spot in the spring high water. There are several ways to run this ledge, and it would be easy to pull your boat back up and run it again.

I made it to the confluence with the Flint River in 3 hrs and 25 mins., and was at PoBiddy Road 40 mins. later, a total of about 4 hrs. without a lunch break. The shuttle is 8.2 miles.

Lazer Creek is not the place to look for thrills every mile. It's just a quiet little stream where you can enjoy nature's beauty while you paddle, with an occasional rapid. If you think you might enjoy paddling this stream, look for the trip scheduled early this spring.

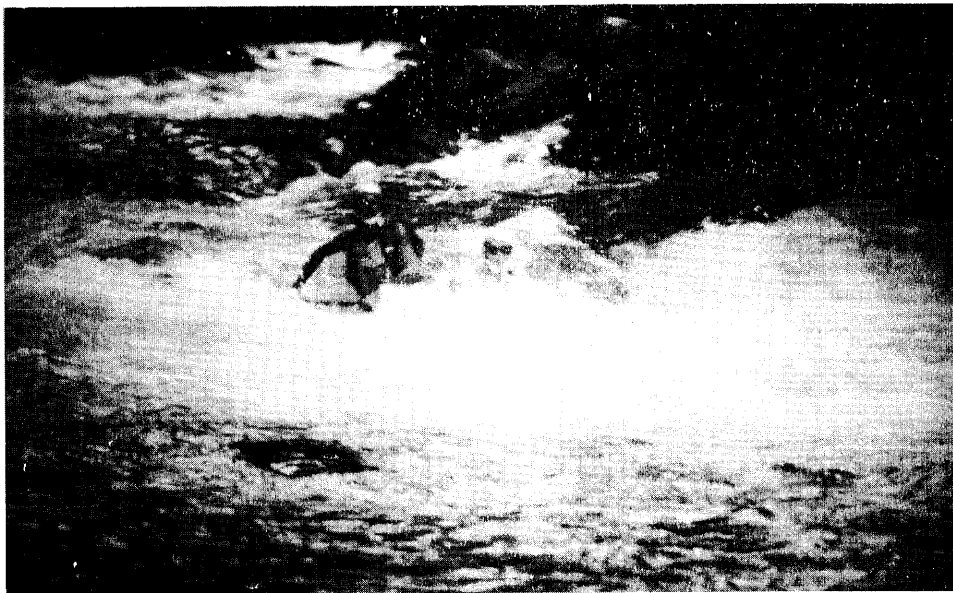
Allen Lewis



Big Ledge on Lazer Creek

PHOTO SECTION or A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE TAKE-OUT

Would you believe? Now, through the wonders of modern technology (and simple curiosity) we can now have photographs printed in the Newsletter. If you have a photo that you would like to share with other members, please send it to the Editor. (You may send your own caption, or leave that to the discretion of the Editor.) Unfortunately we will not be able to print all of them. Photos will be returned at General Meetings unless a stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanies the photo. Photos may be black and white, or color. Be sure to put your name on them as well as paddler identification if appropriate. There will be a prize at the end of the year for the best photo and caption. So send those photos in and make our Newsletter more interesting to read!



Something seems to be missing - can  
YOU guess what? or What Goes Down Does  
Not Necessarily Come Up.

Photo Credit - Bill Crowley



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TENTATIVE RIVER SCHEDULE FEBRUARY-JUNE 1976  
 Subject to change. Read Newsletters carefully.

<u>Date</u>	<u>River</u>	<u>Class</u>
February 7	Little River (Ala.)	III-IV
8	Locust Fork	III
14	Talking Rock Creek	II
15	Cartecay	III
21	Flint	I-II
22	Broad	I-II
21-22	Tellico weekend	IV
28	Upper Chattahoochee	II-III
29	Etowah	I-II
March 6	Conasauga	III
<i>Hockey game</i> } 7	Hiawassee	II
7	Jacks Hiking Trip	
13	Amicalola	IV
14	Flint	I-II
20	Cartecay	III
21	Fightingtown Creek	?
<i>Hockey Game</i> ~ 27	Mountaintown Creek	?
28	Upper Chattahoochee	II-III
27-28	Tellico weekend	IV
April 3	Helen Races	
4	Toccoa	I
10	Chattooga III	III
11	Chattooga II	II
11	Chauga	II-III
17	E.Fork Little River	?
17	Flint	I-II
18	Lazer Creek	I-II
15-18	TSRA Whitewater Clinic	Obed/Emory
24	Hudson	I
25	Broad	I-II
May 1	Chattooga III	III
1	Nolichucky	III-IV
2	Chattooga II	II
2	Chauga	II-III
1-2	Beginners Open Canoe Training Session	
8	Nantahala	III
9	Etowah	I-II

<u>Date</u>	<u>River</u>	<u>Class</u>
May 15	Cartecay	III
16	Talking Rock Creek	II
22	Upper Chattahoochee	II-III
23	Hudson	I
23	Lazer Creek	I-II
29	Chattooga III	III
30	Chauga	II-III
29-31	Gauley/New 3-day trip	IV-VI
June 5	Northwest Ga. River	
6	Upper Chattahoochee	II-III
12	Nantahala	III
13	French Broad	? (depends on section)
19	Etowah	I
19	Flint	I
20	Broad	I
26	NANTAHALA	
27	RACES	

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