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## State's creeks, rivers target of major cleanup

More than 500 miles of Georgia creeks and rivers have been targeted for cleanup by 1990 in a new state plan for combating water pollution.

The "Clean Water Strategy," made public during a news conference Friday by Natural Resources Commissioner Leonard Ledbetter, specifies corrective action and target dates for portions of 28 creeks and rivers which now do not meet the standards for their designated uses.

The plan also cites three lakes or reservoirs — High Falls, the Harry Williams public fishing lake in Crisp County and Jackson Lake — as needing restoration and describes steps needed to correct the problems.

The plan was developed to meet requirements to attract federal pollution control funds under the Water Quality Act of 1987.

Ledbetter said the plan concentrates on ending existing pollution problems caused by inadequate local wastewater treatment plants. The funding strategy includes an existing state loan program for local governments and up to \$200 million in federal loans.

However, he said the plan does not address future needs of high-growth urban areas where local governments have been hard pressed to meet wastewater standards.

Ledbetter said Congress made no provisions for those communities in the water act, but he added that he hoped some solutions might

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come from the governor's Growth Strategies Commission, which is due to report this fall.

Targeted rivers cited as not supporting their designated uses were:

Flat Creek near Gainesville; a portion of Conasauga River downstream from Dalton; Cedar Creek near Cedartown; Riceboro Creek downstream of the Interstate Paper Co.; Butler Creek downstream of Augusta; Ocmulgee River downstream of Macon; and St. Marys River near St. Marys.

Rivers cited as only partially supporting their designated uses:

Turtle and Brunswick Rivers near Brunswick; Arrow Creek in DeKalb County; Nancy Creek in Atlanta; North Fork and South Fork Peachtree Creek in DeKalb County; Peachtree Creek, Atlanta; Chattahoochee River between Atlanta and Franklin; and Cracker Creek downstream of Young Refining Co.

Also, Long Cane Creek downstream of LaGrange; Chattahoochee River downstream of Columbus; a portion of Conasauga River downstream of Dalton; Flint River downstream of Atlanta, in the Albany area and downstream of Bainbridge; Dye Branch downstream of Thomaston Mills; Cabin Creek downstream of Dundee Mills; Brooklyn Creek near Athens; and Okapilco Creek near Quitman.

Also, Withlacoochee River downstream of Valdosta; Shoal Creek in DeKalb County; South River in DeKalb County; and Tobesofkee Creek downstream of the William Carter Co.

The plan specified what criteria each river segment violated and noted the planned cleanup action for each. For many, corrective steps are already under way, the plan said.



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# The EDDY LINE

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DEADLINE for the next newsletter is the 7th! Send material to Gary DeBacher, 659 Scott Circle, Decatur, GA 30033. \*\* NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS! \*\* Please 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. ADDRESS CHANGES, SUBSCRIPTION PROBLEMS AND MEMBERSHIP INQUIRIES: send to GCA, PO Box 7023, Atlanta, GA 30357, attn. membership chairperson. 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 Allen Hedden, 252-6167, so he can plan time on the agenda.

Nov. 5 Wildcard class 2-3, intermediate	Andy Lyons	482-1713
Ocoee 3-4, very advanced	Andy Warshaw	455-8844
6 Leader's Choice 2-3, intermediate	Barney & Sherry Spurr	461-8760
Ocoee 3-4, very advanced	Oreon Mann	522-3469
12 Tray Mt. Day Hike- medium/strenuous	Dick Butterworth	993-6513
Broad 1-2, trained beginner	Walt & Salena Lynch	1-353-3621
Wild Card 2-3, intermediate	Laura Jordan	1-803-836-8498
13 Chattooga 4 3-5, expert	Allen Hedden	252-6167
Mild Card 1-2, trained beginner	John Stein	634-8815
19 Wild Card 2-3, intermediate	Roger Sallas	1-673-6394
Something Else 3+, advanced	Dick Gowen	987-8423
20 Nantahala 2-3, intermediate	Jerry Peterman	257-1749; 1-865-3309 wknd
Mild Card 1-2, trained beginner	Jimmy Gunter	427-0706
Sweetwater Creek 3+, advanced	Evelyn Hopkins	255-7018
25 Nantahala 2-3, interm.	Tom McCormick	1-912-653-2012 before 5 PM Wed.
26 Cartecay 2-3, interm.	Hank Baudet	476-4760
27 Cold Turkey Special. Trip leader needed.	Call Carol Mercer	373-6683.

Dec. 2-3-4 Cumberland Island Camping Trip.	Carol Mercer	373-6683
3 Upper Hooch 2-3, interm.	Jim Biasco	426-8587
4 Nantahala 2-3, interm.	Bill McLendon	973-5864
Wild Card 3+, advanced	Brannen Proctor	872-3014
10 Hike waterfalls around Clayton- moderate	Dick Butterworth	993-6513
Wild Card 2-3, intermediate	Laura Jordan	1-803-836-8498
Lower Amicalola 3-4, advanced	Jim Silavent	587-1172
11 Cartecay 2-3, intermediate	Dennis Crain & Jeanne Peters	633-6487
17 Gilmer County Wild Card, intermediate	Jay Szymanski	1-635-2726
18 Wild Card 2-3, interm.	Gwen Bergen	993-2336

25 Potluck to celebrate Christmas on the river. Brad Nichols H973-3585 W 350-3000  
Between Xmas and New Years flatwater paddle Carol Mercer 373-6683  
Jan. 1 Mtn Otrd Exp New Years Day Paddle- Cartecay 11AM Jay Szymanski H:1-635-2726

Upper Ocoee Jump Trip- Call late November for dates. Roger Nott 1-536-6923  
Sweetwater Creek trips Nov.-Feb. when water is up- call Jerry Holladay 321-6946

Carol Mercer is Cruisemaster-- Call her at 373-6683.

BIG ED'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE?!? It was back in '78 that my tenure as newsletter editor began with the November issue, a single sheet, both sides, typed on an IBM Selectric. There was no trip schedule, because back then we didn't have club trips in Nov, Dec and Jan. Heck, we usually didn't even print a newsletter in December and January. Fills me with nostalgia. A lot of water has poured over the gunnels since then. I've been editor so long that some people think my name is Ed.

So I had thought of making this a really big issue, with some choice items from the past, and maybe the Unknown Paddler in a centerfold, but we've got to get the schedule out in time, so instead you get this quickie, not much longer than the first, or maybe a little bit longer and a little bit worse, as the saying goes. Maybe next issue. Maybe I will find a permanent position in Atlanta so we can do it for ten more years. ---Ed.

Okefenokee Swamp Trip - Three days - November 18, 19, & 20. We will be on the orange, purple and green trails. If interested please call Mary McKean 565-8288.

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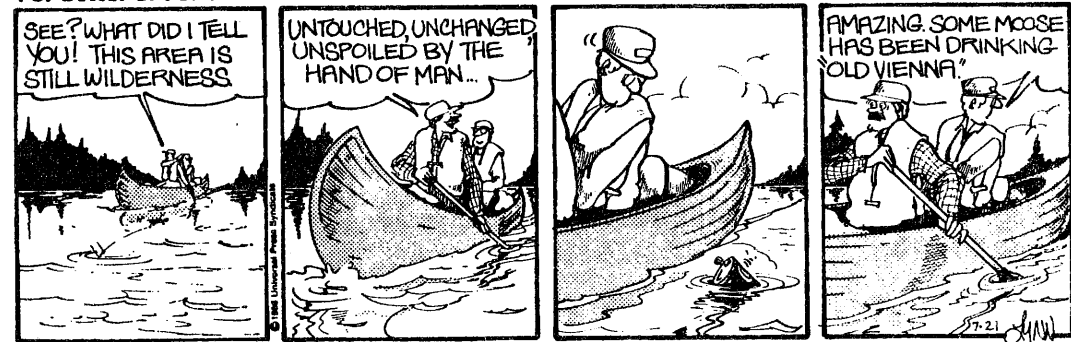
### ROLLING PRACTICE RESUMES

The Perry Pool will again host the GCA Winter Rolling Practice beginning Monday, December 5, 1988. For your \$3 donation, you get a warm pool and someone to give you pointers; you furnish the clean boat and the desire to perfect your roll. The hours are 7 to 10 PM (be out by 10!) The Perry Recreation Center Pool is located at 1041 Kerry Drive, NW, off Perry Boulevard in NW Atlanta. For further details, call Allen Hedden at 252-6167.



It is time to start thinking of summer vacations. We are planning a trip to the BWCA (as in Boundry Waters Canoe Area) for several days (probably 3-4 nights) ideally in late June but no plans are made so let's make it a GCA trip. Children will be welcome (accompanied by parents or whatever). If you are interested, contact Jeff Engel, 1-548-5015.

**For Better or For Worse**

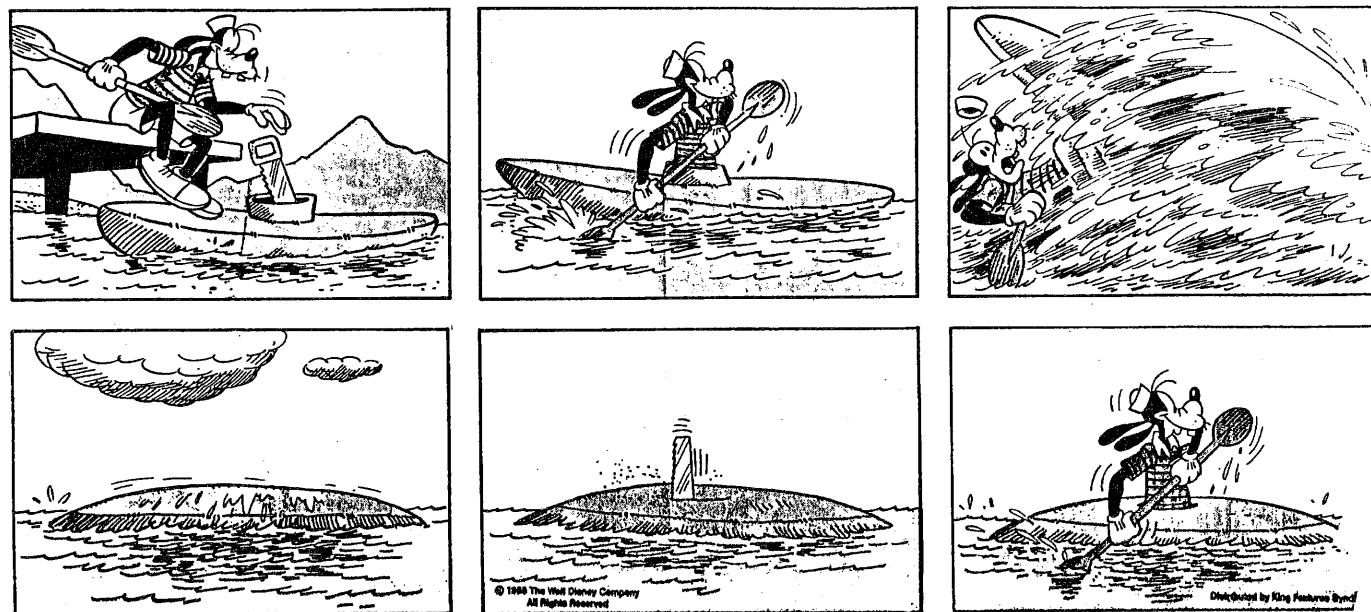


October 8, 1988: UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE: Trip Coordinator Barry Hahn. Summer is over. Winter has not yet arrived. What it was, was some of the most beautiful weather this year. And, the water was at an adequate level. I did not walk up to the gauge. Something under 2', but a good deal more water than we had run it this summer. Besides the Nanty was not generating. Not to paddle on such a gorgeous Saturday would have been a crime.

We had a nice turn-out. Several maybe callers must have gone to Chatooga IV trip, or they missed a nice day. We had ten boats, and that is a nice size group. Thanks to Joe Wright for running shuttle and sweep. Those on the trip were: Joe Wright in a Sunburst; Jim Haga, Alex Lang solo in Whitesells; Gary Plumlee in an OCA; Barry Smith and Fred Stokes solo in Mohawks; Marty Dyches and Cathy Overby tandem in an Old Town; Marri Beckman in a Dancer; Leroy Robbins in a Jeti Grande; and me in my ME.

The most fun was just being there on such a wonderful day. Seemed to be a bit of fun side surfing the little hole below horseshoe. A couple of unnamed folks better known as Gary and Jim stood up in their canoes while others of us ran horseshoe several times. Also of notewas the fact that this was Barry Smith's first canoe trip. No swims. Pretty good.

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**Why Knot?**

(From TSRA newsletter)

by Bart Lee

So far we've done knots that make fixed size loops and ones that slide so that the loop will tighten around an object. It is very often useful to have one in your bag of tools that will do both. That is slide when you want and hold its place when you want that. Back in the old days for paddlers, campers, and other such nomadic cultures, just before nylon tents, after wooly mammoth hides, and slightly overlapping with but generally post-dating bison, there was canvas. If you had your canvas tent set good and tight during the night's rain and left it so during the day's sun it would shrink and pull itself apart. You had to remember to slack off on the tent ropes when it got dry. Hard times. You also had to remember to keep your cooking coals dry, your bow string damp, your tender pouch and powder dry, and your boat hull damp.

Somewhere back then, someone in the course of the daily routine with slack, or lack of it, invented what is mostly called now a taut-line hitch. The knot slides when you push on it and clamps down tight when you pull on its standing end. It is, in fact, the proto cam-lock device. All subsequent trick slide/lock hardware and software are out of new material by taut-line. And even in this synthetic age it is still at the head of the clan. Ever pull out the corners and edges of a fly over a table or cookstove and want to stretch it tight? Ever tie down boat painters to car bumpers? Ever want to adjust the height of your food bag in bear country? Ever string up a hammock for just the right amount of sag? Ever tie a prusik? (Simply an ambidextrous version of this knot.) Did you ever on a long hard haul with pack or paddle decide to get really serious about getting rid of excess weight? Cut those little plastic and aluminum bars off of your tent strings. Go for the real thing. Tie this knot. The utility to weight ratio of a knot is seldom approached and never equaled by any ultra-tech kevlar-carbon anything. But on the other

hand, boat hulls are another story...

What if cars had two sets of controls just as do tandem canoes. Both ends would steer, go, and stop. Think about it. What would insurance rates be? What would the divorce rate be? It's not clear. You'd have to get help if you went by car. May be that communication and cooperation born of this necessity would lead to lower rates. Karl Benz started production in 1886. What would world population be after a hundred years of such vehicles? And imagine going on a trip with your in-laws. After three summit meetings and a signed 15 page treaty you get backed out of the garage

and onto the street. Good walking shoes would be available at all roadside quick-stores, third aisle, next to the flashlights and ponchos.

And then, no doubt, someone would invent solo cars. Great idea. Civility and tranquility on the road. Twice as many cars on the road. Only an occasional antique, behemoth tandem model to be seen. A retired couple, no doubt, on their way to Florida. Too old and conservative to change. Don't suppose they actually prefer to do it that way. When they're gone it'll be good riddance. Or lost art?

