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Have you dreamed of leaving the "Real World"; living in the mountains and working for the Nantahala Outdoor Center? Well, here's your chance. We have a full-time year round position open in our accounting department. You must have at least a BS in accounting. If interested, please apply to Joanna Foster, c/o NOC, 41 Highway 19 West, Bryson City, N.C. 28713.

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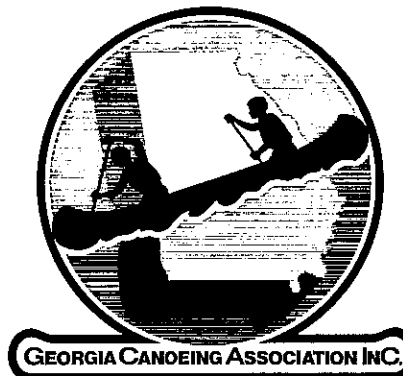
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## GCA FILES LAWSUIT

The GCA executive board has voted unanimously to file a civil lawsuit against Chattoga County land owner Ralph Henry for trying to block the Armuchee Creek with electrified barbed wire and having boaters arrested for criminal trespass for canoeing the river.

The GCA is in the process of raising funds necessary to employ attorneys to try the case. We need the support of each



## SEASON'S GREETINGS

and every one of you a donation to GCA, to assure that our P.O. Box 7023, Atlanta Ga. 30357. This is for you and your children's future. Please help us with this effort by sending

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The GCA held its annual fall general membership meeting on October 20, 1990 at Henderson Mill High School. After a great pot luck supper, the

crowd of about 80 club members elected new officers for 1991 (see page 5) and honored Andy Warshaw as an honorary life time member. Then Ellen

Babors of the NOC gave a slide presentation of the recent Project Raft. A good time was had by all. Make your plans now to attend the Spring meeting.

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## VIDEO TAPES MADE AVAILABLE

New member services: Thanks to Smoky Mountain Sports, GCA is now providing video tapes free to our members. GCA recently received the following tapes from Smoky Mountain Sports:

Path of the Paddle: Quietwater-By Bill Mason- This beautifully filmed video covers basic paddling strokes and maneuvers and offers the beginning canoeist the instruction necessary to experience the pure joy and poetry of paddling. This is claimed to be the 'video bible of canoeing. 54 min.

Path of the Paddle: Whitewater-By Bill Mason- This video lets you experience the thrill and drama of whitewater canoeing. Bill Mason shows you how to locate deep water channels by reading strokes and maneuvers and keep complete control of your boat. Winner at six major international film awards and a pleasure to watch. 54 min.

Call or visit Smokey Mountain Sports and thank Dan Gilbert, Bill Carpenter and Larry Odoski for their support. If there are other tapes you would like us to provide from our library, or to borrow the tapes listed above, simply call Walter Howard at 422-3091.

**BEWARE THE KILLER  
HYPOTHERMIA!**

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## 5TH ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

Once again GCA members will be treated to the annual Chili cookoff and canoe trip on the Cartecay River near Ellijay. This event is sponsored by the Georgia Canoe Assn. and the Mountaintown Outdoor Expeditions (MOE). Plan to arrive at MOE starting around 10 AM. The first group will launch shortly before 11AM with subsequent trips leaving every half hour or so until early afternoon. The length of the trip will depend on the water level and the amount of partying the night before. Good comraderie and good chili are guaranteed.

Bring a pot of your favorite red for the cookoff to be held mid afternoon after we finish our river run. If you don't want to bring chili, bring your favorite side dish and enjoy sampling the chili entries.

Jay Srymanski of MOE has promised to have 5th Annual Chili Run T-Shirts at a reasonable cost. Last year this event drew nearly 100 participants and was covered by Atlanta TV. Come out and support GCA. This is a great way to start the New Year - ON THE RIVER. Contact Jay at (404) 635-2726 evenings or at MOE (404) 635-6524 for additional information. COMMENT: I still think last years's vote for best chili was rigged. This of course has nothing to do with the fact that my chili didn't win.

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## A WORD FROM YOUR NEW EDITOR

Hi! I sure hope that you've read this far into this issue of your club newsletter. If you are still with me, I'm sure that you've noticed the change in style. Your executive board thought that with the recent changes in the board of dedicated volunteers, that we'd also like to try a change in the way the newsletter is prepared. But before I get into all of that new Hi Tech stuff, a few sentimental words are definitely in order.

As I'm sure that some of you know and others may have once known but have since forgotten, Gary Debacher has been faithfully preparing the GCA Eddyline for the last 12 long years. Yes that's not a misprint, 12 years folks. That's 144 issues of taking numerous hours out of one's paddling time and sitting at a typewriter and banging out stuff.

I can safely say that no person past or

present within this organization has served the club more faithfully by doing the same job for this length of time.

Actually, Gary has been the editor for half of the clubs's 24 years. A feat that deserves a lot more than just the words in this article. In 1988, Gary was recognized as an Honorary Lifetime Member, the GCA's highest honor, but that's still not enough. I don't know how else to say it but thanks" Ed". As my own small way of saying thanks, you will not see me refer to myself as "Ed". There will only ever be one.

Gary will be a tough act to follow, but I promise I will do my very best. The board has helped in a big way by deciding to purchase a computer and some desk top publishing software which you are seeing in this issue. I am not a computer guru, but I am learning and as the issues go by, I hope to get steadily better. For

those of you out there familiar with PC"s, I am using PFS First Choice as my word processing software and PFS First Publisher for the desk top publishing. If you wish to submit articles and you have a PC, submit them as an ASCII file and I'll try to flow them in. Otherwise, continue to submit typed material keeping in mind that all articles will have to be retyped. You do not have to type them border to border with 0 margins.

With your help and patience, we will continue to have one of the finest newsletters in the entire country.

I look forward to being the editor of the "Eddyline". And I promise each of you to do my best to give you a product you will be proud to keep around the house no matter what use you find for it.

Well, if you are still with me, it's time for me to go. I'll see you next month with more stuff.

## OCOEE RIVER 2400 CFS JULY 15

It had been raining, but I had no idea that the Ocoee was running high until Francis Cheung called Saturday night. Francis said that it had been around 3500 CFS that day and that he had been told to expect 2000 CFS plus natural runoff for Sunday. Personally, I was not overjoyed at this news as I was scheduled to lead my first Ocoee trip on Sunday. Fortunately everybody has answering machines these days, so nobody showed up expecting a nice normal Sunday afternoon run. Francis and Julie decided to wait until another day to take their first tandem run on the Ocoee this year.

We had a fairly strong group, but most were strangers to each other. All were Kayakers: Jerry Jascomb, Cindy from Montana, Porter Martin, Wayne Sanders in his Dancer, Doug Pratt, and me, Evelyn Hopkins, and my butterflies (each with his own soon to be needed PFD). I have some question about whether it was really running 2400 CFS; the rapids looked pretty much like they usually do, although the river was much pushier than its usual 1200 CFS. The first impressive rapid was Double Suck whose hole was stopping, but not holding rafts. Some of us cheated, and all of us avoided the hole like the plague. At Tablesaw, Porter made that top left eddy for the first time ever. Unfortunately, I missed him

there for a lack of a couple of good hard strokes and ended up swimming. Not a good idea. I wondered why help was so long in coming and found out later that Wayne had decided to give the would be rescuers more of a challenge by swimming Tablesaw at the same time. Jerry finally got to me, but not in time to keep either of us out of Witches Hole. Figuring it could get crowded in the hole and that Jerry might have trouble rolling, I pried my fingers off his boat. Three months later, I pooped out and was rescued by one of the kayak safety boats which the rafting companies sent with their trips. There was some very good surfing at some of the waves between Witches Hole and Hell Hole. Doug, Jerry and Cindy had a grand old time playing Hell Hole. Everyone (even Wayne and I) had a good time and enjoyed meeting new people to paddle with.--Evelyn Hopkins.

**DUES ARE DUE.  
FOR ONLY \$18.00  
YOU CAN BE A  
MEMBER OF  
THIS GREAT  
ORGANIZATION.**

## DECEMBER TRIP LIST



### December

1	Upper Hooch	2-3 Intermediate	David Wilson	441-7543
1	Exploration Trip	Depends on Water	Roger Nott	404-536-6923
2	Sweetwater Creek	2-4 Advanced	Evelyn Hopkins	875-2574
3	Rolling Practice			
6	Board Meeting	Jewish Center		
8	Armuchee Creek	Flatwater	Benny Young	404-857-1556
8	Cartecay	2-3 Intermediate	Jay Srymanski	404-635-2726
8	Leaders Choice	3+ Intermediate	Peter Elkon	373-7535
8	Tellico	3-4 Advanced	Flip Hager	659-6672
9	Upper Hooch	2-3 Intermediate	Gerard Aberson	262-7212
10	Rolling Practice			
15	Cartecay	2-3 Intermediate	Fred Stokes	922-3893
15	Upper Hooch	2-3 Intermediate	Dave Bowman	923-0954
17	Rolling Practice			
22	Wildcard Trips	12-22 to 12-30	Jim Silavent	587-1172
24	NO ROLLING	POOL IS CLOSED		
31	NO ROLLING	POOL IS CLOSED		
<b>January</b>				
1	Cartecay	5th Chili Run	Jay Srymanski	404-635-2726
3	Board Meeting	Jewish Center		
5	Upper Hooch	2-3 Intermediate	Nancy Barker	874-8897
5	Nantahala	2-3 Intermediate	Mike Collier	404-967-2158
6	Upper Hooch	2-3 Intermediate	Rob Kerr	404-889-6566
7	Rolling Practice			

Please remember to call your trip coordinator at a reasonable hour and well in advance of the day of the trip. I know that as paddlers, are a procrsatinating bunch, but do try to help out. Also, please keep in mind that all of the trip coordinators don't know all of you and it is their duty to to ask a few questions.

To volunteer to lead trips call the cruismaster Dave Richardson at work 435-3800 or at home 431-9841. Thanks is advance for your help.

**DUES ARE NOW DUE!**

## Tellico River October 21

This trip was originally scheduled for the Ocoee, but good rainfall earlier in the week gave cause for checking around for alternatives.

I heard rumors at the AWC picnic on Saturday that the Tellico was running big, so I called the new gauge number from the Eddyline and got a level of 6' plus.

That's over 2500 CFS, folks! (A normal flow is 150-300). Well, right away I was a little suspicious, since the last rain was Thursday morning and the Tellico doesn't hold its level that long.

I conferred with several people at the GCA General Membership Meeting on Saturday night, hoping to hear of someone who had been to the Tellico that day, but no such luck. All anyone had was the gauge reading of over 6'. We figured something had to be wrong with the gauge.

But for it to be stuck at over 6', it must have been pretty high, and

would probably still be at a very runnable level. Thus the decision was made to run the trip on the Tellico and not the Ocoee.

I still had a problem to work out: Marshall Sager had called early in the week and was coming over from the Nantahala on Sunday Morning, and had been told to meet us at the Ocoee put in at 10:00.

Sunday dawned a beautiful day, and I met Gwen Bergen, Susan McGilvary and Jim Patsios at exit 4 off I-575 at 8:00 to carpool. We stopped for a quick breakfast in Ellijay where Mark Levine caught up and joined us. Then we met Doug Klaucke and Louise Martin at the Copper Duck and proceeded to the Ocoee put in. There we met Marshall who had already staged his boat and gear at the put in ramp. Also there was Jay Harrel who was interested in the Tellico as well. Barney and Sherry Spurr who were to meet Mark at the Ocoee at 10:30 were not

there yet and the clock moved to 10:45.

The group decided to head back to the Copper Duck to intercept Barney and Sherry and convince them to come to the Tellico. They had been a little nervous about the reported level and were planning to run the Ocoee. So Marshall reloaded his boat and we headed east on US 64. About half way to Copper Hill we flagged down the Spurrs and told them of our plan. We decided that if it was really running 6' that we would come back to the Ocoee. They were agreeable to the plan and our ever growing convoy headed north to Tellico Plains.

We pulled into Tellico Plains just before noon and checked the gauge. No, it wasn't 6' plus. It wasn't even 2'. It was 1.6 which is about 235 CFS. There was some discussion about going back to the Ocoee, but since the scenery at the Tellico is next to none and with the fall color and a clear day, the decision was made to do

a low water run on the Tellico.

I don't think anyone was disappointed. We had a couple of first timers along who were very impressed with the river, and who were probably fortunate that it was low. And Susan had never seen it under 1000 CFS, so it was a new experience for her too.

The river was crystal clear. You could see the fall colored leaves all over the river bottom. The temperature was right at the point where cold weather gear is a little warm, but the water was quite cool. It was a very special day in a very special place. Thanks to the snail darter and some dedicated environmentalists, the Tellico remains a free flowing river and not a lake.

Mark and Doug put in above Baby Falls and gave the rest of us a thrill watching them run the 17 foot drop. Everyone else put in below Jared's Knee, We

all had a great time on the river. There were only a couple of spots toward the take out where it was a little scrappy.

When we stopped for lunch, I realized that in all the carpooling confusion, I had left my lunch in Susan's car. It turned out that five or six of us had left our lunch behind for various reasons, but the others had brought enough to share and no one went hungry.

After beer and peppermint schnapps at the take out, we stopped for dinner at the Basin Pride in McCaysville, where we entertained each other with river lies and fairy tales.

Trip participants were Marshall Sager (thanks to his wife for running shuttle), Gwen Bergen, Jim Patsios (How'd I get that big ole boat down this little bitty river), Barney Spurr, Sherry Spurr (What a low brace), and Susan McGilvary:OC1. Doug Klaucke and Louise Martin : K1. Mark

Levine (Mr. Rescue), Jay Harrell (A gutsy move, bringing a glass boat on a river that low) and your trip coordinator, Allen Hedden: C1.

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MEETING IS THE  
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OF THE MONTH.  
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CALL THE PRES-  
IDENT IF YOU  
HAVE AN ITEM  
FOR DISCUSSION  
SO IT CAN BE ADD-  
ED TO THE LIST!**