

## July GCA Meeting

The July GCA meeting will be an Azalea Drive Paddlin' Event to be held at the Chattahoochee River Park Azalea Drive put-in. We will paddle around the river and the backwater estuary area of Bull Sluice Lake above Morgan Falls Dam. We will also feature a canoe/kayak/equipment/clothing/gear swap and flea market, which will be set up at one of the covered picnic shelters. Bring your no longer needed outdoor and paddling gear and convert it to cash or other more useable gear! Just as we did last year, we will promote an Internal Demo Day encouraging members to bring boats for others to try out — swap around — etc.

Everyone bring your own beverages and snacks or dinner items and enjoy a great evening of paddling, shopping, trying out boats and swapping river lies!

To get to the park: From Roswell Road going north toward Roswell, cross the bridge over the Chattahoochee and turn left on Azalea Drive (traffic light just past bridge). The park will be about 1/2 mile on your left. From Georgia Highway 120 (runs between Marietta and Roswell) east bound, turn right at Willeo Road (traffic light), go to first traffic light and turn left on Azalea Drive. The park will be about a mile on the right. X

## Fall Gala Canoeing Affair

by Denise Colquitt

Hi, folks! Just wanted to let you know — the Annual GCA Fall Gala Canoeing Affair will be held the weekend of September 14-16. We will again be hosted by Nelson's Nantahala Campground. I have reserved the lower campsites, as well as the 2 small bunkhouses and the 4 small 4-person cabins. I have not reserved the larger cabins that will hold up to 12 people, but they can be reserved if available.

We will have a taco and burrito bar with all the fixings I can come up with.

The bunkhouses will sleep up to 14 but I recommend no more than 12 because they are small. They have very basic wooden cots with foam "mattresses," a light, and one plug-in. The small cabins are "efficiency style" and have 4 bunk type beds, a small kitchenette, and a full bathroom. They rent for \$45 per night for 4 people.

See the flyer in this issue of *The Eddy Line* for more information and to make your reservation. Refer questions to Denise at 770.854.6636.

See ya there!!! X



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## Who Ya Gonna Call?

The following list is provided for your convenience:

**For general information about the club** - Call the club telephone

number, 770.421.9729, and leave a message. Someone will get back to you.

**To volunteer to help with club activities** - Call President Brannen Proctor at 770.664.7384 or contact the committee chairperson for your area of interest.

**For information on payment of dues or membership status** - Call Treasurer Ed Schultz at 404.266.3734.

**To sign up for a club trip** - Call the trip coordinator at the number listed on the activity list.

**To sign up to lead a club trip** - Call Cruisemaster Jim Griffin at 770.498.3695.

**For change of address or for *Eddy Line* subscription**

**information** - Call Ed Schultz at 404.266.3734.

**If you didn't receive your *Eddy Line*** - Call Ed Schultz at 404.266.3734.

**For information on GCA clinics** - Call the clinic coordinator listed on the clinic schedule, or call Training Director Gina Johnson at 770.971.1542.

**For information on winter roll practice** - Call Revel Freeman at 404.261.8572.

**For information on placing want ads in *The Eddy Line*** - Call Newsletter Editor Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318, or see "To place an ad" in the Want Ad section of *The Eddy Line*.

**For information on commercial ads** - Call Advertising Director Jim Kautz at 770.321.9826 or Newsletter Editor Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318.

**For information on videos and books available from the GCA Library** - Call GCA Librarian Denise Colquitt at 770.854.6636. ✂

## Board of Directors Meetings

The Georgia Canoeing Association Board of Directors meetings are held on the first Thursday of even months (February, April, etc.) from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, located on Piedmont Road at the Prado, next to Piedmont Park. All members are encouraged to attend. If you have an item for discussion, please call GCA President Brannen Proctor at 770.664.7384 so he can add your item to the agenda. Attending Board meetings is a great way to become more involved with the GCA. ✂

### GCA Executive Committee

President .....	Brannen Proctor
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River Protection Chair .....	Julia Franks
Training Chair .....	Gina Johnson

## Submitting *Eddy Line* Material

Deadline for material to be submitted for publication in the next *Eddy Line* is the fifth of the month, i.e., for the January issue, material should be submitted no later than December fifth. The editor must receive all articles, trip reports and want ads by the deadline or they MAY NOT be published in the next issue. To submit material via EMAIL, send to [gacanoec@mindspring.com](mailto:gacanoec@mindspring.com). The text of an article can be placed in the body of a message, and photo images can be attached to the message as attached files. To submit material via COMPUTER DISK submit articles or trip reports on a 5-1/4 or 3-1/2 inch IBM/DOS formatted disk as an ASCII text file labeled with a ".txt" file extension, or as a text file on a 3-1/2 inch high density MacIntosh formatted disk, and include a printed copy (Disks returned only if requested). To submit material via U.S. MAIL, send to: **Allen Hedden, 2923 Piedmont Drive, Marietta, GA 30066**. All classified ads will be run for two months unless otherwise requested. Hand-written or phoned in material CANNOT be accepted. Contact Newsletter Editor **Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318** for questions. Thanks for your cooperation. ✂

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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



<b>July</b>			
5	New River Gorge (WV) (Thursday) (Note 1)	Class 3-4 Advanced	Louis Boulanger 404.373.4775
6	New River Gorge (WV) (Friday) (Note 1)	Class 3-4 Advanced	Louis Boulanger 404.373.4775
7	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Mike Kaplan 770.455.4757
7	Broad	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Nancy Barker 404.874.8897
7	New River Gorge (WV) (Note 1)	Class 3-4 Advanced	Louis Boulanger 404.373.4775
8	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Bill Convis 770.751.9258
9	Ocoee (Monday)	Class 3-4 Advanced	Allen Hedden 770.426.4318
14	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Ray Channell 404.636.5944
14	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Roger Toeppen 770.804.9416
14	Little River Canyon (AL) Chair-lift Section	Class 3-4 Advanced	Clay Noble 770.655.2843
15	Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Edward Stockman 770.441.9767
15	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Roger Toeppen 770.804.9416
19	Club Meeting — Evening Paddle on the Chattahoochee — Boat Demo and Gear Flea Market — Kay Redmond		404.237.7242
19	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Allen Hedden 770.426.4318
21	Lake Tugalo (Note 3)	Flat Water	Steve Cramer 706.208.8382
21	Toccoa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Mary Vachon 404.352.4718
21	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Brannen Proctor 770.664.7384
21	Upper Chattahoochee	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Doug Ackerman 770.503.0365
22	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Mike Christison 770.973.6482
23	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Patrick Gourley 770.422.1689
28-29	Safety Weekend — "First Three Minutes" (Note 4)	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Gina Johnson 770.971.1542
28	Toccoa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jim Watson 404.876.3151
28	Upper Chattahoochee	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Dickie Tillman 770.466.1197
28	Ocoee (Afternoon trip)	Class 3-4 Advanced	Jim Tibbetts/Julia Franks 404.875.8503
<b>August</b>			
2	Board of Directors Meeting — Members Invited — Atlanta Botanical Garden		Brannen Proctor 770.664.7384
4	Leader's Choice	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	David Warner 770.426.8348
4	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jack Taylor 770.998.0350
4	Nantahala Lake	Flat	Chuck Creekmore 770.995.5788
5	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jack Taylor 770.998.0350
9	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Allen Hedden 770.426.4318
11	Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Doug Ackerman 770.503.0365
11	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Brannen Proctor 770.664.7384
16	Club Meeting — Entertainment — Fun — Garden Hills Community Center		Kay Redmond 404.237.7242
18	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Denise Colquitt 770.854.6636
18	Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Edward Stockman 770.441.9767
19	Toccoa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Gina Johnson 770.971.1542
<b>September</b>			
14-16	Fall Gala Canoeing Affair — Nelson's Nantahala Hideaway — Topton, NC		Denise Colquitt 770.854.6636
20	Club Meeting — Entertainment — Fun — Garden Hills Community Center		Kay Redmond 404.237.7242

Note 1: Make reservations for camping at Mountain State Park, 800.252.7784.

Note 2: Chair-lift section.

Note 3: 4 mile flat water paddle.

Note 4: Safety clinic participants can paddle the Tuckaseige on Sunday.

**Signing Up:** Call the trip coordinator listed to sign up for trips. Call early in the week to ensure you get a spot on the trip, and in consideration for the coordinators. PLEASE avoid calling late in the evening.

**Training Trips** are a combination of recreation and training designed to attract those boaters who have completed a formal training clinic and would like some on-the-river time with instructors practicing what you learned in the clinic and expanding your skill level.

**To Volunteer To Lead Trips:** Call the Cruisemaster, Jim Griffin, at 770.498.3695. As usual, we need trip coordinators for all types of trips, from flat water to class 5 white water. Our excellent trip schedule depends on the efforts of volunteers, so get involved and sign up to coordinate a trip on your favorite river today! The GCA needs YOU!

**Chattooga Trips** are limited to 12 boats on ANY section on ANY trip, club trip or private (USFS regulation). Your cooperation in protecting this National Wild and Scenic River is appreciated.

**Roll Practice:** Wednesday evenings from 6:00 until dark May thru October at the lake at Stone Mountain Park. See announcement in this issue of *The Eddy Line*.

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## GCA Library Items

The GCA Library has many videotapes and books available to any GCA member. All you have to do is call GCA Librarian Denise Colquitt at 770.854.6636 to find out what is available. The cost is \$3.00 per tape or book for postage and handling.

Any / all donations or loans to the library are welcome. (Please, no bootleg video copies.) Send them to:

Denise Colquitt  
3794 Glenloch Road  
Franklin, GA 30217

The following items are currently available:

### Videos:

Canoes by Whitesell  
Cold, Wet & Alive  
Expedition Earth  
Faultline (Will Reeves)  
First Descents (North Fork Payette)  
Grace Under Pressure (learning the kayak roll)  
In the Surf  
Introduction to Canoeing  
Kayak Handling-The Basic Strokes  
Mohawk Canoes (promotional w/detailed boat outfitting instructions)  
Mohawk Whitewater Canoes (promotional w/ detailed outfitting instructions)  
Only Nolan (Promotional, Canoe Technique)  
Path of the Paddle: Quiet Water  
Path of the Paddle: White Water  
Performance Sea Kayaking (the basics & beyond)

Play Daze  
Retendo  
Solo Playboating!  
The C-1 Challenge  
Vortex -- low cost storm water sampler  
Waterwalker (Bill Mason)  
Whitewater Self Defense

### Books:

A Canoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Florida  
A Canoeing & Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Kentucky  
A Canoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Ohio, Vols I & II  
A Canoeing & Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Tennessee-Vol I & II  
A Hiking Guide to the Trails of Florida  
A Paddler's Guide to the Obed Emory Watershed  
ACA Canoeing & Kayaking Instructors Guide  
Alabama Canoe Rides  
AMC White Water Handbook  
American Red Cross Canoeing & Kayaking  
Arkansas information (assorted)  
Basic River Canoeing  
Brown's Guide to Georgia  
Buyer's Guide 1993 (Canoe Magazine)  
Buyer's Guide 1994 (Paddler Magazine)  
Buyer's Guide 1996 (Paddler Magazine)  
California Whitewater - A Guide to the Rivers  
Canoe Racing (Marathon & Down River)  
Canoeing Wild Rivers  
Carolina Whitewater (Western Carolina)  
Endangered Rivers & the Conservation Movement

Florida information (assorted)  
Georgia Mountains  
Idaho Whitewater  
Indiana Canoeing Guide  
Kentucky Wild Rivers  
Missouri Ozark Waterways  
Northern Georgia Canoe Guide  
Ohio County Maps & Recreational Guide  
Paddle America (Guide to trips & outfitters)  
Paddle to the Amazon - The World's Longest Canoe Trip  
Paddling SC-Palmetto State River Trails  
Path of the Paddle  
People Protecting Rivers  
Pole, paddle & Portage  
River Rescue  
River Safety Anthology  
River's End (Stories)  
Sea Kayaking Canada's West Coast  
Song of the Paddle  
Southeastern Whitewater  
Southern Georgia Canoeing  
The Georgia Conservancy Guide to the North  
The Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande  
The Mighty Mulberry-A Canoeing Guide  
They Shoot Canoes, Don't they?  
White Water Tales of Terror  
WhiteWaterTrips (British Columbia & Washington)  
Wildwater (Sierra Club Guide)  
WildwaterWestVirginia  
Youghiogheny-Appalachian River  
**Maps:**  
The Big S. Fork

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## Announcements

### GCA Email List

The member response to the GCA email list has been great. We have at this printing about 305 subscribers. Thanks to Mike Kaplan and our friends at Kaplan Communications (an Internet Access Provider) for providing software and server space for the GCA email list.



Here's how the list works:

By sending an email to "gacanoeflipper.kapcom.com" you automatically reach all subscribers to the list with the message. Anyone can use the address — it's just another email address — and all subscribers will get the email. The list is an "open list", i.e., anyone can subscribe to it mechanically by sending an email to "majordomo@flipper.kapcom.com" and on the first line of the body of the message type:

subscribe gacanoeflipper

You will receive a verification that you are sub-

scribed and a welcome message with instructions on how to unsubscribe and various other commands available through the service. Be sure to save this information for future reference.

All GCA announcements and forwarded email from other sources concerning new river access issues, late breaking news items of interest to the paddling community, etc., will be sent out via the GCA email list at gacanoeflipper.kapcom.com. If you want to receive any of this information, please subscribe to the list using the above instructions. Also, don't be shy about using the list to send out or to request information about paddling related topics, rivers you're interested in, etc.

By the way, should you change or lose your email ID, please take a minute to "unsubscribe" your old ID and/or to "subscribe" your new one. ✂

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"It is the ability to take a joke, not make one, that proves you have a sense of humor."

- Max Forrester Eastman (1883-1969) American writer & editor.

### Need an Internet Service Provider?

If you plan to sign up with an internet service provider for the first time, or if you plan to change providers, and are considering MindSpring as your choice, you can do your paddling club a big favor. When you call to sign up, tell the MindSpring sales rep you were referred by Georgia Canoeing Association and we will receive a \$20.00 credit toward our monthly ISP subscription cost. You will need to give them the GCA email ID — gacanoec@mindspring.com — for us to receive the proper credit. Thanks for your help!

## GCA Web Page

Check it out at <http://www.georgiacanoe.org>. We are continually adding information and links of value to paddlers. Send your ideas for updates to Allen Sinquefeld by using the e-mail link for WebGuy at the site. ✂

## August GCA Meeting

As those of you who came to the June GCA meeting know, our speaker for June had to reschedule after the newsletter had already gone to press. The program that was scheduled for June is now on the itinerary for the August meeting.

The August GCA meeting will be on Thursday, August 16 (the third Thursday of the month), at 7:30 PM at the Garden Hills Community Center in Buckhead. The program will feature Margery Diamond doing an interactive, participatory session on outdoor living skills. Attendees will get an opportunity to try their hand at matchless fires, foraging for edibles, trying out some tracking techniques, and learning about night vision. Those who wish can create cordage from a natural fiber. Learn about shelters that can be made from debris and will keep a person safe and dry in the worst of storms. Plant and tree recognition activities will also be included.

Margery Diamond is a professional educator with over 25 years of experience. She has taught both adults and children in classrooms and organizations. The past three summers, Ms. Diamond taught nature and outdoor living skills to over 1,600 campers and counselors at New Jersey Y Camps in Milford, Pennsylvania, and Camp Coleman in Cleveland, Georgia. She has developed a "Torah Point Trail Guide" to influence others to see and understand the coupling of Judaism and nature in an innovative and exciting format. Her love of the outdoors combined with her spirituality results in a master teacher who inspires and motivates her followers.

MS Diamond holds a BS degree in Education from Georgia State University with credentials in Early Childhood and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. She trained in wilderness survival skills with Dr. Gabe Goldman of the Jewish Nature Center and with Ray Rentze, a Certified Maine Master Guide. Her outdoor experience includes guided travel on many wilderness waters. A partial list includes the Copper River in Alaska; the New River in West Virginia; the Allagash in northern Maine; the Altamaha, Ocoee, Chattahoochee, Chestatee, Etowah, and Chattooga rivers in Georgia; the Everglades and the Georgia Coast. She has hiked parts of the Appalachian Trail in Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, and Maine. As a published outdoor photographer, she continues to explore and experience the beauty of the natural world. ✂

## Electronic Eddy Line Email Failures

Not getting your electronic version of *The Eddy Line*? The following email IDs had mail failure notices for the April *Electronic Eddy Line* mailing. Send any corrections or changes to Ed Schultz, 3060 Pharr Court North #315, Atlanta, GA 30305, or call Ed at 404.266.3734, or you may email him at [heloeddy@mindspring.com](mailto:heloeddy@mindspring.com).

Failed email IDs:

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phelpsn@mindspring.com	User unknown

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## Weekday Paddlers

Did you know that GCA has a list of paddlers available to paddle during the week? We now have 70+ entries on the weekday paddlers list, including members who are retired persons, those with variable or non-standard work schedules, those available to paddle weekdays when school is out (students and teachers), and even

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those who have a lot of vacation time to burn and want to take vacation days for paddling. The list includes members who paddle smooth water as well as all classes of white water

If you would like to be included in the list, please call Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318 and leave your name, phone number, days of the week you are available to paddle, and class of water (flat, I thru V) that you are interested in paddling. You will then receive an up-to-date copy of the list. The list will be re-published quarterly (January, April, July, October). Updates are available by request through the GCA phone line. If you received your copy of the list more than 3 months ago, you should request an updated copy (the July update is out). There have been considerable changes to the list. To receive an up-to-date copy, call the GCA phone line at 770.421.9729 and leave your name and address with a request for the updated list. ✂

## Upcoming Events of Interest

July 5-6 — Dixie Division Camp Challenge and Mini-Camp, Bryson City, NC — Slalom and Wildwater — A competition specifically for kids from some of the many summer camps here in the mountains, Nantahala Racing Club (NRC) 828.488.2176 ext. 108 or email rhino@main.nc.us.

July 14 — US National Junior Olympics Slalom Race, Bryson City, NC — Island Park on the Tuckasiegee River, Nantahala Racing Club (NRC) 828.488.2176 ext. 108 or email rhino@main.nc.us.

July 21 — Georgia Games State Championships for Canoe / Kayak — Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler@aol.com.

July 30 - August 2 — White Water Open Canoe Down River National Championships — Ohiopyle, PA, Mid-Atlantic Paddlers Association, Ed Sharp, 540.752.5400.

August 4-5 — NRC Wild Water National Championships — Pigeon River, TN, Nantahala Racing Club (NRC) 828.488.2176 ext. 108 or email rhino@main.nc.us.

August 7-12 — USCA National Championships — Sprint & Marathon, Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler@aol.com.

August 16-19 — Open Canoe Slalom National Championships — Carlton, MN, 218.726.6177, rcarlso6@d.umn.edu.

September 20-23 — Decker Boat Slalom World Championships — Ocoee River, TN, email media@ocoee whitewater.com.

October 12-14 — Southwestern Canoe Rendezvous — Lake Raven, Huntsville State Park, TX, Jim Null, medislide@earthlink.net.

October 26-28 — NOC Guest Appreciation Festival — Nantahala River, NC, NOC Programs Office 888.662.1662, www.noc.com.

December 1 — NRC Jiffy Slalom — Bryson City, NC, Island Park on the Tuckasiegee River, part of Bryson City's holiday time festivities, Nantahala Racing Club (NRC) 828.488.2176 ext. 108 or email rhino@main.nc.us.

December 2 — NRC Wildwater Races — Season Finale on the Tuckasiegee Gorge, NC, Nantahala Racing Club (NRC) 828.488.2176 ext. 108 or email rhino@main.nc.us.

August 6-10 2003 — Lanier Canoe 2003 Sprint World Championships — Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler@aol.com. ✂

## Summer Roll Practice

Joint AWC / GCA Summer Roll Practice will be held at Stone Mountain Lake this year beginning in May and running through the end of daylight savings time in October. Sessions are sched-



uled for Wednesdays at 6:00 (or earlier). Admission is free once you enter the park (a season pass is highly recommended if you plan to attend multiple sessions).

To get there, enter the park from the Stone Mountain Freeway (East Entrance) and take the first left. Continue about a mile until the road crosses the dam and take the first right into the parking lot. The boat ramp is on the right.

Use the area around the ramp to load and unload boats only. There is a fair amount of power boat traffic putting in and taking out at the ramp. Once in the water, try to stay clear of the ramp for the same reason.

Note: Park regulations do not allow "swimming" at this location, so if you are in the water spotting for someone, an explanation to the park officials may be in order. So far no one has been cited for a violation there.

Volunteers are needed to help with kayak, canoe and C-1 rolling. Your help is appreciated! ✂

## GCA Trip Sign-up Guidelines

Some considerations to be made when signing up for GCA trips and activities:

Be considerate of our trip coordinators (TCs). Avoid calling late at night, or at the last minute, to sign up for a club trip. Many of the more popular trips fill up very quickly. Calling early in the week, or even earlier, helps

to ensure you get a spot on the trip and helps the TC to make plans. We do not have an easy time getting people to coordinate trips, and these little annoyances help to discourage the few we get from repeating their favor.

Please do not attempt to sign up for a trip via email. Many potential trip participants may not be aware that participation in club trips is not guaranteed. Two major reasons for this are that trip sizes may be limited because of many factors, and there is a de facto screening process that takes place when someone calls to sign up for a club trip. Boaters are allowed to participate in a club trip solely at the discretion of the trip coordinator.

Trip size limitations may take place due to river conditions, river characteristics, safety considerations, governmental agency regulations, permit systems, parking availability at put-ins & take-outs, or trip coordinator preference (not wanting to deal with the logistics of a 40 person trip). Again, we don't want to do anything to discourage these TCs from repeating their favor, so try to cooperate with these limitations.

For the same reasons, avoid just showing up for a club trip without signing up with the trip coordinator. Calling and leaving a voice mail message or sending an email does not constitute signing up. TCs often do not get last minute messages or emails before leaving for their trips. And if the trip is already maxed out, you may get to the river and not be able to go on the trip.

The screening process for potential trip participants is a tool to help avoid putting TCs and other trip participants, and indeed the callers themselves, in the awkward and often unsafe position of dealing with trip participants who may unnecessarily get into trouble on a club trip. Other than because of trips being full, TCs may decline to have a caller participate in a trip and gently suggest that perhaps she/he should consider not participating, or signing up for a trip of a lower difficulty level, if they suspect that the caller may not have the necessary skills, experience, proper type of boat or outfitting, adequate paddling or rescue equipment, proper protective cloth-

ing, or any number of other things that may affect the caller's ability to participate in the trip without placing him- or herself in an unsafe position. This avoids affecting the quality of the trip experience for the TC and the other participants, as well as not jeopardizing the safety of the screenee.

As a potential trip participant, if you find yourself "screened out" of a trip, try to ascertain why, so you can work toward remedying the conditions that cast doubts on your ability to participate safely. Ask for suggestions that may help you prepare for future trips of a particular difficulty level. As a trip coordinator, try to be honest but tactful when screening potential participants for your trips. Paddlers' egos bruise very easily — we are mostly a proud and independent lot. If it comes down to it, though, a bruised ego is better than a lost or broken boat, a severe injury, or worse. And no one wants their ego to cause problems for an entire group.

One thing that should NEVER be done — Don't sign up for a trip and then invite / allow other people to come with you on the trip. The correct protocol is to have the other people individually contact the trip coordinator directly to sign up for the trip. Again, we want to be considerate of the TCs so they will continue to coordinate trips, and "surprises" are not a good way to do this.

Lastly, please try to be on time at the designated meeting place. The club has a 15 minute rule regarding waiting for late-comers for any club event, so if you show up late and miss the group, PLEASE don't get huffy with the trip coordinator.

Your cooperation and understanding in adhering to these guidelines are very much appreciated. ✂



**From the  
Board Room  
by Lindsay Meeks,  
Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Meeting, June 7,  
2001, Minutes**

In attendance:

Brannen Proctor, Allen Hedden, Marvina Cole, Ray Channell, Oreon Mann, Gabriella Schlidt, Lindsay Meeks, Dick Hurd, Ed Schultz, Kathy King, Gina Johnson, Julia Franks, Roger Nott.

Minutes of April 5, 2001 meetings approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report - Ed Schultz:

+ May Financial Statement reviewed

+ 2001 Southeastern Races Statements reviewed with comparison to 2000

**PRIVATE CANOE INSTRUCTION  
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results.

+ GCA Received invitations from the West Virginia Rivers Coalition for their 3rd annual gala.

Strategic Planning Committee Report - Marvine Cole:

+ Reviewed survey results (see report this issue).

+ Recommendations made by committee.

MOTION BY ALLEN HEDDEN: Remove \$5 cost to receive *Electronic Eddy Line* and give membership option to not receive paper copy. Passed unanimously. Allen and Ed will work out details of transition for process.

+ Dick and Lindsay will organize Canoe Camping committee and program.

+ Survey results will be published.

Recreation Committee Report - Brannen Proctor for Jason Schnurr:

+ 2001 races had challenges. Those racers who did not have results will be sent refunds.

+ For 2002 races Gina Johnson will be Race Master.

+ Fall Gala scheduled for September 14-16 at Nelson's Nantahala Hideaway.

Training Committee Report - Gina Johnson:

+ No huge safety weekend.

+ Gina will check with ACA for constraints on class of water for training clinics covered by ACA insurance.

+ Dry land safety clinic worked well.

+ CPR and WFR training went well and should continue.

+ Some open boat clinics are not making, 1 kayak clinic canceled due to illness.

Resource Development Committee Report: No report.

Member Services Committee Report - Ed Schultz:

+ Small turnout for mailing party.

River Protection Committee Report - Julia Franks:

+ Jim Albert and Julia Franks met with Bob Kerr. Discussed Amicalola preservation. Decided not to pursue due to State politics involved.

+ Dan MacIntyre will continue to follow up with issues he started.

+ Julia attended Ocoee Symposium to discuss keeping the Upper Ocoee running.

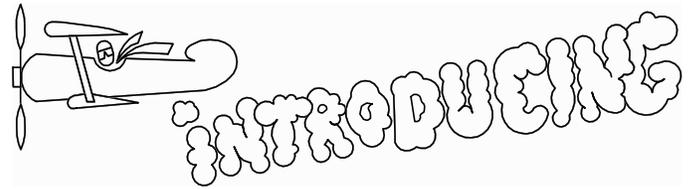
+ Assistance requested by ACA to open Tallulah above gorge.

+ Meeting on June 14th about TMDL for Altamaha.

MOTION BY ED SCHULTZ: \$1000 to be donated to American Whitewater's Access Fund earmarked for obtaining river access to Upper Chattooga. Discussed and passed unanimously. <

"The optimist sees opportunity in every danger; the pessimist sees danger in every opportunity."

- Sir Winston Churchill.



## Welcome New Members

The GCA would like to welcome the following new (and nearly new) members. New members are the life blood and the future of the club. Thank you for joining us!!

### February

Richard Brownlow

Neal Coats

Steven Lee

Alejandro & Melissa Montes

Michael Stephenson

Kevin & Sean Tomlinson

Decatur GA

Carrollton GA

Calhoun GA

Atlanta GA

Marietta GA

Kennesaw GA

### March

Matthew C. Brayley

John M. De Castro

Martin Fuchs

Andrew W. Grow

John Hagan

J. Hartman & Amy Rhodes

Scott Houser

John & Michelle Hudler

Timothy P. Lamb

Carol E. May

Glenn McAllister

Greg & Sharon Mix

Frank & Claire Ostein

Sue Richardson

Shane Seabolt

Joel Wagner

Chuck Wallace

Brad & Kathy Wilson

Alpharetta GA

Atlanta GA

Jonesboro GA

Atlanta GA

Dacula GA

Demorest GA

Snellville GA

Blue Ridge GA

Alpharetta GA

Asheville NC

Waleska GA

Lilburn GA

Marietta GA

Marietta GA

Gainesville GA

Dunwoody GA

Alpharetta GA

Atlanta GA

### April

Jay Cawley

Blake & Steven Clem

James & Chrissie Engle

Valerie Fields

Joe & Philip Gennette

Dawn Geren & Brian Crowe

Yaacov Gothard

Stephen & Cheryl Heilman

Sandra D. Hyman

Hugh Isbell

Raymond James

Stephen C. & Celine A. Livingston

Deborah Loveys

Newnan GA

Atlanta GA

Alpharetta GA

McDonough GA

Atlanta GA

Lilburn GA

Atlanta GA

Roswell GA

N. Augusta SC

Anderson SC

Acworth GA

Midland GA

Decatur GA

Edna McClellan  
Robert McGraw  
Douglas Midkiff  
Simone Mooney  
Sue Sigmon-Nosach  
June Novak  
Teri Nye  
Terri Phoenix  
Steve & Jan Radtke  
Greg Shepherd  
Charlotte & Todd Shollenberge  
Steve Smyth  
Troy B. Tarpley

### May

Jess Austin  
David Chamberlain & Jackie Miller  
Joe & Debbie Connell  
Jeff Dixon  
Charles J. Ford  
Nancy & Elvin Hilyer  
Chuck & Lori Lide  
Christina Lockwood  
Rebecca Hart McElroy &  
Peter Damian McElroy  
Brian Mitchell

Ellijay GA  
Woodstock GA  
Ocala FL  
Jenkinsburg GA  
Alpharetta GA  
Carrollton GA  
Decatur GA  
Athens GA  
Marietta GA  
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Blairsville GA  
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Smyrna GA  
Roswell GA  
Lawrenceville GA  
Hazelhurst GA  
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Marietta GA  
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Marietta GA

Randy Renick  
Gregory J. Scott  
Sylvia Struck  
Amy Weeks

Covington GA  
Alpharetta GA  
Atlanta GA  
Decatur GA ✂

## Good Rescue Training is Training NOT to Rescue

by Chris Parker

The best safety training is to learn to stay out of dangerous situations. Learning advanced river rescue techniques and rope work is great, but the best rescue is one that never took place. Do not get me wrong, I am a firm advocate of safety training; however, if you can prevent the incident, then you are better off.

Anyone who has had advanced training can tell you that once ropes get involved in a rescue effort (other than a throw rope toss), the likelihood of a positive outcome is slim. People have been saved, but timing is everything and the world we play in is very dynamic. The success of the situation is based upon many variables such as weather, water level, river size, location of incident, number of trained practiced rescuers, and equipment available.

But what if the rescue never had to take place? But what if the group that day had asked several "But What If?" questions? What if the group had prevented the rescue by doing what is right?

This is being safety minded. Asking the questions, reviewing the situations and preparing to not have a river rescue.

Being safety minded is not only getting trained in new skills, it becomes a change in paddling attitude. Here are some tips.

1. Know your limitations. This could include boating skills, physical conditioning, attitude of the day, or effects of the weather on you.
2. Get physically conditioned. Face it, paddling is a physical sport. You can not sit at a desk all week and expect to be in shape to paddle all weekend. Get into some sort of exercise program. Next subject is FOOD. Remember in first grade, "You are what you eat." How can you expect to perform if you have nothing to burn? Eat properly before, during and after the river. It will make a difference.
3. Know the river you are on. Class, water level, length, access, hazards. Just because you are not the trip leader doesn't mean you can't know the river. Read the books and ask the questions. If you do not know it, then don't



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paddle it.

4. Have proper equipment in good condition and sized for you. Paddling requires equipment. Do not skimp on getting exactly what you need. Would you skimp on a parachute? What is the difference?

5. Don't boat what you would not swim. How about this common statement, "If you are not swimming, then you are not learning." This statement carries only partial truths. Swimming is fine under well thought out situations: Where will I go when I swim? Where will my boat go? Is there a recovery place? Is there a place for my friends to rescue me? Do I know what I am doing? Are my friends at risk? If you swim often, you may not be pushing the limits, you may be pushing your luck.

6. Get out of the passive mode, practice aggressive self rescue. Your boat, your equipment, your butt. Take care of them all; it is your responsibility, not your friends'.

7. ReThRoG — Reach, Throw, Row, Go. Understand rescue techniques and priorities.

8. Understand how to use your safety equipment. Why carry a throw bag if do not use it. Why bother standing at the bottom of a rapid with a throw bag if you can not use it confidently.

9. Get trained. Take boating classes, get a mentor, learn First Aid and CPR, know rope work, understand river rescue techniques.

- *From "River Write," newsletter of the Huntsville Canoe Club.* 

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## **Instruction / Training**

### **First Three Minutes Safety Course**

On Saturday, July 28, the GCA will offer a one-day safety course based on the American Canoe Association's Basic White Water Safety curriculum. This course is commonly referred to as "The First Three Minutes" since it focuses on the actions and skills needed to immediately effect a rescue after an incident has occurred.

The course will be a full day of learning and practicing simple safety concepts and rescue techniques. Topics will include:

Preparing for a safe trip.

Recognizing and avoiding hazards.

Using a throw rope.

Self rescue.

Land, water and boat-based rescues.

This will be an active participation course, with lots of skills practice both in and out of the water.

In accordance with the ACA curriculum, The First Three Minutes will be offered as a one-day course, with all topics covered the first day, Saturday, July 28. There will be an optional second day river trip on Sunday, July 29, offering additional practice and reinforcement of skills. This course will be held in the Bryson City, NC, area with water-based exercises and the river trip held on the Tuckasee River.

If you've never taken a river safety course, or haven't taken one in a couple of years, this is an excellent first course or refresher course. It will be held on July 28 so send in your GCA instruction registration form now! 

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Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.

### **Second Annual Sea Kayak Safety and Rescue Clinic**

**July 21, 2001**

**Instructor: Steve Cramer**

You're paddling your sea kayak 1/2 mile offshore. Something goes wrong and you find yourself upside down. Do you know what to do?

If not, join us on scenic Lake Tugalo on July 21, 2001, for the 2nd Annual Sea Kayak Safety and Rescue Clinic. This will be a joint Atlanta Kayakers - GCA event. Skills covered will include bracing, wet exits, Eskimo rescues, assisted rescues, and solo re-entries. Participants will need a sea kayak, skirt, paddle, PFD, paddle float, and pump; the last two can be shared. Nose plugs or diving masks are a plus. Plan to get very wet.

Atlanta Kayakers will be sponsoring a short (~4 mile RT) paddle up the Tallulah arm of the lake after the clinic. All are welcome. Wouldn't you love to tell your friends you paddled the Tallulah Gorge in a sea kayak?

The registration fee for this event will be a check in any amount made out to the conservation organization (GCA River Access Fund, Sierra Club, Wilderness Society, Nature Conservancy, etc.) of your choice, plus some food to share for lunch.

Directions: From Atlanta, I-85 to I-985 to US 23 to US 441 is a straight shot. The put-in on Lake Tugalo is reached on County Road 225. Changes to directions, now that I've been up there recently: The put-in on Lake Tugalo is reached on Tugalo Short Cut Road off US 23-441 just south of Tallulah. TSC Road is about 5 miles north of the intersection of 23-441 and GA 17 Alt. The descent to the lake is class IV+. I've done it in a Volvo wagon; you don't need an SUV. When you see the dam straight ahead (you'll see the lake from afar earlier), bear left to go to the

upper lake (Tugalo), not down to Lake Yonah. Parking is tight; carpool if possible, otherwise be considerate. En-

rollment is limited. Please contact Steve Cramer 706.208.8382 or [cramer@coe.uga.edu](mailto:cramer@coe.uga.edu) to sign up. ✂

## 2001 Southeasterns Race Results

The following are the race results for the 2001 Southeasterns. As most of you are aware by now, technical difficulties caused the loss of communications and thus timing at the races. A lot of data was recorded in hope of being able to compute at least the relative times for the classes that had the problems. After a long attempt at crunching this data, this is what we have. The decision has been made to provide refunds to all participants whose times were lost due to the technical problems. We realize this is small compensation for those who took the time and effort to come to the race and compete. It is our gesture of good intentions. We hope it will encourage you to give the Southeasterns another chance by returning and competing again next year. Your patience and understanding are much appreciated.

Next year's Race Master, Gina Johnson, is already hard at work setting up a (hopefully) foolproof communications system and organizing the various key race crew coordinators to ensure a well planned and smoothly run race next year. We hope to see you there.

### Saturday Slalom Races:

Bib	Name	Race	Class	Time 1	Pen 1	Tot 1	Time 2	Pen 2	Tot 2	Score	Place
125	Dennis, Tad	C1	CH Junior	160.25	0.00	160.25	158.27	2.00	160.27	320.52	1
96	Baldwin, Brooks	C1	CH Junior	167.40	4.00	171.40	167.00	2.00	169.00	340.40	2
121	Quinn, Neil	C1	CH Junior	177.67	0.00	177.67	180.00	0.00	180.00	357.67	3
117	Fraker, Benn	C1	CH Junior	260.62	54.00	314.62	DNS			629.24	
207	Lewis, Michael	C1	CH Junior	234.84	202.00	436.84	DNF			873.68	



Race Watch

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Have you ever wondered what it would be like to paddle spring's higher flows in the comfort of tropical temperatures? So did we, but not any more! Our instructors have found the best rivers anywhere for novice to advanced paddling and instruction. Fall provides enough rain to keep river levels high enough for fun and excitement. Our instructors provide the experience necessary to keep you out of trouble and show you the best spots. If we don't offer a trip to Panama and Costa Rica that suits your needs, we can create one specifically for your group.

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We offer the best, most experienced instructors in several regions of Chile, including the Futaleufu, "the best kayaking river in the world." Plus, you won't get worn out from camping and paddling. Our programs include sleeping in a bed so you feel fresh for a full day of paddling.

### Costa Rica

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216	Jacobi, Joe	C1 CH	Open	148.74	0.00	148.74	147.00	0.00	147.00	295.74	1
82	Ennis, Chris	C1 CH	Open	147.12	2.00	149.12	148.00	0.00	148.00	297.12	2
225	Davis, Sam	C1 CH	Open	148.00	0.00	148.00	148.00	2.00	150.00	298.00	3
83	Haller, Lecky	C1 CH	Open	149.31	0.00	149.31	148.35	2.00	150.35	299.66	
15	Sanders, Lee	C1 CH	Open	151.59	0.00	151.59	151.00	0.00	151.00	302.59	
110	McClesky, Scott	C1 CH	Open	152.87	0.00	152.87	151.00	2.00	153.00	305.87	
99	Boyd, Adam	C1 CH	Open	154.43	0.00	154.43	150.00	4.00	154.00	308.43	
113	Crane, Austin	C1 CH	Open	152.87	2.00	154.87	DNS			309.74	
202	Taylor, Matt	C1 CH	Open	152.27	2.00	154.27	152.00	4.00	156.00	310.27	
222	Hepp, David	C1 CH	Open	time lost		0.00	158.00	0.00	158.00	316.00	
23	McIntosh, Stuart	C1 CH	Open	160.34	0.00	160.34	DNS			320.68	
204	Mitchum, Albert	C1 CH	Open	161.43	2.00	163.43	167.00	10.00	177.00	340.43	
14	Foxall, Mark	C1 CH	Open	179.77	2.00	181.77	177.00	4.00	181.00	362.77	
110	Hepp/McCleskey, David/Scott	C2 CH	Open	150.53	0.00	150.53	150.00	2.00	152.00	302.53	1
125	Dennis/Crane, Tad/Austin	C2 CH	Open	170.47	6.00	176.47	151.00	0.00	151.00	327.47	2
109	Larimer/Babcock, Jeff/Frank	C2 CH	Open	168.44	4.00	172.44	165.00	2.00	167.00	339.44	3
209	Weizenecker, Philip/Seth	C2 CH	Open	197.33	6.00	203.33	196.00	0.00	196.00	399.33	
98	Red/Greeley, Becca/Gwen	C2 CH	Open	268.54	2.00	270.54	DNF			541.08	
222	Burgess/Hepp, Savannah/David	C2M CH	Open	220.15	12.00	232.15	209.00	10.00	219.00	451.15	
223	Lomas, Nick	K1 CH	Cadet	183.85	0.00	183.85	194.00	2.00	196.00	379.85	1
220	Seely, John	K1 CH	Cadet	200.69	6.00	206.69	174.00	0.00	174.00	380.69	2
87	Watson, John	K1 CH	Cadet	189.32	2.00	191.32	195.00	0.00	195.00	386.32	3
117	Fraker, Benn	K1 CH	Cadet	218.68	8.00	226.68	DNS			453.36	
94	Peterman, Andrew	K1 CH	Junior	147.64	2.00	149.64	146.00	2.00	148.00	297.64	1
88	Hamilton, Ian	K1 CH	Junior	156.22	0.00	156.22	153.00	0.00	153.00	309.22	2
203	Hurd, Eric	K1 CH	Junior	154.06	4.00	158.06	148.00	4.00	152.00	310.06	3
91	Estere, Matt	K1 CH	Junior	161.31	4.00	165.31	157.00	2.00	159.00	324.31	
89	Wade, Jim	K1 CH	Junior	167.12	2.00	169.12	158.00	0.00	158.00	327.12	
90	Huck, Austin	K1 CH	Junior	165.37	0.00	165.37	162.00	2.00	164.00	329.37	
93	Moriarty, Seann	K1 CH	Junior	166.21	4.00	170.21	164.00	2.00	166.00	336.21	
120	Dyer, Tylor	K1 CH	Junior	209.97	54.00	263.97	197.00	8.00	205.00	468.97	
218	Harcke, Scott	K1 CH	Junior	180.56	60.00	240.56	DNS			481.12	
118	Montagne, Michael	K1 CH	Junior	240.07	8.00	248.07	DNS			496.14	
217	Hendricks, Daniel	K1 CH	Junior	225.90	52.00	277.90	217.00	50.00	267.00	544.90	
119	Roberts, Mackie	K1 CH	Junior	210.87	10.00	220.87	255.00	102.00	357.00	577.87	
86	Davidson, Dirk	K1 CH	Master	161.57	0.00	161.57	163.00	0.00	163.00	324.57	1
108	Mayers, Allen	K1 CH	Master	167.80	0.00	167.80	166.00	0.00	166.00	333.80	2
114	Ward, David	K1 CH	Master	190.57	4.00	194.57	182.00	4.00	186.00	380.57	3
122	Montagne, Larry	K1 CH	Master	230.09	4.00	234.09	226.00	2.00	228.00	462.09	
107	Kimmet, Nick	K1 CH	Open	136.62	0.00	136.62	135.00	2.00	137.00	273.62	1
112	Jacobson, David	K1 CH	Open	139.16	0.00	139.16	139.00	2.00	141.00	280.16	2
95	Mann, Scott	K1 CH	Open	139.92	4.00	143.92	138.00	2.00	140.00	283.92	3
100	Leibfarth, Lee	K1 CH	Open	140.75	2.00	142.75	140.00	2.00	142.00	284.75	
208	Inman, Danny	K1 CH	Open	158.15	0.00	158.15	157.00	0.00	157.00	315.15	

Bib	Name	Race	Class	Time 1	Pen 1	Tot 1	Time 2	Pen 2	Tot 2	Score	Place
85	MacDermott, Toby	K1 CH	Open	173.17	4.00	177.17	170.00	4.00	174.00	351.17	
84	Smith, Shaun	K1 CH	Open	135.77	50.00	185.77	143.00	54.00	197.00	382.77	
105	Smith, Gene	K1 CH	Open	204.00	2.00	206.00	DNR			412.00	
97	Greeley, Gwen	K1W CH	Junior	168.67	0.00	168.67	173.00	0.00	173.00	341.67	1
98	Red, Becca	K1W CH	Junior	180.67	2.00	182.67	179.00	0.00	179.00	361.67	2
124	Dennis, Katy	K1W CH	Junior	192.28	0.00	192.28	186.00	2.00	188.00	380.28	3
205	Caldwell, Candice	K1W CH	Junior	203.56	0.00	203.56	196.22	0.00	196.22	399.78	
206	Dyer, Katheryn	K1W CH	Junior	202.16	6.00	208.16	197.00	0.00	197.00	405.16	
201	Schwarzer, Kathrin	K1W CH	Junior	207.50	0.00	207.50	209.00	0.00	209.00	416.50	
210	Robinson, Paris	K1W CH	Junior	234.53	0.00	234.53	228.00	4.00	232.00	466.53	
111	Miller, Aleta	K1W CH	Open	160.65	0.00	160.65	162.00	2.00	164.00	324.65	1
212	Dingle, Amy	K1W CH	Open	228.96	0.00	228.96	168.00	2.00	170.00	398.96	2
92	Tidmore, Jamie	K1W CH	Open	219.43	2.00	221.43	215.00	4.00	219.00	440.43	3
115	LaBadie, Bunni	K1W CH	Open	208.12	104.00	312.12	193.00	0.00	193.00	505.12	
106	Appleton, Kerry	K1W CH	Open	290.19	104.00	394.19	DNR			788.38	
103	Hedden, Allen	OC1 CH/med	Master	272.87	40.00	312.87	250.00	30.00	280.00	280.00	1
79	Fowler, Art	OC1 CH/med	Master	260.13	60.00	320.13	253.00	40.00	293.00	293.00	2
44	Nott, Roger	OC1 CH/med	Master	320.50	90.00	410.50	DNS			410.50	3
204	Mitchum, Albert	OC1 CH/short	Master	192.13	30.00	222.13	195.00	30.00	225.00	222.13	1
213	Simpson, David	OC1 CH/short	Master	249.21	0.00	249.21	232.00	30.00	262.00	249.21	2
79	Fowler, Art	OC1 CH/short	Master	251.57	20.00	271.57	282.00	30.00	312.00	271.57	3
103	Hedden, Allen	OC1 CH/short	Master	244.56	160.00	404.56	Lost time			404.56	
104	Schlidt, Gabriella	OC1 CH/short	Master	328.99	160.00	488.99	411.00	110.00	521.00	488.99	
75	Herring, Susan	OC1 CH/short	Master	342.17	320.00	662.17	DNF			662.17	

### Sunday Wild Water Race:

RACE	CLASS	NAME	BIB	TIME	PLACE
K1 CH	Junior	Joe Barkley	116	51.17	1
K1 CH	Junior	Clay Wilder	211	54.40	2
K1 CH	Junior	Tylor Dyer	120	59.23	3
K1 CH	Junior	Katheryn Dyer	206	61.28	Julie Wilson Award
K1 CH	Open	Chris Hipgrave	233	46.15	1
K1 CH	Open	Michael Beavers	232	52.00	2
K1 CH	Open	Shaun Smith	84	54.15	3
K1 CH	Open	David Ward	114	54.26	
K1 CH	Open	Stephen Hunt	231	56.30	
K1 CH	Open	Russell Johnson	226	58.15	
K1W CR	Open	Kerry Appleton	106	66.16	
OC1 CR	Master	Eddie Allen	9	64.25	Charlie Patton Award
OC1 CR	Master	Larry Castillo	228	65.18	

### Sunday Fun Race:

RACE	CLASS	NAME	BIB	TIME	PLACE
K1 CR	Open	Alex Convis	237	36.56	1

RACE	CLASS	NAME	BIB	TIME	PLACE
K1 CR	Open	Bill Convis	238	38.04	2
K1 CR	Open	Caleb Threlkeld		48.00	3
K2M CR	Master	Todd Scott/ Fran Strickland		37.11	1
K2M CR	Master	Stephen Hunt/ Cara Hobgood	231	38.16	2
K2M CR	Master	Carole Creekmore/ Chuck Creekmore	236	43.13	3
OC1 CR	Master	Larry Castillo	228	38.42	1
OC1 CR	Master	Eddie Allen	9	38.48	2
OC1 CR	Master	Dan Richard	229	41.34	3
OC1 CR	Master	Tom Bishop	235	47.27	

## Don't miss the Worlds!

by Kent Ford

You are invited to the Slalom World Championships on the Ocoee River, September 20-23, 2001. Imagine, front row seats to great racing by 200+ athletes from 40 countries. The course is short and compact right in the hardest white water of the Olympic course, so the racing is guaranteed to be intense.

You can help make sure everyone in the boating community gets invited. Every past, present, and future slalom fan and paddler should hear about the event. Drag

along all the junior paddlers, so they can be inspired! Come prepared to see old friends. Come ready to exchange stories with old paddling buddies. You probably have more in common with this group than with your high school and college alumni reunions combined!

Mark your calendar and plan your travel! See you there! For more information, visit [www.ocoee Whitewater.com](http://www.ocoee Whitewater.com).

## Webster Springs Wild Water Weekend

by Carl Bolyard — West Virginia Rivers Coalition

West Virginia Rivers Coalition (WVRC) went south to Webster County April 7th to the Third Annual Webster Wild Water Weekend. Mike and Julie Surbaugh and the Horizon Line River Club hosted the event. The Wild Water Weekend is a recipe of one part family fun, one part festival, a dash of ramps and three parts great water, served up with Webster County hospitality. This small but growing weekend could be billed as the most diverse white water festival around, and the magnificent Elk River offers a personality that has a lot of variety.

Saturday was planned as a down river race in the morning and slalom race in the afternoon. Both events would be on the section of river above the town of Webster Springs. The upper Elk is generally rated class III+ except for the interesting drops around Cherry Falls. High water Friday night brought the Elk to around 7 feet and the dynamic volunteers jumped in to modify the itinerary and save the day. The morning's race moved to the Back Fork of the Elk and the bottom half of this section is class II with terrific scenery that allowed folks to race without the possibility of being "munched" in a hole.

The racer experience varied from "second time in a canoe" to some of West Virginia's fast guys. Racer divisions were in kayak, solo and tandem canoe, wild water kayak (longer equals faster) and further divided by men's

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and women's categories as well as age. About 75 racers participated, as did numerous safety boaters. Weather was beautiful and sunburn was the only injury. Steve Kaufman was the fastest boat on the course.

The other events Saturday included an all day ramp feed, an Easter egg hunt, vendors, carnival rides, corn dogs and a DJ in the city park, which is conveniently located on a island in the middle of the Elk River. This place has white water right in town, a claim many of us wish we could make!

We saw many folks attend from close by and folks from as far away Washington and Lexington, Kentucky. The rain from Friday even drove boaters to get in a second run somewhere close by (the Cranberry, upper Elk, or the Williams) before heading to the evening's party at Camp

Caesar.

The evening at Camp Caesar saw pizza, a great local band, and awards to all of the best racers in their division, including best crash. The Horizon Line River Club also pulled folks together to plan river runs for the following day. Camp Caesar with its wonderful facilities was the spot for boaters to camp for the weekend — this contributed to the festivities going on late into the night.

I finally got on the water Sunday with folks from Horizon Line RC and fellow weekenders. The Lower Elk (class III) offers surfing, spectacular scenery, and continuous action that makes you long to return. Billed as one of the best intermediate runs in the state — I can now say I agree. I can tell everyone what my recipe for fun will be next April. I'll see you in Webster Springs! 

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## **River Access**

### **Access for Upper Tallulah?**

Sherry Olson of American Whitewater would like to recruit GCA members who are interested in trying to negotiate releases on the Mathis Bypass Reach, an 8 mile section of the Tallulah River, rated class two and three, that is above the gorge. Sherry would like to see Georgia Power agree to simultaneous releases on both sections of the river. If you are interested in working on this issue, contact her at [Sdopc@mindspring.com](mailto:Sdopc@mindspring.com). 

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### **No More Releases on the Upper Ocoee?**

#### **A Report from the Ocoee White Water Symposium by Don Klein**

There may be no releases on the Upper Ocoee next year, since the TVA is terminating its 10 "free" days of water release, and the raft companies cannot afford to pay for water releases. American Whitewater would like to work toward a solution to this impasse, and indeed, some of you recently saw John Gangemi's (of American Whitewater) presentation at the May GCA meeting. Gangemi made a convincing case for the TVA to continue to release water on the Upper Ocoee. The following is a report on the Ocoee Symposium at the White Water Center on May 18, at which Gangemi and other members of American Whitewater, representatives from the rafting companies, the Polk County Chamber of Commerce, private paddlers, and the TVA Regional Stewardship Council, discuss the issue together for the first time.

#### **Current Position of TVA regarding water in the Ocoee River**

The TVA was established in 1933 for the purpose of flood control and power generation in the Tennessee Valley. Similar to other modern utilities, the main focus of TVA in the 21st century is to provide cheap and dependable power to their customers. However, there is one major difference between TVA and other utilities. TVA was begun as a quasi-government organization and therefore does not fall under the Federal Powers Act of the 1930's nor are they regulated under the FERC.

The impact of this is the crux of the current problems we are facing. While all other utilities must consider numerous factors in their relicensing process, including environmental, recreational, and local community based issues, the TVA, since it is not regulated by anyone but itself, is not forced to consider these factors in any of its decision making. The President simply appoints a 3-member board whose members serve 9 year staggered terms.

If you want to know where the "buck" stops at TVA, this is it. These individuals answer to nobody and are not regulated by any act of Congress except the current TVA charter. To put it bluntly, the only consideration they have is "cheap and dependable power." The current agreement between TVA and the Ocoee Outfitters Association is not reflective of the decision making process required of other utilities (read dam owners and operators).

So what is the basic issue? Simply put, why do the outfitters (and thereby you and me) have to "pay" for 100% of the lost revenue from TVA not being able to generate power at Ocoee #2 and Ocoee #3 dams? Obviously, this creates the impression that TVA "owns" the water exclusively. Secondly, under what authority does TVA charge for water?

To put water in the upper Ocoee for 6-8 days (typical

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usage for an event such as the US Team Trials) costs approximately \$76,000. This is real dollars which must be paid to TVA from whomever (in the case of the Team Trials several countries actually got together to "purchase" water for practice days for the upcoming World Championships in September). Meanwhile, it has been established through several studies (according to AW) that one day of rafting injects approximately \$210,000 into the local economy. But unfortunately, as stated above, TVA is not required to consider this impact in their decision to provide or not provide "free" water for these releases nor are they a part of any relicensing process for TVA.

So now that we are aware of TVA's position on providing water in the Ocoee River, let's try to understand why. Let's try and follow the money, because that is what these things really come down to in the end.

Ocoee #3 dam generates 28 megawatts of power, which is equal to approximately 1/100th % of TVA's total generating capacity. Records indicate that the Ocoee system is used as part of TVA's standard daily generating capacity as opposed to being used only during times of peak demand. The significance of this is that even during times of peak demand it has been shown that TVA only operates at approximately 95% capacity of its entire network. Therefore, it follows that the Ocoee system is not necessarily required to be operating per its current schedule in order for them to meet the demands of their customers. So why does it? Well, that's where the money comes into play.

TVA continually argues that a reduction in generation at the Ocoee system would increase the cost of power to their customers that is not in compliance with their charter. According to John Gangemi of American Whitewater, 20 days of releases (non-reimbursed) on the upper Ocoee would translate into an annual rate increase for TVA consumers of \$0.02 per year. Not a very significant impact. So why does TVA persist that they cannot "afford" to provide water without reimbursement? Besides the typical argument of "Your numbers aren't right" this appears to be one of the core questions of the entire issue.

Also, this attitude on the part of TVA creates one of the other large areas of concern for outfitters and private boaters alike: Why do Ocoee users need to reimburse power consumers in the first place? Isn't our purpose for using the river just as legitimate as theirs? After all it is a public resource.

And to take it one step further; why does TVA not recognize that the Ocoee, along with all other rivers in its system, are public resources that are not (or shouldn't be in this case) construed as "owned" by any one person,

entity, or whatever. In essence, why isn't TVA willing to balance the needs of ALL users of this public resource instead of just saying, "We are here only to produce cheap and dependable power to our consumers per our mandate from Congress." In my opinion, this is the crucial issue we face. The TVA has served an important role in the Southeast, but is there any room for re-evaluating that role?

There were several excellent speakers at the meeting. Following are brief summaries of what they had to say:

**Carlo Smith of the Ocoee Outfitters Association**

In the past, outfitters on the Ocoee were required to reimburse TVA for 80% of the lost revenue from not being able to generate power. This was a fixed rate and had no consideration for whether or not TVA needed (or was able to sell that power) during the non-generation periods. According to Carlo, the outfitters had trouble meeting this figure, and the future does not look good because the TVA is continually looking to increase the assessments placed on every rafting customer that goes down the Ocoee.

For 2001, the fee TVA receives per customer on the upper Ocoee is \$4.50 per person, which is higher than that for the middle Ocoee. While you and I are familiar with the river and can distinguish the pros/cons of boating or rafting each section, the average consumer is not able to make this distinction and typically will go with whatever costs less. Currently the only real selling point for the upper vs. the middle is being able to ride the Olympic Course. Carlo indicated the current agreement is not viable in the long run and jeopardizes the financial future of most if not all of the outfitters currently serving the river.

**James Nicholson, Chief Ranger US Forest Service**

Mr. Nicholson gave a brief history of the area and showed how commercial and private usage on the Ocoee has increased from a few diehards in the late '70s to over 300,000 users in 2000, stressing the need for the river as part of a robust local economy.

**Larry Wall, Hydrolicense Coordinator, Georgia Power**

Mr. Wall was a very important part of this symposium as he was able to give TVA a glimpse of what they could be to the local community and boaters/rafters alike. Larry was an integral part of bringing the Tallulah releases to reality and had nothing but positive things to say about boaters and the impact they have had on the area around Tallulah Gorge during release weekends. We are glad to have him on our side and will use/need his considerable clout in the future to make our dreams for the Ocoee a reality.

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**Greg Swires, Polk County Chamber of Commerce;  
Leland Rymer, Copper Basin Economic Development**

Greg Swires spoke of the economic benefits a flowing river brings to Polk County: three new restaurants in Copper Hill (finally, some Chinese food!), the hosting of international competitions that helps create awareness of Polk County throughout the world. He could not stress enough the impact he sees on river days when he drives through the area and sees cars with boats all over the place. He has talked directly to local business owners who all tell him they have a significant increase in sales when the river is running. To quote, "The river is the main thrust of the county tourism industry. Let's not kill the goose that lays the golden egg." He also noted the impact of the 24 outfitters serving the river: 52 full time employees, 690 part time employees, and the \$\$'s generated by all those commercial rafting customers passing through the area.

**John Gangemi, Conservation Director, American Whitewater**

John gave an excellent presentation about where we currently stand on the issue of Ocoee releases and then offered many ideas as to how we (boaters, rafters, homeowners on Blue Ridge) need to form a coalition to battle the TVA for what we want. The important part of his message was the coalition aspect and deciding what we want before we commit ourselves in this effort. He suggested that fragmented groups trying to sway TVA individually would not be successful. It will take one common voice with a common set of goals for any success to be achieved.

It should be noted that, although in the past the Homeowners Association up on Blue Ridge Lake was often viewed as an adversary, this group is an important part of our constituency — not to mention the one with the most power currently. If you have not heard of Congressman Nathan Deal, you will. He is their voice and has influential and well-financed backing. If we can get him to be a part of our fight, we have a greater chance of success.

Also, it should be noted that the level of Blue Ridge Lake is not a direct result of releasing or not releasing water into the Ocoee riverbed. If it is not in the river, the same CFS is going down the flume, thereby drawing water out of Blue Ridge anyway. Remember, we are in the midst of a long drought in the Southeast and that is the reason Blue Ridge looks like a mud pit, not putting water in the Ocoee or drawing it down the flume. My impression was that all parties were in agreement that in typical years the level of Blue Ridge Lake is not really an issue.

John also had some pointed criticism for the outfitters, suggesting that, based on the current last minute agreement which was struck with TVA for 2001 water on the upper, essentially the outfitters were paying "ransom" for the water which to some extent was rightfully theirs in the first place. While I don't quite understand his criticism for reaching an agreement (what other choice was there? no water at all — which would have been fine with TVA), I do agree with his comment that the best solution is to strike a long-term agreement with TVA, thereby creating an atmosphere conducive to further economic growth in the area (i.e. what bank will lend money to a rafting operation if the rafters aren't even sure there will be water in the river next year? This philosophy trickles down to all businesses in the area that see increased value based on the river running.)

**Steve Smith, TVA Regional Resources Stewardship Council**

From what I could gather, the Stewardship Council is a coalition of private citizens, TVA appointees, and representatives from TVPPA — a coalition of power distributors for TVA. While I admittedly don't fully understand the relationship between TVPPA, TVA, and us, Steve made it clear that the TVPPA was a powerful force that had dramatic influence over TVA. Basically, these are the folks TVA sells the power too. Without them, they have no conduit to the end user.

The Stewardship Council is not a policy-making authority at TVA, but Steve indicated that a consensus in the Coalition carried great weight with TVA. Their meetings are open to the public and the next one will be in late August. We hope to be in attendance. I wouldn't go so far as to call the Stewardship Council a "watchdog" group as many of it's members are from TVA. But they are a powerful voice and advocate for all parties interested in seeing TVA change it's attitude towards the Ocoee. We need these folks on our side.

So where do we go from here?

1) Form a cohesive coalition which represents all interest involved in solving this problem. Since the interests are wide and varied, there will inevitably be some conflict involved, but this will be our most important goal. A unified front will possess much greater influence with TVA.

2) Once a coalition is formed, the specific goals/purpose of this group must be clearly defined. What exactly do we want from TVA?

3) Leverage. Right now there is no leverage that we can apply against TVA to further our goals. They are not up against any political pressure at this point. They have no relicensing restrictions, as do other utilities through-

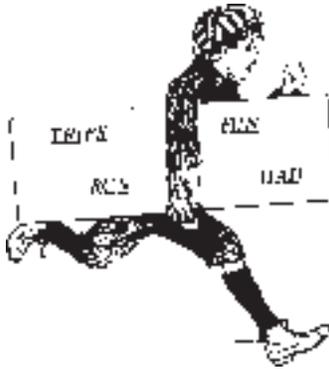
out the country, etc., etc. So that leaves us with nothing more than a moral argument. While this argument is certainly valid, it does not apply any pressure on TVA to change their philosophy regarding the Ocoee system and

consider other regional (read non \$\$'s issues) impacts of their decisions. Therefore we must use the power of our unified front to gain political access and use this access to apply pressure on TVA. ✂

## Ocoee River

by Oreon Mann

May 28 2001. On 3 day weekends when there is water I like to go to the Nolichucky River, and on the way back I lead an Ocoee River trip, usually on Monday. This was my recently completed trip. I left trip information on my answering machine, which was good, because of the 4 who called ahead of time only 1 made it, one E-mailed me after I left for the Nolichucky, but the trip finally had Bubba James K-1, Mark Hoyle K-1, Sam Galbraith K-1, Mike Pancharian OC-1 (and his shuttle driver wife) and Oreon Mann OC-1.



Well the trip started with one paddler swimming after Grumpy, after Staging Eddy, at Broken Nose, so I suggested he take off, which he accepted. The rest of the group had good runs except Mike at Table Saw. We caught his boat after Diamond Splitter.

Mike & I both swam Power House, but as is often said, any day on the River is a GOOD DAY!!!

On a related note, you can get a Tennessee State Forest Service river parking permit at their office M-F 8-4:30 and Sat. 9-

5. This permit is good on the Ocoee and the Hiwassee and cost the same as an Ocoee permit, the office is at the base of Parksville Dam to the left. Phone 423.388.5201. ✂

## We Asked — You Told Us!!

The 2001 GCA Membership Survey sent out by the Strategic Planning Committee was a rousing success. There were 97 responses, a very good response rate as surveys go. A lot of good information was gathered and we have begun working the responses into our planning process. Many thanks to those of you who took the time to fill out the surveys and return them. Your voices have been heard. For those who did not respond, there's always next time — we'll do a follow-up survey in a couple of years to see what, if anything, has changed.

We owe Kathy King a huge debt of gratitude for her efforts at compiling and sorting out the results and putting them into a form we could easily use. The Strategic Planning Committee has studied the results and has sent a report with recommendations to the Board of Directors. Some of the recommendations are in the process of being implemented at this writing.

The following is a summary of the results of the GCA Membership Survey. The N= XX at the end of each item gives the total responses to that particular item. Some items called for multiple responses where applicable.

AGE:	
<18	0
19-29	3
30-39	13
40-49	27
50-59	26

60+ 12  
N= 81

AVG. YEARS GCA MEMBER: 7.7

GENDER:  
F 28  
M 64  
N= 92

TYPE OF PADDLING:  
Flat Water 57  
White Water 87  
Canoe Camping 44  
Multi-day Trips 45  
Sea/Ocean 27  
Lakes 35  
N= 295

TYPE OF BOATS:  
OC - WW 51  
OC - FW 43  
Decked Canoe 5  
Kayak - WW 49  
Kayak - Sea/Tour 29  
Sit-on-top 8  
Raft 7  
Ducky 8  
N= 200

SOLO/TANDEM:  
 Solo Only 12  
 Tandem Only 5  
 Solo & Tandem 26  
 N= 43

SKILL LEVEL:  
 Novice 2  
 Trained Beginner 11  
 Intermediate 44  
 Advanced 34  
 Expert 4  
 N= 95

TRIPS / YEAR	GCA	NON-GCA
5 or less	56	29
6-15	20	25
16-25	6	21
26+	2	17
	N= 84	N= 92

ENOUGH TRIPS FOR MY SKILL LEVEL  
 Strongly Agree 35  
 Somewhat Agree 26  
 Neutral 11  
 Somewhat Disagree 14  
 Strongly Disagree 4  
 N= 90

ENVIRON/CONSERVATION ISSUES ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE CLUB  
 Strongly Agree 63  
 Somewhat Agree 22  
 Neutral 8  
 Somewhat Disagree 2  
 Strongly Disagree 0  
 N= 95

RIVER ACCESS ISSUES ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE CLUB  
 Strongly Agree 75  
 Somewhat Agree 17  
 Neutral 3  
 Somewhat Disagree 0  
 Strongly Disagree 0  
 N= 95

AMOUNT OF PADDLING INSTRUCTION  
 Not Enough 22  
 Just Right 64  
 Too Much 0

N= 86

AMOUNT OF SAFETY/RESCUE CLINICS  
 Not Enough 19  
 Just Right 69  
 Too Much 0  
 N= 88

AMOUNT OF SOCIAL/CLUB EVENTS  
 Not Enough 6  
 Just Right 79  
 Too Much 3  
 N= 88

HAS GCA MET YOUR EXPECTATIONS?  
 No 6  
 Sort of 3  
 Yes 41

REINSTATE / START:  
 Canoe camping clinics 23  
 Canoe camping trips 43  
 Flat water clinics 11  
 Out of region trips 28  
 Advanced training 21  
 Rodeo clinics 10  
 Rodeo events 3  
 Other (specifics not listed herein) 16

KEY WORDS USED TO DESCRIBE GCA:  
 Safe  
 Friendly  
 Organized  
 Fun  
 Professional  
 Conservative  
 Informative  
 Camaraderie  
 Supportive

WHY JOINED GCA:  
 Training  
 Trips

WHY STAYED IN GCA:  
 Trips  
 Newsletter  
 Camaraderie  
 Training  
 Roll practice  
 Support / give back to club



## Paddlers' / First Responders' Medical Terms Translation

Benign	What you be after you be eight.
Artery	The study of paintings.
Bacteria	Back door to cafeteria.
Barium	What doctors do when patients die.
Cesarean Section	A neighborhood in Rome.
CT Scan	Searching for kitty.
Cauterize	Made eye contact with her.
Colic	A sheep dog.
Coma	A punctuation mark.
D & C	Where Washington is.
Dilate	To live long.
Enema	Not a friend.
Fester	Quicker than someone else.
Fibula	A small lie.
Genital	Non-Jewish person.
G.I. Series	World Series of military baseball.
Hangnail	What you hang your coat on.
Impotent	Distinguished, well known.
Labor Pain	Getting hurt at work.
Medical Staff	A Doctor's cane.
Morbid	A higher offer than I bid.
Nitrates	Cheaper than day rates.
Node	I knew it.
Outpatient	A person who has fainted.
Pap Smear	A fatherhood test.
Pelvis	Second cousin to Elvis.
Post Operative	A letter carrier.
Recovery Room	Place to do upholstery.
Rectum	Damn near killed him.
Secretion	Hiding something.
Seizure	Roman emperor.
Tablet	A small table.
Terminal Illness	Getting sick at the airport.
Tumor	More than one.
Urine	Opposite of you're out.
Varicose	Near by/close by.

- From the Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association email list, submitted by Doc Thomas. ✂

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And I've Miles to Paddle Before I Sleep  
Miles to Paddle Before I Sleep

- Rathrow



### The Importance of Water

75% of Americans are chronically dehydrated. (Likely applies to half of the world's population.)

Even MILD dehydration will slow down one's metabolism as much as 3%.

One glass of water shut down midnight hunger pangs for almost 100% of the dieters studied at the University of Washington. No wonder all boaters are so skinny. Right??

Preliminary research indicates that 8-10 glasses of water a day could significantly ease back and joint pain for up to 80% of sufferers.

A mere 2% drop in body water can trigger fuzzy short-term memory, trouble with basic math, and difficulty focusing on the computer screen or on a printed page. Hmmmm.... I get the same symptoms when I don't get to boat enough.

Lack of water, the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue. No kidding! With this drought, no wonder we've all been so tired.

WATER! It does a paddler good!

- From "The Bulletin", newsletter of the Washington Kayak Club.

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**FOR SALE** - Kayak, Dagger Crossfire, blue - \$250 (not negotiable). Includes airbags. Has surface scratches but bottom is very sound. This is one of the models of boat that GA State Univ. uses for its beginner classes. It is a very stable white water boat. Lois Hogan, Woodstock, 770.592.6421, loish@peoplepc.com.

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**FOR SALE** - Rafts, commercial grade: Riken and Momentum Rafts. Chattahoochee Canoe and Raft Rental is releasing its entire rental fleet of 23 rafts for sale. The rafts are high quality, commercial grade 4-, 6-, 8-man Hypalon Riken and Momentums. This is the good stuff; the Rikens have 840 denier nylon on the floors and tubes. Our wholesale prices for these rafts were: 4-Man \$1,183, 6-Man \$1,507, 8-Man \$1,679. Sale prices for our rafts are: 4-Man \$625 - \$850, 6-Man \$650 - \$1,130, 8-Man \$650-\$1,200. Prices reflect wear and condition. Carlisle paddles and Mae West life jackets are also available at \$25 for 2 paddles and 2 life jackets. A complete list of available rafts and individual pricing can be sent by fax on your request. Package price for the entire fleet is available upon request. For information please contact Chuck Gregory at 770.971.0779 (home) or 404.656.6539 (day).

**FOR SALE** - White water sit-on-top, Dagger Pegasus. Excellent condition, paddled four times. Paddle included, only \$350. Yellow with black swirl. Atlanta, GA. Contact Susan at paddler@netdoor.com or 770.801.8060.

**HELP WANTED** - Yes, the GCA needs your help. We need volunteers to serve on committees, label and mail newsletters, etc. Call 770.421.9729 and leave a message.

**WANTED** - Room-mate to share a house (3 br/ 1-1/2 bath) in the Brookhaven (Atlanta, Ga) area with myself and my brother. Rent is \$383/month plus 1/3 of utilities. The house is very convenient to I85, Peachtree, Ga. 400, Marta, and weekend shuttles to various rivers. We have a small dog who gets along well with cats but not other dogs(?). We both paddle, so no bias towards those with boats, smelly poly-pro, paddles, tents, backpacks, etc, etc strewn all over the house. Available immediately. E-mail or call: steve kottwitz steve@buckblue.com, 404.329.0468. 

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## **Eighteenth Annual**

# **GCA FALL GALA CANOEING AFFAIR**

**September 14, 15 & 16**

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**CABINS:** (sleep 4 people, 1 bathroom, cable TV) \$45.00/night

**BUNKHOUSES:** (sleep 12 people w/easy access to large bathhouse) \$4.00/bed/night

No pets allowed in cabins or bunkhouses — Must be on leash in camping area

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#### **BOATING SATURDAY & SUNDAY:**

Meeting House at 8:30 a.m. to Organize Trips

#### **RIVERS (water level permitting):**

Ocoee, Nantahala, Tuckeseige, Little Tennessee,

Pigeon, French Broad, Nolichucky, Chattooga,

Upper Chattahoochee, Nacoochee Chattahoochee, Amicalola, Cartecay

#### **Lakes:**

Nantahala, Fontana

For further information, contact:

Denise Colquitt 770.854.6636 or [NEICEYC@aol.com](mailto:NEICEYC@aol.com)

# GCA FALL GALA CANOEING AFFAIR

## Registration Form

To Register – Fill out registration form below and mail QUICKLY (first come, first serve) with your check made out to “GCA” to:

Denise Colquitt  
3794 Glenloch Road  
Franklin, GA 30217  
For questions, call: 770.854.6636

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

No. in Party \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Camping:**

Number of tents @ \$12.00 (includes 2 people) Fri. \_\_\_\_\_ Sat. \_\_\_\_\_

Extra people @ \$2.00 each (over 2 people) Fri. \_\_\_\_\_ Sat. \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Cabins:**

(Kitchen, bathroom, cable tv) \$45.00/cabin Fri. \_\_\_\_\_ Sat. \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Bunkhouse:**

(Each sleeps 12) \$4.00/person Fri. \_\_\_\_\_ Sat. \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Dinner - Number of Meals @ \$7.00 (adults) \$6.00 (12 & Under):

\$7.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$5.00 LATE FEE IF POST MARKED AFTER SEPTEMBER 5 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to : GCA for

Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to lead a trip Saturday or Sunday on:

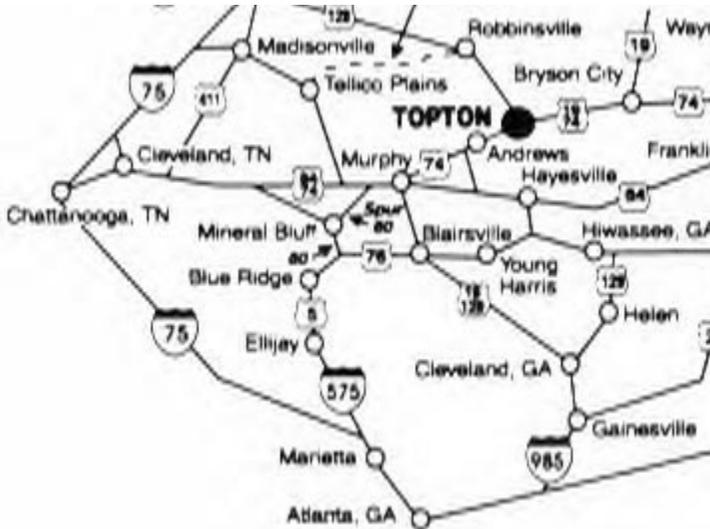
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Upper Chattahoochee \_\_\_\_\_ Chattooga \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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P.O. BOX 25  
TOPTON, NC 28781

See their website for a map/directions/cabin pictures/hiking trails/area information and more



# CANOEING & KAYAKING INSTRUCTION

## PADDLING CLINIC INFORMATION

Clinics will be taught by ACA-certified instructors and qualified assistants. In order to provide individual attention, the maximum student-to-instructor ratio is 4:1. Space is limited.

### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

#### **BEGINNING FLAT/MOVING WATER:**

For people who have never had a boat on moving water or want to improve their skills in a basic course. Full day Saturday flat water session emphasizing strokes, safety, self-rescues. Full day Sunday session on moving water river. No white water.

#### **BEGINNING WHITE WATER:**

For people who have never had a boat on moving water. Three-hour evening classroom session with videos and lectures covering equipment, safety, river features and paddling techniques for tandem and solo boaters. You must attend both the dry and flat water sessions to participate in the white water river portions of the course.

#### **BEGINNING YOUTH WHITE WATER:**

Same course as above, but designed for youths ages 16 and under.

#### **TRAINED BEGINNER WHITE WATER:**

Participants should have had recent beginner level instruction or 5 days of white water experience. Polish-up beginner skills, plus bracing and rolling (kayaks).

#### **INTERMEDIATE WHITE WATER:**

Intermediate clinic participants should be comfortable paddling class II-III white water such as the Nantahala, wish to master the roll in rapids (kayaks), and learn how to play confidently in Nantahala-type waves and holes. Intermediate kayakers should have a 100% flat water roll and a 50% reliable combat roll in class II rapids. Saturday morning lake session working on strokes and rolls (kayaks) and an afternoon session on the Nantahala working on turns, surfing, eddy hopping, etc. Full day Sunday trip on a class II-III river.

### ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES

#### **GCA MEMBERSHIP:**

All participants must be current GCA members. To join the GCA, call the GCA at 770.421.9729 or go to the GCA web page [www.georgiacanoe.org](http://www.georgiacanoe.org) for a membership application. Dues are \$25 per year.

#### **REGISTRATION:**

Call the coordinator of the clinic you want to take for more information. You will NOT be registered, however, until the coordinator receives a check for \$50.00 per person payable to GCA. Call early, clinics fill quickly.

#### **CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:**

If you wish to cancel or switch to another date, please notify the Clinic Coordinator as soon as possible. If you cancel at least 10 days before the first class session your fees will be refunded. After that, refunds will be made only if a replacement is found. Clinics will be conducted rain or shine. No-shows and those not completing the full course are ineligible for refunds.

#### **AGE:**

If you are under 18, all liability releases must be signed by a parent or guardian, who must also provide suitable power-of-attorney for medical care. Except for youth clinics, pre-teens will not be enrolled unless they have had suitable paddling experience in the Training Director's judgment.

#### **SWIMMING ABILITY:**

You must be able to swim and should not panic with your head under water. Beginning kayak clinic participants will spend a lot of time upside down inside their kayaks on the lake. All students will practice swimming & self-rescue skills in rapids.

#### **PHYSICAL CONDITION:**

White water paddling is a physically and mentally challenging activity that requires fitness, flexibility, and a positive attitude in stressful situations. Kayaking is a high-risk activity for individuals with a history of shoulder dislocations. Applicants should discuss potential physical limitations with the Coordinator before signing up.

#### **EQUIPMENT:**

You must furnish all of your own equipment. You will receive a detailed list of required and recommended equipment well in advance of the clinic.

# GCA INSTRUCTION

SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER 2001

## Canoe

**Coordinator: Marvine Cole**  
625 Glendalough Court  
Alpharetta, GA 30004  
770.475.3022

### Flat/Moving Water Canoe

- + Beginner Family (children welcome)  
June 30, July 1
- + Beginner  
July 28, 29

### White Water Canoe

- + Intermediate  
July 14, 15

## Safety

**Coordinator: Gina Johnson**  
340 Clear Springs Court  
Marietta, GA 30068  
770.971.1542

- + River Rescue (1st Three Minutes)  
July 28 (clinic) July 29 (practice day on the  
Tuckaseegee) (\$25 fee)

## Sea Kayak

**Coordinator: Steve Cramer**  
190 Deer Ridge  
Athens, GA 30605  
706.208.8382

- + Safety Clinic (See article in this issue of The Eddy  
Line for details and fee structure)  
July 21 (local)

## White Water Kayak

**Coordinator: Knox Worde**  
625 Glendalough Court  
Alpharetta, GA 30004  
770.475.3022

- + Beginner  
September 15-16 — TBA. Held in conjunction with  
the GCA Fall Gala at Nelson's Nantahala Hide-  
away.
- + Trained Beginner  
September 15-16 — TBA. Held in conjunction with  
the GCA Fall Gala at Nelson's Nantahala Hide-  
away.
- + Intermediate  
July 14, 15 — TBA.

**We have several spaces available in all the canoe clinics. Kayak clinics fill up early!**

**Registration:** to register for one of these clinics you must be a member of the Georgia Canoeing Association. To join the GCA or for an application call 404.421.9729. Dues are \$25. To register for a clinic, call the coordinator of the clinic for more information. You will NOT be registered until the coordinator receives this completed form and a check for \$50.00 per person. Call early because the clinics fill quickly.

CLINIC \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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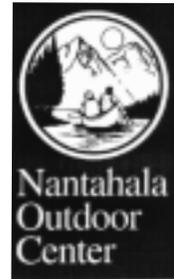
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