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December GCA Meeting

The December GCA meeting will once again be the Annual Holiday Party. The party is scheduled for Friday, December 21, at 7:30 PM at the Garden Hills Community Center in Buckhead. Bring a covered dish and/or a dessert, a festive holiday mood, some good paddling tales and an appetite, and we'll all get together and celebrate the Holiday Season.

To find the Garden Hills Community Center: From Peachtree Street, go east on East Wesley Road (8/10 mile south of the intersection of Peachtree and Roswell Road). Turn left on Rumson Road. Go about 100 yards to the first intersection and you will see the Community Center on the right.

See you there!!



What's Inside...

Cartecay Chili Run 2002

by Jay Srymanske

With frost in the air and winter coming, it can only mean the 16th Annual Cartecay River Chili Run on January 1, 2002, is coming fast. A proud tradition started when Gary Foster stated he would do the run on 1-1-87.

Mountaintown Outdoor Expeditions has hosted the event under all conditions possible. A great day on the river followed by a great chili cook-off or bowl of chili can't be beat. Nothing can top bringing in the New Year with the dip of a paddle and the dip of a spoon with the originals.

Shuttles from 10 am, chili from 12 noon, and chili results at 3 PM. See you then, or for more info call 706.635.2524. Always here for paddling folks, Jay.



Want to Grow the GCA?

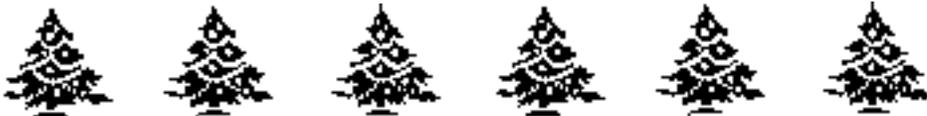
We're looking for a Membership Development Committee chairperson. The club needs a friendly, outgoing person who's willing to keep membership applications and sample *Eddy Lines* stocked at the local outfitters, as well as coordinate our presence at local activities such as demo days and paddling related festivals.

If you or someone you know would be interested, contact Marvine Cole at 770.475.3022 or mcspnutnik@aol.com.



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



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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 Marvine Cole at 770.475.3022 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 Mike Winchester, at 770.319.8969.

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 Jim Albert at 770-414-1521.

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 Marvine Cole at 770.475.3022 so she 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	Marvine Cole
Vice President	Gina Johnson
Secretary	Lindsay Meeks
Treasurer	Ed Schultz
Member Services Chair	Mary Ann Pruitt
Recreation Chair	Vacant
Resource Development Chair	Vacant
River Protection Chair	Julia Franks
Training Chair	Jim Albert

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 gacanoemindspring.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



December

1	Leader's Choice	Class 2-4 Intermediate (+)	Louis Boulanger	404.394.2182
1	Leader's Choice	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Tony Colquett	770.854.6636
1	Leader's Choice	Flat Water	Bill Edwards	706.565.6326
2	Broad	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jeff Engel	706.548.5015
6	Board of Directors Meeting — Members Invited — Atlanta Botanical Garden	Marvine Cole	770.475.3022	
8	Upper Chattahoochee	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Brannen Proctor	770.664.7384
8	Cartecay	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Ray Channell	404.636.5944
9	Lower Amicalola	Class 3 - 4 Advanced	Roscoe Sharpe	706.276.4691
15	Toccoa (Note 1)	Class 1 - 2 Trained Beginner	Marvine Cole	770.475.3022
15	Upper Chattahoochee	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Patrick Gourley	770.422.1689
15	Chattooga 3-1/2	Class 3 - 4 Advanced	Sam Blackwell	706.342.0511
16	Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Edward Stockman	770.441.9767
21	Club Meeting — Annual Holiday Party — Garden Hills Community Center	Marvine Cole	770.475.3022	
29	Upper Chattahoochee	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Doug Ackerman	770.503.0365
29	Tellico	Class 2 - 3 Intermediate	Duncan Cottrell	770.720.6269

Note 1: Paddle with the Prez.

Your Trip Could Be Listed in This Space — Call the Cruise Master and Sign Up Now!!



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, Mike Winchester, at 770.319.8969. 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: Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 PM January thru March at the Samuel L. Jones Boys' & Girls' Club pool. See announcement in this issue of *The Eddy Line*.

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

Announcements

GCA Email List

The member response to the GCA email list has been great. We have at this printing over 300 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 "gacanoes@flipper.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 gacanoes

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 gacanoes@flipper.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. ✂

He who hesitates is not necessarily lost, but he may not find another chance to get off the river for quite a distance.

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 Earthlink as your choice, you can do your paddling club a big favor. When you call to sign up, tell the Earthlink 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 Siquefield by using the e-mail link for WebGuy at the site. ✂

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The Eddy Line is available via email as a .pdf (portable document format) file. This format allows subscribers to view formatted text, graphics, page layout — virtually the entire *Eddy Line* — just as it appears in printed form. Plus you can see it at least a couple of weeks before the printed copy arrives via snail mail. You can also print out a paper copy of the .pdf file and it looks just like the snail mail copy (except most of the photos are in living color).

The .pdf version requires only Adobe Acrobat Reader (or some equivalent) software in order to view it. Acrobat Reader is usually present on most PCs running Windows operating systems, or can be downloaded for free from the Adobe web site at <http://www.adobe.com>.

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Atlanta, GA 30305

Or on your annual renewal form, just check the block for the *Electronic Eddy Line* and INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS so we can send *The Eddy Line* to you electronically. ✂

Winter Roll Practice

Joint GCA / AWC winter roll practice will return this January and will run through March. Our host once again is the Samuel L. Jones Boys & Girls Club, 450 East Lake Drive, Decatur, GA, 30030, Telephone: 404.378.8814. Sessions will run from 7:00 to 9:00 PM each Monday, except for the MLK Day holiday

Once again, the ACA carries our insurance for this event, and non-ACA members will be required to sign up for an ACA event membership at an additional cost of \$5.00 for the entire event (January thru March). This is in addition to the \$5.00 per session paid to defray pool rental expense. ACA members, have your ACA number available or pay for an event membership.

Revel Freeman is our Roll Practice Coordinator. If you have questions about roll practice, or

would like to help, either with instruction or keeping track of money and waivers, call Revel at 404.261.8572. Your help would be greatly appreciated, and admission is free for volunteers.

TO GET TO THE JONES CLUB POOL: Go south on East Lake Drive from Ponce de Leon past the East Lake MARTA Station. Go about another 1/4 to 1/2 mile and you'll see a large brick building on the left set back a ways from the street (number 450). There is a driveway going in through the fence. Turn left. You are at the Jones Club building. The pool entrance is in the rear, but with boats to carry, it's much easier to go through the front door, through the basketball court, and into the pool room. Ask directions at the front desk.

BE SURE YOUR BOAT IS CLEAN BEFORE YOU GET THERE. Rinse out sand, river mud, leaves, old birds' nests or cobwebs. No hose is available at the door, so we must have clean boats when we arrive at the facility. The pool manager appreciates your cooperation in keeping the pool clean and the filter and heater operating. Also, the Club does not allow street shoes in the pool area.

CAUTION: As with most pools, the deck area around the pool is very slippery when wet, so be extremely careful while carrying boats in and out or walking around the pool area. No diving is allowed, and only roll practice participants, instructors and spotters are allowed in the pool during roll practice. ✂



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Correction

The list of Board of Directors Members at Large printed in the November issue of *The Eddy Line* was in error. Sorry for the confusion. The names should have read as follows:

"The following were also selected by the Board of Directors to serve as Members at Large: Jim Griffin, Kathy King (second term), Jim Watson and Tom Bishop. Thanks to the volunteers who serve so well!"

From the Board Room

by Lindsay Meeks, Secretary
Georgia Canoeing Association, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
October 11, 2001,
Minutes

In attendance: Jim Albert, Marvine Cole, Julia Franks, Revel Freeman, Allen Hedden, Gina Johnson, Kathy King, Oreon Mann, Lindsay Meeks, Roger Nott, Brannen Proctor, Mary Ann Pruitt, Gabriella Schlidt, Ed Schultz, Jim Watson.

Minutes of August 2, 2001 meetings approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report — Ed Schultz:

+ September Financial Statement reviewed

Recreation Committee Report — Brannen Proctor for Jason Schnurr:

+ The Executive Committee recommended the cancellation of monthly meetings due to low attendance. The recommendation left the following meetings:

Fall Membership 3rd Week in October

Holiday Meeting 3rd week in December

Spring Pot Luck 3rd week in March

This is in addition to the Spring Extravaganza, the Fall Gala, and the Southeastern Races.



MOTION (Ed Schultz): Accept Executive Committee's recommendation. Passed with 1 opposed.

+ The Southeasterns are scheduled this year for April 27th and 28th. Dinner will be at the NOC and camping will be available.

Training Committee Report — Gina Johnson:

+ Jim Albert has agreed to be the new training chair and canoe chair. Knox Worde will continue in the kayak chair.

Membership Development Committee Report — No report.

+ The chair is currently vacant.

Member Services Committee Report — Mary Ann Pruitt:

+ \$814 in proceeds received from the Gala.

River Protection Committee Report — Julia Franks:

+ Committee met in August.

+ Comments sent about the Chattooga River and Okefenokee Swamp.

+ Work continues with American Whitewater about opening a class 2/3 section of the Tallulah.

Correspondence:

+ GCA will have a booth at Coca Cola's Mad River brand kick off.

+ Received a thank you note from American Whitewater about donation.

Nominating Committee:

+ The committee nominated the following slate of members-at-large:

Tom Bishop, Kathy King, Jim Griffin, Jim Watson. The Board approved unanimously. Members will serve for two years.

Other Business:

+ ACA National Meeting will be in Jeckyl Island November 11-12.

+ Due to member request, roll practice will stay at the Samuel L. Jones Boys' and Girls' Club in Decatur.

MOTION BY REVEL FREEMAN: The GCA will pay for materials to build benches to be donated to the Boys' and Girls' Club. Revel Freeman will build the benches. Passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events of Interest

December 1 — NRC Jiffy Slalom — Bryson City, NC, Island Park on the Tuckasegee 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 Tuckasegee Gorge, NC, Nantahala Racing Club (NRC) 828.488.2176 ext. 108 or email rhino@main.nc.us.

Are you Ready?

For the
19th
National
Paddling
Film
Festival!
Feb. 22-23 2002



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The NPPFF is where you see the latest and the Best Paddling Videos Amateur or Pro! Still Photos too!



Got some great shots with your new video camera? Get out your computer and edit your footage! A lot of folks would like to see it at the NPPFF (especially amateur Videos or Photos!)

Big Auction!



Didn't get that PFD you found out you needed at the Gouley? Lots of PFDs, coats, jackets and other boating gear to bid on at the NPPFF - and not as many bidders as the Gouley Fest!

All Monies Raised go to River Israel

Conservation!

Crazy Creek!



Crazy creek runs and boat races you can gasp at with the rest of the audience is just the start. Party and boat with the rest of the "crazies" at the festival the rest of the weekend on local creeks!

Want More Info?

For more information on the Film festival, how to get there, enter videos, etc go to: <http://www.surlbwa.org/nppff> or Contact: Dave Mangavage, 120 Solomic Lane, Georgetown, KY 40324 502 867.0468 h dmangava@jngtrby.com

We were saddened this year by the loss of a great friend of paddlers as well as a supporter and fan of the National Paddling Film Festival. His unique insights into the boating community and ability to show humor with pen will always be appreciated. Thanks for being one of us William Nealy.

January 1, 2002 — Cartecay Chili Run — Cartecay River — Ellijay, GA, Jay Srymanske, 706.635.2524.
 February 9, 2002 — Locust Fork Invitational Canoe & Kayak Races — Cleveland, AL, Tim Rogers, 256.274.0006.
 February 22-23, 2002 — National Paddling Film Festival — Lexington, KY, Dave Margavage, 502.867.0468(H), dmargava@jngrey.com.
 March 2-3, 2002 — Mulberry Fork Canoe & Kayak Races — Garden City, AL.
 March 23, 2002 — Locust Fork Classic Canoe & Kayak Races — Cleveland, AL, Tim Rogers, 256.274.0006.
 April 27-28, 2002 — Southeastern Slalom & Wild Water Championship Races — Nantahala River, NC, Knox Worde, 770.475.3022, playboatn@aol.com.
 May 25, 2002 — Altamaha Wilderness Adventure Challenge — Hazelhurst, GA, Charlie Ford, 912.379.1371, cjford@altamaha.net.
 August 6-10, 2003 — Lanier Canoe 2003 Sprint World Championships — Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler@aol.com. ✂

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Oreon Mann Presented ACA President's Award

At this year's American Canoe Association Board of Directors & Annual Membership Meetings, November 11-12, 2001, at Jekyll Island Georgia, GCA member Oreon Mann was presented with a Clock and Pen Set engraved with "ACA PRESIDENT'S AWARD Presented to OREON MANN As a Token of Our Appreciation of His Service to Paddle Sport, November 2001."

Oreon received this award for his many years of membership on the ACA Judicial Committee and numerous other ACA duties. ✂

Newsletter Staff Job Available

The GCA is in need of a volunteer to serve as Advertising Director on *The Eddy Line* staff. Requirements for the job would be:

Owning or having access to a PC with MS Word or a MS Word compatible word processing program, and access to email with capability for attachments.
 Good inter-personal skills, good written and verbal communications ability.

The job description would include:

Solicit commercial entities for advertising in *The Eddy Line* (and possibly for the GCA Directory) via letters, phone calls and email.

Coordinate with the Newsletter Editor to ensure that ad copy from advertisers gets to the editor by press time, and that size of ad and term of ad are communicated. (E.g., 1/4 page, 6 months, Mar 01 thru Aug 01)

Handle invoicing and payment receipts for advertising accounts, including tracking payments.

Coordinate with the database manager to ensure that advertisers receive a copy of newsletter issues they advertise in.

Time required:

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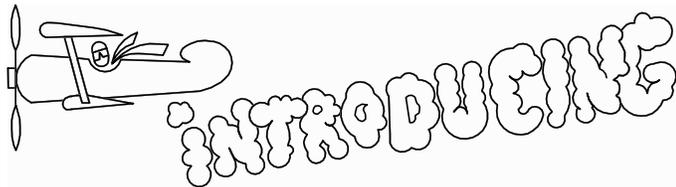
The job could be done in as little as 2-3 hours / month after initial set-up, but perhaps a little more to do a really good job. Parts of the job could be delegated by soliciting other volunteers to help out with various aspects of the job.

This job generates a good bit of revenue for the club that goes toward defraying newsletter printing and mailing costs:

1996 \$1716.25
 1997 \$1022.66
 1998 \$1562.50
 1999 \$2392.92
 2000 \$3834.38 (year of the .com)
 2001 \$2176.00 invoiced so far.

This entire system is set up and working. The editor would just need to meet with whomever takes the job and explain the work flow and communications paths, and to transfer all the required files.

To take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to give something back to the GCA, contact Member Services Committee Chair Mary Ann Pruitt at 770.439.1825, email maryapruitt@aol.com, or Newsletter Editor Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318, email gacano@mindspring.com. ✉



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!!

June

John Albers	Woodstock GA
Bharath Bangalore	Atlanta GA
Chris Brown & Jamie Buceau	Conyers GA
Carolyn Crawley & Cain Adams	Atlanta GA
Steven Croft	Stone Mountain GA
Mark Deaton & Helena Albertin	Peachtree City GA
Beecher & Joanne DuVall	Lawrenceville GA
Lee Foley	Lawrenceville GA
Paul Huey	Atlanta GA
David & Denise Huntley	Roswell GA
John & Susan Kronenberger	Marietta GA
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 Gretchen Mallins
 John & Beth Mercure
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 Jack Queen
 Jason Ramsey & Jamie Ingram
 Richard "Kit" Redman
 Lauren Rotchford
 Bill & Margie Ryman
 Kevin & Melissa Sharpley
 Britt Smith
 Pete & Cheryl Smith
 Jan Stewart
 Linda Travers
 Ben Turner
 Kate Wilkerson
 Roger York

July

Steven Connor
 Debbie & Becky Glover
 Buddy & Carole Goolsby
 Kelly Harbac
 Joy Hauser
 Dennis & Josh Kirkland
 Gary Krupp
 Rick Langhorst
 Mindi Miller
 Jackie Pickett
 Danny & Lori Pitts
 Josephine Scott
 William (Bill) Scott
 Rollie Keith Smith
 Shawn Williams

August

Danny H. Beck
 Kelly Carroll
 Chad & Carson Costello
 Nancy Donnelly
 Michael C. Herring
 Shannon Hudgins
 Joan Hutton
 Matthew & John Kinnaird
 Malcolm & Eric Kyle
 Michael R. McCurdy
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Fulton County Delays Fix for Leaky Landfill

Riverkeeper has been investigating north Fulton County's Morgan Falls Landfill for over a year. Our water samples have repeatedly shown that leachate from the landfill is contaminating a small tributary to the Chattahoochee that flows out of the site. Last October, we sent Fulton County a 60-day notice letter of our intent to sue the County under the federal Clean Water Act for discharging pollutants into the River without a permit.

Since sending the letter, Riverkeeper has given the County ample time to abate the continuing pollution, but the County refuses to fully investigate and fix the source of the problem. In one last attempt to avoid litigation, Riverkeeper sent the County a second letter last month requesting that it take specific actions to address the leachate problem, including conducting a comprehensive investigation of the site to pinpoint all pollution sources and designing a system to prevent landfill leachate from mixing with groundwater and discharging into the tribu-



tary. The County agreed to some of Riverkeeper's demands and the parties will meet soon to discuss the issues further.

- From "River Chat", newsletter of the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper.

Flint River Representative Needed

If you live in the Flint River basin and would like to participate in its usage planning and protection, please contact Tom Welander. The North Georgia Water Planning District has a seat open on the Flint River Basin Advisory Council. Participation involves attending monthly meetings at which citizens from the community review decisions made by a bunch of politicians and corporate executives. Clearly, they could use someone from the GCA.

Counties entirely (or very nearly entirely) in the Flint basin include Baker, Calhoun, Dougherty, Fayette, Lee, Macon, Marion, Miller, Mitchell, Pike, Schley, Sumter, Taylor, Terrell, Upson, Webster. Counties partially in the Flint basin include Clayton, Coweta, Crawford, Crisp, Decatur, Dooly, Early, Fulton, Grady, Meriwether, Randolph, Seminole, Spalding, Talbot, Worth.

If you aren't sure, provide your zip code and we'll determine whether you live in the Flint basin. Contact Tom at 404.228.8654 or welander@abraxis.com.

River Access

The Cartecay: Another Perspective

by Dick Hurd

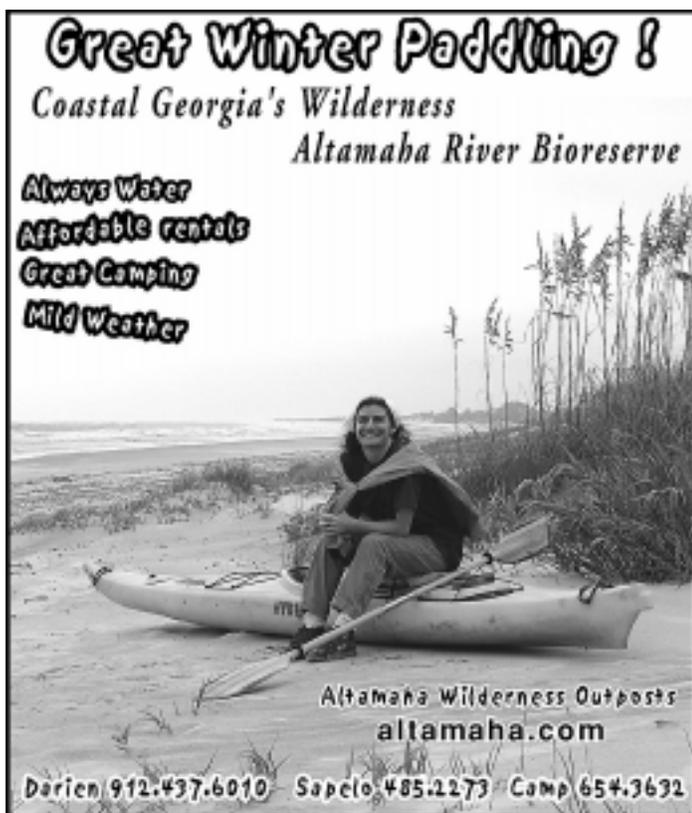
November 01, 2001. I am both bemused and saddened to read of the situation at the Mulkey Road take-out on the Cartecay River. Saddened because I think this might have been preventable if we and the commercial

outfitters had acted proactively to address the very manifest problems, and bemused because those complaining are likely newcomers to the Cartecay, or paddlers content to eat half a cake and throw the rest away, or both. I will elaborate below.

That said, I think Hank Klausman's letter in the November *Eddy Line* is excellent, and is exactly the way we should approach this problem now. It may be too little too late. The county is more likely to listen to taxpaying property owners than transients. The river has been used

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heavily in recent years, and a conflict was predictable given the very small parcel of land available for take-out, the close proximity of homes, and the limited parking. Hopefully the alleged miscreants are not members of our club, but no matter, our interests are harmed by their actions.

We, as a club, should learn a lesson from this experience. Both here, and in similar situations on other rivers, we should act proactively to establish good relations with property owners and protect our interests. Of course, we cannot control the behavior of all paddlers, but we can all set a good example.

Now to the other perspective. Back in the old days — circa 1980 — when I first began paddling the Cartecay, there was no road and no bridge. Early in the last century, there was a log trestle bridge over the river, and above it, where the big falls are, the river was dammed to create Stegall Mill. By the modern era, that was all gone, the road hardly discernible, and a low water ford over the river was all that remained.

In those days, a trip on the Cartecay was a real undertaking. The put-in, as it is now, was on Lower Cartecay Road. This entry point, also a focus of controversy, has now been fenced, and our easy access to the river foreclosed, probably for reasons similar to the cur-

rent situation.

The take-out was a long way down river, at Highway 52, just above where the 515 bridge now crosses. The last few miles of river are flat and meandering, and with low water or a head wind, it was an arduous paddle, but that was our only option if we wished to paddle the Cartecay.

About 1984, the then developer of Blackberry Mountain widened, graded, and graveled the ancient road, and built the current covered bridge, all at his own expense. The county later paved the road, and a new access point was born. I never found this a very attractive take-out, since from put-in to bridge is only about 2 hours max. — hardly worth the travel and shuttle time — plus you miss half of the fun.

It did, however, offer an alternative to those wishing to avoid the flat water at the end. More to the point, this short section was ideal for commercial outfitters and a variety of other short-hop paddlers, and as we know, this aspect of the river has developed in a significant manner, contributing to the crowding and leading, in an almost inevitable way, to conflict with landowners.

Sometime in the late '80s, things changed again when the DNR developed a new access point on Georgia Power land an hour's paddling down river from Clear Creek Falls. This was a great boon, as it allows you to enjoy all the river has to offer while avoiding the majority of the flat water. The only negative was (still is?) that it was not open year round. This take-out has a large gravel parking lot, but needs some work on the river bank — a project we might undertake?

Which brings me to the present. If the purpose of being on the river is to enjoy the scenery and paddle some interesting water, the Mulkey Road take-out becomes a non-issue, since you are missing the bottom half, which is just as interesting as the top. My advice is to put in at Holt Bridge (above Highway 52), take out at the DNR site, and bypass both problem sites.

The run from Holt Bridge to Lower Cartecay Road takes about an hour, has flat but moving water, and beautiful scenery. It is a good warm-up before getting down to business. From Mulkey Road to the DNR site is about 2.5 hours, so from top to bottom, you could do it in 5-6 hours, with some variance for lunch stop and playing at the rapids. So, eat the whole.... Carte-cake, take your time, and enjoy it. ✂

Access on Upper Tallulah

by Bill Perkins

I paddled the upper Tallulah River with friends in early October. It was a perfect fall day and all went well

'til we came to the boundary of a certain farm (on Cat Gap Road). Here an electric fence wire is stretched across the river, about a foot off the water at the 2-6 river level we had. We'd seen this before in early spring and by the time I got there Volkmar Wochatz had gotten under it at one end, then held the wire up for the rest of the group to pass.

I now became the lead boat and floated another hundred yards to where the river turns left under a small bridge. I floated a hundred yards again in a moderate current, looking at the high banks and large field on river left, the brilliant foliage, etc.

I felt a check on the boat and looking forward saw that a line of what appeared to be bailing wire had been stretched tightly across the river and was now riding up my stem, until it caught on the slight protrusion of my foredeck (OC). I weigh about 200 lb., and my old ME is not light either.

As this force came to bear on the wire, it was torn loose from its anchors on the bottom of the banks with a sound like a giant Jews harp, the note rising in pitch as the vibrating wire tightened across my bow. At the moment it seemed it must break, it popped free of my boat and went singing overhead. If it had struck me in the face or neck, I would have been seriously injured.

Unlike the normal fence wire, this small diameter rusted wire was nearly invisible. What I've described so far took seconds. I'd had no time to realize what was happening and roll under. I turned and yelled to my friends who were about 50 yards back, and pointed out the still vibrating wire. It now stretched from the top of the banks and they could in fact just pass under without ducking (at 2-6).

At this moment I felt another check on the boat and turned to find a second wire riding up my stem. My boat was at about a 45 degree angle to the wire this time and it only caught on the deck for a moment, then snapped up to bear on my shoulder. I took 2 pulses of electricity, then rolled upstream. This maneuver somehow brought the wire down with me! I managed to get clear after some unpleasant thrashing around. That wire's on the bottom now, and I didn't get any more shocks.

The 2 wires may have been placed to form a path for cattle from the large field on river left to a smaller field across the river. Clearly this ford would only be useable in midsummer low water. At levels high enough to run (over 2-5) the herd would be swept away and end up in Lake Burton. In fact, the entrances to this seasonal ford, if that's what it was, were fenced off. So it seems that our uses of the river wouldn't have to conflict.

The fence was left in place merely as a convenience I think, probably feeding juice to the fencing on the other

side. We had no time for an investigation, but I'll be going back with that in mind. The banks didn't show the marks of cattle scrambling down, so maybe the wires are simply a power connection to the other side. If that's the case, a waterproof cable tethered to the bottom might be a viable replacement. Maybe users of the river could join together and offer to pay for such a safety upgrade — better for everyone. Could the fencing on river right be separately powered? There's a house over there, but I'm not sure there's power.

If either of these solutions could be implemented, the live wires could be removed from across the river at the same time in the fall as the farmer thinks it best to fence off the ford from his fields (because of rising water levels). If this is not a seasonal ford, the wires could be permanently removed. If examination shows that the wires across the river don't supply power to fencing on the other side, but just run across and back, then the only reason for keeping them energized at high water is to entrap paddlers. Would this be legal?

I know the club has been involved with such issues elsewhere. What is the working definition of "navigable" in Georgia? Can a stream be seasonally navigable? This would allow some sensible compromise between landowners and boaters. ✂

The Tellico Gauge — The Rest of the Story

by Joe Greiner

The Tellico gauge is now on line at the USGS Tennessee web pages at http://www.dtnsh.er.usgs.gov/rt-cgi/gen_tbl_pg?page=1.

How did it get there? Many of you helped, whether you remember it or not. Other organizations and American Whitewater, through the efforts of Jason Robertson, AW Access Director, lobbied hard to get additional funding for the USGS so they could continue to maintain and report gauges important to the white water community and maybe even add a few.

The Tellico is an important gauge. It is used as a surrogate for a number of streams, like Citico, Snowbird, Santeetlah, Slickrock, Tiny Piney, as well as the Tellico.

Jason asked for support in the form of letters. Did you write one? If so, congratulate yourself. You had a part to play. It worked!!

Are you an AW member? Do you contribute more than just your dues? If so, congratulate yourself as well. Those membership contributions help support and pay for Jason's presence and his ability to affect this issue.

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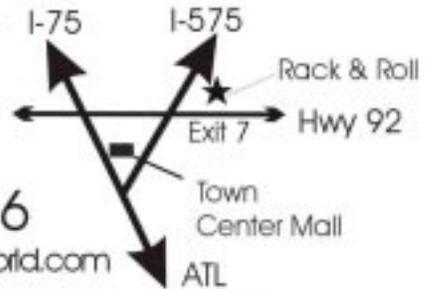
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Thank them.

Between 1999 and 2001, American Whitewater has helped the USGS get more than \$4 million in increased funding for stream gauging. Once the money was allocated, the USGS asked for help and Jason immediately recommended they restore the Tellico gauge. This is no small commitment for the USGS. It is not just an issue of reporting the gauge readings. The USGS has taken over the maintenance as well.

If you are not familiar with the issue, It takes about \$6,000 to \$10,000 depending on various factors to maintain a gauging station. The TVA used to maintain the Tellico gauge. TVA said they did not need the information from the Tellico gauge anymore. TVA budget cuts almost cost the white water community the gauging station. But eventually, working with East Tennessee boaters and clubs, TVA agreed to keep it and turned over the reporting to a 900 number that cost \$2.00 each call to get just one reading. The theory was that the revenue from the 900 number calls would support maintenance of the Tellico gauge and also the Little River gauge at Townsend.

Now the Tellico at Tellico Plains is "free" on the web.

(Actually, our tax dollars are now supporting it.) Thank American Whitewater. Thank Jason Robertson. Thank yourself if you are an AW member.

If you are not a member go to this link to join. <http://www.americanwhitewater.org/membership/> DO IT NOW!! Remember the Tellico!! Join and support American Whitewater. "By boaters for boaters."

- From the Carolina Canoe Club email list.



Letters

Marvine,

I loved your tales of lost and found. I suspect in the club we have many such stories, and I want to share mine with you.

Several years ago I was leading a trip on the Cartecay, and took the lead through the S-Turn rapid to show my participants how to run it. In a moment of supreme embarrassment, I ran the two parts only to flip trying to catch the eddy below, during which I let go my trusty Perception paddle. When all was set right, it was nowhere to be seen, nor did we find it downstream.

A few weeks later I ran the river again, top to bottom,



looking for my paddle, but to no avail. I then bought another.

Many months later, during the summer drought, with low water, I got a call from one of our club members with whom I had paddled before. He had found my paddle wedged in the rocks almost exactly where it had been lost. It was very dirty, but intact, and because I had my name and phone # on the paddle, he was able to eventually get it back to me.

On another trip, I lost a wonderful paddle and my glasses at Lesser Wesser, and needless to say, they were never seen again. The river giveth, and the river taketh away!

See you soon,
Dick Hurd ✂

Book Review

Courting the Diamond Sow

by Wickliffe W. Walker
Reviewed by Tom Butler



Author Wick Walker tries to downplay the inevitable description of the Tsangpo River as "the Everest of Rivers." The river that winds through the mountains of Tibet is not, he points out, the most powerful river that he or his friends ever kayaked on. But the comparison is inevitable. The river was steep, powerful, untried and dangerous. Walker detailed his story in *Courting the Diamond Sow*, a reference to the river's being named for a goddess of Buddhist mythology.

Walker and his friends set up a kayaking expedition down the Tsangpo River in 1998. Walker is a retired military officer who spent time off from his Pentagon

tours kayaking on the upper Potomac River and in West Virginia. On leave, he had paddled in Nepal and in British Columbia. Much of the book deals with the daunting logistics of going into Tibet with four white water kayaks, survival gear and food, and support teams for the put-in and the take-out.

The river proved to be at the outermost limits of paddling. Scouting rapids required hikes of miles, and sometimes climbing 1,200 feet to get around enormous boulders. A misstep in fastening a spray skirt cost one paddler his kayak. And the gorge finally cost the life of one of the four paddlers on the trip.

Jamie McEwan, the lead kayaker, said he would never again go on such a kayak expedition. But he said a year later he found himself thinking of the sights and smells of Tibet, and the "the magnified chaos of large volumes of falling water.

- From "Current Events", newsletter of the Apalachee Canoe & Kayak Club, Tallahassee, Florida. ✂

SteveVideo Review

Paddler's Personal Trainer

Reviewed by Steve Cramer

I hate stretching. I can't stand yoga. Lifting weights, that's OK. At least I can do it in front of the mirror and admire my physique (no one else admires my physique, of course). But sitting in a bizarre position trying to touch my left butt cheek with my right knee or stretching my hamstrings until they scream (doesn't take long)... hey, if I wanted to be in pain, I'd just paddle a Mr. Clean and be done with it.



Which brings me to Paddler's Personal Trainer, a video by Michelle Rizzi, Tom DeCuir, and Julie Dauphine, produced by Bonesteel Films/WaterWorks. Amazingly enough, I enjoyed doing this flexibility, shoulder strengthening, and warm-up workout. The three principals romp straight through

this workout, providing just enough explanation so that you can follow along when you're on your belly with your nose on the carpet. Most exercises are keyed to a particular river move: "This stretch uses the same muscles as the stern draw."

There is also a little bit of boater porn included, using footage from other Bonesteel and Performance Video flicks, and this is also keyed to the exercise. And not, I'm

happy to say, just kayaks, but also canoes, touring boats, even sprint boats. Unlike typical kayaker flicks, the music was innocuous and stayed in the background.

I liked the way the narrators tag-teamed the leading of the exercises, so you got three different perspectives. Also, one would demo the basic exercise, while another pushed it a bit, and the third demonstrated how to restrict your range of motion if you're as inflexible as I tend to be.

Most of the video was shot inside, before a not very exciting background featuring a couple of paddles, a

touring kayak, and some artsy fabric, but there are also brief shots of Michelle and sometimes the others doing the same exercise on a rock next to the Cascades. More of this would be better, but one can sympathize with the difficulties of shooting outside.

I've made a resolution (effective January 1, 2010) to get up early a couple of times a week and do this routine. I also plan to incorporate some of these stretches into my shore warm-up and inflict, uh, share them with the next class I teach. ✂

Exploration

Canoe Camping on the Hudson River

by Dick Hurd

In my life, I have spent considerably more time backpacking than canoeing, but I have reached a stage where off-loading the backpack and resting my feet is appealing. Recently, while shuffling through a stack of items that I cut out and saved for future use (which usually never comes), I came across one titled 'Canoeing Guide to the Hudson River', published in August, 1981, in Brown's Guide to Georgia. It was an exceedingly detailed description which included an annotated map. I was hooked, and so on October 11 and 12, joined by three of my backpacking buddies, I did the Hudson.

The Hudson is a tributary of the Broad, so the travel from the Atlanta area is not a problem — I-85 north to Highway 98, and south to Commerce, finally arriving at Georgia 326, the put-in. The carry down to the river is not bad, but there is no place to park except on private property, so we arranged a shuttle.

There was no clue as to water level, but from the bridge at both put-in and take-out it seemed OK. After we had paddled a hundred yards, I realized we were in big trouble as to water level. The black sand in the river bed is deceptive, and makes the water seem deeper than it really is. The section down to the first bridge at Highway 106 is 5.5 miles, and we struggled the whole way, doing as much poling, pushing, walking, and dragging as we did paddling.

There were innumerable snags and strainers. The only relief was two long stretches of 'pool' at the end of which we encountered dredges mining the river for sand. At the first available camping site, just before the 106 bridge, we discovered that the river had changed since 1981, assisted by the dredge, and that a large sand bar and an island were... well... gone. Exhausted, we had a

serendipitous bit of luck when a farmer, working at river's edge, allowed us to camp on his property.

The next day, we awoke to rain, which stopped after breakfast. Not looking forward to 6.5 miles of more of the same, we debated bailing at 106, but.... the water seemed to change, seemed of adequate depth, and began to develop the pooling I am accustomed to with white water rivers, so we proceeded on.... to a new problem in the form of 10 sets of shoals, some up to a hundred yards long, with low water. In general we could paddle from shoal to shoal, but we struggled at the shoals, often lining the boats down. However, this would be a fantastic section to run for the white water, at a higher water level.

We found only two places suitable for camping, at a point 1.5 miles down from 106: one, a bluff river left, opposite the entrance of Hubbard Creek, and the other a huge sandbar river right, 300 yards further down. The take-out, at US 29, has a very steep set of steps up to the road level, where there is very limited parking. Carrying all the equipment was strenuous and took multiple trips.

The good news is that the cell phone worked from the bridge, and the shuttle arrived in short order. At this bridge, there are some old wooden pilings that cross the river, and I estimate that if these are under water, the water level is sufficient.

Conclusion: Canoe-camping this river is possible, with the target campsite at Hubbard Creek, but higher water level will be a must. In turn, higher water might make the snags and strainers more dangerous. A multi-day event could be planned, as the river enters the Broad just below Highway 29, and the trip could be continued down the Broad, but that will require another scouting trip. Finally, the section from 106 to 29 would be ideal at decent water levels for a white water trip, especially for the trained beginner, as there is lots of challenge negotiating all the shoals. ✂

"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."
- Aldo Leopold.

Wacissa and Aucilla Rivers, Florida

by Doug Massey

October 20 & 21, 2001. Saturday morning was as perfect as any early morning can be. A bit overcast, pleasant temperature, low humidity, no winds — fine paddling weather, promising no head winds, no sunburns, no sweat. A group of paddlers from Georgia and Florida held council the previous night around a friendly campfire at the Goose Pasture campground, and after marshmallows flambé and a good night's sleep, I awoke just after sunrise excited about the day's trip. I'm a bit apprehensive, being a first-time trip coordinator, and having never paddled either of the two rivers we're floating this weekend. But only just a little apprehensive, since the paddlers, the weather, the rivers, and the camping just couldn't get much better.

The paddlers included folks from the GCA and from the West Florida Canoe Club. They were: from the GCA, Steve & Meg Cramer in their sea kayaks; Dick Sturtevant, Allan Wadsworth, and myself in solo canoes; Bill & Gulbin Gottlieb, tandem. Sheila Small and Lu Gardner are members of both clubs, paddling solo canoes. From the WFCC, Mark Vance and Jim Goff paddled solo canoes. Wes & Jane Mosteller were in their tandem Wenonah, while Marc & Carol Langlois were in their kayaks. George & Judi Russell in OC-1s joined us for Sunday's float on the Aucilla.

The Wacissa and Aucilla rivers are about thirty miles southeast of Tallahassee. Although they flow roughly parallel and only a few miles apart, they are two very different waterways. The Wacissa makes up all of a sudden out of a first-order magnitude springs group, and flows broad and crystal clear from the put-in at the head springs. The Aucilla, on the other hand, is a black water stream flowing somewhat narrowly between high sandy banks, with a few interesting shoals and narrows along the way, and one rapid that could rate a class II at normal flows. The Aucilla is floatable for about twenty miles, until it goes underground in a sink, to appear again a few miles south at Nutall Rise, and then on to the gulf.

From the moment we put in Saturday morning at the Wacissa head springs, it was hard to tear our eyes away from the water to take in the swamps along the river. The water is crystal clear, flowing over eel grass and through hydrilla beds teeming with fish. Large bowfin and mullet scurried out of our way, and turtles seemed sometimes curious about the bright hulls drifting by, swimming



away only at the last second, and only far enough to avoid an inadvertent paddle-whack.

I've heard there are twelve large springs within the first half mile; we found only two, the river being so wide here that the springs are hard to find along the edges. Big Blue Spring is impossible to miss though, and we all labored against its swift outflow current to gain access up the spring run to this hidden gem. This spring has no land access, so it's relatively uncrowded. There's

a floating swim platform and a great looking rope swing there, and a total absence of litter — hats off to the local folks and everyone who visits here. To my knowledge, no agency maintains this area.

Big Blue really lives up to its name. It's big, deep, powerful, and quite blue. As we all float over the spring vent, I notice folks trying to paddle and wiggle as little as possible, to keep from rippling the surface so that we can see down into the depths. That's all tall order for this many boats. After a good long break here, and the obligatory mask-and-snorkel scouting of the spring by yours truly — hey, it was my duty as trip coordinator, OK, and it's only late October, and heck, I just couldn't resist a swim in Big Blue anyway — we headed on down river.

This river's a great one for conversations. The morning slips by chatting and laughing, and taking in the wildlife above and below the water. Waterfowl are plentiful, and the shutter bugs got some great 'gator pics of a couple of small fellows. We didn't see Ma & Pa 'gator, but they must have been around somewhere.

Around mid-day Gullbin spotted a bald eagle perched in a cypress. He hung around long enough for everyone to get a good look — I didn't think anything would top the day more than Big Blue, but there he was. Wow!

The river flows broad for a few miles, then splits into narrow channels flowing around small islands. There's very few places to find dry land along the way, so open water rescue skills are a must here. Fortunately for us, Jim knew of a spot where we could take lunch and stretch our legs — how the heck he ever found this little dirt road in the middle of nowhere is beyond me, but my legs still thank him, and I barely noticed the ankle deep swamp muck where we took out.

The rest of the day slipped by as pleasantly as the morning did, and just as my fanny started complaining, we found ourselves back at Goose Pasture, our take-out and camp for the weekend. After the shuttle run, some of the folks went to St. Marks for dinner. I decided to stay at Goose Pasture, as I had a steak marinating in the



Bald Eagle spotted on the Wacissa.

- Submitted by Doug Massey.

cooler, and I wanted to take a river bath before dark.

Just as I was about to step in, something rather large swam off through the maidencane and hydrilla. I really wanted to take a dip and wash off a couple days camping grunge — I'm still telling myself, "It's just a turtle, it's just a turtle." I still have all my toes and such, so it must have been a turtle after all.

Another great evening of campfire sitting after dinner — I've noticed over the years that a campfire doesn't give much warmth alone, it's the company around it that brings the warmth.

Goose Pasture is a public campground maintained by Foley Timber, in nearby Perry, Florida. I had heard that it has had a reputation as being a rather lively Saturday night party spot, but it was quiet all weekend. There is a group camping area available for free by reservation through Foley Timber, with a locking gate that you control, picnic tables, grill, and pavilion. There's

a port-a-potty a short walk away, but no running water, so bring plenty. Goose Pasture is the take-out for the upper Wacissa float, the put-in for a trip through the Slave Canal from the Wacissa to the Aucilla, and a good base for trips on the Aucilla.

On Sunday, after repeated assurances to Sheila, Lu, and the rest that I knew EXACTLY where the take-out for the Aucilla is, I led us directly and with no hesitation to a completely different take-out than I had scouted on Friday. Apparently, we were either on the wrong side of the river, or the current had been reversed.

After logically reasoning that, most likely, we were on the wrong side of the river, we consulted our maps and had a discussion about whether we were at a take-out before the sinks, as it would be a bad thing to be 'downstream' of the sinks. Sheila was the only one among us who had floated this section, and since she was pretty confident that this take-out was before the sinks, and thus I had a scapegoat if things went horribly wrong, we left vehicles and headed for the put-in. I shouldn't have worried.

The Aucilla was a delightful float on a black water stream. The low water level had us picking our way and wiggling over small shoals, but we only had two minor portages in all. At the 'big shoals', a couple of folks ran it, a couple of folks lined boats through, and Lu somehow managed to levitate over the rocks on her run and not get stuck at all — I didn't think it was possible without a hovercraft. I shouldered my Bell and hoofed it around. The trip ended, as I hoped, where we left our cars.

Thanks to all the folks from the GCA and the WFCC who made the trip so much fun. Special thanks to Sheila, Lu & Jim, who provided valuable tips and info on the rivers, and helped in planning and organizing the trips, and to Don and Elliot, who gave me much info beforehand but couldn't make the trip. Also to Marc & Carol who stayed over Monday to float the Slave Canal with me — I had a blast, everyone. ✂

Three days on the Ocmulgee

by John Kern

Last Wednesday, three friends and I set out for South Georgia to spend a few days canoe camping on the Ocmulgee River. Although shallow in a few spots, there was plenty of flow to enjoy well over 30 miles of river.

The weather was splendid. We had a nice lazy day paddling and swimming around some of the many sandbars. Later, we paddled back into one of the tributaries and managed to sneak up on a family of wild pigs rooting around along the bank. We watched for about 5 minutes

before they made their way out of sight... very cool.

The second day we spent a lot of time just floating and exploring some of the tributaries. After lunch we paddled back into a very scenic old cypress growth and took a few pictures. When we rejoined the main flow of the river the sun had disappeared, the wind had picked up and dark clouds were looming... we all knew what was coming. It poured hard for about an hour and not-so-hard for another hour. We made camp around 5:30 just across from a fork in the river that leads to one of the Oxbow Lakes.

My favorite part of the trip came about 10 o'clock

that night. We decided to paddle back into the Oxbow Lake by the light of the full moon. The average width of "the lake" is about 40 feet, but at night you feel a lot closer to the shores.

We could make out the silhouette of the landscape along the banks, but the shadows and moonlight play tricks with your eyes. We couldn't see any wildlife but could hear it all around us... "something big" running through the woods, something splashing down into the water, a couple of startled fish jumping out in front of the canoe. It was a surreal experience.

On Saturday we had more warm, sunny weather. We each had a turn with the mask and snorkel — holding

on to the painter with one hand and trolling along behind the canoe just looking around — lots of sunken logs and little fishes to check out. The water was surprisingly clear. Along the way, we saw a lot of birds, too — anhinga, heron, egrets and (of course) lots of buzzards. The scenery along the banks, the wildlife, and the warm, sunny weather ALL made for a great way to spend a few days getting away from it all.

Anyone interested in paddling the Ocmulgee should contact the outfitter Charlie Ford of Three Rivers Expeditions 3.R.E. in Hazlehurst /Lumber City, Georgia, phone: 912.379.1371, cell: 912.223.7499.

- *From the GCA email list.*



Okatoma Creek

by Gary DeBacher

Where could you move to get away from the temptations of white water altogether? Delaware? Maybe. Louisiana? A good bet, I've been checking on it. But cross Mississippi off your list. Mississippi has some white water.

Consult Canoe Trails of the Deep South by Estes, Carter, and Almquist, a 1991 Menasha Ridge publication. In the Southern Pine Hills region of southern Mississippi, resistant clay stone creates riffles and small ledges, and seeping bluffs along the streams may be covered by ferns and moss. There are quite a few good streams with easy rapids in this area, but as the guidebook says, "It is the combination of exciting shoals and rapids and the superb scenery along the stream that has made Okatoma Creek the standard by which all other Mississippi streams are measured." Mississippi's Chattooga? Well, not exactly, but let's take a roundabout way to check it out.

We'd been to New Orleans for Thanksgiving, visiting our daughter. We took our Mad River Synergy along, and paddled some at the Barataria Unit of Lafitte National Park, south across the Big River down in the swamps. The bayous were too low, but the old Kenta logging canal was deep enough and had reverted after a century to a fairly natural state.

We paddled over a mile into the cypress swamp and marsh, seeing egrets and herons. Then we encountered mats of vegetation choking the channel. Rather than plowing into the mats like a flat water canoe, the Synergy rode up over them like an icebreaker. Still, pulling through these weeds got old fast, so we paddled back past the bridge and put-in, to take a quick look at the Intracoastal Waterway.

We also hiked the park trail along Bayou Coquille and out to a marsh overlook on another part of the Kenta

Canal. Bayou Coquille was once a minor outlet for the Mississippi. Now it drains and fills depending on rainfall, wind effects, and attenuated tidal effects. The Bayou Coquille trail gave an excellent view of the cypress swamp and the marsh. An egret was hunting shallows just yards from the boardwalk. We saw snakes and lizards and a yearling alligator. There's a lot of swamp tours in the area, but this is the best one that's free.

But I digress. We left the Big Easy Sunday morning and drove up I-59 to breakfast in Hattiesburg, waiting for fog to clear. Okatoma Creek joins Bowie Creek near Hattiesburg to form the Bowie River. I was hoping to paddle the upper Okatoma from Seminary to Sanford, but I didn't want to go the whole nine miles. So we drove to Seminary Canoe Rentals to arrange to use their commercial take-out. The proprietor said that my guidebook was wrong, that engineering measurements showed it was almost eight miles just to his take out, with several more to Sanford. So his \$12 charge to shuttle me back to Seminary looked like a good deal.

Okatoma was flowing low and clear under the Highway 590 bridge in Seminary. It was a little under "0" on the gauge. Much lower than that, and one would have to walk some shoals. Ellie was at least considering going with me, but given the low water, she decided to stay on land with my son Paul. At 25, he doesn't need a sitter, but there were trails for them to explore, or they could just read in the shade.

The fog had cleared, the sky was blue, and there was just enough wind to keep me from feeling warm. While the surface soil was fairly sandy, the high banks were darker. Tree and shrub roots hung down below cuts in the banks. In the forest above, northern tree varieties had shed their leaves, but southern species of oaks, and of course the large magnolias, were still green. The guidebook says that azalea and mountain laurel bloom in the spring. The most common evergreen shrub along the

banks is the "white titi," which I have seen here and there in Georgia, perhaps under a different name.

The Synergy is often called fast for a white water boat. While it doesn't exactly glide, with enough lard on board it will coast. I kept a steady pace. With another six hours of driving to Atlanta, we needed to be back on the road by three.

After about 1/3 mile, I came to the first of the three "significant" rapids on this section. The guidebook called it a "shoal," but it was a sloping ledge somewhat over a foot high. Probably looks more like a shoal when there is enough water to wash it out. At this low level it was a little hard to run it clean. There was a big pool below, so I took pictures, changed film, and examined the rock which formed the ledge.

That "clay stone" is strange stuff. This region is "coastal plain," not piedmont. The deposits are very young and often have not been consolidated into the more commonly recognized forms like sandstone or shale. Some layers are just loosely compacted mixtures of sand and gravelly matter. Clay stone seems to be glued together with fine clay. It may contain varying proportions of



First Ledges on Okatoma Creek, Mississippi.

- Submitted by Gary DeBacher.

sandy or gritty material. The clay stone at the first ledge was more stone than clay. The creek bottom often consisted of lumpy, unevenly eroded clay stone. When these lumps got close to the surface, they were worn flat-topped by rental canoe bottoms.

I was managing not to scrape much. There were occasional smaller rapids and even some little holes for side-surfing. They say that when Okatoma runs between 2 and 3 feet, there can be some decent front surfing waves.

After a couple of miles I came to The Chute, the most technically demanding rapid on this section. It is a mildly complex ledge formation, probably not much over three feet in total drop, but at low levels rather like a nasty miniature of Raven's Chute on the Chattooga. You had to start down left, get your bow cocked back to the right, and try to stay in the chute as it ran off to the right. Naturally I had to get cute and try to hit a little left side eddy halfway down. The boat sailed right on past the eddy, and I had to scuffle down a turkey chute. So I dragged the boat back up and ran the rapid properly.

On the left below The Chute was a large area of eroded clay stone. Some rental paddlers were lunching. Apparently the kids had portaged, and dad had taken a swim in trying to make the run. This rapid might wash out a little and get less technical at higher levels, but when I was there it was a very nasty little class II.

There were more small rapids. I saw a few cabins on the east bank, almost the only structures I saw that day. And I saw only woodland, no pastures or fields. I stopped and climbed a high bank to take a look around the second growth forest. For some reason there wasn't much Spanish moss in this area. Must be that micro-climate thing.

Next the creek ran into a patch of softer strata, and it began meandering. I had to dodge some trees or snags flushed down by floods. The bottom was sandy and there were occasional large sand banks, but no rapids for over a mile.

Eventually Okatoma cut into the harder stuff again, and the small ledges resumed. Then I came to the third "significant" rapid, Okatoma Falls. The total drop, including a sloping approach, is probably no more than four feet, with three feet off the lip of the ledge. At this level there was just one spot to run it, a straight shot over a central wave-hole and into a wave train. While this is an easy rapid for trained paddlers to run, I am inclined to call it a class 2. You sit and watch rental customers run it and you'll see why.

The pool was flanked by a sandy cliff on the left, topped not only by forest but by an incongruous billboard announcing that a southern power company was sponsoring adopt-a-stream efforts, with monitoring and anti-

litter components. Thanks, oh corporate benefactors, but the sign looks bad. In fact, with the grinning fish logo, it looks downright stupid. The other bank was forested and marred only by human traffic. Below the cliff, I found clay stone that lived down to its name. Where wet, its surface was slippery with clay, and wore away easily.

I took some pictures and then headed downstream. Just down on the right from the Falls is Fletcher's Landing, a private access used by the "other" outfitter, Okatoma Outpost in Sanford. Maybe their take-out came a bit too soon, because downstream I found an interesting little narrows and some more small rapids. I had to paddle perhaps another mile to reach my outfitter's take-out on

the left bank.

I had been on the water for three hours. The distance had surely been more than that stated in the guidebook, but it had not been a difficult paddle. Given spring water it would be a piece of cake.

Now, I don't expect you all to go rushing down to run the Okatoma. Not even with the titi bushes thrown in. But if you're transferred to New Orleans, won't it make you feel better to know that there is a little white water within a couple hours' drive? Why heck, just north of the Louisiana border you'll find the "Falls" on the Bogue Chitto River. I gotta keep looking, there may be a little white water in Louisiana somewhere....

Canoe Camping and the GCA

by Dick Hurd

The membership survey conducted earlier this year indicated a significant interest in canoe-camping trips. In order to develop this program, we need people willing to coordinate such trips, and we need to develop an inventory of rivers suitable to camping along the way.

There are some issues that differ from our usual paddling trips. Vehicle safety at the put-in and take-out is essential, as we will be leaving vehicles for one or more nights. Developing a relationship with adjacent landowners would be desirable, and we must consider paying a small parking fee if necessary.

The second issue is where to camp. Meandering flat

water rivers generally have sandbars that would allow camping within the meaning of the ordinary high water line, however it may be necessary to camp on the river banks, in which case ownership and permission becomes an issue. Finally, for each river, some determinant of appropriate water level needs to be established.

There may be members who already have information about suitable venues for canoe camping, but my sense is that to develop a good inventory, we are going to need to do some scouting trips and report the results to the Recreation Chair. In turn, this information can be made available to anyone desiring to coordinate such a trip. So for all of you who checked that box on the survey, let's get going, and make it happen.

Panicky Kayak Thief Escapes Manhattan

Many tales were told of the WTC disaster. Many theories launched. Many questions asked. We basked in the warmth of longtime or even recently made friendships. We reaffirmed our love of New York and for one another. It was uplifting, even when it was sometimes raucously silly. The bunker mentality is upon us all to some extent.

Beth told us the story of how she and her husband, Walter Owen, observed the crisis only blocks away from where they live in TriBeCa. After the first building was hit, they watched in horror. When the second one was hit, they decided to get out of their neighborhood, not knowing whether their entire area was under attack or what to think.

Walter rushed them both to a kayak rental place nearby on the Hudson River. He climbed a high fence and wrestled a two-person kayak back up over it. He carried it to the dock where there was access to the river.

A man nearby said, "I'll give you \$100 for that boat." Walter ignored him. He ordered Beth into the kayak. She protested, "But I have a doctor's appointment at 2 this afternoon."

"Get in!" he thundered. "Sit still. Hold my laptop. I'll paddle." He did and crossed a calmly serene, sunny Hudson River with the WTC burning behind them.

They arrived in New Jersey, rented a car and drove to Beth's sister's house. It took several days before they could return to Manhattan, and they still haven't gotten the kayak back to its rightful owner. (They will.)

"We were lucky. But we didn't know just how lucky we were. We acted on pure escape instinct, I suppose. Once we got in Jersey, we felt stupid and wished we were back in Manhattan," says Beth. (Personally, I'll take Walter Owen as the guy I want to be with in a crisis.)

Other people's stories, of course, are not so lucky. And most of them lack the wacky flavor of this one. It's only one of thousands currently being told.

- *This story was taken from Liz Smith's column in "Newsday", 9/28/01, via the NYCKayaker email list. A*

later list posting indicated that the kayak was taken from the Down Town Boat House, a facility where private citizens store their boats, NOT a rental facility.

Mr. Owen actually took the kayak in spite of being told not to by a DTBH member who was working there at the time, which also indicates it was not necessary to scale a fence to get the boat. It was not returned until weeks later, and even then had to be retrieved and paddled back by the

owner.

It was a neat story, but like so much that is reported in today's media, it seems the facts were changed to protect the entertainment value. A followup article in Ms. Smith's column indicated that sales of sea kayaks, power boats, bicycles and other "escape vehicles" that could be used in an emergency evacuation have soared in Manhattan since September 11. - Editor.

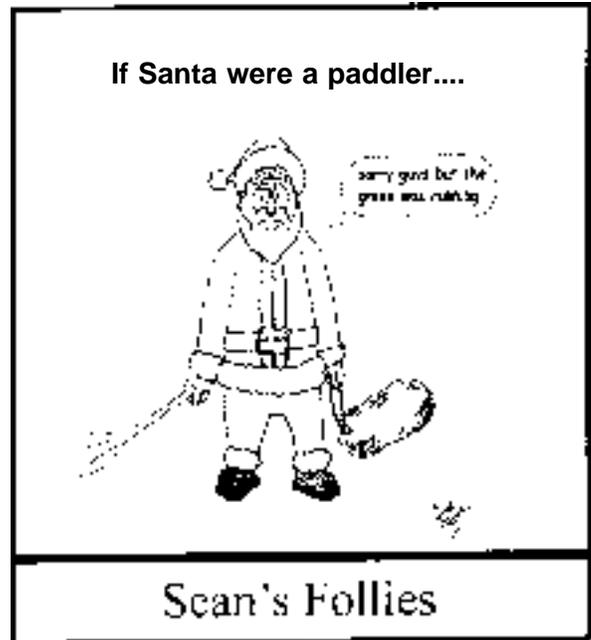
Bridging the Gap

One day three men were walking along and came upon a raging, violent river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea how to do it. The first man prayed to God saying, "Please God, give me the strength to cross this river." Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours.

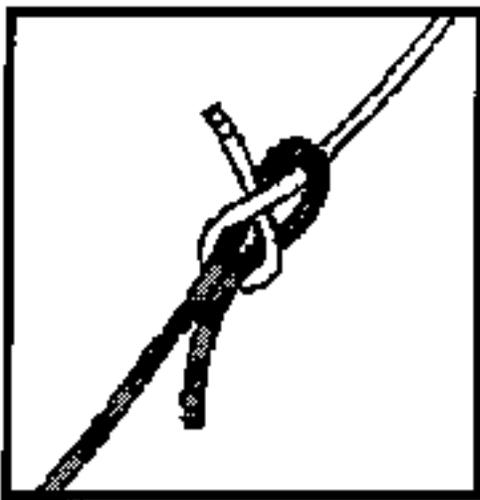
Seeing this, the second man prayed to God saying, "Please God, give me the strength and ability to cross this river." Poof! God gave him a canoe and he was able to paddle across the river in about an hour.

The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, "Please God, give me the strength, ability, and intelligence to cross this river." And Poof! God turned him into a woman. She asked directions, then walked across the downstream bridge in about five minutes.

- Adapted from the Jokes 'n' Stuff email list.



The Sheet bend is used to join together 2 lines of different diameters. It is useful when using a light heavy line to pass a heavier tow line to a boat or dock line to shore. When used to tie one line to an eye-splice or a metal ring, it is called a Bucket bend.



To tie a sheet bend:

- Begin with a loop in the heavier line.
- Pass the bitter end of the smaller line up through the loop of the heavier line, around the heavier loop, and back through the loop in the small line.
- Tighten it up.

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- From the East Tennessee Whitewater Club newsletter.

The Rime of the Ancient Paddler

It is an ancient Paddler,
And he stoppeth one of three.
"By thy long grey beard and glittering eye,
Now wherefore stopp'st thou me?"

The chili hot, within the pot,
Is full of road-kill 'possum;
The guests are met, the feast is set;
It surely will be awesome.

He holds him with his skinny hand.
"There was a hole." quoth he.
"Hold off! Unhand me, grey-beard loon!"
Eftsoons his hand dropt he.

He holds him with his glittering eye,
The Chili-Guest stood still,
And listened like a three years' child:
The Paddler hath his will.

"The Sun came up upon the left.
Out of the east came he!
And he shone bright, oh what a sight,
This paddling day would be.

"A group of eight, who could not wait,
Set forth with great good cheer;
Within our breasts, hearts could not rest,
But we had no cause for fear."

The Chili-Guest sat on a stone:
He cannot choose but hear;
And thus spake on that ancient man,
The bright-eyed Padder.

"The shuttle run beneath the Sun,
And boats all set to go,
When with a blast, with wind so vast,
A norther she did blow.

"And now there came both mist and snow,
And it grew wondrous cold;
And ice knee-high came floating by
As green as emerald.

"The ice was here, the ice was there,
The ice was all around;
It cracked and growled, and roared and howled,
Like noises in a swound!

"At length did cross an Albatross.
And this is strange but true;
For on its feet, surprise to see
A pair of wet-suit boots.

"It flew so close, we held our noses
And round and round it flew.

A good south wind sprung up behind,
As melted ice flowed through.

"On the good south wind sprung up behind;
The Albatross did follow,
And on the way, for rest or play,
Came to the paddler's hello!

"At first it seemed a little speck,
And then it seemed a mist;
It moved and moved, and took at last
A certain shape, I wist.

"A speck, a mist, a shape, I wist!
And still it neared and neared;
As if it were a living thing,
It turned and at us leered.

"About, about, in reel and rout
The souse-hole boiled and danced;
The water, like a witch's pot,
Burnt white, and us entranced.

"Water, water, everywhere
It made brave paddlers shrink.
Water, water, everywhere
And not a beer to drink!

"The fair breeze blew, the white foam flew.
The wildness thrilled the soul;
We were the first that ever surfed
This monster keeper hole."

"God save thee, ancient Padder!
From the fiends that plague thee thus!
Why look'st thy face?" "With my high brace
I clobbered the Albatross.

"And I had done a hellish thing,
And it would work 'em woe;
For all averred, I had killed the bird
That made the warm breeze blow.
Ah wretch! said they, the bird to slay
That made the breeze to blow!

"Ah! well a-day! what evil looks
Had I from old and young!
The wet-suit boots from the Albatross
About my neck were hung.

"Then like a pawing horse let go,
It made a sudden bound;
And in the drink, I began to sink,
And my soul was in a swound.

"How long in that same hole I lay,
I have not to declare;

But ere my living life returned,
I heard and in my soul discerned
Two voices in the air."

"Is it he?" quoth one. "Is this the man,
By him who died on cross,
With his cruel blow he laid full low
The harmless Albatross?"

"The other was a softer voice,
As soft as honey-dew:
Quoth he, "The man hath penance done
And penance more will do."

"The self-same moment I could pray;
And from my neck so free
The wet-suit boots fell off, forsooth,
And sank like lead from me.

"I saw a third -- I heard his voice;
It is the Hermit good!
He singeth loud his Godly hymns
That he makes in the wood.
He'll shrive my soul, he'll wash away
The Albatross's blood.

"This Hermit good lives in that wood
Which slopes down to the bank.
How loudly his sweet voice he rears!
He loves to talk with paddlers,
Though most they smell quite rank.

"O Shrieve me, shrieve me, holy man!"
The Hermit crossed his brow.
"Say quick." quoth he. "I bid thee say,
What manner of paddler art thou?"

"Forthwith this frame of mine was wrenched
With a woeful agony,
Which forced me to begin my tale;
And then it left me free.

"My lips were wet, my throat was cold,
My garments all were dank;
Sure I had drunken in my dreams,
And still my body drank.

"I moved, and could not feel my limbs;
I was so light -- almost
I thought that I had died upstream.
And was a blessed ghost."

- From "Paddle Georgia", newsletter of the
Central Georgia River Runners. 

To a worm, digging in the hard ground
is more relaxing than going fishing.

A Politically Correct Holiday Greeting

Best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, low stress, non-addictive, gender-neutral, winter solstice holiday, practiced within the most joyous traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice, but with respect for the religious persuasions of others who choose to practice their own religion as well as those who choose not to practice a religion at all; plus... a fiscally successful, personally fulfilling, and medically uncomplicated recognition of the generally accepted calendar year 2002, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures whose contributions have helped make our society great, without regard to the race, creed color, religious, or sexual preferences of the wishee.

Disclaimer: This greeting is subject to clarification or withdrawal. It implies no promise by the wisher to actually implement any of the wishes for her/himself or others and no responsibility for any unintended emotional stress these greetings may bring to those not caught up in the holiday spirit.

- From the Joke of the Day email list.

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