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Bishop Elected President

by Rick Bellows

Former Vice-President Tom Bishop was elected GCA President at the sparsely-attended Fall Meeting on November 4 at Azalea Park in Roswell. He defeated Joe Webb, who recently became GCA Recreation Chair.

The race for President was the only contested race on the ballot. In the uncontested races, former Secretary Jamie Higgins was elected Vice-President, Debra Berry was elected Secretary and longtime Treasurer Ed Schultz was re-elected to that position.

About 25 members (some of whom opted not to vote) attended the meeting. Attendance may have been affected by the somewhat blustery weather. The wind was strong enough to make it appear the river, which was at a high level due to a dam release, was flowing upstream.

Despite the bluster, at least nine intrepid members paddled to the park from Island Ford. Lamar Phillips' report on the trip is on page 11. ✂

When Do You Get Your Eddy Line?

by Rick Bellows

We've been putting a lot of thought lately into how the print edition of *The Eddy Line* is produced and distributed. That's partly for financial reasons — production and distribution of the newsletter is where a large portion of your dues goes. But it's also because we want to make sure *The Eddy Line* serves the membership as well as possible.

One thing we want is to do everything possible to get the newsletter to all members in a timely manner. In order to do that, we need your help. We know when *The Eddy Line* goes into the mail, but we have no way of tracking it after that.

Which is why we're asking for your help. If you receive the print edition of *The Eddy Line*, please let us know when you receive this December issue. When you do, please email (the_eddyline@yahoo.com), mail (P.O. Box, 441, Gainesville, GA 30503) or call (678-617-2546) and let us know the city and state where you have the newsletter mailed and the date you received it.

While you're emailing or writing, let us know what you like and don't like about *The Eddy Line*, which parts of it you read and which you don't and anything you'd like to see included in the newsletter that isn't in it. It's your newsletter and it should include what you want, but we don't know what that is unless you tell us.

If you receive only the print edition of *The Eddy Line*, give some thought to subscribing to the electronic version, either instead of or in addition to the print version. That will give access much sooner to the Trip List and other time-sensitive information, and you'll also get the photographs and ads in full color. ✂



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Safe and Happy Holidays from *The Eddy Line*



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For general GCA information:
Call 770.421.9729 and leave a message; your call will be returned as soon as possible.

To volunteer for club activities:

Contact GCA President Tom Bishop at 404.542.1118 or the chairperson of the relevant committee.

For membership or dues info:

Call GCA Treasurer Ed Schultz at 404.266.3734.

To sign up for a club trip:

Call the trip leader at the number in the trip list.

To sign up to lead a club trip:

Call GCA Cruisemaster Steve Reach at 404.579.3166.

For information on GCA Clinics:

Call the coordinator listed on the clinic schedule or Training

Director Gina Johnson at 404.512.0832.

For information on winter roll practice:

Call Lous Boulanger at 404.373.2907.

For information on the GCA Library:

Call GCA Librarian Denise Colquitt at 770.854.6636.

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Contact GCA Treasurer Ed Schultz at 404.266.3734. ✂

GCA Executive Committee

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River Protection Chair	Haynes Johnson, John Holley
Training Chair	Gina Johnson

Board, Executive Committee Meetings

GCA Board of Directors meetings are generally held the first Thursday of March, June, September and December.

GCA Executive Committee meetings are generally held the first Thursday of January, February, April, May, July, August, October and November. Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. at Page Perry LLC, 1040 Crown Pointe Parkway, Suite 1050, Atlanta, 30338. (I-285 to Ashford Dunwoody NE, left onto Perimeter Center West, right onto Crown Pointe Parkway, park at 1050 and walk to 1040.) All members are encouraged to attend. If you have an item for discussion, call Vincent Payne at 770.834.8263 to be added to the agenda. Attending meetings is a great way to become more involved in the GCA and ensure transparency in decisions and actions. ✂

Submitting Eddy Line Material

Deadline for material to be submitted for publication is the fifth of the prior month, e.g. December 5 for the January issue. Material received after deadline MAY NOT BE PUBLISHED. GCA members are encouraged to submit articles, trip reports, editorials, photos, cartoon, etc. Letters to the Editor are also encouraged. **Submissions should be typed, single spaced and not indented: if possible, please prepare articles in "plain text" rather than in a word processing format.** Material may be submitted to the_eddyline@yahoo.com or to *The Eddy Line*, P.O. Box 441, Gainesville, GA 30503-0441. The text of an article can be placed in the body of an email or as an attachment: photo images can be attached files. If possible, please submit photos and other graphics in "jpg" or "tiff" format and specify the photographer of each picture. To submit material via disk, please contact us for information. Classified ads will run for two issues, but will be rerun at the advertisers request. Hand-written or phoned in material CANNOT be accepted. Contact Editor **Rick Bellows, 678.617.2546** or the_eddyline@yahoo.com if you have questions. Thank you.. ✂

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UPCOMING GCA TRIPS

December

1	Etowah (Note 1)	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Roger Nott	770.536.6923
2	Chattooga/Nantahala (Note 2)	Class 3-4 Advanced	Peter Chau	864.885.9477
8	Chattooga, Sec. 4 (Note 3)	Class 3-4 Advanced	Rhett Smith	404.729.9201
22	Leader's Choice (Note 4)	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Todd McGinnis	770.856.4489
26-1/1	Ocala Camping (Note 5)	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Bob Sippey	352.793.5203

January

18-21	Suwannee River (Note 6)	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jamie Higgins	404.508.0761
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February

2	Etowah (Note 7)	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Vincent Payne	770.834.8263
15-18	Presidents' Weekend (Note 8)	Flat Water	Gina Johnson	404.512.0832

Note 1: Cherokee County Section; flatwater with a few Class 1 ripples.

Note 2: Chattooga Section 3/3.5 (Advanced) or Nantahala (Intermediate), depending on Chattooga water level.

Note 3: Highway 76 to Camp Creek, Class 3-4.

Note 4: Winter Solstice trip - location TBD.

Note 5: Ocala, Florida camping with day trips on area rivers in conjunction with Florida Sport Paddling Club.

Note 6: Camping at Spirit of Suwannee Music Park with day trips on various river sections. Details on Page 6.

Note 7: Tunnel Section, Annual Groundhog Day Run.

Note 8: Presidents' Weekend trip to Florida; multiple rivers. Details on Page 6.

Your Trip Could Be Listed in This Space — Call Cruisemaster Steve Reach at 404.579.3166!

Signing Up: Call the trip coordinator listed to sign up for trips. Most trip coordinators will move a trip to an alternate venue if the water levels and conditions for a particular trip are not favorable. 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 for those boaters who have completed a formal training clinic and would like some on-the-river time with instructors practicing what was learned in the clinic and expanding skill levels.

Canoe Camping Trips are multi-day trips, generally on flat or mild water, with at least one night of camping. For details on a scheduled trip, call the trip coordinator. To arrange a trip, call President Vincent Payne at 770.834.8263.

To Volunteer To Lead Trips: Call the Cruise Master, Steve Reach at 404.579.3166. As usual, we need trip coordinators for all types of trips, from flatwater to class 5 whitewater. 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). Boating is prohibited above the Highway 28 bridge. Your cooperation in protecting this National Wild and Scenic River is appreciated.

Roll Practice: Tentatively, Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00, January through March, at the Warren/Hollifield Boys' and Girls' Club near Grant Park in Atlanta. For more information, look for the announcement in *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)
I Said Left, Stupid: A Video Guide to the Chattooga River (Sect. 2 & 3)
In the Surf
Introduction to Canoeing
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
The Middle Fork of the Salmon River (Idaho) — by Photographic Expeditions
Trailside: White Water Canoeing the Chattooga River
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
ACanoeing 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 & Kayanning 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 & Kayaking Guide to Georgia
Canoeing Wild Rivers
Carolina Whitewater (Western Carolina)
Endangered Rivers & the Conservation Movement
Florida information (assorted)

Georgia Mountains
Godforsaken Sea: Racing the World's Most Dangerous Waters
Happy Isles of Oceana: Paddling the Pacific
Homelands: Kayaking the Inside Passage
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 Proteeting 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
Youghiogeny-Appalachian River
Maps:
The Big South Fork

Announcements

GCA Email List

By joining the GCA group email list, you can share information with over 400 members and others. Here's how the list works:

By sending an email to "gcalist@yahoogroups.com" you automatically reach all subscribers to the list with the message. Only those subscribed to the list can send email to the list.

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 posted on the GCA email list. If you want to receive any of this information, please subscribe.

The email list is intended to facilitate communication, so don't be shy about using it to invite others on paddling trips, to discuss paddling related issues or to disseminate or obtain



information about paddling related topics, rivers you're interested in, etc.

To subscribe to the list, send an email to "gcalist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com". You will receive a verification that you are subscribed 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.

When you change or lose your email ID, please take the time to "unsubscribe" your old ID and to "subscribe" your new one. ✂

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 the GCA web committee at gcaweb@gmail.com. Membership applications, GCA waivers and other forms for use by members are also available on the site. ✂

Mail Failure Notices

Each month the electronic version of *The Eddy Line* results in numerous mail failure notices from members with bad or discontinued email addresses. If email can't be delivered to your email address, you will be deleted from the recipient list for the electronic version until we get an updated email address from you.

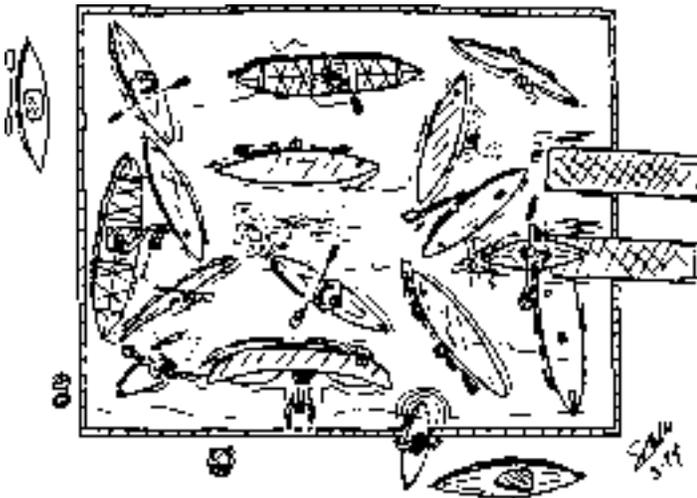
When GCA receives a mail failure notice in response to an email to you on the GCA Email List, you will be automatically unsubscribed by the listserve software. You are responsible for keeping your email address current. Thank you — it makes less work for our all volunteer staff. ✂

Winter Roll Practice

As of press time, arrangements had not yet been finalized for Winter Roll Practice. Hopefully, as in previous years, indoor pool roll sessions will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Mondays, beginning in January and running through March, at the Warren/Hollifield Boys' and Girls' Club at Berne and Marion Streets near Grant Park.

Directions: Exit I-20 at the Boulevard/Grant Park/ Cyclorama exit. Go south about 1/2 mile to the light at Berne Street and turn left. Go another 1/2 mile and you'll see the facility, a large brick building on the left. Turn left on Marion Street. The pool entrance is in the back - enter via the gate at the far end of the building to unload boats. Boats must be cleaned before entering pool.

This is your opportunity to learn to roll, practice your roll to stay sharp, teach a fellow paddler to roll or work on other techniques such as wet exits, hand rolls, deep water re-entries, etc. The indoor heated pool is a great place to hone these skills during the cold winter months. ✂



Holiday Party December 16

Come Celebrate the Holidays! The GCA Holiday Party will be Sunday, December 16, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The party will be hosted by Haynes and Gina Johnson and Gina's mother, Barbara Wyly, at the Wyly house: 940 Foxcroft Road, Atlanta, 30327.

We will have ham and turkey and hope that everyone will bring a dish to share — salad, veggie or dessert. Soft drinks and coffee will be served and you are welcome to bring wine, beer or whatever. We plan to eat around 6:00.

Directions: I-75 to West Paces Ferry Exit; turn east on West Paces Ferry; go across Northside Drive, through the Rilman Road traffic light and take the next left turn on Rembrandt; Foxcroft is your next right and 940 is the fourth house on the right. For those of you coming from Peachtree Road, Rembrandt is opposite Pace Academy.

For questions or directions, call Haynes and Gina at 404-512-0832. ✂

Upcoming Events of Interest

March 20-27 - Paddle Florida 2008, Suwannee River Wilderness Trail, Suwannee Music Park to Manatee Springs Park - <http://paddleflorida.org>.

June 21-27 - Paddle Georgia 2008, Flint River from Woodbury to Montezuma - www.garivers.org. ✂

Meeting Minutes

Former Secretary Jamie Higgins was not able to attend the October Executive Committee Meeting and the minutes of that meeting were not available at press time. Minutes of the October and November meetings should be in the January issue of *The Eddy Line*, ✂



Suwannee River MLK Weekend Trip

by Jamie Higgins

A few years ago I went on a mountain bike trip to White Springs, Florida. It was a cold February in Atlanta, but the temps in Florida got up to the 80s. The mountain bike trail we were on would cross and skirt the Suwannee River. As I was huffing and puffing on this epic bike ride, I thought to myself "I'm nuts...I need to be paddling, not biking!" The Suwannee shimmered like a brown mirror and it was so inviting that I told



The scenic and intimate Suwannee. Photo from the Suwannee River State Park website.

myself I'm going to have to come back and paddle this river.

Last year I had shoulder surgery and was unable to paddle most of the fall and winter, but this year my shoulder

Adventures Unlimited, Milton, Florida President's Weekend Trip

by Gina Johnson

We're moving the President's Weekend paddle and camping event to Milton, Florida and Adventures Unlimited Campground. There are multiple blackwater rivers to paddle and the ability to tent camp, have RV hookups and rent cabins by the room! This will help those who don't like camping when it is 28 degrees outside!!

As usual, GCA members will make their individual reservations with the campground and we will run trips on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Haynes and I will come down on Thursday, which is Valentine's Day, and plan to leave on Monday.

Jim Nuetzel is going to be our trip coordinator. He will line up folks to coordinate the individual trips.

The campground is located at the conjunction of two of these rivers. Milton is about 15 miles away and there are

is as good as new. I'm not going to miss another opportunity to paddle this gorgeous river so I've decided to lead a GCA trip down the famous Suwannee River on MLK weekend (Jan 18-20). Mo normally leads a Florida paddling trip on MLK weekend, but after coordinating with him, Mo thought it would be good to do something different.

We will make the Spirit of Suwannee Music Park Campground our base camp. It has lots of tent camping, RV camping and even cabins. You will need to make your own camping or lodging arrangements. I will be camping in loop 35 if you want to camp near my vicinity. The campground is located on the river and has a boat launch.

We will have day trips on the Suwannee on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. All meals will be on your own, and the campground has a small cafe. We'll also congregate around a camp fire in the evening to hang out and exchange paddling tales. The area also has many hiking and mountain bike trails.

To make reservations at the Spirit of Suwannee Music Park Campground and to get directions, call them directly at 386.364.1683 or go to <http://suwannee.com/default.asp>. Other hotels, motels, campgrounds and info can be found at <http://www.suwannee-chamber.com/touristdevelopment/LodgingInformation.htm>.

The Suwannee River flows from the Okefenokee swamp in Georgia into Florida. It meanders its way through Florida until it ends in the Gulf. It's a very scenic, tannin-brown colored river that is narrow and intimate.

I'll send out more info via the GCA email list and *The Eddy Line* as I nail down more concrete plans. For now, you can email me at jmhiggins@yahoo.com or call me at 404.508.0761 if you think you are interested in paddling with us. ✈

restaurants there. We plan on folks being on their own for meals.

Please check the campground out at www.adventuresunlimited.com and make your reservations! If you are tent camping, let them know you are with the GCA and they will put us in group sites. I would appreciate your letting me know when you are coming so we can get trips organized.

We look forward to another wonderful weekend of boating and fellowship! ✈

Paddle Florida March 20-27 Paddle Georgia June 21-27

Georgia River Network has announced that Paddle Georgia 2008 will take place on the Flint River from Woodbury to Montezuma, Georgia. Dates for Paddle Georgia will be June 21-27. For more information, go to www.garivers.org.

Bill Richards, an alumnus of Paddle Georgia 2007, is

spearheading a spinoff, Paddle Florida, on March 20-27. Paddle Florida will cover 123 miles of the scenic Suwannee River Wilderness Trail, beginning at Suwannee Music Park and finishing at Manatee Springs State Park. For more information, go to <http://paddleflorida.org>. ✂

River Protection Chair Splits

by Haynes Johnson, GCA River Protection Co-Chair

The former River Protection Chairman, Don Kinser, has stepped aside to allow some new blood to surge into the position. Don did a great job coordinating with AW on the Chattooga and other issues that were brought to his attention.

GCA has two new River Protection Co-Chairs (RPC's) to replace Don. John Holley of Macon and Haynes Johnson of Jasper have volunteered to work on any river protection issues that the membership thinks the club should look into. Until the thoughts from the club start drifting in, the RPC's will take on the routine tasks of providing information to the club about various river basins around the state, letting members know about river clean-up events, and any river access or environmental issues that they find out about.

This year, the focus of hot river topics has moved from the Chattooga to the Chattahoochee, but we already have three Governors and the President working on those issues. Therefore, if you have any river protection topics you would

like discussed, please call John at 478.960.0405 or Haynes at 404.680.7628.

The GCA list serve will also get their attention if you use it. Please include, "river protection" and the name of the river in the subject of the e-mail.

The RPC's suggest that if any GCA member notices a trashed put-in, take-out or river in general, they organize a clean-up trip when we get some water. If you let the RPC's or GCA "Trash Queen" Bonny Putney know which river you are contemplating a clean-up on, they will check with Rivers Alive and/or the appropriate River Keeper to see if any clean-ups are already scheduled so we can get the most out of the clean-up effort.

If you would like to sign on as a GCA River Watcher for a specific river or segment of a river, please let the RPC's know. Several people have already said that they would keep track of river protection issues for specific rivers. There is no limit to the number of River Watchers that can adopt a river or a segment. It certainly seems as though some rivers need more than one watcher. ✂

Paddlers Must Be Heard State Water Plan in Final Stages

by Dan McIntyre

I am the GCA representative to the Georgia Water Coalition, a statewide alliance of river protection and environmental organizations. GCA is one of 150+ members. We have been working for over a year to monitor and endeavor to influence the Statewide Water Plan which will be presented to the General Assembly next January for an up or down — no amendments — vote.

In June, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) presented a final draft of Georgia's first ever Statewide Water Management Plan (the Plan) to the Georgia Water Council. The Water Council is a group of appointees and agency heads, chaired by EPD Director Dr. Carol Couch, charged with overseeing the development of the Plan.

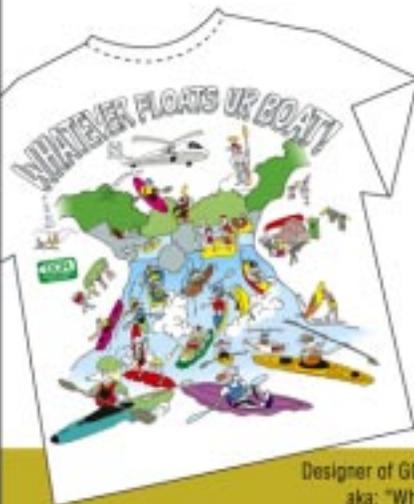
The Water Council will, through December, refine the draft Plan and deliver it to the General Assembly on the first day of the 2008 session. The Plan's purpose is to comprehensively manage Georgia's water resources in a sustainable manner to support the state's economy, to protect public health and natural systems, and to enhance the quality of life for all citizens. The draft can be found at www.georgiawaterplan.org.

The Georgia Water Coalition has provided input through
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out the development of the plan and advocated for a Plan that protects downstream communities, requires efficient water use everywhere and always, ensures water clean enough to drink and fish safe enough to eat, has adequate funding, and provides for public input and local action. The draft Plan misses these marks in several important ways.

The most significant problem in the Water Plan as now drafted is that it adopts a basic premise that damming rivers to make water reservoirs is one of the primary tools for water supply. As you know, a dam is fatal to paddlers (and fauna and flora) both upstream and downstream of the dam. Dams and reservoirs are also extremely wasteful of water because they create huge evaporation losses. As you probably also know, the logical place to build a dam is where we have the best whitewater.

We must communicate to the Georgia Water Counsel that dams must be a last resort, to be resorted to only after all opportunities for conservation, reallocation and planning have been implemented. If reservoirs must be built, they should be built away from the bed of the river and water should be piped to the reservoir only in times of high water flow.

In addition to expressing our particular concern as paddlers about dam building, you might also want to comment on some of the other issues that have been identified by the Georgia Water Coalition. Those are:

First, the Plan does not, but should, propose specific efficiency and conservation requirements for all water permittees so efficient water use is required everywhere, always.

Second, the Plan does not, but should, set a specific instream flow policy, or a process to develop one, to ensure that there will always be enough water in our rivers, lakes, streams and estuaries to protect downstream communities, fish, wildlife, and recreation.

Third, the Plan does not, but must, contain clear and transparent criteria for decision-making and should eliminate the use of conditional language such as “may” and “should.”

Fourth, the Plan does, but should not, include speculative and unproven regional proposals such as aquifer storage and recovery, desalination, and nutrient trading.

Fifth, the Water Council should advocate for a specific, stable funding mechanism to provide enough funding to ensure the Plan’s proposals for monitoring and assessing Georgia’s waters, enforcement of clean water laws and regional planning can be implemented.

Finally, the Plan does not, but must, clearly mandate that the Metro North Georgia Water Planning District’s (District) water plans conform to the State Plan. The District created its own water plans several years ago, calling for new interbasin transfers, reservoirs and other water management activities to feed continued, rapid metro Atlanta growth, while denying downstream communities and ecosystems their fair share of water, compromising their economic vitality and ecological well being.

For instance, the District plans say that by 2030 they will pilfer 85 million gallons per day from the Etowah River and downstream communities. Pilfering water to add more houses, shopping centers, pavement and vehicle congestion is a bad deal for metro Atlanta, too. The final plan must clearly mandate that the District conform to the state Plan. Georgia needs a water plan that unites the state, not one that divides us.

With these changes, Georgia can have a Plan that will provide enough clean water for all Georgians now and in the future. You need to ask the Water Council immediately to make these needed changes. Also, voice your concerns to your state leaders before they vote on the final Plan in the 2008 session.

To stay connected on this issue, sign up for the Georgia Environmental Action Network (GEAN) at www.protectgeorgia.net. The Georgia River Network provides you with a communication tool to reach the critical officials at the critical time without your having to research when and where to send your message. They also provide links to much background information on this critical subject.

You can also submit comments about and access the current draft of the Plan to the Water Council’s web site, www.georgiawatercouncil.org. For additional information on the environmental community’s evaluation of and recommendations for the Plan, see the Georgia Water Coalition’s web site at www.georgiawater.org. 

Views of the 'Hooch



TRIP REPORTS

For some reason, submissions to The Eddy Line over the past month included several reports of trips on various portions of the Chattahoochee. So this month’s trip reports are all on various sections of the ‘Hooch. There’s a report from Vincent Payne about a section well

downstream of Atlanta and, as you’ll read, rural rather than “metro.” There’s a report from William Gatling on “cat herding” newbies below Buford Dam, and a report from Lamar Phillips on the November 4 “Election Day” paddle. Finally, there’s even a trip report on the mighty Metro Hooch. It’s by Patrick Patin, one of our fellow paddlers from Atlanta Whitewater Club, and is included because I loved reading it on the AWC groupmail.

Next month (room permitting): Little Tybee Island, the Colorado, poling the Etowah and Gina on the Ocoee. 

Chattahoochee, August 8

by Vincent Payne, GCA President (Retired)

It was 103 degrees as 7 paddlers and six boats ran a seldom paddled stretch of the Chattahoochee from Whitesburg, Georgia to the Yellow Dirt Power Plant. The put-in was at the Alternate 27 bridge over the Chattahoochee that lies between Carrollton and Newnan.

We met at 8:00 a.m. to get an early start on the very hot day. We lined our boats and gear along the boat ramp, leaving room for any fisherman to access the river, and then we ran shuttle following Highway 5 from Whitesburg to Roopville, 27 south to Glenloch Road and then right onto Hollingsworth Road, which we followed to another boat ramp. Actually we took a shortcut on a dirt road but I cannot recommend it. Stick with the pavement.

Our group included Jeff Key and Allan Wadsworth, each in solo open canoes, Les Clark, Keith Haskell and Lisa Haskell in solo kayaks and Cynthia and myself in a tandem canoe. It had been over ten years since I last paddled this stretch of river so I probably should have called it an exploratory trip.

The river starts off wide but with a pleasant current. Within the first mile we found a sizable but straightforward drop at Plant Yates. I definitely did not remember this from my previous run. Everyone made a clean run and enjoyed the thrill.

There were several other smaller drops between there and our first stop. Around 11:00 we stopped at McIntosh Park in Carroll County. A deer was feeding on the river bank and did not flee. Jeff approached her and she let him and Lisa pet her. Cynthia joined them and decided to raid our lunchbox for a bag of carrots. I told her she could only feed the deer her half but that greedy deer ate the whole bag.

Then Cynthia got an apple for the deer. Fortunately I had already eaten my Fuji apple. Cynthia likes Granny Smith apples. Neither I nor the deer care for them. We loaded our boats again to return to the river and the deer followed us right down to the water's edge and bummed a granola bar.

This group of quiet paddlers also saw several blue herons and some green herons, ducks, geese, an eagle, an osprey, a hawk, an indigo bunting, several really big gar, a muskrat, some turtles and an assortment of other critters. An hour past McIntosh Park Jeff found us a place on some rocks in the shade where we could eat our lunches. We were blessed with a really nice breeze during our meal. With temps in the triple digits, we were grateful for the breeze during our lunch.

From where we ate lunch you could already see the towers of the Yellow Dirt Power Plant. That was a little disappointing as we feared the trip was near its end. The GPS, however, indicated that we were just over half way.

We paddled the rest of the river, passing a few more small drops. A gravel bar on an island gave us a nice spot to stretch our legs. We had said we would enjoy some shade but only Allan took advantage of the shade. The rest of the group wandered the gravel bar in the broiling sun.

We returned to our boats to find that the searing sun had made the seats too hot to sit on. Fortunately I had a towel to place on the seat. We hit the river for the final stretch.

Despite several large collections of litter, compliments of Metro Atlanta, this portion of the river looked quite clean. Even with temperatures in excess of 100 degrees, we couldn't bring ourselves to swim in it and that is a shame. But for a day of friends and paddling it was yet another good day on the river with a really great GCA group. ✂



Cynthia Payne feeds the very people-friendly deer and apple. Photo by the carrotless Vincent Payne.

Chattahoochee Below Buford Dam If You Advertise It, They Will Come

by William Gatling, GCA Resource Development Chair

On the heels of the Georgia River Explorer Series, I wanted to try something else this year to attract new members. This needed to happen on a much shorter time schedule and without as much work.

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The "launch cluster" was "like a crowded day at the Hiwassee". Photo by Jay Manalo.

I decided to invite a few guests to join a GCA trip on the Buford Dam section of the Chattahoochee on September 15. Starting in early August, articles were placed in the *AJC*, *Athens Banner-Herald*, *The Flagpole*, *Gainesville Times*, *Dawson Times*, and *Cumminghome* newspapers. The interested calls started coming in.

Saturday morning the clouds cleared and the weather was in the upper 70's. One hour before the meeting time the boats were starting to pour into the Upper Pool Park at Buford Dam. Tom Bishop, Lamar Phillips, Vincent Payne, Xan Baker, Ed Shultz, Robert Harris and I greeted the guests. The most popular question of the day was "How often do ya'll have trips?." Then there would be the follow-up questions because "every weekend" was not the answer they were expecting.

During the waiver sign up, we gave all the guests an *Eddy Line*, a membership form and a map to the takeout. The map was intended to simplify shuttle, reduce confusion, and keep from losing anyone before we started. It seemed to work very well.

By 10:00 we had a really good crowd and decided to split the shuttle into two waves. When the first shuttle got to the Settles Bridge parking lot, we completely filled it. Luckily the second shuttle had not left before we got back. Because of the parking situation, and for the sake of time, we decided to run the second shuttle after paddling.

There were 15 GCA members paddling with us with 27 guests for a total of 45 paddlers in 28 boats. After a lively safety talk, we decided to split the group into two sections with two leads and sweeps.

My cat herding skills failed and everyone ran for their boats to chase Jack Taylor down the river. It looked like a crowded day at the Hiawassee, but all of the boats were with our trip. We did manage to spread out with good separation between boats. Tom Bishop and Jay Manalo ran sweep.

The river was decorated with boats in every shape, color and purpose. We had sea kayaks, whitewater kayaks and recreational kayaks in solo, tandem and sit-on-top. There were solo canoes with airbags and saddles and tandems with padded seating. Three handmade boats were also paddled, a solo stripper, a wooden sea kayak, and a pirogue with three young men.

At the rapid before Highway 20, we set a couple of ropes and a camera. Initially it looked like they were all going to do fine, but with that many possible swimmers the river gods would not be denied. A tandem kayak took on water and began sinking. The "abandon ship" call went out and the boat rolled to the left. The rope throw missed and the boat and paddlers went into a strainer. They were heads up, but in a precarious situation. Ed Shultz and Tom Bishop got to them and began helping them get out and recover their boat.

Another guest, Linda Spanish, had an easy water downstream exit when she reached the entrance to the rapid. She was able to catch the rope and Matt Lester helped reunite her and her boat. She was ok, but a little shaken. A final swim at this rapid was caused by the rather strong eddy line that spun the boat, causing an involuntary exit.

On the beach where we planned lunch, a family was unfortunately grilling and enjoying a seemingly private beach. They seemed to take our invasion in stride. As we were getting ready to leave the mother was calling for the little girl to bring back the kayak she had borrowed during our break. She was out having a great time paddling around.

Several whitewater kayakers and a couple of other boats spent most of the lunch break playing on the waves of this rapid. It is a good rapid for surfing and ferrying. Jay Manalo and a friend executed a couple of seal launches from the big rock into the current.

Nearing the takeout, there was one last play spot. It is a nicely formed hole that is perfectly formed to sidesurf a canoe forever. Leif Hauge held the side surf for a long ride, but finally was ejected for a short swim.

Peter Farcus was mesmerized watching Tom Bishop and Jay Manalo surf. Being distracted, Peter spilled from his kayak. He was able to exit, dump most of the water, then get back in and paddle to shore for a full recovery. He held onto his paddle and Kelly Harbac retrieved all of his floating gear.

At the takeout, there was an expected amount of confusion as we rounded up the remaining shuttle drivers that needed a ride to the top. For many, this was their first self-inflicted shuttle. Soon a couple of trucks were loaded with

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boats and people and making the trip back to the top to reunite them with their vehicles.

Our guests were: Sherre Brock, James Eisenmann, Peter Farkas, Mak Folkes, Rich Harbinson, James Hester, Bryan Jaeck, Linda Jerkins, Irv LaFleur, Jay Lang, Paul Lorec, Barbara Lorec, David Maddox, John Mann, Ken Morneault, Scott Patterson, M. Roarvick, Cameron Schwartz, Michael Schwartz, Linda Spanish, Micheal Spanish, Eric Stealey, Mark Stewart, Gail White, Richard White and Carol Winters.

Members attending were: Xan Baker, Tom Bishop, Les Clark, William Gatling, Robert Harris, Leif Hauge, Kelly Harbac, Ed Hyer, Larry Mauldin, Jay Manalo, Kathryn O'Neill, Vincent Payne, Lamar Phillips, Ed Shultz and Jack Taylor. ✂

Election Day Paddle

by Lamar Phillips

What better way to arrive at our GCA Election Meeting than by canoes and kayaks? Kelly, Donna, Allen, Tom, Robert, Todd, Brandon, Mike and I launched at Island Ford and had a beautiful paddle down to Azalea Park. As in most cases, we had a strong head wind but this just helped to give us a good workout since most of us had not been on the water much for the past few months. Has anyone ever paddled with the wind at their back?

We are very fortunate to live in a metropolitan area with a great scenic river right in the middle of us. You can really feel as if you are in the wilderness in most sections when you are paddling on the Chattahoochee. It is almost as quiet as on the Altamaha and some of the rural rivers.

We urge all of you to take a day trip on the Hooch, especially while there is no water anywhere in North Georgia to paddle. You will have a great time and a short drive to the river.

Being good citizens, we arrived in time to cast our ballots. It was also nice to enjoy the pizza and an hour or so of good companionship with the other GCA "non-paddling" members who were there to cast their ballots. ✂

Metro Hooch

by Patrick Patin, Atlanta Whitewater Club

John and I decided to brave the Metro Hooch last Saturday - to test our skills against the best Atlanta has to offer in the way of rivers whose name ends in "ahoochie."

At the put-in we could tell something was different. The water was high, higher than we have ever seen the last and only time we were on the river. The current was strong and swiftly washed under the nose of our kayaks as we were seal launching from a staggering height of 4 inches above the water. The noses of our kayaks dove deep into the current, almost moistening our bow straps.

The power of the river was intimidating. The current

instantly accelerated our kayaks from 0 to .002 mph and then swept us downstream. We knew at that moment that there was no turning back, no way we could paddle back upstream in this current, back to the safety of the put-in, the land and our cars.

John, about 30 feet in front of me, slammed through the first rapid with no fear. It was an enormous tongue wave about 25 feet wide and a full 40 feet long which poured over a drop of no less than 6 inches. The waves were huge, almost breaching over our hulls as we paddled hard to stay alive.

We punched through rapid after rapid for miles upon miles with only very small 1 mile "pools" between them. We knew if we flipped the recovery period may not be enough and we could be swept into the next rapid, upside down or worse (out of our boats and unprepared for what awaited us below).

But we remained calm, focused and upright in our boats. No matter what the river threw at us that day, no matter what tests the river had in store, we met it with ferocity, tenacity and all the knowledge of EJ's paddling video.

During our "breaks" in whitewater (if you can call it a "break" since they were mere 30 minute flat water sections), John worked on an interesting maneuver he called, "trying to paddle straight." To me and my limited knowledge of the sport, it appeared more that he was practicing how to spin his boat to one side or the other. But what do I know?

The natives who live in large villages on both sides of the river lined the banks doing their daily chores and offering us a glimpse into their primitive daily lives: fishing, exercise, drinking beverages from cans and tossing them into the river, etc. It was all so fascinating, but we dared not get too close for we did not know if they were friendly or used to the presence of outsiders; we kept to the river.

A short 5 hours later, we faced the climax of our trip and the largest rapid of the day. We considered portaging but decided to give it hell. John went first. The current grabbed him and tried to flip his boat over but he braced through the first crashing wave and kept his boat upright. It was a monster 4 inch wave that almost turned white at its tips.

I paddled hard behind John, following his line. I could barely see from all the water in my eyes so I wiped the sweat off of my brow. I crashed through the waves one after a... well, there was only one, but it seemed like thousands. Fortunately, the takeout was just below this beast of a rapid.

We dug our paddles deep to catch the 2500-foot-long micro eddy at the takeout. The eddy line was strong and at least 1 mm tall. The calm water in the eddy grabbed our boats and tried to flip us, but our instincts and training took over.

It was a grand day... nay, a spectacular day. Dare I say a triumphant day down the mighty Metro Hooch. Whatever fear and shock remained on our conscience that day was nothing that a few pints couldn't dissolve into bliss. ✂

2007 Southeasterns Better Late Than Never

by Roger Nott, 2007 Race Master

The 39th Annual Southeastern U. S. Slalom & Wildwater Championships finally happened on the weekend of October 6 and 7 on the Nantahala. We had originally scheduled them for the third weekend in April, propitiously, I thought, set a week after the Wildwater Team Trials and a week before the National Slalom Team Trials.

By the time I discovered that all the top slalom racers would be at the Charlotte Whitewater Center practicing that weekend, all the other possible spring dates had been taken. So we opted for a fall race, as we did once before, in 1996 due to the Olympics. We had warm, beautiful weather, and a great time seems to have been had by all.

The Wildwater races were run from the old rafting put-in, where the canal from the Duke Powerhouse meets the riverbed, eight miles to Finish Rock, just upstream of River's End Restaurant at the NOC. As usual, John Pinyerd, USA Canoe/Kayak Wildwater Team Chairman, ran the wildwater races and personally offered \$100 to anyone who could best the Southeasterns records. With the low water our hundred-year drought provided, his money was pretty safe.

As we have done in recent years, we all started together at 3 p.m. Saturday in a mass, mad sprint. I was spun out twice before reaching Patton's Run as we all jockeyed for position.

Amongst us open boaters, paddling legend Payson Kennedy, sitting atop a crate in the middle of his Dagger Legend since his 74-year-old knees no longer allow him to kneel, reached Patton's Run first. But he got too far right, did an inadvertent eddy turn, got stuck bow and stern on some streamside rocks and was passed by the whole field. It was not long before he blazed by me and I thought, "Great! Now I can follow the master and run all the best lines." Wrong! He was out of sight within a few minutes.

Thus Kevin Miller and I mostly had to settle for trailing wildwater veteran Larry Castillo down the river, though we passed and were quickly passed by Payson once more when he had to dump water. Payson raced in the first Southeasterns in 1969, three years before he and GCA co-founder Horace

Holden, Sr., started the Nantahala Outdoor Center, for which he still guides rafting trips every week!

The first down the river was kayaker Chris Hipgrave in 47 minutes, 8 seconds, more than 5 minutes off the 1981 high water record of former Olympian Terry White. Junior National Wildwater Team member Tierney O'Sullivan celebrated her seventeenth birthday by winning the Julie Wilson Award for the fastest female in 53:38. The Charlie Patton Award for the fastest Canadian canoe (C-1 or OC-1) as usual was claimed by John Pinyerd in 55:42.

Chris Osment and his son Keefe earned the Ramone Eaton Award for the fastest tandem open canoe with a time of 1:05:09. The fastest open canoeist was Dale Swanson with a time of 1:04:30. We added Grand Masters classes this year for competitors over 55. They were won by kayaker Chuck McHenry, who drove from Missouri to compete, in 57:17 and by open canoeist Payson Kennedy with a time of 1:06:57.

In 2005 and 2006, our slalom races were held in conjunction with and mostly run by the organizers of the Southeastern U.S. Intercollegiate Whitewater Championships (known as the "Styrofoam Cup"), which were not held this year. The slalom courses were set between River's End Restaurant and Wesser Falls so as not to interfere with river traffic and because many of the collegiate racers were reluctant to compete in the

Nantahala Falls area.

This year we had wanted to return our slalom races to the Falls area and were promised early water to do so by Duke Power, IF end of the summer tropical storms refilled Nantahala Lake. However, the rains never came and Duke Power could only promise us water at Wesser after 1 p.m. Clearly we could not stop river traffic at that time of day at the Falls and had to hold the slalom races again downstream of River's End Restaurant.

Race Headquarters was set up on river left between the old and new road bridges at the end of the slalom course. An interesting 17-gate course was designed by 1996 Olympian Wayne Dickert, with the first gate on the new NOC footbridge and the finish line at the downstream side of the new road bridge.

It was a fun course which was easy to set up, due to there being wires already in place and no water in the river until 1:00 p.m. And it was a pleasure not to be interrupted by river traffic and to have a comparatively short carry from the finish to the start at the river left eddy just upstream of the new footbridge.

The NOC has tentative plans to create a world class slalom course in this area by cutting down Wesser Falls and



Congratulations to GCA Members and Southeasterns Champions PAYSON KENNEDY, GABRIELLA SCHLIDT, ALLEN HEDDEN and JOHN PINYERD.

redistributing its gradient evenly between the new road bridge and the bottom of Wesser Falls. If support can be received for this plan, it might be completed within the next three years and be a great boon to our races.

As it turned out, we still got very few top slalom paddlers to compete, as most of the top senior paddlers had just returned from and/or were due to fly to China on Monday and most of the juniors were at a training camp at Charlotte. Though we had a small group, we had a great time. Gold medals were won by John Pinyerd (C-1 championship), Chris Hipgrave (K-1 cruising), Tierney O'Sullivan (K-1W Championship), Gabriella Schlidt (OC-1W Short, OC-2 Mixed Championship, and OC-1 cruising), and Allen Hedden (OC-1 Short/Grand Masters and OC-2 Mixed Championship)..

Racers from five states competed for 10 paddling clubs. In the Southeastern Cup the GCA scored 45.5 points, followed by the Nantahala Racing Club with 26 points and the Carolina Canoe Club with 10.5 points. Points were also earned by competitors from the Iron County (Missouri) Racing Team, the North Carolina Canoe Racing Association, Foot-hills Paddling Club, the Missouri Whitewater Association, the East Tennessee Whitewater Club, and the Chota Canoe & Kayak Club.

The races could not have been a success without a great deal of volunteer help. Among the major volunteers were Chuck Wilburn, Jay Manalo, Allen Hedden, Gabriella Schlidt, Dale Swanson, and several others who set up the slalom course on Friday and Saturday. Jay and Lincoln Williams pinch hit aptly for my intended Safety Chairman, Joe Webb, who had emergency surgery on Thursday before the races.

Cindy Brown was Registrar and Slalom Timer and shared Chief Scoring duties with my wife, Beth. Bob Hathcock was the Slalom Starter and also worked as a Section Judge with Dave Leigh, Susie Hartsog, and Beth Nott. The Wildwater



Bear guards the boat and looks on while his person, Jay Manalo, takes his picture at the Southeasterns.

race was managed by John Pinyerd; timed by Susan Jones, Michelle Miller, and 1973 GCA President Maggie Osborne; and photographed by Casey Jones.

As usual, the NOC staff were indispensable, particularly Howard Chambers, Kathy Allison, Wayne Dickert, Rafael Smollen, Chris Hipgrave, and Bob Hathcock. Bunny Johns with Duke Power, Gerald Babao with USACK, and Doris Doster with the Forest Service were also very helpful.

Unless I am mistaken, the Southeasterns are the oldest continually operated whitewater races in the South and the oldest slalom race in the country. Next year will be an important milestone, the fortieth annual races! I hope we will work hard to make them particularly special. We need to begin planning right away. If you want to help in this effort, contact President Tom Bishop or me as soon as you can. ✂

Letters to the Editor Election Changes

I am writing in reply to Rick Bellows' editorial about low voter turnout and solutions on how to change it. It's about time!

What Rick is proposing, or variants of it, is a best practice in many volunteer organizations. I have served as an officer or board member in other professional and volunteer organizations where the membership is widely distributed geographically. The act of holding elections at an annual meeting is neither practical nor equitable for a democratic organization.

Putting the election online and allowing:

1) candidates to post their platforms, statements and experience;



- 2) online voting; and
- 3) some means (BBS or even the email list) for an online Q&A with candidates would go a long way, and maybe even help us learn more about each other! I enjoyed reading Jamie's "statement" for her VP candidacy in *The Eddy Line* and would like to see such statements become expected of candidates.

Rob Butera

No Vote by Mail

I'd recommend not adopting "vote-by-mail", because it would permit the group to be taken over by outsiders who have agendas not central to the GEORGIA Canoeing Association.

TJ Strueber

Letter to the President GCA Money Woes

Editor's note: this letter is in response to Vincent Payne's article in the November issue of The Eddy Line.

Dear Vincent,

I am reminded of something a financial advisor once told me: "If your outgo exceeds your income, then your upkeep will become your downfall". Simple but true.

I guess what you are saying is that fixed costs have crept up over time, and the only way to stay ahead of it is to up dues. Is part of the problem falling membership, or a drop in renewals?

In any event, an increase seems appropriate. The Georgia Appalachian Trail Club has a dues structure of \$25 per year for a single membership, just as a comparison to a similar organization.

Buy My Stupid Cousin's Awesome Kayak

from Craigslist (via the Merrimack Valley Paddlers groupmail)

My cousin is a grown up child man with all the best toys and here's your chance to own one of them!

Whilst between jobs - though both the one before and the one to come were long out of sight - he needed a place to stay so he lived with me for a while. He paid rent for a while too, though one while was a lot shorter than the other while.



He moved out to live with some buddies and left a bunch of his junk here. Sometimes he comes back to pick something up but somehow it always seems to coincide with needing to borrow money, though he doesn't seem to need to borrow it to pay me any rent.

One of the things he left - one of the largest things he left - is a kayak. A red kayak. It looks an awful lot like this, except it's red:

I asked him to tell me about it and this is what he typed:

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Another approach, depending on how this news is received by the membership, might be to ask for a voluntary special assessment to get us back to full pool — I will certainly contribute — plus a dues increase to keep us there.

Good luck and thanks for all the hard work.

Dick Hurd



GCA Dues History

by Roger Nott, GCA Historian

With the current talk of a possible dues increase, the Board requested a history of GCA membership dues. The first year for which there seems to have been dues was 1967, when individuals were charged \$3 per year and families \$5.

Beginning in 1969 or 1970, all dues were set at \$5. Since then, dues have increased five times: to \$7.50 in 1975, to \$10 in 1980, to \$12 in 1985, to \$18 in 1987 and to the current \$25 in 1994.



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Frankly, I was underwhelmed by his effort but, somehow, not terribly surprised. On top of that, the name sounds dangerously close to "prison love" but that's not really a selling point, so forget I said that.

I did my own research, being a citizen of the Information Age, and discovered that according to the World Wide Web, the specs are as follows:

length - 8 ft. 1 in.; width - 25.50 in.; vol. - 52.00 gal.; weight - 33.00 lbs.; cockpit - 34.00 by 18.00; capacity - 90 to 200 lbs.; material - HTP; 1st yr. - n/a; last yr. - n/a.

The most important part is this though:

Main use: playboat

Dude, how could you not buy your own watercraft whose main use is "playboat?" I don't have any idea what that means, but just reading it feels kinda bitchin! In point of fact, here's what the manufacturer would have you believe:

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For Sale: Pyranha S6X playboat - \$225. Orange/yellow; custom adjustable out-fitting; good condition. Can add fins for wave surfing. Steve Cramer, 706.540.3379, guru@savvypaddler.com.

For Sale: Red Bombergear semi dry top - \$40. Latex wrists, size small (runs small), used one season. Christine, 404.375.3993.

For Sale: Wildwater/Downriver boats: K-1 - "Advantage" by Zedtech Kayak Racing (see: www.zedtechkayaks.com). Almost brand new, recently built for Spanish Jr. Worlds team; no scratches or cracks. A narrow, fast wildwater k-1 with relatively, low volume, suited for smaller paddler and/or rivers like Nantahala, or flat water where hull speed matters. Bright red deck, natural hull. Sells for @400, now reduced from \$875 to \$695 to get it sold. C-2 "Shiro" by RK Designs (Czech). The Shiro (a significant re-design by 7-time world C-2 champions Vala & Slucik of the Feeling C-2) dominated the Worlds this year. View at www.rkcompany.com/?cap=8695 (actual colors: orange deck and natural carbon/kevlar hull). This boat was recently constructed and cost \$3400+ new. Nearly new and race ready with only a few scratches. Tom Weir and I raced it very well at USA Nationals and it's clearly the best C-2 either of us has ever paddles. Was \$2400 - now reduced to \$2000.

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Awesome control in the vertical world? Spin-mania? Rock wheels without grindage?? How can you pass this up???

I don't actually know if this one comes with the hesitation-free wheels because I don't see any wheels. Come to think of it, I've never seen a kayak with wheels, but if you get the right wheels for it, they will apparently be hesitation-free

and how hard would that rock, dude?

I'm a little frightened to know what the "large sized paddlers with large" are going to do with this boat, so I'm not gonna ask. What happens in the Prijon stays in the Prijon, as far as I'm concerned.

Any which way, shoot the rapids, sit in it in the middle of your living room floor, or just drive around with it on the roof of your Volkswagen to make people think you're cool, but get on over here and buy this dumb thing for three hundred bucks. It's totally awesome!





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