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An All-Business *Eddy Line*

by Rick Bellows

This month's issue of *The Eddy Line* is dedicated to GCA club business: no trip reports, safety articles or conservation articles and pretty much no humor.

This all-business issue wasn't planned. It's a result of President Tom Bishop's column and an editorial about changes in distribution of *The Eddy Line*, articles about the results of the recent GCA member survey and a copy of the GCA By-Laws, the governing document of the club, which I believe every member should have.

To make room for all this business stuff, some trip reports and other items, including minutes of the December Board meeting, had to be postponed until the March issue. The business issues also don't create much need or leave much space for pictures and graphics. As a result, this is not a particularly attractive issue - sorry about that.

From the President

Snail Attack Causes Hundreds to Suffer in GCA

by Tom Bishop, GCA President

Vincent Payne recently wrote an article in *The Eddy Line* concerning the club's current financial position. The club has been losing money for many years.

We have several accounts, but basically the club has an operating fund (a checking account) and a reserve fund (a savings account). Other accounts are earmarked for other purposes and it would be unethical and/or illegal to use them to fund the clubs operations. While the club certainly has other expenses, the main expense is printing and postage for *The Eddy Line*. Snail mailing is bleeding us dry; hence our suffering.

When I first started attending board meetings around the year 2000 we had cash on hand of about \$20,000. Now those same accounts have about \$6000. Obviously, we cannot continue to operate at a deficit.

The GCA board has been discussing ways to get the club back on a firm financial footing. If the current trend continues the club will spend through its operating funds, and will not have enough money to continue operations. We have a problem, and we need to address it.

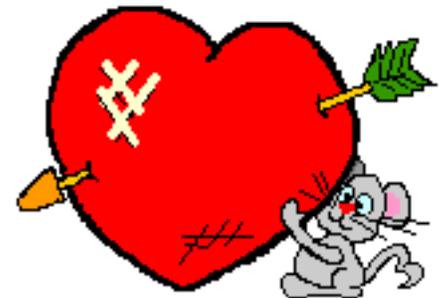
We have looked at many ways to reduce the cost of the newsletter. Right now our printing costs are as low as possible. We have called several printers and all say that the cost is competitive. A great deal of the cost is based on the printer set-up fee; after that the number of pages drives the cost of the newsletter, so pages have been reduced to 16 in each issue. We have looked at ways to cut down on the "boilerplate" articles that appear month after month so that we have more room for actual new articles. We will continue to look critically at all costs, but *The Eddy Line*

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GCA Contacts

For general GCA information:
Call 770.421.9729 and leave a mes-

sage; 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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For information on commercial advertising:

Contact Advertising Manager Kate Wilkerson at 678.560.1071 or by email at odiek8@juno.com.

For subscription information, to change your address or if you don't get your copy of the newsletter:

Contact GCA Treasurer Ed Schultz at 404.266.3734. ✂

GCA Executive Committee

President	Tom Bishop
Vice President	Jamie Higgins
Secretary	Debra Berry
Treasurer	Ed Schultz
Member Services Chair	Kate Wilkerson
Recreation Chair	Joe Webb
Resource Development Chair	William Gatling
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 Tom Bishop at 404.542.1118 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 **received** 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 if 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

February

2	Etowah (Note 1)	Trained Beginner	Vincent Payne	770.834.8263
3	Chattooga/Nantahala (Note 2)	Advanced/Intermediate	Peter Chau	864.885.9477
9	Lower Amicalola	Advanced	Roger Nott	770-536-6923
15-18	Presidents' Weekend (Note 3)	Flat Water, Camping	Gina Johnson	404.512.0832
17	Chattooga/Nantahala (Note 2)	Advanced/Intermediate	Peter Chau	864.885.9477
23	Broad	Trained Beginner	Connie Venuso	404.633.8038
23	Exploratory Wildcard (Note 4)	Advanced	Roger Nott	770.536.6923

March

2	Chattooga/Nantahala (Note 2)	Advanced/Intermediate	Peter Chau	864.885.9477
15	Ocoee	Advanced	Peter Chau	864.885.9477
16	Ocoee	Advanced	Peter Chau	864.885.9477
22	Cataloochee Creek (Note 5)	Advanced	Roger Nott	770.536.6923
23	Oconaluftee River (Note 5)	Intermediate	Roger Nott	770-536-6923
29	Toccoa	Trained Beginner	Jack Taylor	770.998.0350
30	Ocoee	Advanced	Peter Chau	864.885.9477

Note 1: Tunnel Section, Annual Groundhog Day Run.

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

Note 3: Presidents' Weekend trip to Florida; multiple rivers. Details on Page 6.

Note 4: Location, difficulty will be determined by water level.

Note 5: Great Smokey Mountains, North Carolina

KEY TO GCA SKILL LEVELS

Flat Water - no current will be encountered; safe for new paddlers.

Beginner - mild current, occasional Class 1 ripples; new paddlers can learn basic river techniques.

Trained Beginner - moving water with Class 1-2 rapids; basic strokes and bracing skills needed.

Intermediate - rapids up to Class 3; eddying and ferrying skills needed; kayakers need solid roll.

Advanced - rapids up to Class 4; excellent boat control and self-rescue skills required.

For more about "class" ratings of rapids, see <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whitewater>.

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 Vincent Payne at 770.834.8263.

To Volunteer To Lead Trips: Call the Cruisemaster, 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: 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, including directions, look for the 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)
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. ✂

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When you change your email address, you need to let Ed know. Otherwise, you'll get bounced off the distribution list until you provide an up-to-date email address. ✂

Winter Roll Practice

Indoor pool roll sessions are from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Monday through March 24 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. ✂



Support Our GCA Supporters

The GCA web site now features a "GCA Supporters" web page with links to the companies that support GCA financially by advertising with us. Help out those who help us out — patronize our advertisers. Thanks! ✂

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. ✂

New Location

AWC Roll Practice

If you can't make the GCA roll practice on Monday evenings, Atlanta Whitewater Club (AWC) will be having winter roll practice on Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 9:30. Roll practice started January 9 and will continue through March. The cost for non-AWC members is \$10, cash or check only.

Formerly at the Marietta YMCA, the AWC roll practice has moved to SeaVentures, located 2-3 miles east of Highway 400 in the Holcomb Center Plaza at 2880 Holcomb Bridge Road. The phone number is 770.992.3772. Turn left in the driveway just after Steeplechase Drive, go to the back of the building and look for SeaVentures' double doors, which lead to the pool.

The pool is 80-90 degrees and very clean. A hose is available and boaters will be required to rinse their boats, inside and out, before entering the pool.



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Welcome New Members

Here are members who have joined the club since the last update: please add them to your Directory. New members are the life blood and future of the club, so call one, introduce yourself and maybe arrange to paddle together.

CPR/First Aid Course Offered

by Joe Webb

Training Announcement: CPR and Wilderness First Aid. Certifications by American Heart, instruction by Joe Webb and Revel Freeman. Class will be from 0900 to 1500 on March 8, 2008 with 1 hour for lunch, location to be announced. Cost will be \$30.00 for GCA members and \$40.00 for non-members. Handouts will be provided and hands-on testing at the end of course.

This will be a good time for trip leaders and instructors to stay current, along with anyone who runs rivers. Some points of interest will be how to reduce a shoulder, hypothermia, backwoods suturing, improvised stretchers and what to keep in the canoe/kayak first aid pack. To register e-mail webb3657@msn.com or call 678-986-2048. All scenarios derived from my 25 years of swimming class 3, 4, 5 rivers. ✂

Paddle Georgia, Florida and Alabama Announced

Paddle Georgia 2008 will take place June 21-27 on the Flint River from Woodbury to Montezuma, Georgia. For more information, go to www.garivers.org.

A spinoff, Paddle Florida, on March 20-27 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>.

GCA member Richard Grove will lead the initial Paddlin' Alabama May 17-24 from Rome, Georgia to Gadsden, Alabama. The trip is part of the opening of the new 631 mile long Alabama Scenic River Trail, the nation's longest. For more information go to Richard@georgiakayaker.com. ✂

President's Weekend Trip

by Gina Johnson

The President's Weekend paddle and camping trip is moving to Milton, Florida and Adventures Unlimited campground. Adventures Unlimited has tent camping, have RV hookups and cabin rentals by the room. Participants are responsible for making their own reservations.

Participants will also be responsible for their own means. The campground is at the confluence of two rivers, about 15 miles from Milton, which has restaurants.

Jim Nuetzel will be our trip coordinator and will line up folks to coordinate individual trips on the several blackwater rivers in the area. We'll have trips on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Haynes and I plan to be there from Thursday, Valentine's Day, to Monday.

Reservations can be made at www.adventuresunlimited.com and make your reservations. Tent campers, let them know you're with the GCA and they will put us in group sites. Please also let me know at when you are coming so we can get trips organized.

We look forward to a wonderful weekend of boating and fellowship! ✂

Upcoming Events of Interest

February 2 - Locust Fork Invitational Slalom Races, Cleveland, AL - www.BirminghamCanoeClub.org/Races.

March 2-3 - Mulberry Fork Slalom and Wildwater Races, Garden City, AL - www.BirminghamCanoeClub.org/Races.

March 22 - Locust Fork Classic Slalom Races, Cleveland, AL - www.BirminghamCanoeClub.org/Races.

July 10-13 - ACA Wildwater Open Canoe National Championship Races, French Broad River, Hot Springs, NC - www.fbcanoeracing.org/nationals.html. ✂



BY-LAWS GEORGIA CANOEING ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I - Name

This Corporation shall be called the Georgia Canoeing Association, Inc., which shall also be abbreviated as the GCA.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The purpose of this Corporation shall be to unite persons interested in canoeing in the watersheds and coastal waters of Georgia and contiguous states, and thereby through our organization, to provide informational, educational and training services to increase the safety, enjoyment, and skills of those canoeing in this region. The term, "canoe" as used herein, shall refer to light weight water craft that are generally propelled by one or more persons, that may be constructed of a variety of materials, and that may be built in a variety of designs. Specifically, the major purposes of this Corporation shall be:

1. Promotion of water safety and improvement of canoeing skills by providing organized instruction in basic canoeing and white water paddling techniques; organizing river exploration and canoe trips; through seminars in river safety, rescue and first aid; and by disseminating information on river conditions and river safety to the general public through cooperation with public and private agencies.
2. Promotion of the preservation and conservation of wilderness and natural water conditions and preservation of access to and rights to use waterways in the region for man-powered craft through support and cooperation with local and national conservation and river rights programs and activities.
3. Provision and exchange of information of interest to canoeists, such as river guides, trip reports, water level marking systems, river exploration, and equipment ideas and designs.
4. Promotion of canoeing as an amateur competitive sport through sponsorship and co-sponsorship of races and other competitive events, and by offering organized training sessions in competitive skills.
5. Operation for informational, educational, and public safety purposes, in addition to those described in this Article II, within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Code. The Corporation shall not participate in, nor intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Section 1. Membership in this Corporation shall be open to any person who subscribes to the Purpose of this Corporation and its By-laws, and shall be conferred upon payment of dues.

Section 2. The annual dues shall be all inclusive for membership in the Corporation for a period of twelve (12) months, effective upon receipt by the Treasurer. Life Membership dues shall be all inclusive for membership in the Corporation until the death of the primary member. The amount of the annual or life member dues shall be established or changed at a General Meeting of Members by a majority vote of members present. Advance announcement of the meeting may be by letter or by publication in the Corporation's newsletter. The annual dues may be for an individual or for a family unit, and shall be paid to the Treasurer on or before the expiration date of the individual's or family's membership each year, except that a grace period of two (2) months for the renewal of membership shall be granted before canceling a membership. A renewal notice for annual dues shall be rendered by the Treasurer two (2) months before the expiration of the membership, and if dues are not paid by that time, again at the actual expiration date of the membership. A life membership may be designated as an individual or family membership, except that one person shall be designated the primary member and listed as member no. 1 on the membership application or renewal notice. Membership for all family members listed for a life membership ceases at the time of the primary

member's death.

Section 3. The Board may bestow honorary life membership in the Corporation to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Corporation and/or canoe sport. Annual dues will be waived for any individual voted an Honorary Life Member.

Family members of Honorary Life Members as listed on the member's renewal form each year will retain membership privileges until the death of the Honorary Life Member.

Section 4. Only members in good standing may vote at membership meetings or serve as Directors, Officers or Committee Chairmen.

ARTICLE IV - Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Board") shall consist of all of the duly elected and qualified incumbent Officers of the Corporation, all past Presidents of the Corporation, the Chairmen of all functional committees, staff/advisory committees, and ad hoc committees established in accordance with these by-laws, such Members at Large as the Board shall select from the general membership, such Honorary Board Members as the Board shall see fit to appoint, and such representatives of Affiliated Organizations as the Board shall see fit to appoint. The requirement for membership in the Corporation may be waived for Honorary Board Members and Affiliate Organization Board Members, but only those choosing to maintain active GCA memberships will have a vote at Board proceedings.

Section 2. The Board shall determine the general policies and strategic direction of the Corporation in pursuit of the Purposes enumerated in Article II of these by-laws and the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation. A quorum for all Board meetings shall consist of the majority of the incumbent officers and Functional Committee Chairmen at the time any Board action is taken requiring a quorum to be present.

Section 3. The Board shall meet at least twice annually upon call of the President; however, the President may call special meetings as deemed necessary, and may require the Board to meet monthly on a regular basis during periods of unusual demand for Board direction and decisions. All Board meetings shall be open to all GCA members, and shall be open to the general public, except that non-GCA members may be excluded from portions of meetings where their presence may jeopardize the confidentiality of lawyer-client relationships.

ARTICLE V - Officers

Section 1. The elected Officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. A slate of candidates for all officer positions provided herein shall be nominated by the nominating committee (defined in Article VI). Election of officers shall be by a majority of the members attending the Corporation's annual fall membership meeting. The nominated slate shall be printed in the newsletter published prior to the meeting. Additional nominations for office may be made from the floor at the annual meeting. Nominations may be made only with the prior consent of the nominee.

Section 3. Officers shall serve for a one year term and until their successors are elected and qualified. No officer shall be eligible for the same office for more than two complete consecutive terms, with the exception of the Treasurer, who may serve longer for the sake of continuity.

Section 4. Officers elected at the annual fall membership meeting shall assume office immediately. Vacancies which occur between annual fall meetings shall be filled by the Board upon a two-thirds vote at a meeting with a quorum present.

Section 5. The President shall preside at all meetings of members or directors of the Corporation, or of the Executive Committee. The President shall be a member ex officio of all other committees of the Corporation or the Board.

Section 6. The Vice President shall serve as an aid to the President. The Vice President shall preside in the absence or

disqualification of the President or the vacancy of that office. The Vice President shall maintain an inventory of Corporation, equipment, including the storage location, and perform such other functions and duties as may be delegated to him from time to time by the Board.

Section 7. The Secretary shall maintain a written record of all Board and membership meetings, maintain a chronological record of approved Board motions, maintain a current set of by-laws of the Corporation and serve as Parliamentarian at all Board and membership meetings.

Section 8. The Treasurer shall receive moneys due the Corporation, pay all proper bills out of funds on hand, keep accurate records with respect to all special projects, activities or funds, submit a financial statement to each Board and membership meeting, and prepare and file, or cause to be prepared and filed, all tax returns and corporation certificates.

Section 9. An Officer of the Corporation may be removed from office for malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance of the duties of the office. Such removal shall occur only after recommendation by a two-thirds vote of the Board with a quorum present, and shall be carried out by a majority vote of the members present at a membership meeting. The intention to carry out such a removal by member vote must be printed and published in the Corporation newsletter before said membership meeting.

ARTICLE VI - Committees

Section 1. Executive Committee — The Executive Committee shall consist of all the duly elected and qualified incumbent Officers of the Corporation and the Chairmen of all the Functional Committees. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Corporation and the execution of the policy and direction decisions of the Board. A quorum for the Executive Committee meetings shall consist of a majority of the current committee members. The Executive Committee shall meet once a month upon the call of the President; however, the President may call special meetings or cancel monthly meetings as deemed necessary. All Executive Committee meetings shall be open to all GCA members, and shall be open to the general public, except that non-GCA members may be excluded from portions of meetings where their presence may jeopardize the confidentiality of lawyer-client relationships.

Section 2. Functional Committees — The following committees are designated functional committees: Recreation, Training, River Protection, Resource Development and Member Services. The chairman of each functional committee shall be appointed by the President whenever there is a vacancy in such chairmanship for terms which will expire on the date of the next fall membership meeting, and may be removed by the President at his discretion. The members of any functional committee shall be appointed by the Chairman of that committee for terms which will expire on the date of the next fall membership meeting, but may be removed by the Chairman at any time at the sole discretion of the Chairman. These committees may, at the discretion of the Chairman, be organized into sub-committees as best suits the operating needs of each functional committee.

Section 3. Staff/Advisory Committees — The following committees are designated staff/advisory committees: Nominating, Strategic Planning and Legal. The chairman of each staff/advisory committee shall be appointed by the President whenever there is a vacancy in such chairmanship for terms which will expire on the date of the next fall membership meeting, and may be removed by the President at his discretion. The members of any staff/advisory committee shall be appointed by the Chairman of that committee for terms which will expire on the date of the next fall membership meeting, but may be removed by the Chairman at any time at the sole discretion of the Chairman. These committees may, at the discretion of the Chairman, be organized into sub-committees as best suits the operating needs of each staff/advisory committee.

Section 4. Ad Hoc Committees — The President may establish ad hoc committees as he deems appropriate, the life of which shall be designated by the President, but will be no longer than the date of the next fall general membership meeting. The committee may be reestablished for the following year if the need exists. The President shall appoint the Chairman of each ad hoc committee created by him, and may remove and replace each such chairman at his discretion. Members of ad hoc committees may be selected by the President or the Chairman for such terms, not to exceed the life of the ad hoc committee, as the appointing authority may determine. Committee members may be removed by the appointing authority.

ARTICLE VII - Meetings of Members

Meetings of the members of the Corporation shall be held at the discretion of the Board; provided, however, that there shall be at least two meetings per year. The time and the place of the meetings shall be determined by the President, who shall call such meetings. The President shall call a meeting during the fall of each year which shall be the Annual Meeting at which officers shall be elected for the coming year. All meetings of the members of the Corporation shall be open to the general public, except that non-GCA members may be excluded from portions of meetings where their presence may jeopardize the confidentiality of lawyer-client relationships.

ARTICLE VIII - Finances

Section 1. The Corporation shall operate as a nonprofit organization. No officer shall receive a salary, all services being rendered to the Corporation on a voluntary basis.

Section 2. No funds, property or assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to its members or Officers or other private persons, except when the Board authorizes payment of reasonable compensation for services rendered or reimbursement of expenses incurred in achieving the goals of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IX - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on November 1st and end on October 31st of the following year.

ARTICLE X - Voting

Members entitled to vote shall be in good standing, with dues paid as provided herein. Individual members shall have one (1) vote, and Family units shall have one (1) vote.

ARTICLE XI - Amendments

The Board shall have the power at any time, and from time to time, to make, alter, amend, and repeal by-laws. Such changes shall be in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and the laws governing the operation of non-profit organizations and shall not disqualify the Corporation from eligibility for treatment pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE XII - Parliamentary Procedure

Except as to the contrary provided by law or the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation or these by-laws, Robert's Rules of Order in its most recent revision at the time shall govern.

ARTICLE XIII - Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of this Corporation, all the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to such nonprofit organization(s) as may be selected by the Board in order that the assets then owned by the Corporation shall be devoted to the Purpose set forth herein, or as closely allied thereto as possible, provided, however, that such selected organization(s) must have established appropriate exempt status as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, contributions to which are deductible. In no way shall any of the assets of the Corporation or the proceeds of any of the assets, in the event of dissolution, be distributed to members, either for the reimbursement of any sums subscribed, donated, or contributed by such members, or for any other purpose.

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Member Survey Results The Tribe Has Spoken!

by Jamie Higgins, GCA Vice-President

First, I would like to thank all the folks out there that took the time to complete the GCA Member Survey. We had 81 members complete the survey, which we consider a good number.

The first thing you will notice is that, at 44%, whitewater kayaks is the predominant mode of paddling transportation, but whitewater solo canoes (33%) isn't far behind. I was also surprised to see that a good many members paddle tandem flatwater canoes (29%), rec kayaks (27%) and sea kayaks (22%). I think this reflects the paddling diversity amongst GCA's membership.

Although 81 members answered this question, we had 173 responses, which means that members responding to the survey paddle more than one type of boat. Now, I don't feel so bad about owning a fleet of 7 boats!

The majority of members responding to the survey have been GCA members for 2-4 years (24%) or long-time members of 15 or greater years (20%), which account for 46% of those answering the survey. Interestingly, most members responding to the survey were relatively new members or long time members.

Overwhelmingly, the type of paddling most often done by folks taking the survey is whitewater Class 2/3 (55%), followed by whitewater Class 1/2 (53%). Class 1 rivers come in third (39%), followed by overnight paddling camping trips (33%) fourth, Class 3 and greater whitewater (32%) fifth camping trips (29%) sixth, lakes (27%) seventh and coastal/sea kayaking trips last at 17%. 81 members answered this question and there were 238 responses, which indicates that our members paddle all different types of water.

Since Class 2/3 seemed to be the predominant type of paddling of the responders, I ran a filter and evaluated the other results as compared to the Class 2-3 paddlers. What I found was that 55% of these paddlers were whitewater kayakers and 44% were whitewater canoeists. 60% of these Class 2/3 paddlers also paddle Class 1/2 and 34% paddle Class 3 and higher water. 33% also enjoy paddling Class 1/ Gentle rivers and 31% enjoyed overnight camping trips from their boats.

Next, I looked at the Class 1/Gentle rivers paddlers and found that 72% of those folks also enjoyed Class 1/2 rivers and 65% enjoyed overnight camping trips from their boats. Again, this reflects the diverse paddling interests of the folks taking the survey.

I then decided to look at the folks that have just joined the club in the last year. I wanted to see what type of boats they paddled and what type trips they wanted GCA to lead. Inter-

estingly, the new members largely paddled rec kayaks (66%) followed by 25% of folks that paddled whitewater kayaks, sea kayaks, solo flatwater canoes and tandem flatwater canoes.

As expected, 83% of these members would like to see GCA conduct training, 75% want GCA to lead Class 1 trips, 66% would like to see Class 1/2 trips and 50% would like GCA to lead lake trips. I looked at what type of events/activities these folks would like GCA to sponsor and found river clean-ups were first, followed by weekend flatwater trips and then by weekend whitewater trips.

Next, I looked at the responses of the long time members so I ran a filter on the folks who have been members for over 15 years. 81% of these members paddle whitewater canoe, 43% paddle tandem whitewater canoe, 37% paddle whitewater kayaks, 31% paddle sea kayaks and 31% paddle flatwater tandem canoes.

Next, I looked at the type of paddling trips these longtime members would like GCA to do and found 85% would like to see Class 2/3 trips, 71% would like to see overnight camping from your boat trips, 64% would like to see Class 3 and greater trips, 50% would like to see Class 1/2 trips and 50% would like to see GCA do paddling/car camping trips. I looked at how they answered the question about what type of events they want GCA to sponsor and found that river clean-ups was first, whitewater weekend trips was second and flatwater weekend trips was third.

I looked at the folks who had been members for 2-4 years because most respondents (24%) fit into this category. 52% of these responders paddle rec kayaks, 42% paddle whitewater kayaks, 26% paddled whitewater canoes and 26% paddled tandem flatwater canoes. These members said they wanted GCA to do training (61%), Class 1/2 trips (61%), Class 2/3 trips (50%) and overnight camping from your boat trips (50%). When asked what events/activities they wanted, they responded first with whitewater weekend trips, second with river clean-up and third with Spring Extravaganza.

Overall, most members responding to the survey would like GCA to conduct training (57%), lead Class 2/3 trips (57%), lead class 1/2 trips (53%), lead overnight camping from your boat trips (51%), lead Class 1/gentler rivers (42%) and lead paddling/car camping weekend trips (40%).

Again, the club membership's paddling interests are diverse. Responders said they wanted GCA to sponsor the following events/activities the most: weekend whitewater trips first, river clean-ups second, Spring Extravaganza third, weekend flatwater trips fourth and the Fall Gala fifth. Also, it was very clear that the survey responders thought GCA's advocacy priority should be placed on river conservation first and river access second.

I also looked at the training aspect of the survey. I
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concentrated on looking at the responses of the newer GCA members. I made the assumption (although this might not be correct) that these members were newer paddlers. In the future, we should specifically ask survey responders how many years they had been paddling so as to be more responsive to the training needs of our new members.

I evaluated the surveys of folks answering that they would like GCA to conduct training and I filtered the "less than 1 year" members to determine what type of boat they paddled to see how GCA can best determine their training needs. 39% were whitewater kayakers, 35% were rec kayakers, 32% were tandem flatwater canoeists, 28% were sea kayakers and 26% were whitewater canoeists.

I then looked at the "2-4 year" member category and found that 42% were whitewater kayakers, 38% were rec kayakers, 35% were tandem flatwater canoeists, 27% were whitewater canoeists, 27% were solo flatwater canoeists and 25% were sea kayakers. If you draw an inference from the numbers, you would come to the conclusion that many new members (0-4 years) need training not just in whitewater kayak and canoe, but also in recreational kayaking and flatwater canoe since many of our new members paddle these boats.

Also, *The Eddy Line* got glowing reviews. 90% of members responding to the question were either satisfied or very satisfied with *The Eddy Line*. Some of the comments suggested more articles concerning the club and less articles of things going on out west. Many comments were complimentary of the newsletter.

51% of responders (42 people) said that they would like to volunteer with GCA. Ironically, river-clean-ups were the #1 volunteer activity folks wanted to participate in. I say "ironically" because over the years GCA has had poor attendance at river clean-ups.

Almost every category of volunteer activity had someone saying they would like to volunteer with GCA. I found this extremely encouraging. Below are the email addresses of folks so you'll know who to contact to volunteer for those activities:

Joe Webb, webb3657@msn.com, for Spring Extravaganza, Fall Gala, Spring Membership Meeting, Holiday Party;
Haynes Johnson, haynesandgina@alltel.net, for River Protection, River Clean-up;

Gina Johnson, haynesandgina@alltel.net, for Training (whitewater kayak, whitewater canoe, flatwater kayak and canoe, swift water rescue, wilderness first aid);

Kate Wilkerson, odiek8@juno.com, for website, GCA store, newsletter, directory, member services;

William Gatling, wmgat@mindspring.com, for Georgia River Explorer Series, sponsorship;

Lamar Phillips, lamarph@bellsouth.net, for paddling trails;

Steve Reach, cruisemaster@georgiacanoe.org, for leading paddling trips;

Roger Nott, ocapaddler@charter.net, for Southeastern whitewater races;

Tom Bishop, bishop.t@comcast.net, for serving on the Board of Directors or Executive Committee.

Okay, I'm expecting 42 of you all to email at least one of these folks above and volunteer to help YOUR club out. If for some reason, you can't contact any of these folks, then please email me at jmhiggins_99@yahoo.com or call me at 404.508.0761.

Finally, 90% of members taking the survey were either satisfied or very satisfied with their GCA membership. There were a couple of negative comments, but for the most part members taking the survey commented that they were pleased with their membership.

Now, what does the Board and Executive Committee do with all these results? The leadership of GCA plans to use these results in the upcoming year to determine where to place our resources. I know it isn't an exact science, but it is another tool for the Board and Executive Committee to use in determining how best to serve the membership. ✂

Member Survey Results

Here are the questions and the numbers of leading responses from the GCA member survey.

What type of boat do you paddle? (Please check all that apply.)

Whitewater Kayak - 36; Solo Whitewater Canoe - 27; Tandem Flatwater Canoe - 24; Solo Recreational Kayak - 22. (81 answered question, 0 skipped.)

How long have you been a GCA member?

2-4 years - 19; over 15 years - 16. (77 answered, 4 skipped.)

What type of paddling do you do most often? (Please check all that apply.)

Whitewater, Class 2/3 - 45; Whitewater, Class 1/2 - 43; Gentle Rivers (flatwater-Class 1) - 32. (81 answered, 0 skipped.)

How many GCA functions have you participated in during the past year?

1-2 - 33; 3-4 - 13. (60 answered, 21 skipped.)

What types of paddling trips would you like GCA to do? (Please check all that apply.)

Training - 44; Whitewater-Class 2/3 - 44; Whitewater-Class 1/2 - 41; Canoe/Kayak Camping (from boat) - 40. (77 answered, 4 skipped.)

What types of events/activities would you like GCA to sponsor?

Spring Membership Meeting - 23 not interested, 14 moderately interested, 11 interested, 4 would definitely attend.

Holiday Party - 24 not interested, 22 moderately interested,

15 interested, 5 would definitely attend.

Spring Extravaganza - 7 not interested, 31 moderately interested, 22 interested, 11 would definitely attend.

Fall Gala - 10 not interested, 34 moderately interested, 16 interested, 12 would definitely attend.

River Clean-Ups - 2 not interested, 12 moderately interested, 45 interested, 10 would definitely attend.

Weekend Flatwater Trips - 16 not interested, 12 moderately interested, 24 interested, 11 would definitely attend.

Weekend Whitewater Trips - 6 not interested, 6 moderately interested, 39 interested, 17 would definitely attend.

Whitewater Slalom Races - 37 not interested, 10 moderately interested, 4 interested, 3 would definitely attend.

Georgia Flatwater Races - 38 not interested, 12 moderately interested, 4 interested, 2 would definitely attend.

Whitewater Freestyle (Rodeo) - 35 not interested, 9 moderately interested, 9 interested, 3 would definitely attend. (78 answered, 3 skipped.)

Rate your interest in the following GCA advocacy activities.

River Access - 6 least important, 11 somewhat important, 19 important, 30 most important.

River Conservation/Protection - 2 least important, 8 somewhat important, 27 important, 32 most important.

Paddling Trails - 33 least important, 20 somewhat important, 8 important, 8 most important.

River Clean-Up - 17 least important, 29 somewhat important, 24 important, 5 most important. (79 answered, 2 skipped.)

What GCA volunteer activity would you be interested in doing? (Please check all that apply.)

River Clean-Up - 38, Trip Coordinator - 26, Georgia River Explorer Series - 20, River Protection - 19. (61 answered, 20 skipped.)

How do you rate the content and quality of GCA's newsletter the *Eddyline* (sic)?

Satisfied - 40, Very Satisfied - 29. (77 answered, 4 skipped.)

Overall, how satisfied are you with your GCA membership?

Satisfied - 43, Very Satisfied - 37. (81 answered, 0 skipped.)

One Man's Interpretation

What Do the Survey Results Mean?

by Rick Bellows

The results of the GCA online survey are summarized above and Jamie Higgins' statistical analysis of those results begins on page 11. But what do the results really say about who we are, what we want and what's important to us?

We're largely a whitewater paddling group. By a significant, but by no means overwhelming, majority, we paddle whitewater kayaks and canoes and are interested in whitewater paddling trips. But we're into the milder versions of whitewater, Classes 1 through 3, rather than more challenging whitewater. I suspect paddlers more interested in the most challenging rivers tend to belong to AWC rather than GCA.

We don't participate much in GCA functions. A majority participate in only one or two year, and even that may be misleading because the question did not allow an option to choose zero. The question also didn't indicate what a GCA "function" is: does that include a GCA paddling trip? How about volunteering at a Tallulah release?

We are much more interested in paddling than in social activities or competitions. By a pretty good margin, we are most interested in whitewater trips and river clean-ups, much less interested in social activities such as the Spring Membership Meeting, Fall Gala and Holiday Party. (For some reason, the Spring Extravaganza is much more popular than the other social events.) And we're really not much interested in races or other competitions.

We think river conservation/protection and river access are a good bit more important than river clean-up, which in turn

is a good bit more important to us than paddling trails. But the activity we're most likely to volunteer for is a river-cleanup.

That may seem inconsistent, but we tend to be inconsistent. Our second-ranked volunteer activity is coordinating trips, but Cruisemaster Steve Reach struggles every month to find trip coordinators. Part of the reason this time of year is weather, but the lack of coordinators is a problem during the warm months as well.

We're overwhelming satisfied with the club and with *The Eddy Line*. The comments about *The Eddy Line* merit more attention, but that will have to wait until next month.

Searching for a Secretary

by Rick Bellows

Debra Berry, who was elected GCA Secretary November 4, has a conflict on Thursday nights that keeps her from attending the Board and Executive Committee meetings. That means the club is once again in need of a Secretary.

If you'd like to be considered for the job, please contact GCA President Tom Bishop at 404.266.3734 or at bishop.t@comcast.net.

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Editorial

A Bad Decision, Badly Reached

by Rick Bellows

As GCA President Tom Bishop's column beginning on Page 1 makes clear, the GCA has a serious financial issue. In December, the Board of Directors voted to address that issue by having recipients of the paper *Eddy Line* receive it by email unless they fill out and return a form indicating they want the paper version. That was a bad decision, badly reached.

It's not hard to see where the decision comes from. As Tom's article indicates, printing and mailing *The Eddy Line* is the club's greatest expense. That makes the Board's proposed solution easy. But that solution is based on a false premise, probably won't work and may well have negative consequences, the scope of which can't be foreseen.

Contrary to what Tom's column suggests, printing and mailing *The Eddy Line* is not the cause of the club's financial problems. \$20 of your \$25 membership fee, 80%, is for a subscription to *The Eddy Line*. That's what we print in the newsletter and tell the Postal Service.

Tom points out, quite correctly, that using funds earmarked for a specific purpose for other purposes would not be proper. Why does that rule not apply to funds specified for subscriptions to *The Eddy Line*?

According to an analysis by Vice-President Jamie Higgins of the clubs finances for fiscal year 2006, the newsletter accounted for only 61% of club expenses. And that was before the decision to reduce *The Eddy Line* to 16 pages per issue as a cost saving measure, a decision made solely by me and not by the Board. My best estimate is that this 16-page limit will reduce the costs of the newsletter to just 43% of the total costs. The suggestion that the club's financial situation is caused by a "snail attack" is pithy but wrong.

The solution also probably won't work. If we reduce the

number of newsletters printed we increase the cost per unit, and we're nearly at a break point where we'd go to a different technology that would increase the per-unit cost about 50%. If we reduce the number of printed newsletters by a lot, we may save some money. But if we reduces it by less than a third or so, we will pay more money to produce fewer copies. Not just more per unit, more period. And unless the reduction in paper newsletters is dramatic, we won't save much.

The change will also have other unintended consequences. We will lose some unforeseeable number of members who don't like having their decisions made for them. We'll also lose an unforeseeable number of the advertisers who help offset the costs of producing and distributing *The Eddy Line*.

But most importantly, the decision is contrary to the desires of the membership. Over 500 members choose to receive the paper version of the newsletter, despite having the undeniable advantages of the electronic version (which are well set out in Tom's column) pointed out to them repeatedly.

Why is that? I suspect its because, like me, most people prefer to receive and read a readily mobile paper newsletter rather than an electronic one. That's why *The AJC* and other newspapers have not abandoned their print editions despite the huge costs of production and distribution.

The decision was poorly reached because it did not include asking the membership's opinion. It also did not include any direct (and very little indirect) input from the editor of the newsletter. Not getting input from the editor was merely short-sighted, but ignoring the opinion of the 500+ members who choose to receive the paper version of the newsletter was just plain wrong.

The Board made a quick and easy decision instead of a careful and informed one that took into account the opinion of the membership. The result is a bad decision, badly reached. That decision should be revisited and reversed, and the Board should locate and address the real financial issues. 

is the biggest line item month to month and year to year.

There is a simple solution to this problem. We could go to a 100% email version of *The Eddy Line*. There are many good reasons for getting the email version, not all financial. Number one you save a tree! Number two, you get the email version early. Not just a little early, but weeks early. In addition, you will know the next month's trip schedule before the month arrives! Pictures are in color and look better. You can zoom in on them; you can zoom out; it's really quite nice!

We would not have to limit ourselves to 16 pages. Everyone who submits, and many that don't, will get published. If you really have to have a hard copy in your hands, you can print it out. Printers are quite reasonable these days. And you will save your club money - lots of it. We could use that money to do other things, besides publishing *The Eddy*

Line, like try to get more members!

I must admit that I am one of those members who has not given up their snail mailed *Eddy Line*, costing my club literally hundreds of dollars over the years. I give it up. I have reformed. I have seen the light. I give notice that I only want the emailed *Eddy Line*, and as a matter of fact, if I get a snail mailed version, I will complain, but in a positive fashion.

The Board voted at the December meeting to make the email version of the *Eddy Line* the default option and the paper version by request only. In other words, you need to contact us either by US mail or email and tell us if you prefer to be kept on the paper *Eddy Line* list. This transition will take place over the next few months.

We are doing this to avoid a dues increase, which is the other option that has been discussed. If this option fails to

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solve the club's financial problems, then the next step might be to raise dues. However, the Board is doing everything it can to avoid raising dues.

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