



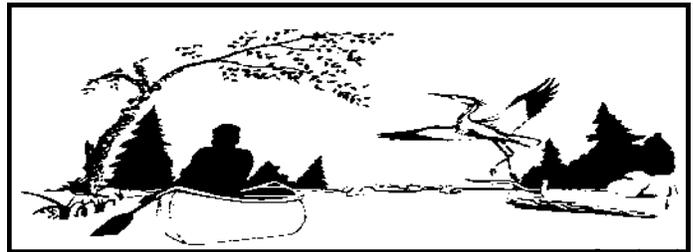
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2022-23 GCA Officer Candidates Announced

The Nominating Committee has finalized and the Board of Directors has approved a new slate of GCA Officers for the 2022-2023 term. A huge “Thank you!” goes out to these volunteers who are making themselves available as officers to ensure the continued viability of the club. Without this kind of support, the club could not continue to exist.

The candidates are:

President	Allyson Davis
Vice President	Diane Windham
Secretary	Angi Hansen
Treasurer	Vincent Payne

The election will take place at the Fall Membership Meeting & Paddle in October. Other nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting. Anyone being nominated must agree to serve if elected. Details of the meeting time and place are available in the newsletter and on the GCA web site at www.gapaddle.com. Your attendance and participation are encouraged.— *EL*

Work the Falls Trip Report—by Kerrie Barloga

The mighty Nantahala Falls. The location of angst, comeup-pance, swims and triumphs. The Georgia Canoeing Association Work the Falls Clinic was Saturday June 11, 2022. After the usual flurry of cancellations, last minute substitutions and wheedling, we ended up with a total of 19 people – 3 instructors, 3 support boaters and 13 participants.



I owe special thanks to my fellow instructors Tony Eyl and Kyle Christensen, and the support boaters, Paul Smith, Vivek Siruvuri and Brian Hathway, for volunteering their time and expertise. Without them this day would not have happened. Sophia Tillery was hanging out with her dad and was kind enough to take some photos of the day. The students were Terri Abbott, Tammy Lea, Bruce Wood, Gary Kyle, David Tillery, Jim Standard, Mark Buterbaugh, George Leonard, Scott Tim Carlton, Joe & Tammy Laurick, Brian and Kendra Hathway, and Tim Collins.

This Work the Falls was the stealth boat rescue rodeo event. We had a lot of the swimmers and one dislocation of the right arm. In short, there was carnage. And this group was amazing. Everyone ran the falls and then aided in the rescues. We had people pulling swimmers to shore, bulldozing boats and catching gear. But we also had triumphs as the boaters learned how to run the Nantahala Falls different ways.

The dislocation occurred on the first lap towards the bottom of the falls. The same shoulder that dislocated six weeks before on the Amicalola River popped out again. He thought enough time had passed but one stroke to straighten out the boat at the bottom of falls caused the shoulder to pop out. He flipped, wet exited and, despite being in serious pain, was able to grab a boat and be pulled to the right bank. He tried to get the arm to go back in. When he dislocated the arm on the Amicalola he was able to get the arm to go back in for the hike out. But on this day, the arm did not go back in. Bruce Wood loaned his ducky and we used that to float our patient down to the concrete apron that serves as the commercial raft takeout at Nantahala Outdoor Center. A NOC medic came, assessed, immobilized the arm, and recommended a trip to the hospital to reset the arm. Paul Smith volunteered to take our patient to the Swain Community Hospital and stay with the patient until the arm was set, and the patient could return to his vehicle. Meanwhile the rest of the crew secured the gear and got on with the clinic.

Paul Smith is an extraordinary human being and a great friend to have. Buy the man a beer if you should see him.

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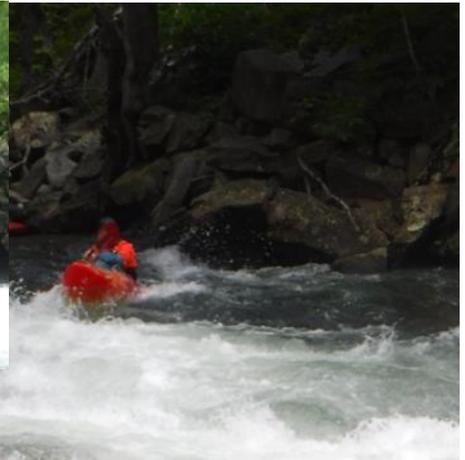
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As usual, the clinic was divided into three groups with similar skills and objectives. Each group set safety for the next group. However, the dis-

location took some time so I think most people only ran 3 laps. On the last lap some of the students accepted one more challenge. They took Todd McGinnis's map and mapped out their run – marking which eddy in which order. For every eddy they caught it was one point. Every missed eddy, minus one point. No points if they caught an eddy that they had not marked. The winners were Kendra Hathaway, Brian Hathaway and Gary Kyle. They were crowned with straw hats. May all their lines be true.—EL



Tammy Lea on line to boof the bottom hole



Gary Kyle on the traditional line



George Leonard showing some skills!



Terri Abbott on the traditional line

54th Annual Southeastern US Wildwater Championships

Calling all racers of all skills and boat types and a few good volunteers! Come join the Georgia Canoeing Association on Sunday, October 9, 2022, for the 54th year of the oldest white-water race in the Southeast. Racers of all ages and whitewater boat types will race on the Nantahala River from the Forest Service public put-in at Wayah Road, eight miles downriver to the Founders Bridge at the Nantahala Outdoor Center (NOC). This year's race will be part of the 2023 ACA USA Wildwater Canoeing Team Trials and will attract top racers from the Southeast!

Registration is \$15 for current American Canoe Association (ACA) members and \$25 for non-members. The registration fee includes a commemorative race t-shirt and helps the club cover the race costs, including those for our permit, medals, trophy engraving, t-shirts and insurance. Any remaining funds will go toward the GCA River Access Fund. Additional t-shirts will be available for \$15 each. Be sure to REGISTER EARLY to make sure you get the proper sized t-shirt and to help us plan.

To register and see who is attending, go to the [GCA website](#), click on events and then October 9 race entry. After registration, you will be directed to the ACA online waiver for the race. Please sign this even if you have already signed the ACA annual waiver. (They are in two different systems). You'll receive a confirmation email that your registration is complete.

To volunteer to help with the race or for other concerns, contact our Racemaster Roger Nott, 678-316-4935/rogernott@att.net.

Race Schedule at Wayah Road USFS Put In:

Racer Check-in - **9:00 am to 10:00 am**

Volunteer Meeting - **10:00 am**

Competitor Meeting - **10:30 am**

Race Start - **11:00 am** (Mass starts for official Wildwater categories with 1 Minute Intervals for most other classes)

Award ceremony at Nantahala Outdoor Center - River Left - **1:00pm to 3:00pm—EL**

Icicle Trip in Little River Canyon by Fred Couch

When Dr. Rodney Snead moved to Anniston to become the emergency doctor at our hospital, he asked around about who else paddled. So one day he shows up at my jewelry counter, and we hit it off wonderfully. Another fellow moved there at the same time, Frank Crane, whose son, years later, was on a USA kayak team. Rodney, not too long after, became the regional emergency doctor, which had a plus for our paddle trips. While I took a large med kit and all sorts of climbing and z-drag gear in my canoe, when we went to Little River Canyon (LRC) , he took duct tape, rescue rope, and his remarkable knowledge in his kayak.

Often on long trips while I drove he would study books on emergency medical challenges - on those trips, we would take a bicycle as the shuttle. One winter day, Alabama got so much rain and quick freezing that the roads in North Alabama got closed to all but emergency vehicles and such squads. Perfect for us, because we knew almost no one else would be paddling, so we would have LRC just to ourselves.

We left my van at the bridge for shuttle later. Every road barrier we came to, they recognized Rodney and waved us through. Rodney had a Volvo with stronger traction when backing, so we rode that sucker backwards down into the canyon roads to get in. It was the coldest trip I would ever make, because both walls of the LRC were covered in icicles - made worse when the sun would loosen them so they became spears descending towards us - which meant you did not get close to the side walls. Too, it was like an ice cream headache in chilling our bones - even in our old wetsuits.

Since it was a high water trip, I opted to not try Bottleneck; however, Rodney spent 30 minutes looking at every line before he, too, decided such an attempt could wait for another day. It sounded like you were standing inside a jet engine. Though I had set a rope position, I was not in favor of him trying it.

On high level trips like that we always got an extra mile out of the trip by going further down to the highway bridge instead of stopping at Canyon Mouth Park. By the time we got to my van a lot of the road barriers were gone. No swims that day - but a fun, high water trip. I would go home later effusing about how wonderful it was to my Mom, brothers and friends - to later learn I had unwittingly scared the bee-Jesus out of my Mom. - *EL*

Fall Membership Paddle & Officer Elections

Come out to the Membership/Officer Election paddle on Sunday October 16, 2022 at 12:00 pm. We will be in front of the NOC Outfitter Pavilion at Powers Island with pizza and soft drinks. Please sign up so we know how much pizza to provide.

We will eat pizza and socialize, have a brief club meeting to elect officers and get member feedback, and then we will paddle the Metro Chattahoochee together. This is your opportunity to meet your new and continuing board members and let us know how we can serve you better in order to make the club the best that it can be!

Participants in all paddlesports are welcome! If you are a newer paddler or looking to meet other experienced paddlers, this is an active and great club to be a part of. Many of our members paddle year round with appropriate winter gear.

Depending on the water level, the Metro Chattahoochee is an easy class I/II run of about 2.5 miles. Spray skirts are required for closed kayaks, helmets and PFDs are required for all craft. With a few easy but wide rapids, there are many places to work on skills and play. Dress for cooler temperatures as the water will be cool.

We will put in at Power's Island. The take out is the Paces Mill Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area (CRNRA). Entrance to the take out is just below the BP gas station located at 3340 Cobb Pkwy, Atlanta, GA 30339.

A \$5.00 entrance/parking fee is required for daily use at parking lots in the CRNRA or you can use a national park pass.

For questions, please contact Carol Proctor at crproctor11@gmail.com or 404.597.2128.

TRIP AND CLINIC SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 24 - Broken Nose Eddy Clinic with ACE Kayaking school

Sunday, October 9 - Southeastern US Wildwater Championships Downriver Race

Saturday, October 15 - Middle Ocoee/ class III

Sunday, October 16 - Fall Member Paddle

Saturday, October 22 - Leaf Peeping Wildcard/up to class II+

Sunday, November 6 - Flatwater Fall Foliage Paddle at George L Smith State Park

Please see the GCA Calendar for details, updates, and to sign up at www.gapaddle.com.
For any questions or class suggestions, e-mail eddylineeditor@gmail.com.

To Volunteer To Coordinate Trips email Cruisemaster Terri Abbott: abbott.terri@gmail.com.

As usual, we need trip coordinators for all types of trips, from flatwater to Class 5 white-water. Our excellent trip schedule depends on the efforts of volunteers, so get involved and sign up to coordinate a trip on your favorite river today! The GCA needs YOU!

KEY TO GCA SKILL LEVELS

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

Beginner - mild current, occasional Class I riffles; 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.

GCA welcomes paddlers from all races, genders, and sexual orientations. We will continue to strive to promote diversity among the paddling community and work to create a safe space for all to enjoy our paddling adventures.

Thank you to our supporters.



Keeping In Touch

To contact the GCA, write Georgia Canoeing Association, Inc., P.O. Box 611, Winston, GA 30187.

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Website: Information about GCA, forms (including membership application and GCA waiver form), a link to the GCA Store and links to *Eddy Line* advertisers are all at <http://www.gapaddle.com>.

Facebook: Visit the GCA Facebook page for photos, video, trip reports, or to join an upcoming impromptu trip.

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The purpose of the GCA is to have fun and promote safety while paddling.

GCA is a member-operated paddling club with over 500 family and individual memberships comprising more than 1500 Individuals. Canoeists and Kayakers of all ages and paddling abilities are equally welcome. Some of our mutual interests include whitewater river running, creeking and playboating, river and lake touring, sea kayaking, paddle camp outs and competition and racing activities. We espouse conservation, environmental and river access issues as well as boating safety and skills development. Group paddling, training and social activities of all kinds are conducted throughout the year thanks to the volunteer efforts of our many members and friends. Membership is NOT limited to Georgia residents.