



**October, 2010**

Our Aims

**PROMOTE** canoeing and kayaking as a water sport  
**TEACH** boating techniques and water safety for river travel  
**PRESERVE** our remaining wilderness rivers for future generations

**Business Meeting Only**

**The Craft Room**

**Oak Ridge Civic Center**

**Tuesday  
October 19, 2010  
7:30 pm**

**East Tennessee Whitewater Club**  
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### !!!! Renew Your Club Membership Now !!!!

#### East Tennessee Whitewater Club Membership Renewal for 2010

Dues are \$15 per year for family membership. Our dues year is the calendar year, Jan 1 to Dec 31. Please renew early in the year.

Send the membership form on the back of the newsletter with a check (payable to ETWC) to:  
**ETWC P.O. Box 5774 Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5774**

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theSmokies\***

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(Chattanooga)**

(800) 238-2264 - **TVA Lake and Rivers Gauge  
(Out of Town)**

\*NOTE: For this call there is a \$2.00 charge that helps support the continued operation of the gauges.

## **ETWC Minutes, September 21, 2010**

Ariana Beste opened the meeting with the topic of contributing to the Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning (TCWP) Obed Land Purchase Fund. In the summer, the club had applied for but didn't receive an Amercian Whitewater 2010 Clif Bar grant for matching funds to be given to the Obed Fund.

**Obed Fund.** Cindy Kendrick, a director of TCWP and member of ETWC, explained TCWP's recent purchase of 18 plus-acres on a tributary to Clear Creek. TCWP will hold this land until the Park Service can acquire the funds to reimburse TCWP and take title of the land. TCWP is asking for help to replenish the funds so that they will be ready for the next opportunity to protect another parcel within the boundaries of the Obed Wild and Scenic River. Warren Devine updated the club on the \$1,000 we've been holding toward the purchase of land at Nemo. The Nemo purchase is no longer a possibility and Warren suggested the club "re-program" this money as a contribution to the TCWP Obed Fund in the memory of Patrick Martin. This motion was made and passed. The club also favorably discussed making future donations to the fund when TCWP needs timely help with a land purchase.

**Indoor Roll Practice.** The city of Oak Ridge is requiring all groups using the indoor pool to have a certified lifeguard. The club voted to use a life guard provided by the city at \$15 hour and to cover the additional costs by increasing the fees to \$5 for adults and \$3 for 18 and under. Season passes will be \$50 for adults and \$30 for those 18 and under. The club will still need roll practice hosts but they will no longer be required to be certified in First Aid and CPR.

**CPR classes.** Jimmy Groton offered to teach a class through the Red Cross. He will try to negotiate a reasonable cost and let the club know. A suggestion was made for the club to pay \$10 per person to help with costs.

**Club Trips.** The club's three summer weekend trips were not well attended. The club does a good job in providing beginner trips but is lacking in scheduled trips for advanced paddlers. One suggestion was to combine trips with Chota.

**Presentation.** Tish and David Benton gave a very informative and entertaining presentation on their most recent kayaking trip with Endless Rivers in Costa Rica. Their trip was mostly Class 3-4 and on the Pacuare, Pejibaye, and the Sarapiqui Rivers. The rivers change a lot because of flooding and having rounded boulders which move around. Tish remarked she could even hear the boulders moving under her as they went down the river. The Pacuare River was a favorite of theirs and they ended up running the Lower Pacuare twice. They suggested a paddler should be able to do the Lower Gauley for some of the rivers they were on and highly recommended Endless Rivers as an outfitter.

## **Winter Roll Practice**

The winter roll practice schedule has been finalized. Practice will be at the Oak Ridge Civic Center from 8:30 to 10:00 pm on the Friday nights. In past years, members provided "life guard" services. This year, Civic Center management is requiring the presence of a certified life guard which they will provide at additional cost. As a result, the cost to paddlers is going up. The fees are as follows:

Paddlers older than 18 years of age - \$5.00 / session, \$50.00 for the season.

Paddlers 18 years old and younger - \$3.00 / session, \$30.00 for the season.

ETWC will still need to provide a paddler in charge (PIC) for each session. Since the Civic Center is providing life guard services, the duties of the host will be to setup the fee collection tripod and assure that all participants have completed the appropriate paperwork. Since there will be a life guard present, no training will be necessary for the PIC. If you would like to volunteer, contact either Kary Scarborough ([fcscarbo@bechtel.com](mailto:fcscarbo@bechtel.com)) or Rick Zingg ([zinggds@gmail.com](mailto:zinggds@gmail.com)). The schedule is below:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Paddler in Charge</u>
<b>November</b>	5	Kary Scarborough
	12	Rick Zingg
	19	
<b>December</b>	26	<b>NO ROLL PRACTICE</b>
	3	
	10	
	17	
	24	<b>NO ROLL PRACTICE</b>
<b>January</b>	31	<b>NO ROLL PRACTICE</b>
	7	Rick Zingg
	14	
	21	
	28	
<b>February</b>	25	
	4	<b>NO ROLL PRACTICE</b>
	11	
	18	
	25	
<b>March</b>	4	
	11	
	18	<b>NO ROLL PRACTICE</b>
	25	
<b>April</b>	1	
	8	
	15	
	22	<b>NO ROLL PRACTICE</b>
	29	
<b>May</b>	6	
	13	Kary Scarborough

**EAST TENNESSEE WHITEWATER CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL FORM**

Dues: \$15.00 Yearly Family Membership (*January 1 renewal date*)  
Send to: East Tennessee Whitewater Club, P.O. Box 5774, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5774

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive my newsletter by email. (circle) Yes No

Membership Status? (circle) New Renewal

What boats do you paddle? (circle) Kayak C-1 C-2 Solo Canoe Tandem Canoe Other

What is your paddling ability? (circle) Beginner Intermediate Advanced Expert  
Class I-II Class III Class IV Class V

**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, desiring to join my fellow paddlers in the East Tennessee Whitewater Club (ETWC), do hereby declare that I fully understand and accept the following facts of life on the river:

1. Canoeing, kayaking, or rafting, particularly on whitewater rivers, exposes the participants to various safety hazards, including but not limited to, water hazards (boulders, undercut rocks, trees, strainers, water formations such as water falls, holes, keepers, hydraulics, and other obstacles), swimming in turbulent water, using paddling equipment, accidents or illness in remote places without medical facilities, and travel in a vehicle not driven by me.

2. No one but I am responsible for my safety when I choose to paddle a particular river or a particular rapid.

3. I further understand that I have no legal duty to assist others, nor does anyone else have a legal duty to render such assistance to me. I certify that I am in good physical condition, that I can swim, and that I have no physical defects or injuries that would prevent me from participating in this activity. I fully understand and agree that, when I participate in canoeing, kayaking, or rafting, there is always the possibility of unknown, uncontrollable dangers and accidental or other physical injury and death. I know I can be killed, and I willingly assume the risks referred to in Paragraph 1 and elsewhere in this release.

Therefore, in consideration for granting me the right to join and participate in ETWC activities, and intending to be legally bound, I hereby release, waive and discharge my right to sue ETWC, its trip coordinators, instructors, leaders, officers, directors, representatives, agents, employees, and affiliates, and also any landowner or governmental unit which may allow ETWC to use its property, for any and all loss or damage on account of injury to my person or property or on account of my death, which may occur during, in preparation for, or in transit to or from an ETWC activity.

I further understand that ETWC carries no insurance for the protection of participants in whitewater activities, and any insurance coverage existing with respect to ETWC shall not alter the terms of this waiver nor impose any liability on ETWC.

This waiver applies only to acts or omissions of ordinary negligence and to any deliberate act intended to promote my safety or well being.

This waiver is signed by me in the interest of permitting ETWC to exist and to serve the paddling community, and to enable me and my fellow paddlers to feel free to donate their services to improving the sport and to help in training those less skilled in the sport without fear of liability.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Parent or guardian if participant is under 18 years of age)**